



# “SMALL TALK”

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## SUSTAINABLE CLARKDALE UPDATES



As you can see, we now have a new logo for the Sustainable Clarkdale initiative which you'll see pop up around town. In addition, we're continuing to pursue our Clarkdale Solar Challenge.

Last month at a meeting hosted by Mayor Von Gausig and Arizona SmartPower, the organizer of the Arizona Solar Challenge and our new Clarkdale and Cottonwood Solar Ambassadors met at the Clark Memorial Clubhouse Men's Lounge.

A discussion revolved around ways in which we can help Clarkdale achieve our solar challenge. The Clarkdale challenge is only *8 homes away* from reaching the goal of having at least 5% of our owner occupied homes having a solar system installed by 2015. Since that meeting we've had 2 new solar permits come through the community development office.

If you're interested in learning more about installing a solar system at home, visit with our free solar coach, Steve Loritz, of Arizona SmartPower. Steve can advise anyone thinking about how to implement either solar hot water heating or solar electric generation at home. He can be reached at SLoritz@SmartPower.org or 928-221-7730. Many ideas were generated by the Solar Ambassadors about ways in which Clarkdale can encourage solar installations. If you have an idea to share or would like to participate, let us know. You're welcome to contact the Town at 928.639.2542 or Aparna Mohla at,480-219-4395 or AMohla@SmartPower.org.

## CLARKDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT *Police Dispatch (928) 634-2921*

Unfortunately, in the past few weeks, the town has experienced an increase in car burglaries. Thieves are entering vehicles, searching for and stealing valuables left in the vehicles. All of the vehicles have been unlocked.

This type of crime can be prevented. An unlocked vehicle (especially at night) presents an opportunity that a thief will not ignore. Residents need to take the necessary steps to ensure that they do not become a victim of this type of crime.

• <b>Lock your vehicle.</b>	• <b>Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.</b>
• <b>Lock your doors.</b>	• <b>Close your garage.</b>
• <b>Do not leave weapons loaded or unloaded in vehicles.</b>	

If you see a suspicious person or need an officer to take a report, call Dispatch immediately. Unnecessary delays could decrease the ability of the police to gather necessary evidence, catch the perpetrator, and prevent further incidents. Dispatch is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.

**Prevention:** CLOSE YOUR GARAGE. LOCK YOUR VEHICLE. LOCK YOUR HOME.

## BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES 2011

Volunteers are needed to apply for Board and Commission vacancies. Now is your chance to make a difference in your community and help guide the future of Clarkdale. We are requesting applications for the following Board and Commission appointments:

- **Board of Adjustment – Two 2-year terms**
- **Design Review Board – Four 2-year terms**
- **Library Advisory Board – One 2-year term**
- **Parks and Recreation Commission – Three 2-year terms**
- **Planning Commission – Two 2-year terms**
- **Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board– One 2-year term**

The only qualification for applicants is that they reside within Clarkdale town limits. Boards and Commissions usually meet once per month but can meet more or less often depending on Town business. A description of boards and commissions is posted on our website at [www.clarkdale.az.gov/Boards and Commissions.htm](http://www.clarkdale.az.gov/Boards and Commissions.htm).

**Applications are due by August 11, 2011.** Applications may be downloaded from the Town's website at [www.clarkdale.az.gov/forms.html](http://www.clarkdale.az.gov/forms.html), and are also available at the Administration Building, at 39 N. Ninth Street. Return completed applications to the Administration Building.



For information please contact Margie Hardie at 639-2441 or [margie.hardie@clarkdale.az.gov](mailto:margie.hardie@clarkdale.az.gov).

## THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE HISTORIC DISPLAY

As part of the Clarkdale 2012 Centennial Celebration, Clark Memorial Library is creating a permanent display about the history of Clarkdale. The display will include history from the foundation of Clarkdale in 1912 to the present.

Donations of books, magazines, periodicals or any media about Clarkdale would be appreciated. Items may be dropped off at the Library, 39 N. Ninth St. For information please contact [Margie.hardie@clarkdale.az.gov](mailto:Margie.hardie@clarkdale.az.gov) or 928.639.2441. Thank you!

## CLARKDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

### TAPCO (The Arizona Power Company) Exhibit

If you haven't seen the TAPCO exhibit yet, there's still time. Cottonwood resident Tim Coons created this exhibit with photos, documents and an extensive collection of artifacts from the Power Plant, removed with the owners permission.



Our first fundraiser for 2011 will be held :

**September 15 - 5:00 p.m. until dark**  
**900 First North St.**  
**Clarkdale, AZ 86324**

Four of our long time residents will be honored by the Clarkdale Historical Society and Museum for the legacy of these individuals. Enjoy a relaxed evening, visiting with these well known figures while you taste local wines and appetizers. Music will be provided by Fran Judd and her group "Reminiscing". A specially designed copper memento will be given to each guest. Tickets are \$35 per person. Call 634-7415 or 300-9270 for ticket information.

## Thanks for a wonderful 4th of July

The 35th Annual Clarkdale Old-Fashioned 4th of the July was the BEST YET thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors. This year the Town received an overwhelming amount of support from the community. Once again, this year's event was ran and operated solely by volunteers. Every volunteer added their special gift and each sponsor a special donation to make this truly an "Old-Fashioned" 4th.

## CLARKDALE LIBRARY PRESENTS CLARKDALE STORIES 2011

Community Services is proud to present Clarkdale Stories, a new library program focusing on storytelling of and by people, places and all things Clarkdale. Join Hosts Isabel and John Erickson to hear local residents and friends of Clarkdale share their stories at the Clark Memorial Library. The program is intended to foster the spirit of Clarkdale and bring residents together who love being here. All programs meet at the Clark Memorial Library located in the Town Complex. Please visit the library and sign-up for the date (s) you will be attending as space is limited. For information contact the library at 639-2480.

*Join us for our first Clarkdale Story:*

*September 21 1-3 p.m.*

*Topic: The National Park Service Management Plan*

## GOVERNMENT ONLINE AUCTION

The Town of Clarkdale has recently joined the many public entities in Arizona and across the country that participate in a government online auction process to sell surplus items. Although only government agencies can sell items on this site, purchasing is open to the public. To see what's available and to bid on an item go to [www.publicsurplus.com](http://www.publicsurplus.com)

## CLARKDALE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

At this time of the year we receive quite a few calls concerning high water usage. More often than not, there is a problem with the landscape irrigation. To save water and money your irrigation system must be working properly. At least twice a year do a thorough check of all parts of your irrigation system.

### General Watering System

- Check that the controller program is correct.
- If the controller has battery backup power, replace the battery yearly.
- Operate each station to make sure valves are opening and closing properly.
- Check for leaks. Look for standing water, soggy ground, and eroded soil.
- Open the valve box while the system is running and check for leaks.

### Sprinklers

- Replace broken or missing sprinkler heads.
- Don't mix head types on the same system. Check that sprinkler heads are flush with the soil surface and straight, not tilted.
- Clear grass and obstructions that block sprinkler spray.
- Adjust sprinkler heads so they don't spray walls, driveways, or sidewalks.

### Drip System

- Fix and replace clogged or missing emitters.
- Check for water placement around plants.
- Move emitters out to drip line as plants grow.

Another source for high water use this time of year is leaks in evaporative cooler lines. Add this to your maintenance program along with your irrigation system.

Following the watering schedule and other water conservation methods in the Town of Clarkdale Drought Plan will not only help conserve our water resources but also your dollars.

**Thank you for doing your part in conserving water for our future.**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES— CALL MARGIE @928.639.2441**

*When you volunteer: You give something back to your community.*

*When you volunteer: You lend a helping hand to your Town.*

*When you volunteer: You help continue a high level of service to our residents.*

*When you volunteer: You feel a sense of accomplishment.*

*When you volunteer: You have fun!*



Save the date! *On Wednesday, September 28, the Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce welcomes one and all to our mixer at the Visitor Information Caboose, located at 9th and Main Streets.* Visit with friends, neighbors and new acquaintances while you explore the new, self service Caboose. Appetizers and soft drinks will be provided. Visit the Caboose Wednesday through Saturday.

**Stay in the loop -  visit [www.clarkdale.az.gov](http://www.clarkdale.az.gov)**