

TALK OF THE TOWN



USED-BOOK SALE

December 3-12, 2004

Ladies Lounge, Clark Memorial Clubhouse
Enter through the Made-In-Clarkdale Art Show

Made in Clarkdale

Gala Opening

Friday, December 3, 2004

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Clark Memorial Clubhouse Auditorium

This is the 18th annual
Made in Clarkdale (MIC)
celebration of the arts.

Coffee House - 7 pm on December 10

Exhibition Dates:

December 4 - 12th

Saturdays & Sundays - 10 am - 5 pm

Monday through Friday- 9 am to 4 pm

All MIC events are free
and open to the public.

Mark your calendars and watch your
mailboxes in mid-November for your
invitation to a special Clarkdale event.



Dinner Theater

The Old Town Players and Clarkdale Parks
and Recreation Department present the

Gala Opening

for the production:

The Odd Couple

(female version) by Neil Simon

November 4, 2004

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Performance at 7:30 pm

Clark Memorial Clubhouse Auditorium

Admission is \$25 per person including
dinner (prime rib or chicken divan)
and the performance.

Tickets are available at Clarkdale Town Hall,
890 Main Street, Clarkdale.

Seating is limited.

Proceeds benefit Parks and Recreation.

For more information, call 634-9591.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!



Santa and Mrs. Claus will be
at the Clarkdale Town Park
on Saturday, December 11th at 1:30 pm

Free photos with Santa and hot chocolate.

Children may help make ornaments
for the Town Christmas tree.

The Mayor's Corner

By Mayor Doug Von Gausig

I recently went to a celebration of Walter "Bud" Flynn's life in Sedona. Bud passed away recently, leaving a legacy that we can all admire. He was a charter member of "Keep Sedona Beautiful." His dedication to making Sedona a better place for its citizens was tireless. One of his friends said that Bud's philosophy could be wrapped up in a few simple words, which were "Great towns don't just happen, they are built by people devoted to making things better for everyone."

That phrase struck me particularly because it's similar to my own philosophy of what builds a good place to live. My personal goal is to do something every day, however small, to leave Clarkdale a little better than it was the day before. Sometimes it's just helping out with a computer problem in Town Hall and sometimes it's helping a citizen better understand a town policy. I'm lucky because I'm surrounded every day by the workings of this beautiful community. I get to see what's needed and I usually get to choose where to put my energy. The other members of your Town Council are the same. We all get to work on making Clarkdale a little better every day and we all love it!

You can join us, it's easy! All you need to do is make a small commitment to do something every day (or week, or month) to make your town a little better than it was before. You don't need to sit on a town board or run for council to make a difference. You don't even have to come to town meetings, though we'd all love to see more of you there! You can make a difference in Clarkdale just by staying informed. You can make a difference by writing or calling to tell us what's on your mind. You can improve this lovely community by talking to your neighbors about what's happening in town. If you have the time, you can volunteer. In short, you can participate in your community, and by doing so, make it a little better every day.

Finally, I want to thank all of the generous people who donated to the Gazebo fund, either directly to the town or through the Clarkdale Foundation's Gazebo Fund. The gazebo will be done in time for its annual Christmas dress, and when you drive by and see it in bright new "clothes" you can all be proud that you did something to make Clarkdale a little bit better!

Thanks for reading!

Board and Commission Changes

We would like to welcome our new and returning board and commission members. Terms started in October and some vacancies were filled in July.

Library Advisory Board

Mary Sue Hill
Pat Harris
Betty Lyall
Jaqueline Stephens*

Planning Commission

Susan Sammarco
Curtiss Bohall
Bob Noland

Design Review Board

Henry Stevens
Ellie Bauer
Peggy Chaikin *

Heritage Conservancy Board

Gerald Wombacher
Jess Valdez
Drake Meinke *

Municipal Property Corporation

Michael Bluff

Board of Adjustment

Richard Dehnert *
Lee Daniels *
Anita Simgen *

Parks and Recreation Commission

Crystal Turner *
Rodney Fielitz
Hilda Fish *
Peg Sarkisian *

* First time board member.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the outgoing board and commission members:

Elizabeth-Rose Augusto, Parks and Rec
Bob Noland, Board of Adjustment
Jerry Brown, Municipal Property Corp
James Schulz, Design Review Board
Gary Hansen, Planning Commission

Thank you for
volunteering your time
to serve your community!

