

Talk of the Town

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Gazebo Project

The Clarkdale Parks and Recreation Commission and Heritage Conservancy Board have been seeking public input on what to do with the gazebo in the Town Park, repair/restore or replace.



The gazebo was first built in 1915. Historic records indicate that in 1919 it may have been repaired or replaced. Currently the gazebo is not in good condition. This can be contributed to the lack of footings beneath the structure. This caused settling or tilting of the structure and dry rot due to the earth-to-wood contact. Repairs have been made over the years so not all of the gazebo is still original. The siding and steps have been replaced in 'recent' years. The roof shingles are also not original. In July Town staff had the structure and the surrounding soil tested for lead based paint. These test results came back positive, so regardless of what is done to the gazebo, some remediation work will be necessary.

The gazebo (originally called the bandstand on maps and journal entries) is on the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing structure to the Clarkdale Historic district. Since the National Register includes districts, buildings and structures that are significant in American history, the gazebo has equal status and the same protection as the Clark Memorial Clubhouse or any other treasure on the register. If the gazebo is moved it will, by law, be removed from the Register.

The boards distributed flyers in the park on the 4th of July inviting the public to a meeting on July 16th. These flyers also had a tear-off questionnaire to complete and return. On July 21st the Parks and Recreation Commission met and, taking into consideration the public input received, made a recommendation to the Town Council. This recommendation was: *to restore the gazebo by saving what can be saved of the original, especially the original*

posts; to place a historical marker on each post; to keep the style and size of the current gazebo; to upgrade to current building and safety codes in the restoration.

The Heritage Conservancy Board met on July 23rd. Their recommendation to the Council was that the Town Council proceed with plans to restore the current gazebo/bandstand, retaining as much of the original materials as possible; and further that:

- if necessary, it is acceptable to raise the height of the railing to current code;
- if necessary for safety, it is acceptable to change the rise, tread and width of the steps to meet current code;
- it is acceptable to add provisions on the inside of the railing to meet safety concerns, i.e. metal mesh, hardware cloth or lattice, however the current railing design should be retained;
- materials be used that are comparable to the original materials used;
- the restored gazebo/bandstand be painted the original color scheme; and
- the flag pole which was attached to the gazebo/bandstand be reconstructed to appear as it was originally.

The Board requests that it be involved in the decision making regarding the project and that it will conduct research to aid in the process. (Please see page 8.)

The Town Council will consider the issue at its August 12th meeting. This meeting is open to the public and will be at 6 p.m. in the Basement Meeting Room of the Clark Memorial Library. Public input will be taken at the meeting, however comments may also be mailed or dropped off at Town Hall or emailed to joyced@clarkdale.az.us. Funding for the gazebo project has been raised by the Clarkdale Foundation, a non-profit organization. The Foundation currently has approximately \$12,000 available and is continuing to raise funds. Expenditures, if any, in excess of the cost of the project will be raised through donations.

Be Water Wise

Local water companies in the Clarkdale/Cottonwood area have announced that an urgent water shortage exists and have urged customers to cut back usage by 50%. Our location in a desert environment makes the need for careful water usage extremely important. Following are some specific examples of ways to use your water wisely:

- Plant drought tolerant plants.
- Plug the drain before you run water for baths and take shallow baths. Bathe young children together. Keep showers short with pressure at low force.
- Use the load selector to match water level to the size of your laundry load
- Do only full loads in the dishwasher and avoid extra cycles. If doing dishes by hand, fill wash and rinse basins with water. Don't run water continuously.
- Flush your toilet only when necessary. Don't use it to dispose of tissues, dead insects, etc.
- Install a low-flow toilet.
- Don't run the water when you brush your teeth..
- Use a broom or rake instead of water to clear walkways.
- Consider alternatives to big, thirsty lawns. If you do have a lawn, cut back the number of times per week that you water, and use an automatic watering system that allows you to water between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- Fix plumbing leaks. Make sure all faucet heads are low-flow. Test toilets for leaks by putting ten drops of food coloring in the tank. Don't flush for 15 minutes. If the colored water shows up in the bowl, the tank is leaking.
- Shower the "Navy Way". Get wet, turn off the shower while soaping and scrubbing, turn water on again briefly to rinse off.



Everyone is invited to attend a citizens group which meets one Monday a month to discuss Clarkdale water issues. Contact them at 634-9450 or at ebauer@commspeed.net.

