# Talk of the Town

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#### GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

By Garrett Hicks, Planning Director

The program to revise the Clarkdale General Plan is nearly completed at this writing. The General Plan Advisory Committee has been meeting a minimum of two times each month since last November to compose a new, state mandated, General Plan for the Town of Clarkdale. A draft document was presented to the Planning Commission on May 15.

A general plan is a statement of a community's vision for growth and development. It provides guidance and direction on long-range development decisions through a series of goals, policies and related maps. A general plan primarily addresses physical aspects of growth and is designed to have community-wide applicability over many years.

To a large extent, the document provides advisory guidelines for development decisions within the Town. However, it should be noted that the plan also provides a legal basis for certain land use decisions, such as for changing the zoning designation of a property.

There have been several community outreach meetings to gain public comments on the new General Plan. The comments that were received have been very constructive and will be taken under review by staff.

There is now a 60 day review period for the Town to receive additional public comments prior to going back to the Planning Commission on July 17th. Comments received prior to this meeting will also be taken under advisement by the Planning Commission and staff. After the Planning Commission reviews the comments on the plan, it will be forwarded on the to the Town Council for a second public hearing on August 13, 2002. If the Town Council approves the new General Plan, it will be on the November 5, 2002 ballot for voter approval.

This is the first time ever that the General Plan must be approved by the citizenry through a general vote. All registered voters will receive an explanation of the General Plan in September and October to guide them through the details of the new General Plan.

Many hours of hard work have gone into the preparation of this document and comments thus far have been very favorable. If you would like to request a copy of the General Plan you may do so in writing to the Planning Department, Town of Clarkdale, P.O. Box 308, Clarkdale, AZ 86324. If you have any questions about what a General Plan is or isn't you may call the staff at the Planning Department @ 634-9591. Your input and support will be greatly appreciated.

# More Water Conservation

By Kim Butt,
Public Works Director

Representatives of Cotton-

wood Water Works, our water provider, would like to thank the residents of Clarkdale for the conservation efforts made in the past and are asking for our continued support. They are asking that everyone on the system do outdoor watering no more than two times a week. This is a request for voluntary conservation, but could become mandatory if conditions do not improve. The Town has chosen to restrict our municipal watering even further. The trees and shrubs will be watered twice a week, as requested. We will start watering the Town Park and ball field

Please be frugal in your watering, we're in for a hot and dry summer.

this week, one day a week, and will not be watering

any grass at the Town Hall

Complex.





# Summer Concert Series for 2002! At the Clarkdale Park

Saturday, June 8 - 6 to 8 p.m. "Mid-Life Crisis"

Playing a list of top tunes from the 60's to the present, including original songs.

Saturday, July 13 - 6 to 8 p.m. "Tequila Moon"

Playing a blend of waltzes, two-steps, country-swing, rock and cumbia.

Saturday, July 27 - 6 to 9 p.m. "Hank Levine"

Playing a variety of music with our Verde Valley as his theme.

Saturday, August 17 - 6 to 8 p.m. Obsidian Blues"

Playing a mix of blues and rock music.

Saturday, September 8 - 6 to 8 p.m.

"Sentimental Journey"

Playing "Big Band" sounds.

Saturday, September 28 - 6 to 8 p.m. **John Ziegler and "Major Lingo"** Playing a unique style of mellow rockin' tunes.

Come out and enjoy an evening of "Free" entertainment at the Park in Clarkdale.

Sponsored by: Verde Canyon Railroad, Clarkdale-Jerome Lions Club, Mold-In Graphics, Lamplighter Village, Phoenix Cement, and other area businesses.

# Farmer's Market

During the concert, Vendors will be located on 10th Street beginning at 4:00 p.m.

### Sponsor A Concert

Sponsors for concerts are still needed. Thanks to the generous donations of the Verde Canyon Railroad, Mold-In-Graphics, Phoenix Cement, Lampliter Village and the Clarkdale-Jerome Lions Club many free concerts in the park have already been scheduled. Please see related article on this page.

These concerts are only possible with the help of financial partners. Each concert usually costs between \$500 to \$750 dollars. If you are interested in helping sponsor a concert, please contact Town Clerk, Joyce Driscoll at Town Hall. Donations of any amount are welcome. Sponsors are recognized in all advertising for the event.

### The Pool is OPEN!

Monday-Saturday Family Swim - Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Swimming lessons, June 17 to June 28
Register at Town Hall beginning June 1st
Children ages 3-10
\$25.00 per child.
Each class is 30 minutes in length.

