

# TALK OF THE TOWN

AUGUST 2008

## Mayor's Corner

By Doug Von Gausig

## A Tight Budget Year

You have probably read in your papers and heard on the news that Arizona's local governments are all dealing with a decrease in income caused by the downturn in the housing market. This downturn has reduced almost every kind of income that we depend on to run our cities, towns and counties, including sales taxes, property taxes, and money we received from that State. The State itself is predicting a \$2 billion shortfall in its budget this year! Clarkdale is no different. We're dealing with reduced income and at the same time our expenses are climbing at record rates. The cost of fuel, electricity, and supplies, for instance has increased dramatically over the last few months.

In the spring of each year our Town staff and Council begin an annual budgetary review that helps us predict what our income and expenses will be for the next year. This is done in a series of public

meetings and leads to the adoption of a budget that tells us exactly how we'll conduct our financial affairs for the next fiscal year. Usually these meetings are attended by very few of the public, although they are some of the most important meetings of the year. So far, this year's budget shows us that we'll have to tighten our belts if we are to continue providing you with the services you've come to expect.

In order to pay the bills and keep from breaking the budget, we have stopped hiring new personnel unless a position is critical. We have also trimmed back employee overtime and have not budgeted for cost of living or merit raises for the Town staff. We have cut our travel and education budgets by about half and stopped out-of-state travel for employees. We're even rescheduling some of our Council, Board and Commission meetings to take better advantage of our staff's regular work hours. Every Town department has been asked to examine expenses and trim anything that is non-essential, and they have responded in many cases

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## 2008 Dances Featuring *Sentimental Journey*

Oct. 18 & Nov. 22, 2008

7-10 p.m., \$5.00 Admission

Clarkdale Clubhouse Auditorium



Refreshments available for purchase. Sponsored by the Heritage Conservancy Board.

**Parks & Recreation is seeking volunteers and candy donations for Halloween. If interested please contact Parks & Recreation at 639-2490.**

## CLARKDALE FAMILY FUN FEST

Clarkdale Town Park

9 am-3 pm

Saturday, October 4, 2008



This is a wonderful family event. Enjoy entertainment and crafters. Food Court. Games and prizes for kids and adults. Ride the Antique Fire Truck or Horse & Carriage. Walk/Run for Breast Cancer Awareness.

**Vendor info & scarecrow contest:**

contact Linda, 649-0080, lvs@coffeeneewsaz.net.

Run/Walk-Kerry at lolaandwyatt@aol.com or cheryl@myccc.us.

Sponsored by the Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce.

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with bigger savings than we thought they would. If you go into the Town's offices you'll notice that the lights are off in many of the rooms. We will be cutting non-profit donations as well as some minor community social functions. With these and many other cost-saving steps, it looks like we'll be in pretty good shape for the next year. It won't be the financial condition we'd all like, but we'll make it.

The direction the Council has given so far is that we must trim expenses that do not permanently jeopardize Clarkdale's services, and that don't deplete our capital. In this case, "capital" means not just buildings and equipment, but also the staff of devoted employees that Clarkdale is so fortunate to have. Streets will be re-paved, but only when absolutely necessary, and buildings will be maintained, but seldom improved. We expect to maintain staffing and service levels so that the average citizen doesn't even notice the change, though we have held 9 positions vacant so far.

We can live with most of these cost reductions for a year or two without hurting our town, but we can't do them forever, so we're all hoping that the economy turns around sometime in the next 12 months. Past recessions have seldom lasted more than a year. In the meantime, rest assured we are all doing what we can to keep expenses down, income up and the books balanced!

We'd like to hear from you on this year's budget. If you have questions about the Town's finances or ideas that might help, please let me or another of our council members know. For now, the bottom line is that we're doing with a lot less, but we're doing fine!

### Volunteers - You Are One In A Million

April 17, 2008 the Town Council and staff expressed their gratitude to the Town's 110 Volunteers at an annual Appreciation Dinner. Volunteers assist the Town by serving on Boards and Commissions, assisting with holidays, Concerts in the Park, Heritage Dances, pool opening, maintaining trails, picking up trash, answering phones, working the book sale and doing repairs. Several volunteers assist the Town in multiple positions.