Water Company Acquisition Project



The Town of Clarkdale and City of Cottonwood's Water Company Acquisition Project continues to progress. The engineering and financial analyses of the Clemenceau, Cordes Lakes and Cottonwood Water Works water companies have been completed and purchase offers have recently been delivered to all three water companies, marking the beginning of the negotiation process.

In order to comply with State requirements, the Town must identify all potential revenues and expenses in their adopted annual budgets. With that in mind, the Clarkdale Town Council and the Cottonwood City Council have adopted budgets for the 2003-2004 Fiscal Year that include conservative figures for the costs of acquiring the systems, making initial capital improvements, making debt service payments, funding operation and maintenance costs, and establishing a sinking fund (a fund that sets aside funding for future replacement of infrastructure and system upgrades). While including these figures does not bind us into an acquisition, it does allow us to comply with our expenditure limitation requirements should an acquisition occur in the 2003-04 Fiscal Year.

As has been identified previously, many complex issues must be resolved if the communities are to successfully purchase the local water companies, and both communities are strongly supportive of such a purchase. Information that has been previously distributed with regard to the Water Company Acquisition Project can be reviewed on the Town's website, www.clarkdale.az.us and is available at the front desk of the Clarkdale Town Hall. More information will be available as the process continues.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this project, please contact Clarkdale Town Manager Gayle Mabery (634-9591 or gaylem@clarkdale.az.us) or Cottonwood Assistant City Manager Robert Hardy (634-5526 or rhardy@ci.cottonwood.az.us).



A Message From Your Police Department

By Chief Patrick C. Haynie

On July first the Police Department received a grant to help combat burglaries and illegal drugs. These crimes can typically be tied together and Clarkdale is no exception. You can assist us by helping us identify residences in your neighborhoods that have a lot of traffic in and out, that you might suspect drug activity occurring in, and by keeping an eye out for people and vehicles that seem suspicious. Please give us a call anonymously and we will let you know how to further assist us.

Officer Fowler, who had adopted the Centerville and Mingus Shadows neighborhoods, has taken a job in

Avondale, Arizona to further his career. He will be missed. We currently have an opening for his position and are adding another position. We welcome Officer Wylie back into uniform from his years in PANT (Prescott Area Narcotics Taskforce) and he will be returning as our newly promoted Sergeant. Please get to know him once again.

We started a Police Explorer program this summer under the direction of Officer Church. This is a scouting type of program through the Boy Scouts of America for both boys and girls from age fourteen through twenty-one. Those in the program will learn about police work and all it has to offer. They eventually will be in uniform and can ride with on-duty officers. Along with learning leadership and character building they will also be doing some community service work. This group will also be mentoring a new program for boys and girls age ten to thirteen, which we hope to begin by September. If you or someone you know are interested in this program, please give us a call at 634-9591.

Animals

By Stephen Smith,
Animal Control Officer



Summer is here and our four legged friends are feeling the heat just like we are! Provide your pet with plenty of fresh water and shade, and don't over exert them. A small plastic child's pool can provide a cost effective way for your dog to cool off, and most dogs will utilize it. We all know you should never leave a child unattended in a hot car, but many people still leave their pets in the car. This should not be done during the summer months. Even with the windows cracked, temperatures can reach critical levels in minutes, causing heat stroke, brain damage or death, and while providing water for the pet is beneficial, it may not prevent your pet from suffering.

During the summer months, rabies is active. Avoid stray or wild animals, and keep your pets secured at home or leashed. All dogs over four months of age are required to be vaccinated for rabies and licensed. Keeping the tags secured on your dog will insure your pet a safe return home should they get lost. Have a safe summer!

National Night Out!

The Clarkdale Police Department and the Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce invite Clarkdale residents to attend a National Night Out event:

Where: Clarkdale Pool
When: August 5th, 6 - 8 p.m.

**FREE FOOD, CAKE
AND SWIMMING!**



Thousands of communities nationwide will be participating in the 20th Annual National Night Out.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness,
- Generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts,
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

From 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. turn on your outside lights and spend the evening outside with your neighbors or come join the fun at the pool!