Pool Passes (may be purchased at Town Hall)
Children, 20 visits, \$17 (85 cents a visit)
Children, 40 visits, \$30 (75 cents a visit)
Adult, 20 visits, \$30 (\$1.50 a visit)
Adult, 40 visits, \$50 (\$1.25 a visit)
Family pass, unlimited visits, \$75

Pool admission, (without a pool pass)
Children: \$1.00 Adults: \$2.00

# Pool Passes Available At Town Hall

The pool is located behind the Clark Memorial Clubhouse on Ninth Street. It is open Memorial Day through Labor Day. The pool is wheelchair accessible. Call Town Hall, 634-9591, for more information.



# Safe Sitter is coming!! For BOYS & GIRLS 11-13

We have two classes available this summer. June 11 & 12 at Mont/Rimrock Fire Dept and July 9 & 10 at the Clarkdale Lounge.

- Cost of \$20.00 (includes manual)
- \* Must be able to attend both days
- \* Class runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- \* Bring sack lunch (no "heating up" available)

Please contact Sharon at Clarkdale Fire Dept, 639-4591, with any questions. Registration available at Clarkdale Fire Dept OR Town Hall. See you there!!

#### CLARKDALE HISTORY

# Jesus Valdez Speaking about 'La Secsion' June 9, 2002 - 4:00 p.m.- Jerome State Park

The Jerome Historical Society and Jerome State Park brings you Jesus Valdez, of Clarkdale, speaking about the Hispanic people of Clarkdale. The lecture is part of the organization's Second Sunday of the Month program.

Jesus Valdez was born January 1930 in Clarkdale in a seven family community (La Secsion) near the gate where the Verde Tunnel & Smelter Railroad entered the smelter yard. Valdez, who returned to Clarkdale in 1972 where he began teaching at the Clarkdale-Jerome School, has been dedicated to gathering the history of Clarkdale and the Hispanic families. During his presentation, "La Secsion," he will talk about the histories of this area and display photos, maps and drawings. The presentation, Valdez said, is the initial effort to collect and compile the history of the area. For more information about the program you can call the Jerome Historical Society at 634-1066 or Jesus Valdez at 634-3509.



### **BUS TRIPS**

# ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS

Vs.

Detroit Tigers, June 16 San Diego Padres, July 27 Chicago Cubs, August 24 Colorado Rockies., September 28

The bus leaves the Town Hall parking lot at 10:00 a.m. for the 1:00 p.m. games. Tickets are \$23.00 for the bus trip and your ticket into the event. The tickets are for the lower level, sections 135 and 136, between the Diamondbacks bullpen and 3rd base.

All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. To reserve your ticket and/or seat, you must pay at the time of reservation. Reservations will be taken, until the bus is full, at Town Hall, 890 Main Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you are unable to come in to register during these hours, please call Coleen at 634-9591 to make special arrangements. Transportation is by air conditioned school bus.



# Passport to Adventure

Ages 5-10 8:00 to 12:00 Monday - Thursday June 3 - July 26, 2002

Join us for a world wide

"visit" to other countries to discover the games and crafts of children in far away lands. But we'll still have time for some good of American style fun with field trips, pool parties

with field trips, pool partie and watermelon!

Cost for 8 week summer enrichment program is \$80.00. Limited number of half sessions (June or July) available for \$50.00.



Sign up at Clarkdale Town Hall or call 634-9591 for more information.

#### **Election Results**

The results of the March 12, 2002 Primary Election where:

- 1. The total number of ballots cast, as shown by the poll list was 1,115, and the number of registered voters was 1,687. The percentage of ballots cast of registered voters was 66.09%.
- 2. The number of questioned ballots to be verified was 39, and voters found to be ineligible were 21.
- 3. The votes cast for candidates for Mayor were as follows: Michael Bluff 651
  Reynold P. Radoccia 451
- 4. The votes cast for candidates for Councilmember were as follows:

Rex Williams 643 Doug Von Gausig 446

- 5. The following two candidates received more than one-half of the total number of valid votes and were elected outright: Michael Bluff and Rex Williams.
- 6. That votes cast for the question Shall the town adopt an alternative expenditure limitation-were as follows: 753 "Yes" votes and 259 "No" votes.

# Speeding in Residential Areas



By: Lloyd Jones, Chief of Police

Residential speeding is of great concern. Residents can help reduce speeding in their neighborhoods with *Citizen Radar Watch*.

Residents, after a background check and training, sit in unmarked cars with radar guns and record the speed of motorists. If a driver is speeding, the license plate of the vehicle and description of the driver are logged and given to the police department. The Police Department run a registration check and send a letter to advise the vehicle's owner of the speed recorded, thus notifying the motorist that someone is watching.

