

Talk of the Town

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Minor Explosion



On Sunday, September 7th at approximately 11:00 a.m. a minor explosion occurred in the Rectory of St. Cecelia's Church. A small fire broke out and was quickly contained. Father Hurley was in the Rectory at the time, however he did not incur any injuries. The cause of the explosion was flammable vapors from some type of petroleum based product in the sewer line.

At 1:30 p.m. the Fire Department and Police Department started evacuating residents on lower Main Street, First North and Second North where petroleum levels in the sewer lines were determined to be unsafe. Approximately 185 people were evacuated. Approximately 20 persons relocated to the Clark Memorial Clubhouse, which was being used as an evacuation center. The Clarkdale-Jerome School gave the Town the use of their 15 passenger van to transport residents if needed and also were prepared to open the school in the event additional space was needed for evacuated persons. The City of Cottonwood also provided a handicapped accessible C.A.T.S. van and driver. The evacuation center was staffed by Verde Valley Ambulance. The Verde Valley Humane Society provided cages, food and water bowls for evacuated animals.

The Fire Department began flushing the sewer system from fire hydrants and with reclaimed water from the Cottonwood treatment plant and with a chemical product designed to stabilize petroleum products. Meanwhile the Camp Verde Haz-Mat team tested and re-tested for the contaminate in man-holes. Other departments who responded were the Verde Valley Fire District and the Cottonwood Fire Department. The Sedona Fire Department assisted by providing additional stabilization chemicals.

Incident Command was located at Town Hall and was directed by Interim Clarkdale Fire Chief Don Eberle. Non-Emergency Staff answered telephone calls, kept in contact with evacuated residents and

provided assistance where needed.

The Town Crew monitored the wastewater treatment plant to make sure all sewer functions were working properly. Also on site was Mayor Bluff, who served as the public information officer to the news media and kept the residents in the evacuation center informed of the progress being made.

The Red Cross provided dinner to both the evacuated residents and to the personnel on duty. At 8:30 p.m. the Haz-Mat team reported that the contamination was down to 0% and residents were able to return to their homes. Testing done in the days following the event were also 0%. An investigation is underway as to the source of the petroleum product.

The Town of Clarkdale would like to thank everyone who worked to bring this emergency to a safe end and to the evacuated residents for their patience and understanding.

Down the Drain

The explosion on September 7 in Clarkdale was caused by a gas or solvent that was improperly introduced into the sewer collection system. Fumes from petroleum based products and harsh chemicals can linger in the collection system for several days. These products can also adversely affect the treatment system by killing off the microbiology that makes the system work. The explosion caused a great deal of damage; it could have been worse. The Town of Clarkdale asks residents to consider what they are putting into the sewer system. The following guidelines apply:

ALLOWED:
Human Waste
Organic matter
Minor Cleaning
Products

NOT ALLOWED:
Petroleum based products
Weed killers
Pesticides

If you question whether or not a particular product could be harmful if disposed into the sewer, please contact the Public Works Department at 928-634-9591.





"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

— Margaret Mead,
20th century American anthropologist

The Town of Clarkdale places a high priority on involving our citizens in the operations of the Town, both through volunteerism and public input. Volunteers play an important role in the operation of the town, and the roles and opportunities for involvement continue to grow as our community thrives. Currently the Town has approximately 90 volunteers providing services to our citizens.

On-going services that our volunteers provide include staffing at the Fire Department and Library, building community pride through Adopt-A-Road crews and neighborhood clean-ups, monitoring the Town's recycle bins, managing the Town's website, assisting with special events like the 4th of July, Halloween and Christmas, maintaining trail systems, serving on Council appointed Boards and Commissions, and performing a variety of other services.

The Town also depends on citizens to assist with short-term and one-time projects. From time to time, we have staff or Council-appointed study committees who consider and make recommendations on town-related issues. The Town may also solicit input from citizens with a specific area of expertise.

The Volunteer Information Sheet on the following page is intended to help us match volunteers with roles that they will enjoy. Maybe you have an interest or a talent that could be utilized in ways the Town has not yet envisioned.

Are you interested in serving your community and becoming part of the team? If so, we encourage you to complete the information sheet and mail it in or drop it by Town Hall. A staff member will contact you to discuss how your time and talents can be applied in a rewarding way for you and the Town.



The Public Works Department would like to thank residents for their cooperation throughout the recent chip seal project.