Mayor Doug Von Gausig thanked all the volunteers for their valuable contribution to Clarkdale, stating that we could not have such a wonderful place to live without their unselfish involvement in our Town. The Town Council also approved a proclamation declaring April 28 to May 4, 2008, as Clarkdale Volunteer Appreciation Week.

Thank you to all the vendors who helped make this event special.

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| Wal-Mart  | Cottonwood Auto Spa  | Planet Video     |
| Food City | Hog Wild Restaurant  | Hawkins Theaters |
| Pepsi     | Hilton Sedona Resort | Murphy's Grill   |

### Mark your calendar and join us for the next scheduled TALK ABOUT THE TOWN

Where – Lampliter Village Clubhouse

When – 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 27th

Thank you again to Alcora Marble for hosting the 'TALK ABOUT THE TOWN' last month. There were about 15 residents who joined us to talk about a wide variety of topics that concerned them, including:

- water
- arsenic treatment
- town easements
- economic development
- 89a construction
- water conservation plans
- Mountain Gate development
- state and town budgets
- General Plan
- regional planning

... and that was for starters! We had a great response from those who came, appreciating the opportunity for open conversation with Council and staff which can't take place at Council meetings.

All town residents are invited for an informal talk with your Mayor, a Councilmember, the Town Manager and town staff about any topic that's on your mind. We'll serve the coffee and dessert – you bring the comments, questions and concerns that you have about Clarkdale.

#### We want to hear about them!

Please call Janet Perry at 639-2500 if you have any questions, or if you'd like to host a TALK ABOUT THE TOWN in your home or place of business.

#### Past Talk About the Town hosts:

- Verde Canyon Railroad
- Yavapai College
- Alcora Marble

## 2008 Spirit of Clarkdale Awards

The Spirit of Clarkdale Awards Program enables the Town Council to recognize Clarkdale home and business owners, organizations, neighborhoods, and individuals, for their exceptional contributions to the Town. Recipients of the award excelled in the categories of Property Beautification, Historical Preservation, Neighborhood Programs or Events, Community Volunteerism, or Green.

After receiving nominations from the public, a Review Committee made recommendations to the Town Council, who approved the recipients of the award, as follows:

### Community Service

Jess Valdez – For his work on researching, locating and documenting the William Clark Plane Crash Site.

Roy Buck – For his efforts on picking up trash on Hwy 89A.

Patricia Harris – For her volunteer work with the Clarkdale Library.

Clarkdale Lions Club – For their generosity and support to the Town and great example of good citizenship.

### Property Beatification/Historical Preservation

Main Street Café – Refurbishment of the café and preservation of the historical downtown.

Miller's Market – Remodel of a vacant store front and preservation of the historical downtown area.

Clarkdale Metals – Revitalization of the old smelter area and preservation of the historical downtown.

### Architectural/Conservation

Architecture Works – Solar electrical installation and facility architectural merit.

For additional information, please call Town Hall at 639-2400 or visit [www.clarkdale.az.us](http://www.clarkdale.az.us).

The awards were presented to the recipients during a special ceremony at Clarkdale's Annual Old-Fashioned Fourth of July event in the Clarkdale Park.

### **Highway 89A Project**

For information please contact the ADOT Project Hotline, 1-800-340-5240.

For further information about **roundabouts** go to:  
<http://www.azdot.gov/ccpartnerships/Roundabouts/Index.asp>.

## Spotlight on Councilmember Richard Dehnert

Richard Dehnert was born in Galesburg, IL, and graduated from Shimer College in Mt. Carroll, Illinois with a BA in Humanities. Shortly after college, he began a career in radio broadcasting as a news director at KSIL in Silver City, New Mexico. After a stint as operations director at KATO in Safford, Arizona, Richard and his wife, Krysta, purchased KYBC (then KVIO) and moved to Cottonwood along with their three young sons in 1979. Their daughter, Ellen, was born in Cottonwood in 1980. They built KVRD-FM in 1991, subsequently selling their broadcast holdings to Yavapai Broadcasting in 1996. After several years of traveling the West, Richard and Krysta settled in Clarkdale in 2001. They purchased a little brick Clarkdale classic in 2002 and have spent the ensuing years enjoying the small town lifestyle of upper Clarkdale.

