



# "SMALL TALK"

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## CLARKDALE SUSTAINABILITY PARK PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

WHERE: Clark Memorial Clubhouse Men's Lounge  
19 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale

WHEN: Wednesday, April 29, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

Please join Mayor Von Gausig and Town Manager Gayle Mabery to learn about the Clarkdale Sustainability Park concept. A series of public presentations will be ongoing at different dates and times so as many people as possible can attend. There will be a Power Point shown with time afterwards for open discussion of comments and questions. We hope to see you there!

*The core concept of the Park: To produce energy, water and economic vitality with as little environmental impact as is possible today.*

*The Vision: To be an evolutionary solution for a sustainable community.*

For more information please visit our website [www.clarkdale.az.gov](http://www.clarkdale.az.gov) or contact Town Hall at 639 - 2400.



## THE POPULATION COUNTS

Have you received your 2010 Census questionnaire? If you have not received your questionnaire by April 12<sup>th</sup>, please call the Telephone Assistance Number below and tell them you need a form. They will confirm your address and mail one to you, *even if your mailing address is a post office box*. Please complete the form as soon as you receive it and mail it back. This is the only way that those missed can be counted in time to affect Clarkdale's response rate positively. Forms received late will not be processed in time to keep Non-Response Follow-up Census workers from being required to visit your home. Non-Response Follow-up operations will begin across Northern Arizona on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Telephone assistance number: 1-866-872-6868**  
**Spanish 1-866-928-2010 / TDDY 1-866-783-2010**

One of the important reasons to return your questionnaire is that many of the Federal funding formulas used to distribute grants rely upon population, using the Census population counts and current survey data.

## PUBLIC TRIAL BUDGET WORKSHOPS

The Town of Clarkdale will hold a series of Trial Budget Workshops in the Men's Lounge of the Clark Memorial Clubhouse in the Clarkdale Town Hall Complex. Citizens will be asked for their thoughts about how we can continue to provide those services that they feel are most important. Input gathered during these meetings will be presented to the Town Council for their consideration in May and June.

Meeting dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m.  
Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 p.m.



## PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Town Council is seeking applicants to fill two vacant seats on the Planning Commission. The Commission reviews all long-range plans for the Town, including the General Plan, specific plans, and rezoning. It also bears the primary responsibility for the initial review of larger developments, including applications for preliminary plats.

The Planning Commission currently meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Please submit an application to Town Hall no later than April 29, 2010. Applications are available at the Town Hall Administration Building, 39 N. Ninth Street or from the Town's website: <http://www.clarkdale.az.gov/forms.html>. For more information contact Community Services at 639-2460 or email: Dawn.Norman@clarkdale.az.gov.

Some examples of Federal programs using Census Bureau data include:

- Health Services
- Housing & Community Development
- Rural Development
- Head Start
- Special Programs for the Elderly
- Programs for Veterans
- Nutrition for the Elderly
- Community Action Programs
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- Law Enforcement Assistance
- Title 1 Funding for Schools
- State Children's Health Insurance Program
- Public Libraries

In order to ensure that our community receives its fair share of Federal grant funding for these and other programs, please take the time to return and mail back your 2010 Census questionnaire no later than May 1, 2010. If you have any questions regarding the 2010 Census or the role the Town of Clarkdale has as a partner, please contact Dawn Norman, 928-639-2490 or e-mail: dawn.norman@Clarkdale.az.gov.

**Strategy I  
"Water Alert"**

**MAY 1ST - Strategy I "Water Alert"** of the Town of Clarkdale's Drought & Water Shortage Preparedness Plan will be in effect. For information contact Clarkdale Utilities at 639-2520.

**A CALL TO THE PUBLIC – WE ASK YOU FOR YOUR TIME**

In 2009, we were very fortunate to enlist the help of many volunteers coming together to offer our traditional events, Concerts in the Park, Old Fashioned 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Halloween and Santa comes to Clarkdale. We come to you once again.