The letters act as a deterrent. If you're interested in Clarkdale starting this program, contact Sgt. Mike Pierce at 634-7240.

# Snake Tips for Homeowners



By: Berry Van Hook, Fire Chief

Here are some tips, compliments of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

- 1) Remove and/or store piles of debris away from your home. Stacks of firewood, old lumber, brush piles, rocks and general junk like (old appliances, car parts), provide habitat for snakes and other wildlife.
- 2) Feed wild birds away from your house, patio and walkways. Seed spilled on the ground attracts rodents and rodents can attract snakes.
- 3) Light up pathways, porches and patios that are used. Lighting these areas will help you see better and discourage snakes. Snakes and other reptiles often bask on warm concrete and paved surfaces.
- 4) Trim bushes up off the ground (approximately eight inches or more) that are located near pathways, patios and other heavily used areas. Trimming the bush allows you to see underneath and removes potential hiding places for the snakes.
- 5) Make sure your garage door, exterior doors, gates and window screens leading into indoor living spaces are tight fitting. A good rule of thumb, if you can stick a pencil through a gap, a small or juvenile snake could also get through.
- 6) Build a solid wall around the outdoor spaces you or your pets typically use; ideally, a fence that is at least four feet tall and with a slight overhang on the outside of the fence. Trim back any bushes.



# Verde Valley Humane Society

Post Office Box 1429 1502 W. Mingus Cottonwood, AZ 86326 (928) 634-7387 vvhs@wildapache.net

STOP LITTERING!
Please spay or neuter your pet!

# Employee Anniversary

This May marked the 10 year anniversary of Town Manager Gayle Mabery. She began her employment with the town as an intern. She held the position of Town Clerk prior to her promotion to Town Manager in 1998.

Gayle is a Clarkdale native and graduate of Northern Arizona University. In addition to being a dedicated employee, Gayle is married and is mother to two girls, ages 3 and 6.

In January, Sgt. Pat Haynie celebrated 15 years of service to the Town. Sgt. Haynie was raised in the Verde Valley and is proud to be the D.A.R.E. Officer at Clarkdale-Jerome Elementary School. He came to Clarkdale from the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office.

# Employees Recognized for Service During Cities and Towns Week

In the last issue of the Talk of the Town we asked our readers to send us names of Town employees that should be recognized for their service. We appreciate all of you who took the time to respond! The following employees were presented with Certificates of Appreciation by the Town Council:

Kim Butt, Public Works Director
Brian Person, Building Official
Micky McCullough, Town Foreman
Tim Wakefield, Town Crewman
Tom Menges, Town Crewman
Kevin Adams, Town Crewman
Elpidio Rangel, Town Crewman
Chris Livas, Town Crewman
Frank Perino, Custodian
Allyson Waak, Receptionist
Joyce Driscoll, Town Clerk
Pat Haynie, Police Sgt.
Pat Watson, Library Aide
Charlotte Hawken, Library Manager

### RECYCLING REMINDER

Curbside recycling is every other week for trash customers. The only items that will be picked up at your curbside is newspapers, bottle form plastics, aluminum and tin. They will ONLY pick up the 4 items listed above.

If you place other items in your recycle bin, the entire contents will be left at your home, or if on accident it is taken to the station the entire truck load will be placed in the trash container. Both Sedona recycle and Waste Management want this program to work but we need you to help.

# TOWN OF CLARKDALE'S ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

### **BOYS AND GIRLS -**

Decorate your bike, your wagon and yourself and enter the Children's parade!!

Sign-up at the Clarkdale-Jerome School at 9:15 a.m. on July 4th.

Don't forget to gather at the gazebo in the park afterwards to see if you won a prize.



### Schedule of Events

700 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, held by the Clarkdale

Police & Fire Departments

10:00 a.m. Parade Begins!

10:30 a.m. Ice Cream Social, held by the Clarkdale

Library Board

Children's Games and Activities Cottonwood Community Band

begins playing

# Strolling Around Clarkdale's Historic Central Business District

By: Ellie Bauer, Member of the Town Council and the Chamber of Commerce

Every now and again a stroll around our town's historic central business district refreshes the heart and mind. I like to start at the *Java House* - a cyber coffee shop, on Tenth Street facing the park. It features fresh roasted gourmet coffees (by the cup or in bulk), hot and cold drinks and sweet goodies, PLUS fast connections for accessing internet and e-mail. The umbrella-shaded tables are great for sipping a drink and enjoying Clark-dale's elegant setting or listening to Friday evening 'JAZZ ON THE SIDEWALK' in the warm seasons (beginning now - after 6 pm). Jeff Steed and Edgar Ball own Java House as well as Intellequest, and Karuna Studios, where websites and e-commerce services are designed for US and international clients.

