

TALK OF THE TOWN

Town of Clarkdale's 4th of July celebration



Boys and girls decorate your bike, your wagon
and yourself and enter the Children's Parade !!

Schedule of Events in the Park

700 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, held by the
Clarkdale Police & Fire Departments



10:00 a.m. Parade Begins!
Sign-up at 9:15 a.m. on July 4th at the
Clarkdale-Jerome School or get a registration
form in advance at Town Hall or at
www.clarkdale.az.us/events.html.
Remember to gather at the gazebo in the park
afterwards to see if you won a prize.

Prizes:

- Chamber's Choice
- Best decorated pet
- Best decorated bicycle
- Most original
- Most patriotic group
- Best decorated wagon
- Red, White and Bluest



10:30 a.m. Ice Cream Social, by Clarkdale Library Board
Cottonwood Community Band
Children's Games and Activities



Booths Available \$15.

Volunteers are needed for the July 4th events.



Contact Town Hall to volunteer
or for more information.

Free Concerts in the Clarkdale Park



Janice Paul
"Straight Ahead Jazz"
Saturday, May 27th 6-8 p.m.

Obsidian Blues
"Jammin Blues and Rock and Roll"
Saturday, June 10th 6-8 p.m.

Danny Rhodes and the Messengers
"Roots Blues/Soul Grabbing Funk"
Saturday, July 1st 6-8 p.m.

Mirage
"Country, Classic Cowboy"
Saturday, July 8th 6-8 p.m.

Johnny Lingo Trio
"Folk, Pop, Blues"
Saturday, September 9th 6-8 p.m.

Sentimental Journey
"Big Bands"
Saturday, September 16th 6-8 p.m.
Sponsored by
Clarkdale/Jerome Lions

Major Lingo
"International Rock/Roll"
Saturday, October 14th 6-8 p.m.

Bring your family, friends, chairs and dinner
for an evening of entertainment. A 50/50
raffle will be held. Proceeds to benefit Parks
and Recreation. No alcohol in the park.

Sponsors Still
Needed.

Vendors wanted.



Water and Growth, Growth and Water

In April of 1964, when I was a sophomore in high school, the Arizona Town Hall held its annual forum on *Arizona's Water Supply*. In April 1965, it was *Gearing Arizona's Communities to Orderly Growth*. The October 1977 forum was about *Arizona Water: the Management of Scarcity*. In April 1985, they discussed *Growth Management and Land Use Planning in Arizona*. This April's meeting will tackle *Arizona's Rapid Growth and Development: Natural Resources and Infrastructure*. Water

and growth, growth and water, they go hand in hand in Arizona. They always have, and always will.

There were about 1.2 million people in this state when the 1964 Town Hall was held. Now there are 5.1 million. Prescott was a city of about 10,000 then. Today it's just under 40,000. Prescott and Arizona have grown an average 3.5% per year over the last 40 years. The current growth rate in Arizona is about 4%. That doesn't seem like much until you realize it means more than

200,000 new residents every year! The growth rate in Arizona has been so consistent that there is every reason to expect it to continue for foreseeable future. A quick check of building permits and population statistics in the Verde Valley indicates that we are growing at close to the same rate as the state, around 4 - 5% per year. If this is true, the Verde Valley's 60,000 people will swell to over 100,000 in just about 11 years. It will double every 14 years or so.

We have to face the fact that we live in a desirable spot on Earth and that more people will want to join us in the future. What will we do with all these people? Where will they get water? Will they leave any for us? Will there still be clean air and plenty of open space? Those are the questions that we will need to answer. If Clarkdale is to remain a wonderful place to live, we need those answers soon! Some have suggested that we just establish a moratorium on new building, but that's not so easy.

A moratorium is intended to be a temporary fix. The Town must then correct the deficiency that justifies the moratorium. In the case of water, that means that Clarkdale must be looking for and developing new water resources to **accommodate** the growth. It cannot legally use water as an excuse to **stop** growth. If the moratorium is established for the wrong reasons, if it is not justified, or if we are not attempting in good faith to correct the deficiency, we'll end up in court. The fact is that we are already planning to develop more water resources and reduce consumption.

There is no legal justification for a moratorium.

Under today's statutes the Town's options for handling new development are limited. What we can legally do, and what I advocate, is to make sure that all new development serves our needs as

well as possible. This means demanding much lower water consumption per household. It means developing new, more realistic ordinances that limit slope development, that regulate open space, landscaping, clean air and traffic.

Make development pay the expenses it causes.

