

Talk of the Town

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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

Saturday, December 7th 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Free!



Music



Refreshments



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HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES IN THE PARK

By: Allyson Waak, Receptionist

The Town of Clarkdale invites your children to spend an afternoon with **Santa and Mrs. Claus** on Saturday, December 7, 2002 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the gazebo in Clarkdale Park. Let's find out who's naughty or nice.

For creative souls, we will be making **hand-made ornaments** to decorate our tree with the help of Clarkdale's Chamber of Commerce.

Those looking for a little holiday jingle will be able to enjoy the **Verde Valley Voices** from 3:00-3:30 p.m. The **Foxy Fillies** will take the stage from 4:00-4:20 p.m.

Our festivities will conclude with the annual **gazebo lighting** at 5:30 p.m., which is sure to be spectacular. We look forward to having everyone join us for these activities as we get into the spirit of this holiday season in our town.

There will be **live music and warm refreshments** for all those that are able to attend. We'll see you there!





Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Turn your Christmas tree into useful mulch for your plants. Sedona Recycles, the Town of Clarkdale, Yavapai County and Camp Verde have teamed together again this year to offer this service.

When: December 26th- January 16th.

Where: Bring your trees to the vacant lot located at Mingus Avenue & Highway 89A (across the street from Maverick.)

Please remove all tinsel, decorations, stands, screws and nails prior to dropping off your tree. If you would like to take home mulch, bring a trash bag to the site on January 16th.

Questions may be directed to Sedona Recycles, 204-1185 or Clarkdale Town Hall.

HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY!

By: Berry Van Hook, Fire Chief

Studies have shown that most accidents happen at home. The definition of an accident is: an unintentional and unfortunate happening. Something that happens unexpectedly.

With the holidays fast approaching, we need to be mindful of a few things:

- 1) Christmas trees - need to be kept watered. With the warmer, dryer air in your home, Christmas trees, and people, can become dehydrated in a matter of hours.
- 2) Christmas lights - hot lights on a dry tree is a recipe for disaster.
- 3) Please check your smoke detector batteries.
- 4) Using a ladder around the home? Try to have someone steady the ladder while you climb it.
- 5) The most unfortunate holiday accident of all. Keep your holiday purchases out of sight and locked away in your car!



**THE MERRIEST OF HOLIDAYS
TO YOUR FAMILY
FROM CLARKDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

MADE IN CLARKDALE 2002

Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce



**Made in Clarkdale's
16th Annual Gala Opening,
Friday, December 6, 2002
6 to 9 p.m.**

The historic **Clark Memorial Clubhouse** (9th and Main Streets) is transformed by this yearly celebration of the arts and community as some 60 artists – acclaimed and emerging- share their work through exhibit, performance and workshops.

Exhibit Dates: December 7 - 16
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekends
All events are free and open to the public.

**Attend this incredible display that
showcases the work of our local artists.**

Clark Memorial Library Advisory Board

BOOK SALE

December 6, 2002, 6 - 9 pm
December 7-16, 10 am to 5 pm daily



In the Ladies Lounge of the Clubhouse. Enter through the Made in Clarkdale Art Show in the Auditorium.

Attention Centerville Residents CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

Centerville Park is beginning to take shape. The concrete for the basketball court is in place, the restrooms are under construction, and, most notably, the large play structure has been partially installed. This means that neighborhood children are attracted more than ever to the construction site. We have placed orange construction fence around the structure to prevent children from playing on it during construction. Please help us keep your children safe by letting your children know that they are not allowed onto the park property at this time. This is an active construction site and is not appropriate for public access. THANK YOU for your help!

On an unfortunate note, we are sad to report that vandalism has occurred at the park site. Someone wrote on the new concrete slab for the basketball court with an indelible marker. Please help protect your park by calling the police if you see any vandalism or suspicious activity at the site.

Parks and Recreation Update

By: Beth Escobar



Trails

The Parks and Recreation Commission has identified trail development within the Clarkdale town limits as one of their goals.

Anyone interested in volunteering their time to help with trail development and maintenance is invited to attend the regular monthly meetings of the Parks and Recreation Commission. These meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 1:00 in the afternoon. Public comment is always welcome during the meetings.

Grants Update

The grant-funded projects in the Centerville neighborhood are progressing on schedule. Residents of the subdivision have been extremely patient while their streets and driveways are getting torn up and new curbs are poured. This part of the project should last another month and then the street paving will begin.

The Centerville Park is looking more and more like the design on paper. It will be a great addition to Clarkdale's park system.

The downtown revitalization project is in the final design stage. Work will begin in the downtown area next year.

IN A DISASTER

In the event of a n area-wide emergency, a single phone call would be placed by the proper department (fire, police, medical) to a contact person at the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. That person would enact the ***Emergency Media/ Agency Network Notification***. All of the news media in Yavapai County would be notified, so they can alert the general public as to any action that needs to be taken, and then the news media in the Phoenix area, if needed.