Walking south to First South Street, there are *Group 2's mini-storages* for those of us who have more that can be stuffed into our homes, then *Alcora Marble* (one of this industry's originators) - a custom manufacturing firm, where all your cultured marble needs - from tubs to showers and vanity tops or ... can be met. After the next set of Group 2's mini-storage, you come upon Curt & Bill Snyder's office, where you can find out about mini-storage rental. Next door to this office is the *Laundromat*. Did you know that using commercial laundry facilities is a great way to save on water usage - particularly when you use the three-load washing machines!

Now continuing to Ninth Street and then back up to Main Street. You'll go by the 'old market' building and the old bank building - both begging for some great 21st Century use. Next, there's the *Newsstand*, owned by Pressie and Ron Moreland, with a bar and pool table - a Clarkdale original. Notice the outdoor tables? Well, Terry and Stan's *Sausage Deli Shop* serves up delectable and unique sausages, and barbecued meats - all created in-house! Eat right there, or take home what you need. Lunch, or dinner, comes with all the trimmings. They'll even smoke a turkey or fish for you . Keep an eye out for their specials! Next is '*Dr. Dave's'* (*Moore*) - our Clarkdale chiropractor, who's great at helping you get those body parts back where they belong.

Then on to *Clarkdale Classy Styles* where hair is kept cut and styled for those who need regular, special or occasional trips to the hairdresser. Then on to the *Law Office of Michael Bluff* and *Mingus Constructors*. Here the inside of the original building has been transformed into a contemporary and unusually wonderful setting for two different types of offices. Then on to *Baskets by Jane*, owned and operated by Jane & Doug Rolfes. This enchanting shop is filled with baskets, filled with magical goodies and the possibilities of designing your own basket for a gift or for yourself. What a treat!! She also has candles, coffees and chocolates. In the same

building is *Wild Apache & Verde Internet* services. Jane and Del Winiescki provide expert, high-speed services (and their service is quick and topnotch) and help for computer and internet illiterates and beginning users.

Hungry for some great Mexican food? Heads across Main Street to *Su Casa* to enjoy dishes from the usual to the extraordinary all great. Bob and Dave Conlin have built upon a long Mexican food tradition at this spot. Bob is now finishing up the hand building of all the chairs and booths which add to the ambience of the interior.

Baskets by Jane
M-F 10-5 & Sat 10-12
'Alternative to Flowers'

the chairs and booths which add to the ambience of the interior. Su Casa is open 7 days a week. Cross Tenth Street to the east and there's *Clarkdale Classic*, which is on the National Registry. Here Liz & Mike Hensley offer full service for your vehicles from gas and oil to repair Monday-Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Clark's Café is next, serving traditional American breakfasts and lunches from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 7 days a week. Their warm cinnamon rolls are mouthwatering. The hamburgers are hearty. Watch for the lunch specials. Next door, Clark's 10/12 has been a bar ever since the building was built. It's grown to have a dance floor with a sitting area that's perfect for the groups that come to play. Watch for the scheduled musical groups, usually on weekends. Then there's 'the caboose' which will be Clarkdale's information center when complete. And it's almost there! This all-volunteer effort on the part of Chamber members and volunteers will add to the ways we can communicate which each other.

# Clark Memorial Library

By Charlotte Hawken, Library Manager

### NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE JUNE - AUGUST

#### **Library Hours**

Closed Sunday

Mon 9:00 - 4:00

Tues 1:00 - 6:00

Wed, Thurs, Fri. & Sat 1:00 - 4:00

#### JUNE

And Then You Die
Anything Goes
Beach house
Black Water
Chopping Spree
City of Bones
Courting Trouble
Daddy's Little Girl
Dead Midnight
Dead Ball
Deadly Embrace
Don't Look Back
Dying to Please
Everything's Eventual

Fatal

Fine and Bitter Snow

Fire Ice
Gallows Thief
Golden One
Hard Eight
In This Mountain
Jolie Blon's Bounce
Mortal Prey

Noble Norfleet Put a Lid on It Running Scared Savage Run

Sea Glass Short Forever Sin Killer

Song Flung Up to Heaven Step to the Graveyard Easy

Thousand Country Roads Wailing Wind

Wailing Wind
With These Hands

#### JULY

Big Gamble From A Buick Grave Secrets Partners in Crime

To Catch a Spy

**AUGUST** 

Law of Gravity Torso in the Town Michael Dibdin Madison Smartt Bell Iames Patterson