It is clear to me that we are already depleting our aquifers, even without any new growth. Today Clarkdale's average water consumption is about 145 gallons per person per day. The average in the US is about 110 gallons per day. Payson's is under 90. I think we can easily reduce our consumption to 80 or less. In the future, new developments will be engineered for very low water use. I want Clarkdale to be on the forefront of making sure that happens. We must

continue to develop new water sources and work even harder to encourage conservation.

I fully expect that within 10 years we will be using about half the water we're using per person today, and we'll do it comfortably.

If you'd like to **give your suggestions** for future water ordinances and conservation techniques, please e-mail me at douvg@commspeed.net or Town Hall at townhall@clarkdale.az.us. Or call Town Hall at 634-9591. Also watch our web site (www.clarkdale.az.us/meetings1.html) and neighborhood kiosks for agenda items that concern water and development, and **come to the meetings** to be heard! With your help we can make sure Clarkdale is always a great place to live.

By Mayor Doug Von Gausig

Spring Rattles In



Spring is one of the most beautiful times of the year in Clarkdale, but it can also be a time for caution.

Rattlesnakes lie dormant during the cold fall and winter months and awaken from hibernation during the warmer month of April. As the temperatures warm up, rattlesnakes become more active. Rattlesnakes have no control system for their body heat and they sunbathe or hunt for food during daylight hours. As summer heat approaches rattlesnakes will be more active at night.

Rattlesnakes have triangular-shaped heads, which are broader than their necks. Their trademark is a rattle on the end of their tail, which serves as a warning signal when they feel threatened. Baby rattlesnakes are born without rattles. Each time a rattlesnake sheds its skin, which can occur two or three times a year, a new section is added to the rattle. For this reason, you cannot tell the age of a rattlesnake by the number of rattles on its tail. There are 16 distinct varieties and numerous subspecies of rattlesnakes

with different colors, stripes and markings.

Rattlesnakes are territorial and will remain close to where they were born and can find their way home if removed. They can also swim. The Verde Valley is a wonderful place for rattlesnakes and they are all around us. They are beneficial in the control of small rodents and animals.

Rattlesnakes should not be handled. If you find one near your home and would like it removed, call the fire department.

Employee News

We have five new volunteer firefighters / EMT members. They are, *Neil McNamara*, *Dustin Jones*, *Amber Randall*, *Jeff Richey* and *Ruth Buttler*. They will be working along side our current firefighters on

training, station duties and responding to 911 emergencies. We are thankful for their participation.

The photograph shows our Clarkdale Engine 212 in action at a training fire in Cottonwood. We drill regularly with all the other fire departments in the area.



By Fire Chief
Jerry Doerksen

Becoming Water Wise

Pamphlets on various water issues are available at Town Hall, Clark Memorial Library, and the Community Development Department.



The topics covered include the following:

1. Zeriscape (water conservation landscaping) Principles and Plants for the Verde Valley
2. How does Your Water Use Compare to Others in the Town of Clarkdale and Across the United States
3. Signing up for Service on the Clarkdale Municipal Water System
4. Helpful Tips on Water Leak Detection
5. Frequently Asked Questions
6. Learn How to Conserve Water

2006 Clarkdale General Election

Elección General 2006 de Clarkdale

The General Election will be a Vote by Mail Election. Every voter will be mailed a ballot. There will be NO polling places, however, persons who spoiled or lost their ballot, or who do not receive a ballot may contact the Town Clerk for a replacement. Voted ballots may be mailed to Yavapai County Elections (postage paid), dropping off the ballot in a County drop box, or be dropped-off at Clarkdale Town Hall. For questions, please contact Town Clerk Joyce Driscoll, (928) 634-9591, joyced@clarkdale.az.us.

The General Election will be held on May 16, 2006. The Yavapai County Election Department will be conducting the election for the Town. This will be a run-off election for the one remaining council seat between candidates Curt Bohall and Greta Schiegg.

Voter Registration

There are new voter registration requirements due to the implementation of Proposition 200. To avoid any problems with being registered in time for the election, we encourage everyone who is not registered to vote, to register early.

May 16 - Election Day

Ballots must be **received** by 7 p.m. on this date. Town Hall will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for ballots to be dropped-off or for persons to vote replacement ballots.

The council members-elect do not take office until June. The council members select a Vice Mayor from among themselves.

