



TOWN OF CLARKDALE – A 2012 CENTENNIAL TOWN

“SMALL TALK”



CLARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY ~ 2016 USED BOOK SALE ~

While our library always has used books for sale, in celebration of April's National Library Week the Clark Memorial Library is hosting a **Banner Book Sale!!** This is the one you have been waiting for with extra special deals! From Monday, April 11th through Friday, April 22nd please visit the library to stock up on all your favorites and discover new collectibles.

~ LIBRARY HOURS ~

Monday-Thursday 1:00 pm—5:30 pm
Friday 8:00 am—Noon



Introducing the New Spirit of Clarkdale Program

As a result of community feedback and valued input, the Spirit of Clarkdale (SOC) Committee met in January 2016 to consider changes to the existing program. The committee reviewed the history and current processes, ultimately making recommendations for program changes to the Clarkdale Town Council. On March 8th 2016, Council approved changes to the SOC program, taking steps to enhance its value and prestige, and to make it easier to nominate those who have contributed to and epitomize the “Spirit of Clarkdale”.



Roundabout Clarkdale

The Annual Historic Building & Home Tour and Bank Robbery Reenactment

Come join us for the 7th annual Clarkdale Historic Building and Home Tour on April 16, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 per person (\$5.00 for children 12 years old and under). All proceeds support the **Clarkdale Historical Society & Museum**. Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.clarkdaleheritage.org beginning April 1st or at 2 locations in Clarkdale: Main Street Café (920 Main Street, Clarkdale) and the Clarkdale Historical Society & Museum (900 First North Street, Clarkdale).

Ticket holders will enjoy:

- A tour of several historic homes and buildings
- Van transportation between homes/buildings
- Musical entertainment, refreshments and cookies at the historic Clark Memorial Clubhouse
- Access to the Clarkdale Historical Society & Museum's regular and special exhibits.

The first tour will begin at 9 a.m. The last tour will depart at 3 p.m. Please note that the tour is not handicapped accessible. Also, to respect the wishes of homeowners, pets are not allowed on the tour.

Coinciding with the Home Tour are re-enactments of Clarkdale's famous 1928 robbery of the Bank of Arizona on Main Street. These will be staged at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Attendance at the re-enactments is free .

Downtown businesses will be offering various specials to participants at the event.



Shop Local – Spend your entertainment dollars close to home and help support your community!

The SOC program is designed to recognize people who truly care about the Clarkdale community; those who take steps to make Clarkdale a better place to live, work, and play. The new Spirit of Clarkdale Program takes on a fresh concept without borders. There is now a revised, simplified application with eligibility criteria stemming from Clarkdale's Guiding Principles as adopted by the Town Council. The Town's Guiding Principles are attached to the SOC application. Nominations can be made year round.

New guidelines and award benefits for Spirit of Clarkdale:

- ◆ Only one (1) nominee will be selected to win the award annually.
- ◆ Recipients are eligible to win the award one (1) time only. Spirit of Clarkdale recipients prior to 2016 are eligible.
- ◆ The recipient's name will be displayed on the Town of Clarkdale property (i.e. plaque or brick) as the winner for that year.
- ◆ The winner will receive a prize package donated by a local business.
- ◆ The award will be presented to the selected recipient at the Old-Fashioned 4th of July celebration. In addition, the recipient will lead the Annual Kids' Parade as the Parade Marshall and will receive a free pancake breakfast donated by the Clarkdale Police Department and Fire District.

Program applications are available at Town of Clarkdale front offices or at www.clarkdale.az.gov. For additional information please Contact Community Services at 639-2460 or community.services@clarkdale.az.gov.

Recognize those who do great things to make our Clarkdale community a better place to live, work, and play.

ELECTION NEWS

Candidate Nomination Packets Available

There are two seats with four year terms for Councilmember and one seat with a four year term for Mayor on the August 30, 2016 ballot.

Nomination papers are the formal notification to the Town Clerk that an individual intends to seek public office. Candidate Nomination Packets are available Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM and Friday between 8:00 AM and Noon at the Town Hall located at 39 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale. In order to be on the ballot, completed packets must be filed with the Town Clerk between May 2, 2016 and June 1, 2016.

Permanent Base Adjustment

The Arizona Constitution imposes expenditure limitations on all cities and towns in the state. These limitations are based on each municipality's actual expenditures in 1979-80. The Constitution also allows the voters of a city or town to approve a temporary or permanent adjustment to these limitations. Approximately 87 percent of all Arizona cities and towns, including Clarkdale, operate under either a temporary or permanent alternative expenditure limitation. In fact, Clarkdale voters have approved the Town of Clarkdale to operate under a temporary alternative expenditure limitation (Home Rule Option) during elections every four years since 1980.

Similar to Temporary Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule), a Permanent Base Adjustment is an adjustment to the maximum amount of money the Town would otherwise be allowed to spend under state law. Just like Home Rule, it simply allows the Town to spend the money it already collects on needed services and infrastructure projects. A Permanent Base Adjustment does not increase taxes or allow the Town to spend more money than it has, it simply asks voters to allow the Town to spend the money it collects. Unlike Home Rule, a Permanent Base Adjustment is designed to serve the Town for a longer period of time, so the need and expense to hold special elections every four years is alleviated.

Like most municipalities in Arizona, Clarkdale has experienced significant growth since 1979. In fact, the Town's population has more than tripled in that time, from approximately 1,200 residents in 1979 to a current population of approximately 4,093. Moreover, the Town now provides many services it did not provide in 1979.

Proposition 434, a Proposition asking the voters to approve a Permanent Adjustment to the original base expenditure limit will be on the August 30, 2016 ballot.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors, working with the Public Works Department, is pleased to announce a community cleanup in the Verde Valley. The cleanup will be at the Camp Verde Transfer Station, 2600 E. Hwy 260, 7 miles East of I-17.

The cleanup will be open to Yavapai County residents for no charge on **March 17th, 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st & April 1st and 2nd, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

Accepted items: Household appliances, bagged trash, automotive batteries, unmounted tires, furniture, and yard trimmings.

Items that will not be accepted: Loose trash, liquids, hazardous materials, cars, Ni Cad batteries and dead animals.

This program is for residential use only. Commercial loads will not be accepted. For additional information, please contact the Yavapai County Public Works Department at (928) 771-3183.



April is Water Awareness Month!

Governor Ducey has declared April as Water Awareness Month to remind us all about the importance of using water efficiently inside and outside our homes. Visit www.azwater.gov/conservation and click on *Residential*. This will take you to informational topics such as "What's Planted In Your Yard", "Are Your Plants Thirsty? Probably Not.", and "Where Is Your Water Going?" There are many conservation methods to assist you in doing your part to conserve. Making water conservation a way of life will help ensure that we will have enough water for ourselves and for future generations.

Also, spring is here and you will be watering those outside plants. Check your irrigation system for leaks and make sure timer settings are correct. Irrigation systems can be a major water waster and can cost you a lot of extra money if not maintained properly.

Volunteers Needed

Your Community Services Department is seeking volunteers to assist with selling 50/50 raffle tickets at the Concerts in the Park events this summer. The time commitment would be from 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm. Available dates are 6/4, 6/18, 7/9, 7/23, 8/6, 8/20, 9/3. The full schedule for the 2016 Concert in the Park series will be released in next month's Small Talk.

If you are interested and able to help with these fun, popular Town events...

Please call 639-2460 or email:

community.services@clarkdale.az.gov