T. Jefferson Parker Diane Mott Davidson Michael Connelly

Lisa Scottoline Mary Higgins Clark

Marcia Muller R. D. Rosen

Amanda Quick Linda Howard Stephen King

**lackie Collins** 

Michael Palmer Dana Stabenow Clive Cussler

Bernard Cornwell Elizabeth Peters Ianet Evanovich

Jan Karon

James Lee Burke John Sandford Reynolds Price Donald Westlake

Elizabeth Lowell

C J Box Anita Shreve Stuart Woods Larry McMurtry Maya Angelou Bill Pronzini

Robert James Waller Tony Hillerman

Michael McGarrity Stephen King Kathy Reichs

Louis L'Amour

Stuart Kaminsky

| A |ance

Stephen Horn Simon Brett



### 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

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June 3 Summer Youth Program Begins

June 6 Library Advisory Board 9 am CML

June 8 Summer Concert 6 pm Park (page 2)

June 9 2nd Sunday in Jerome, Jess Valdez (page 3)

June 11 Regular Council 6 pm ML

June 11-12 Safe Sitter Class (page 3)

June 16 Diamondbacks Bus Trip (page 3)

June 17 Parks/Recreation Commission 7 pm TH

June 17 Swim Lessons begin (page 2)

June 19 Design Review Board 9 am ML

June 25 Special Council 6 pm ML

June 26 Planning Commission 7 pm ML

June 27 Heritage Conservancy Board 5 pm ML

July 4 Old Fashioned 4th of July in Park Town Hall Offices Closed

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July 9 Regular Council 6 pm ML

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July 13 Summer Concert 6 pm park (page 2)

July 15 Parks/Recreation Commission 7 pm TH

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August 22 Heritage Conservancy Board 5 pm ML

August 24 Diamondbacks Bus Trip (page 3)

August 28 Special Council 6 pm ML

 $August\ 28\ \ Planning\ Commission\ 7\ pm\ ML$ 

Meeting dates and times are subject to change.



### **Important Numbers:**

Fire Department, non-emergency: 639-4591

Police Dept., non-emergency: 634-7240 or 634-2921

Cemetery Manager: 634-9591 Clark Memorial Library: 634-9760 Municipal Court: 634-1691

All other business: Town Hall: 634-9591 Fax: 634-0407, TTY: 1-800-367-8939

Town of Clarkdale

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POSTAL PATRON CLARKDALE, AZ 86324

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Town Hall

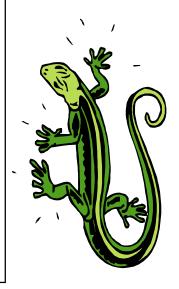
Michael Bluff Mayor

David Leibforth Councilmember Councilmember Ellie Bauer Rex Williams Councilmember Town Manager Gayle Mabery Town Clerk Joyce Driscoll Garrett Hicks Planning Director Brian Pearson **Building Official** Public Works Dir. Kim Butt Police Department Police Department

Lloyd Jones Police Chief

Chris Christensen Police Records Clerk

Berry Van Hook Fire Chief Charlotte Hawken Library Manager townhall@clarkdale.az.us mbluff@mingusconstructors.com tdwleibf@cybertrails.com ebauer@wildapache.net rexaz@wildapache.net gaylem@clarkdale.az.us joyced@clarkdale.az.us garretth@clarkdale.az.us brianp@clarkdale.az.us kimb@clarkdale.az.us cdpd@clarkdale.az.us cdpd@clarkdale.az.us cdpd@clarkdale.az.us cdpd@clarkdale.az.us firedept@clarkdale.az.us



### IS TIME PASSING YOU BY?

By: Pat Williams, Heritage Conservancy Board

ARE YOU BORED? Maybe it's time to get "re-involved". The Heritage Conservancy Board is seeking new members as well as volunteers to help with various activities. The board meets monthly for about an hour and a half. No experience required.

Come learn about the history of Clarkdale and the Verde Valley along with archival preservation. It's a lot of fun with no required time commitment. See the current display in the Library to get an idea of what we do. We'd welcome your help.

For more information call Pat Williams at 649-9672 or you can pick up an application at Clarkdale Town Hall.



GET INVOLVED.



clalib@yavapaicold.lib.az.us

# Town Board and Commission Members Appointed in June

If you are interested in serving on a Town Board or Commission get your application in soon! The Town Council will be making appointments to all the Town Boards and Commissions this month. These appointments are for two year terms. Meetings are held once a month, although special meetings may be held from time to time and members may assist with a few special events each year. Please call Joyce Driscoll, Town Clerk at 634-9591 or come by Town Hall for an application. All board members are required to be residents of the Town.