We all read about members of the public using the 911 system for things other than emergencies. People looking for directions, wanting a phone number, checking to see if anyone has reported a lost / found animal. These calls could possibly cause a delay in someone with an actual emergency getting help in a timely manner. Here in the Verde Valley, a house fire can generate over 100 '9-1-1' calls.

EMERGENCY PLANNING
IS THE KEY TO APPROPRIATE
AREA-WIDE RESPONSE.





Construction Update from Yavapai College

Yavapai College, Verde Valley Campus, staff and faculty have spent the past year in small group meetings with students and representatives of the community developing ideas and plans for the new buildings and spaces of the Verde Valley Campus. Working with David Kenyon, principal of Kenyon Architectural Group and his staff, the college is pleased to announce that the planning stage is near completion and building is expected to begin within the next two months.

The Yavapai College master plan calls for an addition of 45,000 square feet of space on the Verde Valley Campus and renovations to four existing buildings. Construction of two new buildings should be completed by late summer 2004. Phased renovation of the existing facilities will then take place and be completed during 2005.

A construction update phone line has been established at the Verde Valley Campus. The message phone will update the public with construction information on a monthly basis. Callers may leave their questions on the phone line and college staff will return their call. The construction update phone number is: (928) 649-4263.

Regular Town Hall Meetings will be scheduled each quarter that will allow the public to receive information about the construction plans. College staff, project managers and other key construction managers will be available to answer questions. The Town Hall Meetings will be advertised in the local newspapers.

A third component of the communication plan to keep the community apprised of the construction developments will be quarterly updates mailed to Cottonwood and Clarkdale residents. These are expected to begin the first of the year.

Yavapai College staff and faculty are excited about the opportunities that will be presented to the community through the expansion of its Verde Valley Campus. Ongoing talks with businesses and community leaders have led the way for many new partnerships for the Northern Arizona Regional Skill Center. Discussions have taken place regarding the use of the new community space room and outdoor facilities.

According to Vice President Kessel, "The new buildings and grounds have been carefully planned with an eye to the history, values and culture of the Verde Valley community and to meet the mission of Yavapai College as it evolves in the future."

By Susan D. Sammarco, Assistant Director of Marketing

Clarkdale Citizens Stampede to the Polls in November General Election, and Overwhelmingly Support Plan to Guide Town's Future Development

Once again, Registered Voters in Clarkdale turned out in droves to make their voices heard. Clarkdale had a whopping 78.21% voter turnout at the November 5, 2002 General Election.

Locally, Clarkdale citizens were asked to consider the Town's General Plan, which is a statement of the community's vision for growth and development. The General Plan provides guidance and direction on long-range development decisions through a series of goals, policies and related maps. When asked at the ballot box, 74.92% of Clarkdale voters approved the adoption of the Town's General Plan.

The Clarkdale General Plan is the product of many hours of work from the General Plan Advisory Committee, Town Staff and the citizens of Clarkdale. The Advisory Committee consisted of fifteen (15) voting members and six (6) alternates who were appointed by the Town Council in October, 2001. From November, 2001 thru May, 2002 the Advisory Committee, staff and other interested citizens met a minimum of two times per month to draft a plan to present to the Planning Commission, Town Council, and ultimately, to the citizens of Clarkdale. This group gave their time, thoughts, and energy to the completion of a document that will guide staff, boards and commissions, as well the Town Council for future growth and the management of our community.

Citizens can review the Town's General Plan in its entirety by visiting the Town's Planning and Building Department, or by accessing it on the Town's website at www.clarkdale.az.us/generalplan.html.



Clarkdale Joins Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association

The Clarkdale Town Council approved Clarkdale's membership in the Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (NAMWUA) at their November 12, 2002 Regular Council Meeting.

NAMWUA is the third municipal water users association in the State, and the first to serve northern Arizona. The other two organizations serve communities in the southern, more metropolitan areas of Arizona. The mission of NAMWUA is for the municipal water providers of Northern Arizona to combine their expertise and resources to develop a regional sustainable supply of water for our communities futures.

As a member, Clarkdale joins with other northern Arizona communities to cause the advancement of our collective water resource interests. Other NAWMUA communities are Page, Flagstaff, Williams, Payson, Cottonwood, Sedona, Camp Verde, Chino Valley, Prescott and Prescott Valley. In particular cases, representation also includes Coconino County, Gila County and Yavapai County.



Facilities Planning Process Under Way

Clarkdale is fortunate to have numerous public facilities in close proximity to one another in the Town Hall complex. While we have the flexibility to accommodate our growing needs in the space available, we are not using our facilities to their greatest potential and some departments have maximized the use of available space in their current locations.