During his years as a broadcaster, Richard engaged in a number of community service activities, serving at various times as President of the Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce, President of Verde Valley Rotary Club, Chairman of the Yavapai County Foster Care Review Board, and on other committees and projects.

Richard is currently employed as Community Relations Coordinator for the Verde Valley Guidance Clinic. In addition to his current role as the President of the Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce, Richard remains active in Rotary and serves as the Verde Valley Guidance Clinic's representative on the MATForce Executive Committee and The Arizona Council of Human Service Providers. He has also served for several years on the Clarkdale Board of Adjustment.

Richard considers his service on the Clarkdale Town Council to be a continuation of his life-long dedication to community involvement. "I love Clarkdale and look forward to the opportunity to serve the community as it faces the challenges ahead."

# Vesta Northcross - Clarkdale Centenarian

By Michelle Hayman

As I stood outside of her brick home, I was excited to speak with a woman I was told would be turning 100 years old. The woman who came to the door, Vesta Northcross is a woman as lively as can be and a person anyone would love to sit down with and meander through 100 years of life. She will have her 100th birthday in August.

Vesta led me over to a table where she had photos of Clarkdale, including one of her home after she bought it, when there was no vegetation around due to the after-effects of the copper smelter. Vesta brought life to her home, growing flowers and converted the original duplex into a single family dwelling. There are stained glass lamps Vesta created and beautiful weavings hand-made on her loom. Many pictures of her family fill the hallway, walls and shelves of her home.

Vesta Northcross was born in 1908 in Grand Junction, Colorado. She and her family traveled by locomotive in 1914 to Tempe. They also had a watermelon crop and Vesta would sell the watermelon on the corner of Center and Southern to folks coming by.

Vesta lived in Tolleson, Arizona for about one year where her father had a large farm, but her mom didn't care much for the "rattlers," so they switched to raising cotton alongside Broadway Road in Phoenix.

Vesta went to Roosevelt Grammar School and then to Phoenix Union High School. When asked what she and her friends would do for fun, Vesta replied that she and her friends would travel to South Mountain in a "car without a top" to roast hot dogs and laugh warm summer days away. They would say they were "as high up as the Jefferson Hotel."

In 1971 Vesta bought a house in Clarkdale where she still lives today. Vesta brought her mother, father and two sisters to Clarkdale and cared for them at her home. She became friends with the Bell family who shared many stories with Vesta about the history of Clarkdale.

Vesta was part of the Historical Society in Clarkdale and kept a scrapbook of photos and newspaper clippings of the restoration of the Clarkdale Clubhouse. She helped to hand-stencil designs for the curtains in the auditorium to match the curtains that were found in the basement of the Clubhouse that had fallen in disrepair. Industrious people of Clarkdale gathered together and formed the Restoration Commission. The Commission included Vesta, "Pep" Bright, Dorothy Benatz, John and Bette Bell, Ed and Dee King, Del Turner, Eleanor Small, and Ken and Patricia Watson. You can find the scrapbook Vesta donated at the Clarkdale Heritage Museum.

Her volunteering didn't stop there, Vesta also found time to help out at the Senior Center in Cottonwood, delivering food to those in need.

Vesta has four children, 12 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren. She loves to read and listen to Prairie Home Companion on NPR on Saturday night.

I have a feeling there are many stories yet to be shared by Vesta Nelson-Northcross, and I hope to be there to listen. As Vesta and I agreed, everyone has a story. Thank you, Vesta, it was a lovely afternoon.

## Frequently Asked Question:

### When do I have to connect to the Town of Clarkdale sewer system?

When a public sewer becomes available within three hundred feet of any property serviced by a private sewage disposal system, it is mandatory that a direct connection be made to the public sewer in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 11-3-5.5.

Connection is mandatory when any one or more of the following conditions applies:

1. The property's current private sewage facility or system fails in any manner.
2. A building permit is applied for in which the value of the construction exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or as a condition of a permit allowing replacement of a mobile home.
3. Improvements made to the property require the private sewage system to be expanded in any way.
4. The property is sold.
5. It is mandatory for all properties that are served by the public sewer system to hook up to the system within three years after sewer service is available to the subject property.