Gazebo Project Update



At the September 9th meeting, the Town Council unanimously approved the refurbishment of the gazebo. Town staff is developing a Scope of Work for the contractor that will bring the structure up to current safety requirements while preserving as much as possible of the original materials. The lead based paint on the structure and in the surrounding soil will also be addressed. The Scope of Work for the project is expected to be available by mid-October. Stop by Town Hall to review the Scope of Work, or look for it on the Town website at www.clarkdale.az.us

The Clarkdale Foundation has approximately \$12,000 designated for the project. However, based

on preliminary cost estimates, additional funds will be needed. Anyone interested in donating to the refurbishing of the Gazebo may make contributions to the Town of Clarkdale or the Clarkdale Foundation (a non-profit organization), Post Office Box 345, Clarkdale, AZ 86324. Please be sure to indicate on your check that it is for the Gazebo



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!

Work Continues on the Minor Subdivision Review Process

Members of the Town's Planning Commission and the Planning Department, working closely with Clarkdale residents, have begun working on various alternatives to the Town's current Minor Subdivision Review Process in order to find a simpler method of creating new residential lots within the Town.

Recently, the Planning Commission agreed to meet in bi-monthly work sessions on first and third Mondays to outline suggestions for consideration by the Town Council. Your help is critical to the success of this effort. If you are interested in helping the Commission, please contact Lyle Richardson in the Planning Department (634-9591) to get more information about the meetings.

Volunteer Information -Town of Clarkdale, Arizona

Post Office Box 308 Clarkdale, Arizona 86324
(928) 634-9591 Fax: (928)634-0407 TDD:1-800-367-8939

Please Print

Date: _____

Name: _____
 Last First Middle

Physical Address: _____
 Address City State Zip

Mailing Address: _____
 Address City State Zip

Telephone: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Please tell us your volunteer interests, check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt - A - Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund-raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Clean-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt - A- Street | <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Contact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulk Mailings | <input type="checkbox"/> Halloween - Donating Candy | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Halloween - Staffing Road Blocks | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Special Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas - Santa Event | <input type="checkbox"/> Halloween - Judging Costumes | <input type="checkbox"/> Police Explorers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Radar | <input type="checkbox"/> History Projects/Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Decorating | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Study Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Entry | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Teens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Library - Preschool Story Hours | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th of July - Children's Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Library - Children's activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Building/Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th of July - Parade | <input type="checkbox"/> Library - Moving books | <input type="checkbox"/> Trash Pick-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th of July - General/Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Library - General | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Coordination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Fighting/EMT | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Block Parties | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Conservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |
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Would you be willing to help distribute flyers promoting events in your neighborhood,
such as free clean-up days, etc.? YES NO

Strong Cities & Towns Week October 20-26, 2003

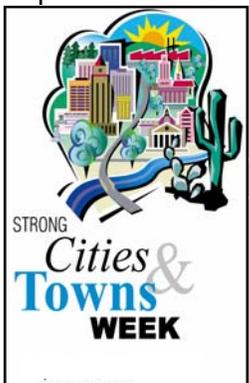
Without your town fire department could you go it alone at 3:00 a.m.? Without your police, firefighters, library and parks ...what would you do?

During the week of October 20-26, 2003, cities and towns all over the state of Arizona will be celebrating Strong Cities and Towns Week. This program, initiated by the Arizona League of Cities and Towns, is intended to raise the public's awareness and appreciation for valuable city and town services.

Cities and towns statewide work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to deliver the services that build vibrant communities with exceptional quality of life.

Arizona's population has grown more than 40% in the past decade. Clarkdale's population has grown 59.6% during the same time period. 78% of Arizona's population lives in cities and towns. Local government is working harder than ever to continue to provide high quality services to every citizen.

During October 20-26, and anytime during the year, we encourage you to stop by, call, write or email your questions, concerns or praises about the services provided by the town staff.



Applications Being Accepted for Parks and Recreation Commission and Municipal Property Corporation

The Town of Clarkdale is requesting applications for appointments to the town's Parks and Recreation Commission (to finish a term which expires June 30, 2005) and the Municipal Property Corporation (MPC).

The Parks and Recreation Commission is charged with advising the Council on all aspects of park and trail development and recreation programs. Members participate in 4th of July, Halloween and Christmas events, as well as Concerts in the Park. The Commission regularly meets once a month, however, other meetings may be scheduled as needed.

The MPC is a non-profit organization that is an "affiliate of the governmental unit". Directors of the Board are appointed by the Town Council. The vacant term expires July 31, 2004. The charge of the MPC is to finance the cost of acquisition, construction and equipping of certain facilities for use by the Town of Clarkdale. The board, consisting of three Directors, usually meets once a year.

Applications are available at Clarkdale Town Hall, 890 Main Street, Clarkdale or may be downloaded off the town's website: <http://www.clarkdale.az.us/forms.html>.

Applications are due October 30, 2003. Applicants must reside within the Clarkdale Town Limits.