We are very happy to announce in this issue of Small Talk the 2010 Concerts in the Park season. Funding for this event is solely from proceeds out of the 50-50 Raffles held during prior concerts, combined with sponsorship donations. Thanks to the continuing support of the community we are able to present 7 concerts this season, four of which are being sponsored by community organizations. We are seeking volunteers to staff the concerts. The time commitment is 2-4 hours, the setting is lovely and you will be in excellent company.

We are also beginning the planning for our Old Fashioned 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Town Park. This event has also grown in popularity with over 1,000 people attending the last few years. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is an exciting day because it starts with Clarkdale's event. We are challenged once again with not having the funding available to plan for a 2010 event of the same size and caliber without the help of volunteers. There are roughly 40 positions to be filled and each serves an important part in the puzzle –from set-up and break down, to selling souvenirs, to running a children's game, to everything in between. There are several shifts to fill ranging from 1 hour up to 7 hours.

We are calling for volunteers ages 14 and older to help with our upcoming events. Please contact Community Services Supervisor Dawn Norman at 639-2490 with any questions or to sign up to help.

Meeting each of these challenges will require the assistance and participation of Clarkdale residents. On our part, we pledge to provide you with organized information and an efficient and worthwhile use of your valuable time. And while we firmly believe that, not only will we overcome these obstacles, our combined efforts will serve to build a stronger community.

**FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:**

Since we have had a wet winter, our Spring has been one full of weeds. The Town would like to remind everyone of the importance of keeping the weeds at bay. The Town's property maintenance code requires weeds to be no higher than 8". Please pull, cut, mow, or spray to keep the proliferation of growth to a minimum. There are several articles on this subject, this one is from the county extension office: <http://cals.arizona.edu/yavapai/anr/hort/byg/archive/noxiousweeds.html>.



**CONCERTS IN THE PARK**

Thanks to the continuing support received from our community, Clarkdale Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce the 2010 Concerts in the Park.

Concerts are **FREE** and are performed in the Town Park Gazebo located at 1001 Main Street. Brochures are available online at: [www.clarkdale.az.gov](http://www.clarkdale.az.gov) or can be picked up at the Clark Memorial Library.

Vending spaces are available and can be reserved by calling 639-2460.

**Remember to bring your own seating.**

June 5	6 - 8 p.m.
<b>KNUCKLEHEADS</b> - <i>Eclectic Rock n' Roll</i> <i>*Sponsored by The Clarkdale Foundation*</i>	
June 26	6 - 8 p.m.
<b>SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY</b> - <i>Big Band</i> <i>*Sponsored by the Clarkdale-Jerome Lions Club*</i>	
July 17	7 - 9 p.m.
<b>FOOT SOLEJAHS</b> - <i>Reggae</i>	
August 14	7 - 9 p.m.
<b>THE RETROS</b> - <i>Oldies</i>	
August 28	7 - 9 p.m.
<b>ACES 'N' EIGHTS</b> - <i>Classic Rock &amp; Country</i> <i>*Sponsored by the Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce*</i>	
September 11	6 - 8 p.m.
<b>HEADLESS CHARLIE</b> - <i>Hard/Metallic Rock</i>	
September 25	6 - 8 p.m.
<b>MAJOR LINGO</b> - <i>International Rock 'n' Roll</i> <i>*Sponsored by the Clarkdale Foundation*</i>	

*...Partners promoting a vibrant Clarkdale*



**THE CLARKDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CORNER**

The Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce its new Board of Directors:

Becky O'Banion	Lisa O'Neill	Kerrie Bluff
Gianna Goudreau	Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer	

The Caboose Visitors Center across from Town Hall has been freshened up for Spring with new paint and clean grounds. Thank you to all volunteers and donors! There are always volunteer opportunities at the Caboose and educational programs to share.

Chamber mixers are open to all. The May Mixer is May 4th at Candlewood Retreat/Architecture Works Green at 1550 Abbey Rd. S. The Radoccias have an evening of food and entertainment planned around their green and sustainable lifestyle and business.

We invite you to come join in the celebration of the Clarkdale community...its businesses, artists, and families. For more information, contact Chamber Coordinator Elizabeth Gerstner at 928.634.1123 or [info@clarkdalechamber.com](mailto:info@clarkdalechamber.com).