A monthly user fee for sanitary sewer service is imposed on all serviceable developed properties and commences on the date that the sewer connection is completed by the property owner or no later than one year after public sewer service is available, whichever comes first.

The Town of Clarkdale Code, Chapter 11 - Sewer, may be viewed on our website at [www.clarkdale.az.us](http://www.clarkdale.az.us).

Sewer Service questions:  
Utilities Department (928-639-2520)  
Monday -Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Emergency phone (928) 202-2152.

## National Public Works Week

In honor of National Public Works Week, a BBQ lunch was held on May 21 for the Public Works and Utilities Departments in recognition of their hard work. The Public Works and Utilities administration staff along with several of the Town's local businesses showed their appreciation by donating items to be raffled off to the crew, making a great day for all.

A special thank you to Verde Canyon Railroad, Millers Market, Main Street Café, Classic Gas, 10/12 Lounge, and Su Casa for their generous donations to the Public Works and Utility crew and making them feel the community appreciates their hard work. The grand prize, a trip for two on the Verde Canyon Rail Road, was won by Mick McCullough.

The Public Works Department also celebrated with Tom Menges, Chris Keller, and Elpidio Rangel for reaching their milestone of fifteen years employment with Clarkdale.



Relay for Life of the Verde Valley was well represented on April 25-26 by Clarkdale residents through planning committee membership, team captains and team membership. Approximately \$66,000.00 was raised through the efforts of 37 teams. 3 of those teams are closely connected to Clarkdale. Lights and Sirens for Life consists of Clarkdale Fire District personnel and their families and friends. Clarkdale-Jerome School Cancer Rammers came in 6th place for their funds raised.

1st place team, Clarkdale Cancer Kickers, consisting of residents from all over the Verde Valley, has been around for years. Recently Marcy Elmer became their team captain. The Top 5 Relay Participants were all connected to Clarkdale as team members; Paul Green in 1st place, Sheila Brown 2nd place, Stacy Kramer 3rd place, Dottie Hemmer 4th place and Joni Boardman in 5th place.

Jim & Dinah Gemmill, Frank Hoene and Ed Middleton helped with planning. We can be proud of our efforts in support of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Let us not forget our generous local sponsors: Mold In Graphics, Salt River Materials Group, and Stone & Youngberg.

**Thank you.  
We appreciate your support.**

## GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

The town is starting a review and update of the existing General Plan. We are starting this ahead of the state required update timeline so that the town process can provide for many public input opportunities. The process starting in July calls for setting up multiple focus groups that will be charged with addressing one issue or chapter of the existing General Plan. We will be forming groups around Land Use, Water, Conservation, Economic Development, Circulation and Transportation, Parks and Open Space,

Environmental Planning, Cost of Development, Growth Area, Housing, Annexation Policy, Public Facilities, and History and Culture. We would like to invite anyone in the community that has an interest in one or more of these issues to contact the Community Development Department at 639-2550. We will be providing background information and working with each group for the next few months. This is the communities chance to help direct the development of the town and define Clarkdale's future.

**Please get involved!!!**

## Board & Commission Vacancies

The Town Council is seeking applications for appointments to Town Boards and Commissions. Clarkdale residents interested in serving on a board or commission should submit an application to Town Hall no later than August 15, 2008. Applications may be printed from the Town website at <http://www.clarkdale.az.us> or are available at Town Hall.

Most appointments are two year terms commencing on October 1, 2008. The following is a list of vacancies and a description of their duties. For questions please contact Walt Good, Deputy Town Clerk at 639-2400.

The **Board of Adjustment** has three openings. They meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM. The board is a quasi judicial body which has powers and duties prescribed by law and ordinance, including: 1) To hear and decide appeals to administrative decisions; 2) To interpret the boundaries of zoning districts; 3) To hear and decide variances; 4) To permit the extension of nonconforming uses.

The **Design Review Board** has two openings.

They meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM. The board reviews the exterior of proposed new buildings, proposed alteration to buildings, and reviews major development or redevelopments to assure they are compatible with the surrounding environment, preserving and protecting the integrity of the Town.

The **Heritage Conservancy Board** has two openings. They meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 4:00 PM. This board advises the Council and staff regarding the preservation, conservation, and promotion of natural, cultural and historical resources.