Parks and Recreation Master Plan



The Planning Department has been working with the Parks and Recreation Commission on the development of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan and hopes to take it to Council for approval soon. According to the Town of Clarkdale General Plan, this plan: *“...is intended to identify and provide approaches for the preservation and enhancement of open space resources, parks, recreation areas, wildlife and natural habitat, riparian corridors, floodplain and drainage ways within the Town of Clarkdale.”*

Housing Assistance

Rural Development, at the United States Department of Agriculture, offers assistance to low income families for the purchase or repair of homes. Programs range from direct loans for very low income households to guaranteed loans for moderate income households. These programs offer low interest loans, with no down payment or mortgage insurance requirements. For more information:

1. Call Myrna Adams, Community Development Specialist, at (928) 759-9301, extension 3
2. Email Myrna Adams at myrna.adams@az.usda.gov
3. Log on to www.rurdev.usda.gov and click on the Housing and Community Facilities link in the blue title at the top of the page .

Looking for FUN THIS WINTER?

Parks and Recreation
is opening the Ladies Lounge for a
Cribbage Tournament!

Come on down, bring your own board and cards on Saturday, January 8, 2005 at 1 p.m. Please call Town Hall before December 23, 2004 and let us know if you can make it.

Highway 89A Corridor

Widening and Improvements:

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is planning to widen Highway 89A to a four-lane controlled-access highway with a center median and five roundabouts at the following intersections:

1. Cement Plant Road and 11th Street
2. Avenida Centerville
3. Lisa Street
4. Scenic Road
5. Blackhills Drive

The roundabouts will, in ADOT's estimation, reduce the fatality rate and minimize serious injuries by eliminating head-on and broadside accidents. Because of the geometry of the roundabouts, accidents that do occur will be more glancing blows as both cars will be on angular paths.

Scenic Corridor:

Upon Council endorsement, the recently developed Parks Master Plan proposes that all neighborhoods in Clarkdale be served by parks linked by a town-wide system of trails. The Highway 89A corridor would serve as the main trunk of this trail system.

The Design Review Board would provide guidance to the formulation of streetscape design standards to be applied to development along Highway 89A .

Zoning along the Corridor:

A good part of the Highway 89A commercial zoning is situated in a strip that extends 300 feet from the centerline of the highway. By expanding the commercial zoning depth in strategic areas near major intersections, it is possible to promote clustered commercial development and preserve a landscaped setback along the highway frontage. This landscaped setback can be developed, preserving the natural vegetation, while providing a meandering trail the length of Highway 89A that would link with trails emanating from the neighborhoods. In this way, it would be possible for residents of any neighborhood in Clarkdale to bike or walk from their homes to shopping opportunities and parks located anywhere in the community.

Planning these amenities in advance of development means the Town can provide guidance to developers as they design their projects along the Highway 89A Corridor. For more information or to comment, please call the Planning Department at 634-9591.

Residential Trash Service Fees to Increase

In December 2003 Waste Management was awarded the contract for the Town of Clarkdale residential trash collection. This contract increased the cost to the town to provide the service. At that time it was decided not to pass the increase on to the customers.

During the 2004-2005 budget process this issue of increasing trash fees was discussed. In order to have the income cover the costs of providing the service, the Town Council discussed ways to reduce the services provided. The options included:

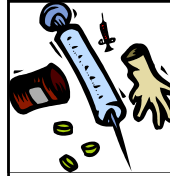
- 1) eliminating the recycling bins at Town Hall
- 2) discontinuing the community clean-up events
- 3) discontinuing the Monday brush pick-up
- 4) eliminating the curbside recycling program.

The Council felt that all of these services were important. Therefore they decided to adjust the rates to cover the costs associated with the services.

During the November 2004 regular council meeting the Town Council is expected to adopt the following trash fees:

- \$18.75 for Large (currently \$17.00)
- \$16.25 for Small (currently \$14.00)
- \$30.25 for 2 cans (currently \$27.00)

Residents will see this increase on their December 2004 bills.



Drugs in our community? Absolutely!