In October, the Town Council awarded a Facilities Master Planning contract to Architectural Works, a local architecture firm. The first phase of the contract calls for the development of a five-year Facilities Master Plan. Under the second phase of the project, our architect will assist in implementing some portions of the Master Plan by designing the remodeling of some existing facilities.

Rennie Radoccia, the architect for the project, has been meeting with Town Staff and members of the Heritage Conservancy Board during the first phase of the Master Plan project. The Town Council and the public will have their first opportunity to see a draft Facilities Master Plan and provide input to the architect and staff at their December 17, 2002 Special Meeting., at 6 p.m. in the Men's Lounge.

Water Conservation A HIGH Priority



Flashback to June, 2002. Just six short months ago the residents of our Town were reminded again that our water situation was URGENT. Cottonwood Water Works, our local water provider, asked us to immediately cut back on our water usage to prevent running out of water. As many of you recall, this was a repeat of the warning we received in July, 2000.

Even during the winter months ahead, water conservation remains a high priority in our community. Although outdoor watering decreases during the winter, we still lose a tremendous amount of water through leaking faucets, leaking toilets and simply letting our faucets run while we brush our teeth.

Clarkdale residents continue to lead the Verde Valley in awareness of water issues. Let's make sure that our awareness continues to lead to action. Keep watching for more information from the Town about local water issues. Also, keep an eye out for water conservation information from the Clarkdale Water Committee (your neighbors who have formed a citizen's water group).

HERITAGE NEWS

Board members: Pat Williams, Jess Valdez, Norma Linda Zuniga, Linda McDonough, Gerry Wombacher

Check it out! The Heritage Conservancy Board is now participating in a Verde Valley Historical website. The address is sedona-verdevalley-museums.org.

The board has been working to improve its communication with the town staff and council. Their goal is to be included in any project that has to do with the history of and planning for Clarkdale. As part of that effort, they developed a mission statement, as follows:

The mission of the Clarkdale Heritage Conservancy Board is to collect, identify, interpret, document, and disseminate accurate information pertaining to the history of Clarkdale and to preserve and protect this history and all historic archives, artifacts and structures.



The board recently received as a gift the oak pulpit that was used for many years in the Clarkdale Methodist Church, which was organized in 1912. When the church moved from its Clarkdale location (currently the Clarkdale Library) to Twelfth Street in Cottonwood, it changed its name to Mountain View United Methodist Church.

On October 1, Jess Valdez hosted a gathering of smelter workers, treating them to breakfast, lunch, a display of smelter photographs from the town's archives and a tour of the smelter site. The workers were Bob Beltz, Frank Contreras, Jim Derrick, Joe Derrick, Carl Goddard, Arthur Juarez, Ed King, Gilbert D. Orrantia, Joe Orrantia, Raul Valdez and Frank L. Valencia. Special guests were Jim Byrkit, Paul Albert, and representatives from Phelps Dodge Don Stillwell, and Ralph Ladner. Five other historically significant guests were Ruth Derrick, Dorothy Haltigan Hunt, Lucy Medina Valencia, Mary Juarez Orrantia, and Rose Juarez Villaescusa. Other guests were Doug



Larson, Sandra Sanchez Larson, Bill Grant, Margie Grant and Frances Vallencia Miller. Volunteers included Pam Ravenwood, Charlotte Hawken, Mike Rollins, Richard Kenney, Marshall Whitmire, Dave McDonough, Guinda Reeves, and Bernice Valdez. Heritage board members and volunteers took photographs of the tour and recorded the workers stories.

A small plaque has been added to the back of the Smelter Monument, identifying Jesus and Bernice Valdez as the designers and constructors of the monument. The monument is located next to the building that was recently vacated by the Department of Motor Vehicles at the end of Ninth Street.

The first Heritage swing dance for 2003 with Sentimental Journey will be in January. The date is unknown at this time, but will be posted at Town Hall in late December.

The board was commended in a publication published by Sharlot Hall museum for their work in gathering and properly storing historical photographs, clippings and other archival materials.

State Route 89-A Improvements in Clarkdale

By: Kim Butt, Public Works Director



The State's financial situation has affected the proposed improvement schedule for 89-A in Clarkdale, Black Hills Drive to 11th Street. Fortunately, funding for design and right-of-way acquisition was maintained for Fiscal Years (FY) 2003 and 2004.

Arizona Department of Transportation has procured a design engineer for the project and will initiate project design meetings in January, 2003. Right-of-way acquisition will follow in FY 2004. The actual construction of the improvements had been slated for FY 2005. Due to funding cuts, construction has been delayed to FY 2007, which is still within the State's Five-Year Plan.