Community Information & Referral
24-Hour Bilingual HELP line:
1-800-352-3792 www.cirs.org



Concerts in the Park

Summer Concert Series 2003 Schedule

Bring your friends, your family, food and lawn chairs for a great evening of FREE entertainment. All concerts are in the Clarkdale Town Park, 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, August 2 - **Midlife Crisis**
A variety of acoustic eclectic music

Sunday, August 10 - **Janice Paul Combo**
Mellow Jazz Tunes

Saturday, Aug 30 - **John Ziegler & Major Lingo**
Mellow rockin', earthy tunes (tentative) *

Sun, Sep 14-**Danny Rhodes & the Messengers**
A local favorite (tentative) *

Saturday, September 20 - **Sentimental Journey**
Big band tunes

* Some of the Concerts in the Park are in jeopardy of being cancelled for lack of funding! This program is solely funded with the generous donations and grants from our sponsors. Donations would be greatly appreciated! Contributions should be to the Town of Clarkdale and can be mailed or delivered to Town Hall.

Concert Series sponsored by:

Alcora Marble	Clarkdale-Jerome Lions Club
PJM Arizona,	Verde Canyon Railroad Phoenix
Cement	Cottonwood Water Works
Wal-Mart	Turner Construction
Lampliter Village	Hanson Aggregates

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Fall Dances

Featuring



Sentimental Journey

OCTOBER 25

NOVEMBER 22

7 p.m. in the Clarkdale Clubhouse
Auditorium

Summer's Here

By The Fire Department



To help ensure that everyone in the community enjoys a safe summer, the members of the Clarkdale Fire Department offer the following tips and suggest you post them where they are likely to be seen:

HEAT

Overheating can cause muscle cramps, chills, nausea and dizziness, among other symptoms. At its worst, it can lead to heat stroke, a medical emergency.

Don't do too much, too soon. After long periods of inactivity during the winter the body is not ready for strenuous exertion - especially in hot temperatures.

- Drink plenty of water before and during hard or strenuous work in the heat. You'll need to drink more water than your thirst indicates.
- Take frequent small drinks, which are more effective than gulping down large amounts at once.
- When possible, schedule heavy work for the cooler hours of the day, such as early morning or late evening.
- Take frequent rests and lower the workload as the heat increases.
- When possible, start with less strenuous work and gradually build up the intensity so you can acclimatize yourself to the heat.
- Never leave children alone in a car during the summer - even for a few minutes with the windows rolled down.

Chip Seal Project

By Allyson Waak

The Public Works Department of the Town of Clarkdale has a formal 5-year rotation schedule for chip sealing streets in Clarkdale. The following streets and subdivisions are scheduled to be sealed in the next rotation beginning the first week of August:

Upper Clarkdale	Foothills Terrace
Paz and Coda	Old Jerome Highway
Calle Macias	89A to Lanny Lane
Mingus Shadows	Reta to Black Hills Drive

Residents of each subdivision will be notified by flier within 24 (twenty-four) hours prior to work commencing in each area.



89A Roadway Improvement

The Town of Clarkdale recently attended a meeting with members of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and their design consultants, who are working on the proposed roadway improvement project for the portion of Highway 89A that links Cottonwood and the Town of Clarkdale. At this meeting, several improvement options were presented for consideration by the Town.

All of the possible options are designed to provide an "urban standard" roadway with four travel lanes (two in each direction) and raised medians. Each of these options also includes major improvements to the intersections at Black Hills Drive, Scenic Drive and Groseta Ranch Road, Lisa Street and Lincoln Drive, and the Cement Plan Road.

This meeting was just the first step of many in an improvement program which anticipates construction in 2007. While 2007 may seem to be "pretty far down the road", the planners and engineers at ADOT, Clarkdale and Cottonwood are excited to see this project gaining momentum.

As we continue our review of ADOT's proposal and prepare to go into the Alternative's Selection Process, we will keep you up to date on the project's status in future newsletters. We will also advise you of the dates and times when ADOT will be holding neighborhood meetings to review their proposal with the public. In the mean time, if you have questions about the project, please feel free to contact Lyle Richardson at 634-9591.

There's a New Face in the Building Department!

The next time you call for information about construction permitting in the town of Clarkdale, you will get a chance to discuss your project with the Town's newest addition to the Planning and Building Department. **Brian Hilderbrand**, our new Building Official, comes to the Town after a long history in the private construction sector.

