



TOWN OF CLARKDALE – A 2012 CENTENNIAL TOWN

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SEPTEMBER NEWS

2015 BUDGET UPDATE

The Clarkdale Town Council adopted the final budget for Fiscal Year 2015 at their Special Council meeting on July 22, 2014. This year’s budget is 14.52% lower than last year. The reduction is due primarily to the completion of several large capital projects that added expense to last year’s budget. The Town’s General Fund revenues are expected to increase by \$93,731 from last year, for a total of \$3,208,196. Highway User Revenue Funds, which are passed through to the Town from the State of Arizona for our Streets budget, increased from \$283,220 last year to \$299,054 this year. The Town will transfer funds from sales tax collections and from fund balance in the upcoming year in order to fund some street improvement projects that have lagged significantly during the last six years of recession.

The Town of Clarkdale prides itself on transparency, and was the first Arizona city/town to provide comprehensive reporting of all its revenues and expenditures through the State of Arizona’s official transparency website, <http://www.openbooks.az.gov>. Clarkdale’s financial records are updated on the site on a monthly basis in a searchable, user-friendly format.

Citizens with questions about the Town’s budget or other financial information may also contact Finance Director Kathy Bainbridge at (928) 639-2400 or email Kathy.Bainbridge@clarkdale.az.gov.



Roundabout Clarkdale

What could be better than strolling through the historic downtown Clarkdale business district on a lovely fall afternoon? How about the chance to win a fabulous prize while you’re at it?

The Downtown Clarkdale Business Alliance will be hosting a Poker Stroll on September 20th, 2014. Beginning at 11:00 a.m., pick up an entry form at the Copper Art Museum on the corner of Main and Ninth Street. Visit the six other participating businesses and get your card stamped. While you are on the stroll you can enjoy fine dining, indulge in an adult beverage, learn about the history of Clarkdale, view fine art and start your Christmas shopping early while increasing your chances to win.

Make your best hand from the seven cards you have collected and turn it in at the Main Street Café and Pizzeria by 5:00 p.m. The best hand wins a terrific Clarkdale gift basket. There is no charge to participate in this family-friendly event, but poker players must be at least 21 years of age.

Shop Local: Unique businesses create character and prosperity!



AND THE SPIRIT OF CLARKDALE WINNERS ARE.....

Each year, Clarkdale residents have the opportunity to nominate organizations, businesses and/or individuals who have made important contributions to the Town of Clarkdale, enhancing the quality of life for it’s residents. At the June 10, 2014, Regular Council Meeting, the Clarkdale Town Council reviewed and approved the nominations for the 2014 Spirit of Clarkdale Awards. **CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to this year’s award recipients:**

Sustainable Clarkdale

- ◆ Friends of the Verde River Greenway
- ◆ Verde NRCED Education Center
- ◆ Clarkdale Caboose Gift Shop

Neighborhood Programs/Events/Projects

- ◆ Calvin Todd Behlow
- ◆ Clarkdale Historical Society & Museum
- ◆ Clarkdale Fire District
- ◆ Verde Valley Ambulance

Community Volunteerism:

- ◆ Clarkdale-Jerome Lions Club
- ◆ Anne Conway “In Memory of”
- ◆ Vineyard Christian Fellowship
- ◆ Marsha Foutz
- ◆ Charlie Scully



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Continued Drought Leads to Strategy II Water Restrictions

The Town of Clarkdale implemented Strategy II-“Water Emergency” status under our Drought and Water Shortage Preparedness Plan on July 2, 2014. While we are hopeful that we will be able to lift restrictions by September 30, 2014, our ability to do so will be predicated on the rainfall we receive in the remainder of the monsoon season. According to the latest data from the U.S. Drought Monitor, Clarkdale is still listed in the “severe drought” category. In Clarkdale, the Town’s wells at Haskell Springs have been most heavily impacted by this 15-year drought.