By Sgt. Chris Wylie

Unfortunately, drugs have become a pervasive part of our neighborhoods. Drug abuse is not just a problem for the user, it is also a problem for our communities. According to Department of Justice statistics, 85% percent of all crimes can be related to drug abuse. Most people might be surprised to know that per capita drug abuse is higher in rural communities than it is in cities.

What can we do as private citizens? Be observant. Know your neighborhood and look for unusual things. Be aware of a high volume of short term visitors. Be aware of chemical odors coming from houses. Be aware of houses that don't appear properly occupied, such as people living in the house without furniture or no one appears to work. Not all of these situations are involved in illegal activity, but be aware that the potential exists.

When you see things out of the ordinary, contact the Police Department. Reports are anonymous and are used to aid in investigations that lead to a better quality of life for all of us.

Storage Sheds

Portable sheds are popular alternatives for storing materials. The Town of Clarkdale considers any outdoor structure, separate from the main residence, as an accessory structure. A Town building permit is required for any accessory structure in excess of 120 square feet in floor area. If the structure is less than 120 square feet but will be connected to any utility such as electricity, water or sewer, a permit is also required.

Accessory structures must meet standard yard requirements of 3 feet in distance from any property line and 6 feet from any existing structure. Also, structures should not be placed over septic leach lines or any existing utility easements.

If you have questions about building permits, please call the Planning Department at 634-9591 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Water Leaks

How Do You Find Out If You Have An Unknown Water Leak?

1. Turn off all of your water valves and faucets.
2. Open the top of your water meter. See the little white triangular piece mounted on the red arrow?
3. If it is rotating, water is flowing through the meter, and you have a leak somewhere.
4. Is it a toilet that is running?
5. Irrigation systems are a major source of water leaks. Have you checked yours lately?

Strong Cities and Towns Week

Here are some highlights of the services that the Clarkdale town staff delivered from July 2003 to June 2004:

- Firefighters responded to 464 calls, certified 144 people in CPR and First Aid, held Safe Sitter Classes, and conducted Risk Watch Injury Prevention and Fire Prevention Programs.
- The Planning Department processed 265 building permits and worked on regional open space and trail plans.
- Police Officers responded to 2092 calls and made 113 arrests, making the streets safer for all of us.
- The Public Works Department crewmembers maintained 56 miles of streets, 10 acres of cemetery, and 5 acres of park.
- Parks and Recreation held 8 free events in which approximately 2500 people participated.
- Lifeguards watched over 4,209 visitors to the Municipal Pool.
- The Library checked out 10,169 books, movies and audio books.
- The Grants Administrator brought \$527,004 in grant funding to the Town.

The Town of Clarkdale encourages citizens to stop by, call, write or email their questions, concerns or compliments about the services provided by the town staff.

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 appreciated? If you would like a Town employee to be recognized for the service he or she provides, please fill-out the following form:

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

Name of Employee (s): _____

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

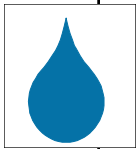
Name of person submitting form: _____

Mail or deliver by November 10th to:

Town of Clarkdale, Post Office Box 308, Clarkdale, AZ 86324-0308

Negotiations Continue for the Acquisition of Cottonwood Water Works

By: Gayle Mabery, Town Manager



The August 2004 newsletter outlined the proposed acquisition of Cottonwood Water Works, including the benefits to the Town that come with acquiring the system and the expected increase in water rates if the acquisition is successful.

The Clarkdale and Cottonwood Councils have met jointly on several occasions to give direction to the negotiating team for this project. We continue to meet with Cottonwood Water Works and their representatives and hope to be able to negotiate a purchase agreement for the system.

The Town Council is keenly aware that many members of the community still have questions, concerns and comments relating to this acquisition. At the Council's direction, the Town will soon be organizing a Community Meeting so that we can meet in a casual setting with members of the community and discuss concerns, issues and ideas about the water company acquisition.

Please watch for more detailed information on this Community Meeting in the coming months. If you would like to receive a special notification about the meeting date/time, please call the Town Hall at 634-9591 and leave your name and telephone number, or email townhall@clarkdale.az.us.