With Brian on board, the Town will once again be able to provide complete "in house" plan reviews and 5-day-a-week inspection service within 24 hours of the request. Brian will also be involved in the various Code Enforcement duties of the Planning Department. He is also working on completing his ICBO Inspection Certification Program and expects to be fully certified within 6 months!

So, call or, better yet, come by and introduce yourself to Brian so you can "pick his brain" on the best way to complete the building permit process in the Town of Clarkdale! He can be reached at 634-9591.



Attention Land Owners and Contractors

The process of reviewing the Town's current **Subdivision Ordinance** is underway. What's needed is a simpler way to subdivide smaller parcels and land holdings in the undeveloped areas of Clarkdale. The Planning Commission began the review meeting on June 23, 2003. They have had input from land owners and development industry representatives.

The Commission began by identifying issues and conflicts with the current subdivision and land division procedures used by the Town. They plan to present a report of their findings to the Town Council in the near future. As a part of that report, the Commission and Planning Staff will include suggestions to address the identified issues.

While great progress was made in this initial meeting, there is much left to be done. If you are interested in participating in this review, the Planning Commission would welcome your involvement and asks you to contact Lyle Richardson in the Planning Department (634-9591) for more information. Thanks in advance for your interest and help.

Library Survey

To help us better serve you, please answer the following questions. They may be returned to Town Hall, placed in the Library drop box or mailed to the address below.

How are we doing with? (Circle one, 5 is best)

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| 1. Friendliness | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. Reference assistance | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. Availability of staff | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. Equipment | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. Facility | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. Accessibility to services | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. Convenience | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8. Availability of materials | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

What is your age range?

Preteen Teen 20-39 40-59 60+

Additional comments:

1. How can the library do better?
2. I go to the library because ...
3. I would use the library more if ...
4. Recommendations on the arrangement/layout of the library.
5. What additional services/materials would you like to see at the library?
6. What programs would you like to see the library implement?

Clark Memorial Library

39 N. Ninth St.

PO Box 357,

Clarkdale, AZ 86324

634-9760 Fax: 639-0029

Email: clarkdale@yavapailibrary.org



Town of Clarkdale BUS TRIPS!

Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Children are welcome, but they must be accompanied by an adult. For baseball games lunch is on your own. Persons are welcome to bring food onto the bus, however there are limitations on what can be brought into the stadium. Fees include the ticket into the event and transportation. Transportation is by yellow air-conditioned school bus.

All bus trip reservations will be taken at Town Hall, 890 Main Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday -Friday. Payment is required at the time of reservation. Tickets are non-refundable, however, if there is a waiting list, we will attempt to sell your ticket for you. If you are unable to come to Town Hall to register during these hours, please call or email Coleen, 634-9591, coleeng@clarkdale.az.us to make special arrangements

Baseball Games - SOLD OUT!

Dinner Shows

“Dinner” shows are at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Phoenix. Lunch is a buffet with a salad bar. The show is 2 ½ hours long.

The Wizard of Oz Dinner Show - Sat., August 16, 2003
(bus leaves at 8:30 a.m.)

West Side Story -Saturday, October 18, 2003

Showboat - Saturday, January 10, 2004

Annie Get Your Gun - Saturday, March 20, 2004

Cats - Saturday, May 22, 2004

Music Man - Saturday, July 10, 2004

Cost: \$40 per person which includes transportation, lunch, show, tax and gratuity

Time: Bus leaves at 9:00 a.m.; Lunch 11:45 a.m.;
Show 1:15 p.m.

Other Bus Trips

***The Radio City Christmas Spectacular -
Starring the Rockettes***, December 13, 2003

Cost: \$55.00 per person, includes transportation and event ticket

Where: ASU Gammage Auditorium, Phoenix

Time: Bus leaves Town Hall parking lot at 8:00 a.m.,
show begins at 11:00 a.m.

