



TOWN OF CLARKDALE – A 2012 CENTENNIAL TOWN

“SMALL TALK” OF THE TOWN



Clarkdale National Night Out Clarkdale Town Park Tuesday, August 2nd 6pm to 8pm

The Clarkdale Police Department invites you to our annual National Night Out event. This year's event will be co-sponsored by our partners, the Jerome Police Department. Please come out and meet your local police officers and neighbors, and join us for free food, soda, and ice cream. Plenty of fun activities are planned including a dunk tank, tug of war, 3-legged races, burlap bag races, and face painting. See demonstrations by Flip City Gymnasts and KC's Family Tae Kwon Do students. Participate in 50/50 and other raffles with proceeds going toward the Bullet Proof Vest fund.

FREE BOOKS FOR KIDS UNDER FIVE

The Clark Memorial Library is teaming up with local Rotary Clubs to kick off the VERDE VALLEY IMAGINATION LIBRARY. Enrolled children will receive a FREE book in the mail each month until they turn 5 years of age. Join us for the kick-off event at the Clark Memorial Library Saturday, August 20th from 10am -12pm for fun activities and FREE books. For more information call 928-639-2480 or stop by the library at 39 N. 9th Street.



UPPER TOWN WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Town of Clarkdale has secured funding, selected a contractor, and is completing the project design for the Upper Town Water Main Replacement Project. A tentative schedule has construction starting in September 2016 and ending in May 2017. Final approvals by Yavapai County and connections to the new mains are expected to push final project completion to July 2017. The work will be done in phases, which means all construction activities will be completed in one area before moving on to another area.

The Upper Town Water Main Replacement Project (UTWMRP) water system improvements include replacing approximately 15,000 linear feet of aging waterlines located in the Upper Town area with new 12-inch and 8-inch C-900 PVC water mains, installation of new fire hydrants, and new customer service connections from the new C-900 PVC water mains to the customer's existing water meters. The new water mains will be tied into the existing sand cast 12- inch main along Fifteenth Street. The approximate project area is bordered by Sixteenth Street to the west, Ninth Street to the east, First North Street to the north, and Third South Street to the south. In addition, the project includes connecting existing businesses and residents along Luke Lane, by installing new mains and services, to the existing Clarkdale Metals 8" C-900 PVC water main that was installed in 2008. This project will allow the Town to abandon the existing aged and sub-standard 4" and 6" steel water mains currently serving our system users. These improvements will reduce service outages, minimize discolored water issues, reduce water loss through system leaks, and improve fire protection for water system service areas in Upper Town and along Luke Lane.

The Town of Clarkdale Utilities Department, Arizona Northern Equipment, Inc. (ANE), and Southwestern Environmental Consultants, Inc. (SEC) will be providing information to system users on construction activities, phasing and schedules, and potential impacts to affected residents and businesses. This information will be in the form of "Small Talk" Utilities billing insert updates, notices on the Town's Website, and during neighborhood meetings. Neighborhood meetings will be held in the Clark Memorial Men's Lounge and will provide information on construction and answers to any questions concerning this project.

Please call the Utilities Dept. at (928) 639-2520 with any question or comments about this project.

UPCOMING CLARKDALE EVENTS

CONCERTS IN THE PARK:

July 23rd 7-9 pm Cadillac Angels
Aug 6th 7-9 pm Come Back Buddy
Aug 20th 7-9 pm Roman Buffalo

CLARKDALE BLOCK PARTY– JULY 29TH 6-9 PM
Downtown Clarkdale - Main Street

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Aug 2nd 6-8pm
Clarkdale Town Park, 1001 Main St.

Roundabout Clarkdale



A charming casita offers an alternative lodging option in Clarkdale with complete privacy and a full kitchen. Conveniently located in the foothills halfway between Jerome and historic Clarkdale with easy access to all the region has to offer.

The casita can accommodate five, with a double bed, a single bed, and a pull-out double bed. The price is \$99/night for two people, with a two-night minimum. Pets are allowed with an additional fee and prior approval.

Sit outside in the cool evenings and enjoy stunning views of mountains and red rocks while indulging in a glass of local wine. Call Katie at 949-230-3491 or view on AirBnB in Clarkdale, AZ and search "casita".

Shop and stay local – enjoy the community experience!

If you would like to feature your business, please contact Beth Escobar at 639-2507.



THANK YOU TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH CLARKDALE'S OLD FASHIONED 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION. WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

ELECTION NEWS

Local races are determined in the Primary, so make sure you get your ballot and VOTE! For more Election related News, visit the County website at: www.yavapai.us/electionsvr/ or Clarkdale's website at www.clarkdale.az.gov

The local Town of Clarkdale elections (non-partisan) will have the following items on the August 30th ballot:

- One Four-Year Mayoral Term – Candidate: Doug Von Gausig
- Two Four-Year Councilmember Terms – Candidates: Scott Buckley and Richard Dehnert,
Official Write in Candidate for Councilmember: Tommy Nester
- Proposition 434 - Permanent Base Adjustment

What is Permanent Base Adjustment - Proposition 434 and why is it on the ballot?