If you would like to organize a neighborhood meeting on the water company acquisition, or any other Town issue, someone from the Council or staff would be happy to attend the meeting. Please contact Town Hall at 634-9591 and let us know.

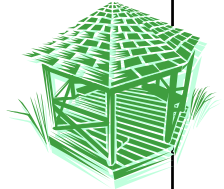
Clarkdale Historic Gazebo Refurbishment Update

On September 14, the Town Council directed the Town staff to proceed with the Gazebo refurbishment project using the Clarkdale Public Works Department crew to complete the construction.

At press time, the town crew has poured new concrete footings for each of the existing eight support posts, and anchored the posts to the footings. A new electrical panel has been installed and the number of electrical outlets was increased from 8 to 16. The town crew also prepared the site for a concrete slab which was poured by Vastco, Inc. and Rinker Materials. Vastco, Inc. is the general contractor on the Town's Downtown Revitalization project. Thanks to both Vastco, Inc. and Rinker Materials for their generous donation to the Gazebo project.

After the slab was poured, the town crew sanded the structure and laid the sub-floor. The next stage of the refurbishment will include floor-framing repairs and installation of cedar tongue-and-groove flooring. The project is currently on schedule to be completed in time for the holidays.

All comments or suggestions about the project can be forwarded to the Public Works Office, 890 Main Street, at 634-9591, Extension 210 or publicworks@clarkdale.az.us. Comment forms are available at Town Hall.



Council Adopts Resolution Supporting Fire District Formation



In May 2003 the Town formed a Fire/EMS Services Committee to examine the current level of service provided by the Clarkdale Fire Department and determine the most cost effective solution that would provide the community of Clarkdale with the highest level of emergency services.

The Committee recommended that the Clarkdale Town Council pursue the creation of a fire district as the best way to provide services to the community. On December 9, 2003 the Organizing Board for the Fire District was formed by three citizens, Dan Guernsey, Mike Westcott and Fred Hayman. This board and other volunteers are currently collecting signatures to form a district.

On August 24, 2004 the Town Council passed a resolution supporting the formation of a fire district to provide fire and emergency medical services within and adjacent to the incorporated limits of the Town of Clarkdale.

The Council resolved to work cooperatively with the Fire District Board to develop a Fire/EMS Services

Transition Plan to assure continuity of services to the community. The Transition Plan will include:

1. The transfer of assets and equipment.
2. The terms of a lease and/or purchase of facilities.
3. The retention of Clarkdale Fire employees upon District formation.
4. A schedule for reimbursement of any appropriate costs that the Town will incur.
5. Definition of the time period that will be necessary for the Town to continue to provide Fire/EMS services during the District's start-up.
6. The expected phasing of the hiring of employees by the District.
7. The amount of the reduction of the Town's Primary Property Tax Levy to help offset the tax increase that the property owners will incur (at this time, the Town's tax rate is expected to reduce from \$1.15 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation to \$.71 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation).
8. Such other issues as may need to be agreed upon between the parties.

Anyone who would like further information can contact Beth Escobar, Volunteer Fire District Formation Coordinator at 639-4591.

Library Notes

By Charlotte Hawken,
Library Manager

UPCOMING BOOKS

November

Banishing Verona
Christmas Visitor
Citizen Girl
Double Shot
Echoes
Eighth Habit
Falling Awake
Gift
Godfather Returns
I am Charlotte Simmons
London Bridges
Magic Seeds
Metro Girl
Murder at Union Station
Night Fall
Oh, Christmas Tree
Redbird Christmas
Sharing Good Times
To the Last Man: WWI
Wolves Eat Dogs

December

Black Wind
Final Solution
Complete Western Stories
Life Expectancy
Loop Group
Rumpole: Penge Bungalow Murders
Skeleton Man
Twisted
Whiteout

January

Misfortune's Daughters
Twilight Whispers

Library Hours

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

Margot Livesey
Anne Perry
Emma McLaughlin
Diane Mott Davidson
Danielle Steel
Stephen Covey
Jayne Ann Krentz
Nora Roberts
Mark Winegardner
Tom Wolfe
James Patterson
V.S. Naipaul
Janet Evanovich
Margaret Truman
Nelson DeMille
Mary Higgins Clark
Fannie Flagg
Jimmy Carter
Jeff Shaara
Martin Cruz Smith