La Elección General también será una Elección de Boleta Enviada por el Correo. Cada votante recibirá una boleta por el correo. NO se proporcionarán centros electorales, sin embargo, las personas que echen a perder o que pierdan sus boleta, o que no reciban una boleta se pueden comunicar con la Secretaria Municipal del Pueblo para una boleta de reemplazo. Las boletas votantes se pueden enviar por el correo al Departamento de Elecciones del

Condado Yavapai (de porte pagado), depositar las boletas en una buzón para boletas del Condado, o entregarlas en el Ayuntamiento de Clarkdale. Si tiene preguntas, favor de comunicarse con Joyce Driscoll, Secretaria Municipal del Pueblo, (928) 634-9591, joyced@clarkdale.az.us.

La Elección General se celebrará el 16 de mayo de 2006. El Departamento de Elecciones del Condado

Yavapai administrará la elección para el Pueblo. Esta será una elección final para un puesto del concejo restante entre los candidatos Curt Bohall y Greta Schiegg.

Inscripción como Votante

Existen requisitos nuevos de inscripción como votante debido a la implementación de la Proposición 200. Para evitar cualesquier problemas para estar inscrito para votar en tiempo para la elección, urgimos a todos que no están inscritos para votar que se inscriban para votar temprano.

16 de mayo - Día de la Elección

Las boletas se tienen que **recibir** para las 7p.m. en esta fecha. El Ayun tamiento permanecerá abierto de las 7 a.m. a 7 p.m. para recibir las boletas o para que las personas voten una boleta de reemplazo.

Los miembros del concejo elegidos no ocupan sus puestos hasta el mes de junio. Los miembros del concejo eligen un Vice Alcalde entre ellos mismos.

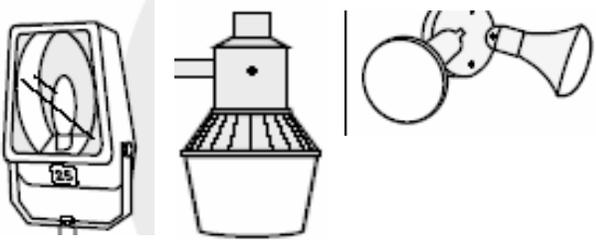


Clarkdale's Outdoor Lighting Ordinance

Clarkdale has an outdoor lighting ordinance that applies to all properties. The goal is to provide nighttime safety, security and productivity while allowing others to be free from unwanted light. The town has recently received a number of complaints concerning lighting at residences. Remember:

- Security lighting needs to be shielded so that it doesn't shine onto the neighbor's property.
- Due to their high energy efficiency, long life and light distribution, Low-Pressure Sodium (LPS) lamps are preferred for outdoor lighting.
- Floodlights that point above horizontal are prohibited.

The examples shown below are not shielded and do not meet the town lighting code.



Remember...a good neighbor is a courteous neighbor. Make sure your lighting allows your neighbors to enjoy the night sky.

Clarkdale Pool - 2006 Season

Opening day May 27th.

FREE swimming 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

The Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks.

July 4th special fun day.

Hunt for treasure at the bottom of the pool and win prizes!

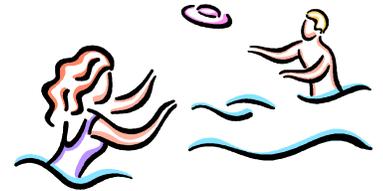
Regular Pool Hours

Lap Swim: Noon - 1:00 p.m. (Snack Bar Open)
Open Swim: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Snack Bar Open)
Lap Swim: 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The pool is closed from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for cleaning. The pool will close for the season on August 8th.

Swim Lessons

Dates and registration forms will be available at the pool beginning May 28th.



Come join the fun!

Pool Fees

Child admission:	\$1.00
Child 20 visit pass:	\$17.00
Child 40 visit pass:	\$30.00
Adult admission:	\$2.00
Adult 20 visit pass:	\$30.00
Adult 40 visit pass:	\$50.00

Pool passes are available at Clarkdale Town Hall.

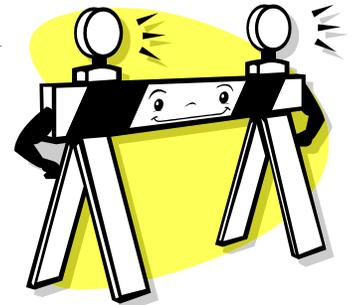
Family Season Pass: \$75.00

Development Updates

The Planning Commission is reviewing new Neighborhood and Highway Commercial zoning categories.

The Town has issued 78 building permits to the Mountain Gate subdivision (Highway 89 and Eleventh Street).

The Highlands subdivision (Old Jerome Highway and Scenic Drive) has started grading. They plan to get building permits for the commercial construction in November 2006.