The **Library Advisory Board** has three openings. They meet on the first Thursday of each month at 9:00 AM. In addition to the meetings, members participate in two fundraising events for the Library. Fourth of July ice cream social and December's book sale.

The **Parks and Recreation Commission** has two openings. They meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM. The commission is an advisory body to the Council on park development. Members also participate in the Fourth of July, Halloween and Christmas events.

## Building Department Reminders

- We still have address numbers available for the alley side of your home or business. If you need a suitable material to mount them to, or assistance, just ask. There is no charge for this service.
- Along with our wet spring, comes the proliferation of summer weeds. Please remember to keep all weeds cut to a maximum of 8". This looks better and prevents a potential fire hazard.
- The Town has an outdoor lighting code designed to help keep our night sky viewable. We ask our residents to take a moment to re-search the outdoor lighting code, which is available at [www.clarkdale.az.us](http://www.clarkdale.az.us) or the Community Development offices.

**Thanks to all of our citizens for helping to keep Clarkdale clean and beautiful.**

## Verde Canyon Railroad

800-320-0718

[www.verdecanyonrr.com](http://www.verdecanyonrr.com)



## Events Schedule

**Saturday Night Trains**—Select Saturday evenings, June through September

**Grape Train Escapes**— Friday evening wine tasting trains - August 2 & 16, September 5

**Firecracker Express**— July 4

**Throw Granny & Grandpa on the Train- Grandparents Day**—September 7

**Fall Colors Tour**— October - November

**Ales on Rails Oktoberfest Beer Garden**— October 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26

**Haunted Halloween Express**— October 31

# CLARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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

**August Books**

Acheron: Dark-Hunter	Sherrilyn Kenyon
Assassin	Stephen Coonts
Being Elizabeth	Barbara T Bradford
Damage Control	J A Jance
Devil Bones	Kathy Reichs
Foreign Body	Robin Cook
Gypsy Moth	Terry Brooks
Lace Reader	Brunonia Barry
Mercedes Coffin	Faye Kellerman
One Fifth Avenue	Candace Bushnell
Rough Justice	Jack Higgins
Smoke Screen	Sandra Brown



**August DVDs**

Camp Rock                      Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day

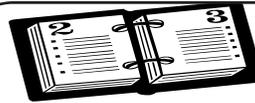
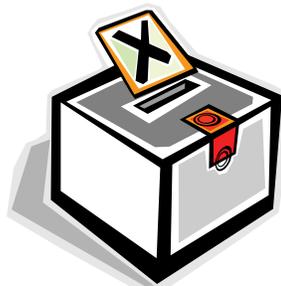
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**Online Library Catalog**

## Voting Precincts Split in Clarkdale. Where Do I Vote Now?

Yavapai County split the Town of Clarkdale from one election precinct into two. The County splits precincts in order to keep a manageable number of registered voters at each polling place.

The line between precincts follows along Highway 89A. Residents with addresses located South and West of Hwy 89A will now vote at the newly created “**Orchard**” precinct at the Clarkdale Baptist Church at 1051 Hwy 89A. Residents with addresses located North and East of Hwy 89A will vote at the “**Clarkdale**” precinct at the Clark Memorial Clubhouse located at 19 North Ninth Street.

To view a map showing the two precincts, you may visit Town Hall or go to [www.clarkdale.az.us](http://www.clarkdale.az.us) and look under 2008 Elections.



## Town Calendar

AUD - Auditorium, Clark Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth St.  
 CD - Community Dev. Conference Room, 39 N. Ninth  
 CML - Clark Memorial Library, 39 N. Ninth St.  
 FD - Fire Department, 895 First South Street  
 ML - Men's Lounge, Clark Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth St.  
 FIN - Finance Conference Room, 890 Main Street  
 YC - Yavapai College, M137

- Aug 5 National Night Out
- Aug 7 Library Advisory Board, 9 am, CML
- Aug 12 Regular Council, 6 pm, YC
- Aug 13 Parks & Recreation Comm., 5:30 pm, FC
- Aug 13 Design Review Board, 6 pm, CML
- Aug 20 Heritage Conservancy, 4 pm, CML
- Aug 26 Special Council, 3 pm, ML
- Aug 27 Board of Adjustment, 6 pm, CML
- Aug 28 Planning Commission, 6 pm, CML
  