Clive Cussler
Michael Chabon
Elmore Leonard
Dean Koontz
Larry McMurtry
John Mortimer
Tony Hillerman
Jonathan Kellerman
Ken Follett

Joan Collins
Barbara Delinsky

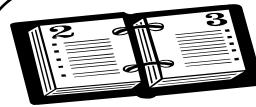
**Used-Book Sale beginning
December 3rd at 6 pm in the Clubhouse.**

5K FUN RUN

February 12, 2005
7 a.m. at Clarkdale Town Park

Entry fees

- \$15.00 until 2/1/2005, including T-shirt
- \$10.00 after 2/1/2005



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

Nov 4 Library Advisory Board, 9 am, CML
Nov 4 **Play Gala , The Odd Couple, 6 pm, AUD**
Nov 8 Parks & Recreation, 6 pm, TH
Nov 9 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
Nov 11 Town offices closed - *Veterans Holiday*
Nov 16 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
Nov 17 Heritage Conservancy, 5:15 pm, CML
Nov 18 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
Nov 25-27 Town offices closed - *Thanksgiving Holiday*

Dec 2 Library Advisory Board, 9 am, CML
Dec 3-12 **Made in Clarkdale Art Show, 6 pm, AUD**
Library Book Sale, 6 pm, Clark Clubhouse
Dec 7 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
Dec 11 **Christmas in the Park, 1 pm, Town Park**
Dec 13 Parks & Recreation, 6 pm, TH
Dec 14 Special Council, 6 pm, ML
Dec 15 Heritage Conservancy, 5:15 pm, CML
Dec 20 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
Dec 24-25 Town offices closed - *Christmas Holiday*
Dec 31 - Jan 1 Town offices closed -
New Years Holiday

Jan 6 Library Advisory Board, 9 am, CML
Jan 10 Parks & Recreation, 6 pm, TH
Jan 11 Regular Council, 6 pm, ML
Jan 17 Town offices closed - *M. L. K. Holiday*
Jan 18 Planning Commission, 6 pm, ML
Jan 19 Heritage Conservancy, 5:15 pm, CML
Jan 25 Special Council, 6 pm, ML

Feb 12 **5K Fun Run, 7 am, Park**

Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

For more information or to register
call Town Hall at 928-634-9591.

Proceeds will benefit
Clarkdale Parks and Recreation.

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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Downtown Revitalization Project—TEA 21

The project will span two blocks on Main Street from Ninth Street to Eleventh. The expected completion date for the construction is December 20, 2004. The project is being funded by two Transportation Enhancement Act Grants through the Arizona Department of Transportation and by the Yavapai County ½ Cent Sales Tax Program for Regional Road Projects. There will be various parts of the construction taking place at once, so we apologize for any inconvenience to you.

The sidewalk on the north side of the street has been removed and construction will shift to the south side in two to four weeks. Traffic is moving in both directions on Main Street. Please be cautious when entering the Downtown area and be aware of the construction signage as well as the obstacles in the road. Main Street businesses will continue to be OPEN during construction. Access will be signed in order to guide patrons with the least amount of confusion possible.

The Town has established a project office at 916 Main Street. Information about the project and the schedule will be made available to the public through press releases as well as fliers. Comment forms are available to make suggestions and/or ask questions regarding the project. The construction team will address each form in turn. The project office is open Monday 9:00 a.m. - noon and Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. You may also contact the office at 928-634-9295 and leave a message if no one is available at that time.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with your concerns and questions. Below is a list of key construction team members and how to contact them.

Representative	Business	Responsibility	Phone Number	Email Address
Alison Pujari	Arizona Engineering Co. / Town of Clarkdale	Public Works Director / Town Engineer	(928) 774-7179 (928) 856-1225	apujari@arizonaengineering.com
Allyson Waak	Town of Clarkdale	Administrative Assistant, Public Works	(928) 634-9591	publicworks@clarkdale.az.us
Julie Leid	Arizona Engineering	Resident Engineer	(928) 856-1226	jleid@arizonaengineering.com

For additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at 634-9591, Extension 210.
 Email Address: publicworks@clarkdale.az.us