Library Notes

By Charlotte Hawken,
Library Manager

Library Hours

Mon 9:00 - 4:00
Tues 1:00 - 6:00
Wed, Thurs, Fri. & Sat 1:00 - 4:00
Closed Sunday

NEW BOOKS

December

Bush at War	Bob Woodward
Chicano Visions	Cheech Marin
Christmas Train	David Baldacci
Hornet Flight	Ken Follett
Hunter and Hunted	Fredric Brown
Not Quite Kosher	Stuart Kaminsky
Our Story - 77 Hours	Quecreek Miners
Portrait of a Killer	Patricia Cornwell
Prey - A Novel	Michael Crichton
To America	Stephen Ambrose
Vagabond	Bernard Cornwell
Wanted Man	Nancy Parra

January

An Amazing Adventure	Joe Lieberman
Arraignment	Steve Martini
Bone Vault	Linda Fairstein
Fat Ollie's Book	Ed McBain
Final Justice	W.E.B. Griffin
Garfield Eats Crow	Jim Davis
Kingmaker	Brian Haig
Light in Shadow	Jayne Anne Krentz
Making Things Better	Anita Brookner
Samaritan	Richard Price
Silent Partner	Stephen Frey
When the Women Come Out to Dance	Elmore Leonard

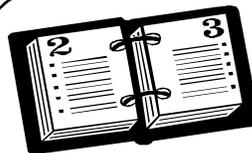
February

Flashback	Nevada Barr
Resurrection Men	Ian Rankin
Seven Dials	Anne Perry



**Verde Valley
Humane Society**
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STOP LITTERING!
Please spay or neuter your pet!



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

Dec 5 Library Board am, CML
Dec 6-10 Made in Clarkdale - Clubhouse
Auditorium
Dec 7 Santa in the Park, Pam - Pam
Gazebo Lighting - 5:30 pm
Dec 10 Regular Council 6 pm, ML
Dec 11 Design Review Board 9 am, ML
Dec 16 Parks/Rec Commission 1 pm, LB
Planning Commission 6 pm, ML
Dec 17 Special Council 6 pm, ML
Dec 18 Heritage Conservancy Board
5:15 pm, CML
Dec 25 Christmas Day-Town Offices closed

2003

Jan 1 New Year's Day-Town Offices closed
Jan 2 Library Board 9 am, CML
Jan 8 Design Review Board 9 am, ML
Jan 13 Planning Commission 6 pm, ML
Parks/Rec Commission 1 pm, LB
Jan 14 Regular Council 6 pm, ML
Jan 20 MLK Holiday-Town Offices closed
Jan 22 Heritage Conservancy Board
5:15 pm, CML
Feb 6 Library Board 9 am, CML
Feb 10 Planning Commission 6 pm, ML
Parks/Rec Commission 1 pm, LB
Feb 11 Regular Council 6 pm, ML
Feb 12 Design Review Board 9 am, ML
Feb 17 President's Day-Town Offices closed
Feb 25 Special Council 6 pm, ML
Feb 26 Heritage Conservancy Board
5:15 pm - CML

Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

Reminder: Dog Licenses are due in January 2003



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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Joyce Driscoll	Town Clerk
Lyle Richardson	Planning Director
Brian Pearson	Building Official
Kim Butt	Public Works Dir.
Police Department	Police Department
Lloyd Jones	Police Chief
Chris Christensen	Police Records Clerk
Berry Van Hook	Fire Chief
Charlotte Hawken	Library Manager
Maria Conatreras	Court Clerk
Beth Escobar	Grants Administrator

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RECYCLING REMINDER

Curbside recycling is every other week for trash customers. The only items that will be picked up at your curbside are *tin, newspapers, bottle form plastics, and aluminum*. They will **ONLY** pick up these four items. If you place other items in your recycle bin, the entire contents will be left at your home, or if on accident it is taken to the station the entire truck load will be placed in a trash container and not recycled. Both Sedona Recycles and Waste Management want this program to work but we need you to help. For **every ton** that the Town of Clarkdale recycles a portion of funds comes back to the Town for Police, Fire, Library or Heritage Conservancy. This is one way to put money back into the Town and not fill up the land fills. If you have any questions please call Town Hall.

Backflow Prevention a Wise Investment For Homeowners

By: Kim Butt, Public Works Dept.

The Town of Clarkdale has a sewer collection system that is almost 100 years old. The Town cleans, repairs and replaces sections of main line continually. We have installed many manholes for maintenance where we had no prior access. On occasion, we do experience main line blockages. Unfortunately, on several occasions in the past, when the blockage was finally cleared, the volume of flow caused sewage to back up into residences that were not protected with backflow prevention devices.

While this is an unusual occurrence, it is also preventable. The Town encourages all homeowners on the system to install a backflow prevention device. The price of the valve, including installation, is a few hundred dollars. The Town Building Code requires such a device in new construction. However, most of the existing homes probably do not have the benefit of this protection. If your home does not have this backflow prevention, we highly recommend the installation of one in order to protect your home from such an incident.