- Sept 1 Town offices closed, *Labor Day*
- Sept 4 Library Advisory Board, 9 am, CML
- Sept 9 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
- Sept 10 Design Review Board, 6 pm, ML
- Sept 10 Parks & Recreation Comm., 5:30 pm, FC
- Sept 17 Heritage Conservancy, 4 pm, CML
- Sept 23 Special Council, 3 pm, ML
- Sept 24 Board of Adjustment, 6 pm, ML
- Sept 25 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
- Sept 26 Gala - *God's Favorite*, 6 pm, AUD
  
- Oct 2 Library Advisory Board, 9 am, CML
- Oct 8 Parks & Recreation Comm., 5:30 pm, FC
- Oct 8 Design Review Board, 6 pm, ML
- Oct 14 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
- Oct 15 Heritage Conservancy, 4 pm, CML
- Oct 18 Dance, *Sentimental Journey*, 7-10 pm, AUD
- Oct 23 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
- Oct 28 Special Council, 3 pm, ML

Meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change.

**Primary Election: September 2, 2008**  
**General Election: November 4, 2008**

**Telephone Numbers:**

Water, Sewer & Trash Billing: 639-2450  
 Water & Sewer Problems: 639-2520  
 Fire Department, non-emergency: 639-4591  
 Police Dept., non-emergency: 649-7700, 634-2921  
 Clark Memorial Library: 639-2480  
 Municipal Court: 649-7730  
 Cemetery Manager & Public Works: 639-2550  
 Community Development: 639-2500  
 All other business: Town Hall: 639-2400  
 Fax: 639-2409, TTY: 1-800-367-8939



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## Fire District News

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### Fire District Lowers Tax Rate

By: Jim Elmer, Board Chairman



The Fire District Board has lowered the existing tax rate from 1.63 to 1.58 for fiscal year 2008-2009. During the formation of the fire district a commitment was made to try to maintain the 1.63 rate for several years. At 1.63 it was already one of the lowest in the state.

According to the Yavapai County Assessor's Office, there is a substantial "lag time" between the time property values are determined by the assessor and when properties are taxed. This year's property tax bills are based on the sales and values during the 2006 and 2007 years. This method does not consider the large decreases in sales and values we have seen in the recent year. These decreases should be reflected in 2009 and later valuations.

It stands to reason that if property values decrease substantially in coming years, rates may have to increase again in order for the fire district to maintain services. The commitment of the current Board is to keep our tax rate as low as possible without compromising service.

### Board Members Needed

By: Jim Elmer, Board Chairman

The Clarkdale Fire District has operated with a three-member board since its formation. In the upcoming November election, it will change to a five-member board. All five positions will be up for election. The present Fire Board is asking members of the public who may have an interest in the

operation of the Fire District, and who would be willing to make a long-term commitment, to consider running in the election.

The work of the board is to use logic and life experience to make decisions to guide the District. Fighting fire and saving lives is done by our trained staff. It is our job as a Board to keep them efficient and operational. If you are interested, please feel free to contact the station at 639-4591 or [admin@clarkdalefd.org](mailto:admin@clarkdalefd.org). You may also find our website helpful, [www.clarkdalefd.org](http://www.clarkdalefd.org). Nomination papers are due by August 6, 2008.

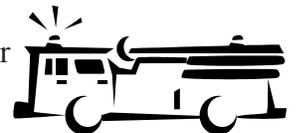
### New "Permanent" Burn Permits

As of July 1st, the District has begun issuing FREE "permanent" burn permits. The permits are valid as long as the resident lives at the permitted address. Burn permits are available at Clarkdale Fire Station #21, 895 First South Street. The district is able to provide this service through a contract with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ).

### FEMA/DHS Grant

The District recently was awarded a FEMA, Department of Homeland

Security Grant in the amount of \$91,200. These funds, along with the District's match of \$4,800, will be used to purchase a new brush and wildlands fire truck. This truck will replace a 29-year old vehicle, which was taken out of service because it was no longer safe or effective to operate.



**Be fire wise during this wildfire season!**  
 Go to [clarkdalefd.org](http://clarkdalefd.org) for information on protecting your home from fire.