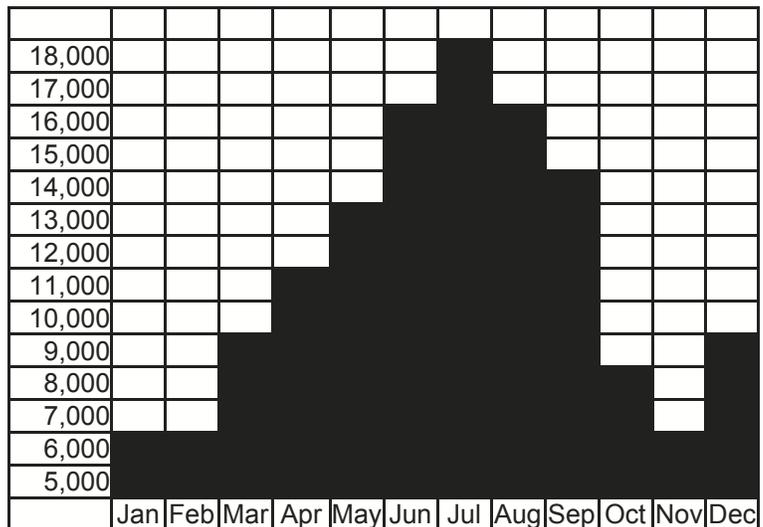


Facts:

The average residential household in the Town of Clarkdale (2.4 persons) used 11,000 gallons of water per month in the calendar year 2004. This water usage was approximately 46% higher than the amount of water the average American used during that same period.

Peak water usage typically occurs in the summer months and decreases during the winter months.

Clarkdale Municipal Water Utility Average Residential Household Use in 2004* 11,000 gallons per month

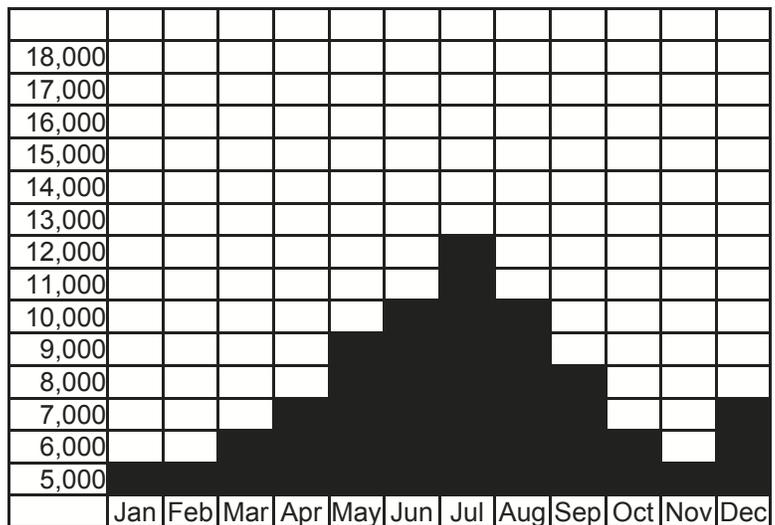


Comparing Your Water Usage:

Use the bar charts at the bottom of your water bill to compare your usage to the average Clarkdale and United States residents. Remember, in Clarkdale, the average residential household has 2.4 people.

Are you using more water than the average Clarkdale citizen or American? Ask yourself where you can conserve water!

United States Average Residential Household Use in 2004* 7,500 gallons per month



*Average household use is based on the average monthly usage. Graphs have been developed as an example of what would represent the per month usage over a one year time frame.

Library Notes

Charlotte Hawken,
Library Manager

Upcoming Books

May

At Risk
Beach Road
Blow the House Down
Bookwoman's Last Fling
Cage of Stars
Dark Tort
Dead Watch
Death in Belmont
Definitely Dead
Digging to America
Edge of Battle
Elements of Style
Everymen
Full of Grace
Guests of the Ayatollah
Hard Way
I Say a Little Prayer
Killer Instinct
Malinche
Promise Me
Sea Gypsy
Second Sight
Shanks for Nothing

June

Blue Screen
Book of the Dead
Captive of My Desires
Coming Out
Cool Moon
Cover of Night
Dark Side of the Moon
Girl of Lost Things
Husband
Killer Dreams
Telegraph Days
Twelve Sharp
Untitled
Wrong Hostage

July

Hit Parade

Library Hours

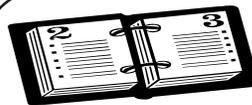
Mon & Wed 11:00 - 4:00
Tues 1:00 - 6:00
Thur, Fri. & Sat 1:00 - 4:00
Closed Sunday