Clarkdale voters are being asked to consider a Permanent Base Adjustment option on the August 30, 2016 ballot. This option would adjust the base dollar amount used under the state formula to calculate the Town's expenditure limitation. In 1979/80, the Arizona State Constitution imposed expenditure limitations on all cities and towns in Arizona based on their 1978 actual expenditures and population (with an allowance for inflation). For Clarkdale, this resulted in an expenditure base of \$255,616. At that time, the expenditure limitation allowed Clarkdale the financial flexibility to adequately serve the community's needs.

Like most cities and towns in the Verde Valley, Clarkdale has seen significant growth since 1978. When the state-imposed formula was originally developed, Clarkdale had a population of less than 1,200. Today, Clarkdale has 4,168 residents and is continuing to grow. The Town now provides many services it did not provide in 1979, such as a full time police department, water production, treatment & distribution, an expanded wastewater collection and treatment system, municipal court system, a public transportation system, new streets, sidewalks and trails, and many additional parks. As Clarkdale has grown, so too have revenues and operating costs. The Town's budget needs to grow in step with the community in order to maintain service levels and make improvements where desired.

As Arizona cities and towns began experiencing growth, it became clear that this state formula would leave Arizona's cities and towns with millions of dollars in revenue that they could not legally spend to provide service to their communities. Revenues were growing, budget demands were growing, but the state formula, set according to the economic climate of the late seventies, no longer reflected the revenue and expenditure needs of a rapidly growing Arizona. The State recognized that the law needed to provide options to accommodate these growing financial needs, and so the ability for voters to adopt one of four options was written into law.

That is why, through the Permanent Base Adjustment - Proposition 434, Clarkdale's voters are being asked to decide whether the Town can continue to budget according to current and predicted revenues and service demands. It simply allows the Town to spend the revenue it already collects on needed services and infrastructure projects.

Will the Permanent Base Adjustment - Proposition 434 increase my taxes?

When considering Permanent Base Adjustment - Proposition 434, a commonly asked question is "will my taxes increase?" The answer to that question is NO! A Permanent Base Adjustment will not affect taxes. If Proposition 434 passes, the only outcome is that it provides the Town of Clarkdale the ability to budget for and spend the revenues it already collects. The Permanent Base Adjustment option does not empower the Clarkdale Town Council to create new and additional taxes, nor does it enable the Town to spend beyond the revenues it receives.

Why is a \$3 million dollar increase to the expenditure base being asked for – isn't Clarkdale's annual average budget about \$20 million?

Permanent Base Adjustment - Proposition 434 would permanently adjust Clarkdale's base budget amount under the 1979/1980 state formula from \$255,616 to \$3,255,616. This number is not the actual expenditure limitation, it is simply the starting point for calculating the Town's expenditure limitation using the state formula. \$3,255,616 as the base amount using the state formula, should allow the Town to meet annual budget needs considering changes in population, revenues, and inflation predicted to take place over the next decade.

If Clarkdale has adopted the Home Rule option in the past, why is the Permanent Base Adjustment being brought before voters now?

Approximately 87% of all Arizona cities and towns, including Clarkdale, operate under either a temporary or permanent alternative expenditure limitation. Every four years since 1980, Clarkdale voters have approved the temporary "Home Rule" Alternative Expenditure Limitation option. When compared to the "Home Rule" Alternative Expenditure Limitation, the Permanent Base Adjustment would save on administration and election costs every four years along with allowing the Town Council to address future budget needs with an expenditure base that is in line with current revenue, population and inflation trends. It allows the Town to spend the revenue it collects for programs it operates in a manner that adequately serves the needs of the community based on current financial conditions.

A "No" vote on Permanent Base Adjustment - Proposition 434 means....

A "No" vote will set the Town's expenditure base at the 1979/80 level. The Town currently budgets under the "Home Rule" option, as last approved by Clarkdale's voters in 2014. If the Permanent Base Adjustment - Proposition 434 is rejected, Home Rule would remain in effect until 2018, when another expenditure alternative would have to be taken to the voters or Clarkdale's expenditure limitations would need to fall under 1979/1980 base expenditure limitation. This would represent a reduction of approximately 92% of the Town's total budget capacity and would result in significant cutbacks in Town services, programs and capital projects.

A "Yes" vote on Permanent Base Adjustment - Proposition 434 means.....

A "Yes" vote on Permanent Base Adjustment - Proposition 434 will permanently adjust the Town's base expenditure amount (under the 1979/80 state formula) and allow the Clarkdale Town Council to set Town budgets based upon current financial conditions and service needs. It will not raise taxes. It simply allows the Town to spend the revenue it collects on needed services and infrastructure projects such as General Government Services, Library, Community Development, Municipal Court, Public Safety, Parks & Recreation, Public Works, Capital Projects, Street Maintenance, Sanitation, Wastewater collection & treatment and Water production, treatment & distribution.