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The Town of Clarkdale wishes you and yours a happy and prosperous New Year. Offices will be closed January 1st.

Consolidated Election Laws – What do they mean for Clarkdale?

New consolidated election laws will be effective January 1, 2014. One of the provisions of the new law is that the regular local candidate election for the Mayor and Councilmembers must be held on the election consolidated dates in the fall of even numbered years. Previously, Clarkdale’s Primary Election was held in March and the General Election held in May.

The new date for the Primary Election will be August 26, 2014 and the General Election will be held November 4, 2014. In Arizona, persons are nominated to run for office in the Primary Election by a petition procedure for nomination. This process allows any qualified voter within the Town boundaries of Clarkdale the opportunity of seeking public office. The nomination paper is a formal notification to the Town Clerk that the individual intends to seek municipal office. Under the new election cycle, candidates may begin circulating nomination papers April 28, 2014. The deadline for candidates to file their nomination papers with the Town Clerk is May 28, 2014.

There will be two seats with four year terms for Councilmember and one seat with a two year term for Councilmember on the August 26, 2014 ballot. A candidate is declared elected to office in the Primary Election if that candidate has a majority of all votes (ballots) cast. A canvass of the August 26, 2014 election results will determine if the November 4, 2014 General Election for local candidates is required.

Future issues of the “Small Talk” will provide additional information regarding the August 26, 2014 Primary Election process and items on the ballot. Town Clerk, Kathy Bainbridge, may be contacted at 928-639-2445 for specific information.

License Renewal

Dog licenses need to be renewed with the Clarkdale Police Department every January and are considered late after January 31. Fees are \$5 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$10 for a non-spayed or neutered dog. Proof of rabies vaccination is required. A \$5 late fee will be applied if you renew after January 31. Forms of payment accepted are: cash, check or money order. Dog owners can call Debbie at 928-649-7700 with any questions.



Free Wood Chips for Clarkdale Residents!

- The Town of Clarkdale Public Works Department has
- free wood chips available for Clarkdale residents. A
- contractor working for APS has deposited a large
- amount of wood chips and shrub trimmings at the
- Fisher House property adjacent to the Waste Water
- Treatment Plant. If you would like to pick up some free
- wood chips, stop by 375 South Broadway, Monday
- through Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and bring a
- shovel to load as much as you need. This is a self serve
- opportunity; Town staff will not be available to help
- with loading.

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Future Parks and Trails in Clarkdale

With the revival of both the Mountain Gate and Crossroads at Mingus subdivisions, Clarkdale residents can look forward to the future development of new parks and trails.

In the Mountain Gate Subdivision, the new owners are obligated to develop a trail system and five pocket parks within the project. The trail system is designed to provide pedestrian connections from SR 89A to Ninth Street and Clarkdale Parkway to Ninth Street, using natural trails and existing sidewalks and including five pocket parks that will contain a bench and serve as trail heads into the system. Upon completion, these amenities will be dedicated to the Town for public use.

In the Crossroads at Mingus Subdivision, the developers will be building two parks, an approximately 3.5-acre park at the intersection of Mescal Spur Road and Old Jerome Highway and an approximately 2.5-acre park located on Skyline Boulevard. The trail system within this subdivision has been completed for two years and was integrated into the Town's trail system with the acceptance of the subdivision's infrastructure by Town Council on November 12, 2013. A portion of this trail is ADA accessible.

The development of future parks in Crossroads at Mingus and the Mountain Gate trail system are tied to sales of lots and issuance of building permits, so it is difficult to predict when completion will occur. As development of the parks gets closer to reality, and before construction begins, each project will need to be reviewed by Clarkdale's Design Review Board. The public will be invited to attend these meetings and provide input. For more information contact Beth Escobar at 928-639-2507 or beth.escobar@clarkdale.az.gov.



Lighting Up Clarkdale

We hope you have enjoyed the Clarkdale Holiday Light display in the park and throughout town. Each year a collaborative effort goes into creating this spectacular display. As always, the Town of Clarkdale is proud to carry on this tradition and would appreciate your help to keep the lights twinkling. Please consider donating new lights (solid green, red, or white strands). Lights may be dropped off at the Library or left in the Library book drop. Any questions may be referred to Dawn Norman, 639-2495 or dawn.norman@clarkdale.az.gov.

CLARKDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

The New Year is almost upon us, and the Clarkdale Historical Society and Museum would like to thank our members and volunteers for their support and generosity during the past year. We also want to thank the Town of Clarkdale for their support of our museum and of Clarkdale businesses and the Arts. Clarkdale is emerging as an important tourist destination; boasting three museums, great restaurants, the Verde Canyon Railroad, and the 4-8 Wine Works, among other attractions. CHSM has played an important role in promoting Clarkdale and its unique history. We are a growing organization at a crossroads in our development, hoping to expand our services and our mission of preserving and interpreting the heritage of the Clarkdale community. If you think you might like to take part in this endeavor, we will be taking applications to fill two volunteer board member positions in January. Additional volunteer opportunities such as exhibit designers, museum guides, webmasters, grant writers, and publicists are also available. Contact the CHSM at 928-649-1198 or clarkdaleheritage@gmail.com for more information.