Patricia Cornwell
James Patterson
Robert Baer
John Dunning
Jacquelyn Mitchard
Diane Mott Davidson
John Sandford
Sebastian Junger
Charlaine Harris
Anne Tyler
Dale Brown
Wendy Wasserstein
Philip Roth
Dorothea Frank
Mark Bowden
Lee Child
E. Lynn Harris
Joseph Finder
Laura Esquivel
Harlan Coben
Fern Michaels
Amanda Quick
Rick Reilly



Robert Parker
Douglas Preston
Joanna Lindsey
Danielle Steel
Jeffrey Deaver
Linda Howard
Sherrilyn Kenyon
Ann Brashares
Dean Koontz
Iris Johansen
Larry McMurtry
Janet Evanovich
Ann Coulter
Elizabeth Lowell

Lawrence Block



Town Calendar

ML - Men's Lounge, Clark Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth St.
AUD - Auditorium, Clark Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth St.
CML - Clark Memorial Library, 39 N. Ninth Street
TH - Town Hall, Conference Room, 890 Main Street
LB - Library Basement, 39 N. Ninth Street

May 4 Library Advisory Board, 9 am, CML
May 8 Parks & Recreation, 5:30 pm, ML
May 9 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
May 10 Design Review Board, 6:30 pm, ML
May 15 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
May 16 **Local General Election Day**
May 17 Heritage Conservancy, 5:15 pm, CML
May 23 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
May 24 Board of Adjustment, 6 pm, ML
May 27 **Pool Opening, Free Swim**, 10 am
May 27 **Janice Paul**, 6-8 pm, Park concert
May 29 Town offices closed, **Memorial Day**

Jun 1 Library Advisory Board, 9 am, CML
Jun 10 **Obsidian Blues**, 6-8 pm, Park concert
Jun 12 Parks & Recreation, 5:30 pm, ML
Jun 13 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
Jun 14 Design Review Board, 6:30 pm, ML
Jun 19 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
Jun 21 Heritage Conservancy, 5:15 pm, CML
Jun 27 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
Jun 28 Board of Adjustment, 6 pm, ML

Jul 1 **Danny Rhodes & the Messengers**, 6-8pm,
Park concert

Jul 4 Town offices closed - **July 4th Holiday
Celebration in the Park**, 10 am-noon

Jul 6 Library Advisory Board, 9 am, CML
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Jul 25 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
Jul 26 Board of Adjustment, 6 pm, ML

Meeting dates and times are subject to change.



Online library catalog:
www.yavapailibrary.org/clark.htm

Important Numbers:

Fire Department, non-emergency: 639-4591
Police Dept., non-emergency: 634-7240 or 634-2921
Clark Memorial Library: 634-9760
Municipal Court: 634-1691
Cemetery Manager, Public Works and
Community Development: 649-3538
All other business: Town Hall: 634-9591
Fax: 634-0407, TTY: 1-800-367-8939



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Leash your dogs, keep them quiet and clean up their waste

Recently the Town received complaints regarding unleashed dogs and animal waste deposited around our town. Town Code 6-3-1 requires all dogs to be leashed, and in the control of their owner. Town Code section 6-1-8 requires any owner or person in control of an animal to remove all animal waste (feces) deposited by the animal in a public place.

Animal Waste

The majority of the animal waste complaints have been about our town parks and along the sidewalks on Second North Street in lower town. I inspected these areas and was shocked at the amount of animal waste I observed particularly along Second North Street. This is unsightly, unhealthy, and reflects poorly on the Town. The Police Department will be making increased contacts with dog walkers and taking enforcement action as necessary.

Barking Dogs

Does your dog bark at every passer-by whether a person or car? Does it bark for long

periods of time for no apparent reason? Has your neighbor complained about your dogs barking? If so, most likely you have a problem barker.

Most problem barking can be prevented with proper training, but it requires some commitment. There are many products that can help you in training your dog. Do a search online under barking dogs, or give me a call at the Clarkdale Police Department (634-7240). I would be happy to point you in the right direction. Be a good neighbor, and keep the dogs quiet!

Animal Vaccinations

Spring is upon us, and now is a good time to check with your veterinarian to make sure your pet's vaccinations are up to date. Rabies, distemper, parvo and other diseases are active in the warmer months.

Let's keep Clarkdale a safe, pleasant and clean environment for our residents, visitors, and animal friends.

By Stephen Smith, Animal Control Officer

