



## TOWN OF CLARKDALE - A 2012 CENTENNIAL TOWN

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### TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTS FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

Throughout April and May, the Clarkdale Town Council held budget work sessions in order to analyze anticipated revenues and expenses for the upcoming year. During their July 23, 2013 meeting, the Clarkdale Town Council unanimously adopted the budget for Fiscal Year 2014. The budget, which covers the period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, saw an overall decrease of 15.875% from last year's budget. The decrease in the budget was due in large part to the completion of some large construction projects that were finished last year, and therefore did not have to be included in this year's budget (like the new wastewater treatment plant and the lower Broadway Street Improvement projects).

On the Town operations side, the most significant change in the new budget is a return to a 5-day per week operating schedule. Beginning July 15, 2013, Town offices now have Friday operating hours from 8:00 am- 12:00 pm. Operating hours from Monday-Thursday remain from 8:00 am-5:30 pm. The Town had cut staff hours and/or compensation by 10% in January, 2009 in response to the downturn in the economy, and this is the first budget year since then

reflecting a return to a 40-hour per week schedule for Town employees. In addition to the reduction in hours, numerous staff positions were vacated or eliminated and not replaced during the past 4 ½ years resulting in currently a 27% decrease in total staff since 2008.

The Town's budget work session presentations can be found on the Town of Clarkdale website ([www.clarkdale.az.gov](http://www.clarkdale.az.gov)). In addition, the Town provides a comprehensive reporting of all its revenues and expenditures through the State of Arizona's official transparency website ([www.openbooks.az.gov](http://www.openbooks.az.gov)). Finally, the Town publishes its budget each year in the local newspaper on the State's mandatory budget forms. If you have questions about the budget, please contact the Town Hall at (928) 639-2400 or email our Finance Director, ([Kathy.Bainbridge@clarkdale.az.gov](mailto:Kathy.Bainbridge@clarkdale.az.gov)). We are happy to answer your questions by telephone, email or in person (the Town Hall offices are located at 39 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street). We also have a Town of Clarkdale Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/ClarkdaleAZ](http://www.facebook.com/ClarkdaleAZ)) where you can make contact with the Town. The Town generally does not monitor/respond to outside/anonymous blogs or other sources, so contacting us through the methods outlined above is the most effective way to have your questions addressed.

#### VOLUNTEER AT THE CLARKDALE LIBRARY

Helping out at the library is one of the best ways to benefit our town and community. There are many services provided at the library and thanks to our team of special library volunteers, we can give prompt and efficient service to our patrons. We could use some help with...

- Checking in and checking out items
- Spearheading a book club
- Organizing bookshelves
- A variety of special projects.

For information, please call Margie @ (928) 639-2441.

#### **PARKS & REC IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2013 CLARKDALE HALLOWEEN EVENT**

This year's Halloween Event will be on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We are calling for volunteers, 14 years and older, to help with this special event. Assignments include: separating and bagging candy (this is done one week prior to the event, date to be determined), delivering candy to residents (9:00am-10:30am on 10/31), working road blocks (5:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. on 10/31), and assisting with the costume contest (5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on 10/31). In addition, the Town is seeking volunteers who reside outside of Upper Clarkdale who would like to assist with handing out candy (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on 10/31) in Upper Clarkdale.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Parks & Rec at (928) 639-2490 or by email: [dawn.norman@clarkdale.az.gov](mailto:dawn.norman@clarkdale.az.gov).

## BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES 2013

Volunteers are needed to apply for Board and Commission vacancies. Now is your chance to make a difference in your community and help guide the future of Clarkdale. We are requesting applications for the following Board and Commission appointments:



- ◆ **Board of Adjustment – Two (2) terms**
- ◆ **Design Review Board – Three (3) terms**
- ◆ **Library Advisory Board – Two (2) terms**
- ◆ **Parks and Recreation Commission – Three (3) terms**
- ◆ **Planning Commission – Two (2) terms**
- ◆ **Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board – Two (2) terms**

The only qualification for applicants is that they must reside within the Clarkdale Town Limits. Boards and Commissions usually meet once per month but can meet more or less often depending on Town Business. Please visit: [www.clarkdale.az.gov/Boards and Commissions.htm](http://www.clarkdale.az.gov/BoardsandCommissions.htm) for a detailed description.

Applications are due by September 3, 2013 and may be downloaded from the Town's website at [www.clarkdale.az.gov/forms.html](http://www.clarkdale.az.gov/forms.html), and are also available at the Administration Building, 39 N. Ninth St. Clarkdale, AZ 86324. Return completed applications to the Clarkdale Administration Building. For information please contact [MaryEllen.dunn@clarkdale.az.gov](mailto:MaryEllen.dunn@clarkdale.az.gov) or 928.639.2400.



### MADE IN CLARKDALE ART SHOW CALL TO ARTISTS

The first jurying for the December 2013 Made In Clarkdale, [www.madeinclarkdale.org](http://www.madeinclarkdale.org) annual show will take place Saturday, August 17th.

Artists must live, work, or be taking art classes in Clarkdale to be eligible. Previously accepted artists do not have to re-jury if they still live or work in Clarkdale. Those eligible only as students taking art classes must re-jury each year. All art media will be considered. Art must be original and conceived and created by the artist. No kits or crafts made from the patterns of others will be accepted.

Jurying is held at the Yavapai-Apache Learning Center, 1630 Beecher St. in upper Clarkdale. Follow MIC signs at Main St. and S. 16th St. to the round building down the hill on the reservation. Applicants should arrive between 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

Applicants should bring actual work if possible, at least three pieces or however many are practical to transport and show the jurors the range and depth of the artist's body of work. Resumes or bios are also encouraged as are photos if the actual pieces are not available for jurying. There will be two more jurying sessions: Sept. 14 and October 5. Questions about jurying can be directed to [sandy@ringsforever.com](mailto:sandy@ringsforever.com) and (928) 634- 0486.

### STORYTIME AT CLARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY



Great news! Storytime will continue at Clark Memorial Library. The program will begin on August 30<sup>th</sup> and continue each Friday at 10 a.m. This program is geared for pre-school age children and younger. Each session will include story time, games/activities, crafts, prizes, and more!

There is no registration or fee to participate. For more information contact the library at 639-2480.