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Water Resource Management Program

Mark your calendars for the next Water Resource Management Program meeting, November 5 from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm in the Clarkdale Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth Street. The Water Resource Management Program is a grant funded, two-year project, providing management strategies to ensure adequate water resources now and in the future. Begun in February 2013, it is intended to provide information to the Town to formulate a sustainable water plan with technical assistance provided by Lacher Hydrological Consulting and the Water Resources Research Center of the University of Arizona. A series of public meetings are being held to present information to the public and garner community feedback for the plan.

The first meeting in this series, Water 101, covered the basics of groundwater and surface water, and how local water use impacts the Verde River. At the second meeting, 'Groundwater in Clarkdale', Dr. Laurel Lacher presented the first version of a water model specific to Clarkdale. This water model, using United States Geographical Society data from the Regional Groundwater-Flow Model completed in 2010 plus, historic river flow data and well water pumping information provided by the Town's Utilities Department, extrapolated a decrease in base flow of the Verde River by almost 10 percent. This was without factoring in any potential changes to water demand or any impacts from climate change. Dr. Lacher will continue to modify the water model and run different scenarios based on projected population growth. These results will be presented in January 2014. The date for this meeting has not been finalized.

The November 5th meeting will focus on identifying methods the community and the Town can use to ensure adequate amounts of water are available now and in the future. In addition, an advisory board comprised of water experts throughout the region is being formed to explore various options.

If you missed the first two meetings, presentations may be viewed at the Town of Clarkdale website http://www.clarkdale.az.gov/water_resource_management.htm. The Clarkdale community is encouraged to take advantage of the expert material being presented to become familiar with the specific water realities facing the Town. Input from the public will be critical as the Town Council begins discussions about a water management policy for the Town. For information, please contact Community Development @ (928) 639-2500.



BROADWAY ROAD AND MAIN STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS DESIGN

Currently the Town of Clarkdale is working with Lyon Engineering to develop a design to improve the intersection at Broadway and Main Street. We are exploring several different options, including a round-about design. All of the options under consideration offer motorist and pedestrian safety improvements as well as drainage and storm water improvements.

We have scheduled several meetings in October with local business and property owners as well as the residents that will be impacted by this intersection improvement project. These meetings will serve as informational, Q&A and to collect feedback from different parties. The preliminary or conceptual drawings and project summary are available for viewing at the Department of Public Works Office.

For information, please contact Public Works at (928) 639- 2550.

GET READY FOR THE CLARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2013 BOOK SALE

Donations are being accepted through 11/1/13.



VERDE RIVER REAL TIME WATER DATA



Did you know that you have access to real time water data for the Verde River right at your fingertips if you have internet service? Are you curious as to what the current water flow is in Clarkdale or what the water level was for the first week in August? You can access this information right from the Town's website: www.clarkdale.az.gov. Once there, on the front page click on the link pictured in the box below and you will be directed to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Water Information System page reflecting the Verde River Clarkdale gauge. During the monsoon season this information can be very helpful to those residing near the river, or if you plan on recreating on the river for the day.

**NATIONAL WATER INFORMATION SYSTEM
REAL TIME WATER DATA
VERDE RIVER,
CLARKDALE, AZ**

THE VERDE RIVER @ CLARKDALE is one of two key projects under the Sustainable Clarkdale Initiative. The project is funded in part by a Walton Family Foundation grant. As part of the grant obligations, staff has recently prepared a *Request for Proposal* (RFP) for a Master Plan. This Master Plan will focus on development of a site and facilities design for each of the two river access points (RAP), TuziRAP and TAPCO RAP, which define the end points of the stretch of the Verde River being developed by Clarkdale.



The TuziRAP site is approximately 61 acres and is located within the Town of Clarkdale boundaries. The property is owned by Arizona State Parks. The Town has an agreement with state parks to co-manage this property. TAPCO RAP is approximately 4 miles upriver and outside the Town boundaries. The site is approximately 90 acres and leased by the Town from the property owner, Freeport McMoRan Inc.

The Master Plan for the Verde River @ Clarkdale will provide a variety of public opportunities to connect with the river. The plan shall include site design and facilities concepts for each of the river access point locations. The goal is to create a comprehensive plan connecting the two sites through the river. The Town recognizes each site will develop according to separate time schedules based on available funding and ownership approval.

Based on initial funding received from Arizona Game & Fish and their Heritage Grant Fund, the first improvements as part of the overall Verde River @ Clarkdale project include the completion of an American Disabilities Act-compliant parking area with two van accessible parking spaces, an approximately 300-foot barrier-free trail and a 192 square-foot viewing platform at the TuziRAP site. In addition, further improvements underway include the stabilization of the driveway from the road connection to the ADA parking spaces. With volunteer support at both TuziRAP and TAPCO RAP, trail grooming, site preparation and the creation of rudimentary boat launches have been performed.

The scope of work for the RFP includes conducting a series of public meetings to garner input regarding site design and possible facilities development at both sites. In addition, the team awarded the project will be responsible for identifying sources for funding construction at each site. All meetings will be posted on the Town website.

TWIN 5'S WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Twin 5's Water Main Replacement Project is now complete. Sub-Contractor, Arizona Northern Equipment replaced the two 5" steel waterlines with 10,000 feet of 12" and 8" C-900 PVC water mains. Along with the mains and new water services additional fire hydrants were added. The new main was extended to Coyote Hill Road to add several streets not originally on the municipal water system.



WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Utilities Department is in the process of replacing 975 old water meters with new radio read meters. Lower Clarkdale received new water meters in 2011 when the water mains and water services were replaced. Once this project is complete all meters will have been updated. For information, please call Utilities at (928) 639-2520.

VALLEY VIEW SEWER LINE

The Valley View Sewer Line project has been completed. This project consisted of adding 1,210 feet of sewer main bringing Valley View and Linger Lane into the sanitary sewer system and allowing for future development on Old Jerome Highway. This project was constructed by Fann Environmental.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The new wastewater treatment plant is just about complete. The new plant has been operational since April 9, 2013, and in addition to finishing the sludge removal from the aerated lagoon, there are just a few punch list items left for completion.

CLARKDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM EVENTS

LIVING LEGACY

Clarkdale Historical Society and Museum is hosting the third Living Legacy event which will be held at the Clark Memorial Clubhouse on Sunday, September 22, 2013 from 2p.m. to 5p.m. Families and individuals will be honored for their historical significance to our community. Their stories will be shared at this time and there will be an opportunity to meet and ask questions of these honorees. Light refreshments and local wines will be served on the balcony over looking Clarkdale and the Verde Valley. Both the Lindner Family and Jordan Family will be recognized along with Locy Rogers, Jess Valdez and Geraldine (James) Tapija. A suggested donation of twenty dollars is asked by the museum. For information please call (928) 649-1198.

TOUR THE HISTORIC CLARK MEMORIAL CLUBHOUSE

Built in 1926-27, at the bequest of William A. Clark, the Clark Memorial Clubhouse stands today as a landmark and symbol of the legacy left to his United Verde Copper Company smelter workers and their families. Enjoy a free tour of this elegant facility designed to host dances, plays, luncheons, sporting events, proms, banquets, funerals, poker games, billiards, swimming and even bowling. The tour is at 10 a.m. The tour will last approximately 90 minutes. Please meet at the Clarkdale Historical Society and Museum located at 900 First North to meet up with the guide and join the tour from there. Monthly tours will be held once a month with subsequent tours on Oct. 16 and Nov. 20. For further information, please call (928) 649-1198.