Recognize a Town Employee for Strong Cities and Towns Week

Is there a Town employee that has made your day or whose service you really appreciate? On October 20-26, 2003 the Town will be celebrating Strong Cities and Towns Week. During this week cities and towns all over Arizona are raising public awareness about Town services. If you would like a Town employee to be recognized for the service he or she provides, please fill-out the following form and send it in, drop it off, or mail it with your trash or sewer bill. It's as simple as that.

_____ Yes, I would like to recognize a Town employee for
Strong Cities and Towns Week

Name of Employee(s):

Comments, reason you want to recognize this person
or persons:

Name of person submitting form:

Mail or deliver to:
Town of Clarkdale
890 Main Street
Post Office Box 308
Clarkdale, AZ 86324-0308

The 17th Annual Made in Clarkdale (MIC) Gala Opening - December 5, 2003

On December 5th, the Clark Memorial Clubhouse Auditorium is magically transformed and comes alive as an arts space, featuring the works of artists who live and/or work in Clarkdale. The gala opening is distinctive, with dance and music performances.

This will be the 17th annual celebration of the arts and of Clarkdale, sharing the work of more than 60 serious acclaimed and emerging artists who are very much part of the fabric of our town. Painting to jewelry, sculpture to photography, mixed media to computer-generated images, ceramics to drawings and printmaking to furniture — will grace the Clubhouse for ten days.

The MIC '03 "open mic" on Friday, December 12, is another special event with a host of *drop-in* performances among the art works on exhibit.

"open mic"
Friday, Dec. 12,
6:00 PM-9:00 PM

MIC '03 Schedule

- Gala Opening: December 5 --- 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Exhibition Dates: December 6 through December 14
- Hours: Saturdays & Sundays --- 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Monday through Friday --- 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

All **MIC** events are free and open to the public. Mark your calendars and watch your mailboxes around the 20th of November for your invitation to a very special Clarkdale event.



The **MIC** '03 artists

Message From Your Police Department

By Chief Patrick C. Haynie



The police department is proud to announce that we have two new officers. One is to replace the position vacated by Officer Fowler and the other is a new position.

Officer Serafin Razo started work with us on September 8th. He came to us from Globe, Arizona where he served ten years as a reserve police officer and four years full time. He was born in Cottonwood and is a Mingus Union graduate. He is "coming home" with his wife and is excited about working with us. His adopted neighborhoods are Centerville and Mingus Shadows.

Officer Nicole Florisi will begin work on October 5th coming to us from Jerome where she served as an officer for one year. She began her career in

Law Enforcement by attending Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy. Nicole has been a Cottonwood Police Dispatcher for years and continues to work part time there. Her adopted neighborhood will be Black Hills and the Haskell Springs area.

The Police Explorers continues to grow and is up to eleven Explorers. They had a very successful fund-raising Softball Tournament on August 9th. They are getting ready to travel to Mesa on September 27th for a state-wide Explorer volleyball gathering. They plan to continue fund-raising to help pay for their equipment and uniforms.

On September 6th a team of golfers from Clarkdale participated in the annual Yavapai Silent Witness Golf Tournament in Prescott. Our team was made up of Sgt. Mike Pierce, Town Crewman Elpidio Rangel, DPS Officer Gene Moran and Clarkdale resident John Christensen. The team placed first in their division.



Scaring up Halloween Fun

Witches on brooms and pirates with parrots,
Angels, clowns and bunnies with carrots.

Halloween will be here soon
With trick-or-treaters under a bright moon.

The Town of Clarkdale provides safe streets
For the kids to gather their treats.

If you would donate bags of candy
It would help make our event dandy.

Best costumes win a prize of cash
Will you donate to our Halloween bash?

Your generosity will make it fun
And you'll be appreciated by everyone!

The Town of Clarkdale is planning entertainment for October 31st. Children will delight in scary stories at the Town Park gazebo starting at 4:45 p.m., just before the costume contest at 5:00 p.m. Best Costumes in the following age groups will be awarded cash prizes: 0-4, 5-7, 8-12, 13 and older, and Best Group.

The witches who are brewing up this fun need cash donations to cover expenses for the costume contest prizes. They also need candy. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated and help provide a safe and memorable evening for these little ghosts and goblins.

Please drop off your cash or candy donations at Town Hall before Oct 31. Volunteers would also be appreciated. If you can help out in any way that evening, please call Town Hall, 634-9591.

The Town appreciates all the work that the citizens do to make this a safe and happy event for the trick-or-treaters. May Jack-o-Lanterns smile upon you!



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. Fees include the ticket into the event and transportation. 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

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.