We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation during our Drought & Water Shortage Preparedness Plan Strategy II restrictions. Remember that outdoor water use is not allowed between 9am-5pm on any day of the week, and landscape watering days are coordinated with your addresses: Even numbered addresses water Wednesday, Friday and Sunday and odd numbered addresses water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. There is no watering/irrigation allowed on Mondays.

Please remember that although we set restrictions for customers on the Clarkdale Municipal Water Utility, all Clarkdale citizens are served by the same aquifer. Private well owners are asked to implement the same water conservation measures as municipal water customers. Working together, we’ll be more effective at protecting and sustaining this precious resource.

For a full list of all current water restrictions, visit the Utility Department’s page on the Town’s website, www.clarkdale.az.gov.

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WE’VE GOT IT GOING ON!

★ Hottest DVD and BLU-RAY collection, new movie releases every week, WI-FI and a large selection of books for sale in our BOOKS DEALS AND STEALS section.

★ Children improve their reading skills with our large new selection of Read Along books that contain CD’s to listen to and follow along.



Be amazed by our new GALE databases available to Clarkdale Library patrons! GALE is a huge online resource with something for everyone: how to repair your car, learn a new language, prepare for exams (AP, GED, SAT etc.). Children’s resources include National Geographic Magazine, Infobits and more. Great study resources, biographies and free online magazines and newspapers. Check it out, visit www.clarkdale.az.gov click on Departments/Library and scroll down to see the database links. Have your library card ready, you will need it to access the Database page. Don’t have a Library card? Visit the Clarkdale Library and get signed up TODAY!

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am—5:30 pm, Friday 8:00 am—12 noon

Clark Memorial Library is a FINE FREE library!



THE SOUL, SCIENCE AND CULTURE OF HOPE

With Antwone Fisher and Rick Miller

Antwone Fisher, whose life was the inspiration for a major motion picture starring Denzel Washington, and Rick Miller, Founder of Kids at Hope, are visiting communities across the US and Canada to share how HOPE is used as a strategy to achieve success for all children and youth.

The Soul, Science and Culture of HOPE will explore Antwone’s journey of hopelessness to hope through his writings and film followed by a discussion around those themes and how they relate to the science of HOPE. The symposium concludes with a discussion about the culture of HOPE and how families, schools, youth serving organizations and communities can implement a strategy that models how all children can succeed, No Exceptions!

If you are looking to see how a village actually does raise and educate a child don’t miss this opportunity.

WHEN: Saturday, September 6, 2014

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

WHERE: Mingus Union High School Auditorium

(FREE Admission)

1801 East Fir Street, Cottonwood, AZ 86326

& APPEARING AT *Rhythm & Ribs* at 6:00 PM

Cottonwood Kids Park (next to Fairgrounds)



ANTWONE FISHER movie is available at the Clark Memorial Library in DVD and BLU-RAY

WHAT’S NEW AT THE CLARKDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM?

We’re so glad you asked! Our membership volunteer, Laura Cole, has designed a membership card. These cards will be mailed to all our members and they will include your name and the date of expiration/renewal of your membership. She’s been busy updating our membership records and email addresses, sending out renewal notices and keeping us on track....thank you, Laura! Remember, you will receive 10% discount in our museum bookstore. Another new addition is a quarterly newsletter created by Beth Escobar, who recently became a member and volunteered right away! The newsletter will be mailed electronically to our on-line members and mailed to those without email. With her vast experience and love of history we put her to work right away...look for it in the next couple of weeks....thank you, Beth!

A new display fills the cases in Clark Memorial Library....do you remember the Verde Valley Country Club/Golf Course? The only remaining building----the Clubhouse--was recently determined to be unstable and unsafe....it’s no wonder, it was built in 1925. Photos of this old building, its interior and the golf course are on display at the library. CHSM and others in the community would like to work to save this building. We have contacted the owners, Freeport-McMoRan, to begin this project. If you would like to help save this building and have ideas for its future use, please contact Clarkdale Historical Society & Museum at 649-1198 or stop by Wed., Thurs., Fri., or Sat., 11:00 to 2:00.

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