Library Notes

By Charlotte Hawken,
Library Manager

NEW BOOKS

August

A Place of Hiding	Elizabeth George
Dead Letters	Joan Lock
Exit Wounds	J.A. Jance
Little Indiscretions	Carmen Posadas
Murder in the Museum	Simon Brett
Quantico Rules	Gene Riehl
Street Dreams	Faye Kellerman
The Teeth of the Tiger	Tom Clancy

September

A Feast for Crows	George R.R. Martin
Death by Hollywood	Stephen Bochco
Fatal Tide	Iris Johansen
Random Walk Guide/Investing	Burton Malkiel
Sniper	Sari Horwitz
The Babes in the Wood	Ruth Rendell
The Devil's Banker	Christopher Reich

October

Balance of Power	Richard N. Patterson
Blood Canticle	Anne Rice
Every Second Counts	Lance Armstrong
Love	Toni Morrison
Our Lady of the Forest	David Guterson
Who's Looking Out For You?	Bill O'Reilly

Remember, the public is invited to the
Library Advisory Board meetings
on the first Thursday of each month
at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Online Catalog from your home

<http://www.yavapailibrary.org/clark.htm>

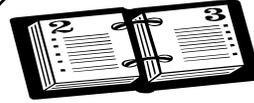
Library Hours

Mon & Wed 11:00 - 4:00

Tues 1:00 - 6:00

Thur, Fri. & Sat 1:00 - 4:00

Closed Sunday



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

Aug 2 Concert in the Park, Midlife Crisis, 6-8 pm
Aug 5 National Night Out, 6-8 pm, Pool
Aug 7 Library Advisory Board, 7 pm, CML
Aug 10 Concert in the Park, Janice Paul, 6-8 pm
Aug 12 Regular Council, 6 pm, LB
Aug 13 Design Review Board, 9 am, ML
Aug 18 Parks & Recreation, 1 pm, LB
Aug 18 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
Aug 24 Bus trip-Diamondbacks vs. Chicago Cubs
Aug 26 Special Council, 6 pm, LB
Aug 27 Heritage Conservancy Brd, 5:15 pm, CML
Aug 30 Concert in the Park, J. Ziegler, Major Lingo

Sep 1 Labor Day Holiday - Town Offices Closed
Sep 4 Library Advisory Board, 7 pm, CML
Sep 9 Regular Council, 6 pm, LB
Sep 10 Design Review Board, 9 am, ML
Sep 14 Bus trip-Diamondbacks vs. Rockies
Sep 14 Concert in the Park, Danny Rhodes, 6-8 pm
Sep 15 Parks & Recreation, 1 pm, LB
Sep 15 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
Sep 20 Concert/Park, Sentimental Journey, 6-8 pm
Sep 23 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
Sep 24 Heritage Conservancy Brd, 5:15 pm, CML

Oct 2 Library Advisory Board, 7 pm, CML
Oct 8 Design Review Board, 9 am, ML
Oct 14 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
Oct 20 Parks & Recreation, 1 pm, LB
Oct 20 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
Oct 22 Heritage Conservancy Brd, 5:15 pm, CML
Oct 25 Dance, Sentimental Journey, 7-9 pm
Oct 28 Special Council, 6 pm, ML

Meeting dates and times are subject to change.



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!

Homebound Book Delivery

If you're unable to get to
the library, give us a call
at 634-9760 and we'll
deliver the materials of
your choice to you.





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

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 Clarkdale, AZ 86324-0308

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Lisa Christensen	Grants Administrator	lisac@clarkdale.az.us

Town of Clarkdale Website: www.clarkdale.az.us

GAZEBO PHOTOGRAP



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If you have photos of the gazebo taken prior to 1950, the Heritage Conservancy Board would like to see them and possibly make copies.

Do you have other photos of historic Clarkdale that you would like to share?

Please contact Charlotte at Town Hall, 634-9591, or email clarkdale@clarkdale.org

THE NAMING OF A HISTORY MUSEUM/ACTIVITIES CENTER FOR CLARKDALE

At the March 18th Clarkdale Town Council meeting, the Council voted to allow the Heritage Conservancy Board to create a center for historical activities and museum displays in the old clinic building (recently used by the Motor Vehicle Department). The building is scheduled for renovation, as part of the Town's Facilities Master Plan.

You can help in choosing a name for the center by calling 634-9591 or turning in your suggestion at Town Hall. Suggestions so far include the following:

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| Center for Clarkdale History | Clarkdale Historical Center |
| Clarkdale Heritage Center | Clarkdale Preservation Center |

The Board is in the process of forming an independent non-profit organization to run the center. They need help from the residents of the Town and ask that anyone interested in working on this project, please contact Charlotte at Town Hall, 634-9591, or email clarkdale@yavapailibrary.org.