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 Town Hall parking lot at 9:00 a.m.; Lunch 11:45 a.m.;

Fall Dances

Featuring

Sentimental Journey

OCTOBER 25
NOVEMBER 22

7 p.m. in the Clarkdale Clubhouse

Library Notes

By Charlotte Hawken,
Library Manager

NEW BOOKS

October

Babylon Rising	Tim LaHaye
Babes in the Wood	Ruth Rendell
Balance of Power	Richard N. Patterson
Blacklist	Sara Paretsky
Blood Canticle	Anne Rice
Blow Fly	Patricia Cornwell
Capital Crimes	Stuart Woods
Every Second Counts	Lance Armstrong
Hello, Darkness	Sandra Brown
Heretic	Bernard Cornwell
Keeper's Son	Homer Hickam
John Paul the Great	Peggy Noonan
Lost Boy Lost Girl	Peter Straub
Love	Toni Morrison
Meaning of Everything	Simon Winchester
Mind of the Soul	Gary Zukav
Our Lady of the Forest	David Guterson
Perfect Day	Richard Paul Evans
Pleasure of My Company	Steve Martin
Ultimate Punishment	Scott Turow
Who's Looking Out For You?	Bill O'Reilly

November

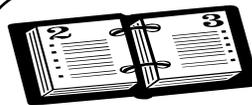
By Sorrow's River	Larry McMurtry
Wolves of the Calla	Stephen King

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

- 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
Clubhouse Auditorium
Oct 28 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
Oct 31 Halloween
- Nov .6 Library Advisory Board, 7 pm, CML
Nov 11 Town Hall Offices Closed,
Veteran's Day Holiday
Nov 12 Design Review Board, 9 am, ML
Nov 12 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
Nov 17 Parks & Recreation, 1 pm, LB
Nov 17 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
Nov 22 Dance-Sentimental Journey, 7 pm
Clubhouse Auditorium
Nov 25 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
Nov 26 Heritage Conservancy Brd, 5:15 pm, LB
Nov 27-28 Town Hall Offices Closed,
Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec 4 Library Advisory Board, 7 pm, CML
Dec 5-14 Made In Clarkdale,
Clubhouse Auditorium
Dec 9 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
Dec 10 Design Review Board, 9 am, ML
Dec 15 Parks & Recreation, 1 pm, LB
Dec 15 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
Dec 23 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
Dec 24 Heritage Conservancy Brd, 5:15 pm, CML
Dec 25 Town Hall Offices Closed -
Christmas Holiday
Dec 31 New Years Eve
- Jan. 1, 2004 Town Hall Offices Closed -
New Years Day Holiday

Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

The Library needs the following volunteers:

1. A few people to organize and present activities in the library on October 24th for two separate kindergarten classes, 25 students each, and one 8th grade class with 40 students.
2. A few people to help with moving books when the library shelving is rearranged. (days and hours to be arranged).
3. People to organize and conduct preschool story hour programs (days and hours to be arranged).



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
 Post Office Box 308
 Clarkdale, AZ 86324-0308

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT NO. 6
CLARKDALE, AZ
86324-0308

POSTAL PATRON
CLARKDALE, AZ 86324

E-Mail Addresses (Partial List)

Town Hall	
Michael Bluff	Mayor
Ellie Bauer	Vice Mayor
David Leibforth	Councilmember
Rex Williams	Councilmember
Tom Groom	Councilmember
Gayle Mabery	Town Manager
Joyce Driscoll	Town Clerk
Lyle Richardson	Planning Director
Pat Haynie	Police Chief
Chris Christensen	Police Records Clerk
Don Eberle	Acting Fire Chief
Charlotte Hawken	Library Manager
Coleen Gilboy	Finance Director
Maria Contreras	Court Clerk
Lisa Christensen	Grants Administrator
Allyson Waak	Public Works Assistant

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townhall@clarkdale.az.us
 mbluff@mingusconstructors.com
 ebauer@commspeed.net
 davidl@commspeed.net
 rexaz@commspeed.net
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 gaylem@clarkdale.az.us
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 lisac@clarkdale.az.us
 publicworks@clarkdale.az.us

CENTER FOR CLARKDALE HISTORY

The Heritage Conservancy Board is in the process of forming an independent non-profit organization to run the Center.

Restoration of the building, recently vacated by the DMV, will begin soon, to house a museum and be the center for staging events and tours.

The new Board of Directors will need help running the Center. Look for more information in the next Talk of the Town.



Better Watch Out, Better Not Cry...

Yes, Santa Claus is coming to town and bringing Mrs. Claus and his elves to help with the holiday fun on Saturday, December 6th from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the gazebo in the Clarkdale Town Park.



Children can have their picture taken with Santa Claus while they tell him what is on their holiday wish list. Both kids and adults can make a hand-made Christmas ornament to decorate the Town tree.

Our thanks to the Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce for helping with the ornament making. Warm refreshments will be served and the festivities will conclude with the annual gazebo lighting at 5:30 p.m.

Come join us at this family event.