



Clarkston Town Newsletter



October 2020



Mayors Corner

Dear Citizens,

This continues to be a very difficult year as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and the civil unrest that has gripped our nation. Much of the mainstream media would have you believe all hope is lost. Please don't believe this! Take some time to really look around you and you will see there are many who are sacrificing and working every day to make good things happen. I have witnessed firsthand the outpouring of generosity and care neighbors have exhibited for each other in our community. As a result, I am confident that things will work out!

I would like to share a few highlights of what has taken place over the last few months.

JUNE

- Modernized the 76er to include a new sound system, improved lighting, new toilets, water heater, fridge, and freezer. This was needed to improve functionality if we want to continue using it for events such as Pony Express, ball games, and youth activities.
- Installed sprinkler system on the rest of the Town owned property of the square and integrated the old system so that all the stations are run under one controller. I am working with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to update the rest of their system by next summer. This will decrease the cost of maintaining the square and water usage.

JULY

- Started planning phase and vendor selection to change-out the obsolete meters in town. Our software systems used for accounting and our water were so outdated we were forced to

upgrade because the vendors would no longer support them. Consequently, our old reader system wouldn't function. We created a temporary work around but that is only one system failure away of not being able to meet the Town's obligation to the Utah Division of Water Rights. Started change-out in September and 82% of the installation is complete, the remainder will require more extensive work and will take a little longer to complete, we anticipate completion by the end of October.

AUGUST

- Developed plan and applied for Federal funding from the Coronavirus Fund, which is part of the Cares Act. We received approval in late August for \$45,000 and there may be additional funding on its way. These monies must be used to prepare for similar challenges such as COVID-19. Early on, one of the biggest problems we had was complying with Governor Herbert's Covid -19 guidelines because Clarkston doesn't have the technology to effectively conduct town business or Town Council Meetings remotely or electronically. We struggled to provide the most vital element and that was communication! This money will provide our town with the capability to completely modernize our computer technology and equipment so we will be better prepared in the future. It also has security aspects that will allow us to install security cameras around town to help protect our citizens.

SEPTEMBER

- The Town leased, with the intent to fully purchase next year, a new skid loader and implements. This will replace the blue tractor and implements to provide greater flexibility in maintaining town roads, parks, and property.

I appreciate the Council's effort and those who have been assisting us so we could move forward, provide for, and protect Clarkston's interests during these challenging times.

There have been several citizen complaints that I believe can be resolved by just making citizens aware of the complaint and ordinances governing the complaint.

To begin with we continue to have a substantial problem with residents building without first securing a permit. It is a Class C misdemeanor for any homeowner to construct, alter, or repair any building or structure without first securing a permit. Violation of this code could result in a fine of up to \$1,000. The frequency of this happening is unacceptable, so the intent is to be more aggressive at enforcing this. Please avoid any undue hardship by making sure you have a permit **BEFORE** you begin; it is the law!

Several citizens have complained about the number of nonfunctioning vehicles, utility trailers, recreation vehicles, utility equipment, etc. being parked along the Town's right of ways. Some farmers indicated that they struggled with navigating their farm implements through town as a result of the overcrowding. Clarkston's ordinance clearly states "it is unlawful for any vehicle, trailer, or equipment to be parked or left standing on any street or town property for **seventy two (72) consecutive hours**, and any vehicle, trailer or equipment so parked or left standing may be impounded and removed by the sheriff's office. Violations could result in a parking citation and the cost of impoundment and removal being charged to the owner or any person who claims the impounded vehicle. (Ord. 01-04, 1-7-2002)."

As a reminder ordinance **6-1-4E WINTER PARKING:**

Roadside parking will be limited from November 15 of each year to the following March 15 during the hours of ten o'clock (10:00) P.M. to six o'clock (6:00) A.M. During the dates and time specified, there shall be no vehicles parked or stored within twenty feet (20') to the left or right of the midpoint of the road. First offense violations of this subsection will result in a parking citation, which will be issued by the sheriff's office. Second and all subsequent offenses will result in a parking citation

and the vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense.

Beginning November 1st I am asking the sheriff's office to assist Clarkston in strictly enforcing both these ordinances. Citizens need to understand the Town's right of ways need to remain open for emergencies, access to utilities, and snow removal. Last year we had an early snowfall and both conditions described above made it extremely difficult to safely remove the snow. Please help by complying with these parking ordinances.

In conclusion, in a recent Town Council meeting some citizens asked the question; "What is the Town Council going to do about these and other issues." Please remember the Town Council is not the Town's police department; we don't drive around looking for violations. If there are violations brought forth, we try to work with the citizens to achieve a resolution. Unfortunately, this isn't working anymore, and I believe the reason why is that too many of us are forgetting what makes Clarkston such a great place to live. That is – every single resident respecting the laws and ordinances that have evolved over the years and made Clarkston a place people want to live and raise their children. It will not continue to be so if we don't respect and teach our children to respect the laws of our community. Instead we will invite chaos like we are witnessing throughout the country. Please remember in our form of government enforcing laws usually means that we, as neighbors serving in a council capacity, must tell another neighbor what they can and cannot do on their property. It is not a personal attack it is just trying to maintain the sanctity of the community in which we live.

As a Council our primary responsibility is to pass legislation protecting our citizens, provide necessary and useful services, and develop and preserve a sense of community. We have taken an oath to uphold the laws of our Community and each of us takes this oath seriously. It would be better if all of us would recognize the stewardship we have as a member of this community and work together to keep Clarkston a place that we and our children want to be from.

Mayor Hidalgo

**Clarkston Monster Run
Free Fun for the Whole Family!**

Saturday, October 24, 2020



1 Mile Run – Ages 8+
Registration at 5:00 p.m.
Race begins at 5:15 p.m.



Kids Run/Obstacle Course – Ages 10 and under
Begins at 5:00 p.m.

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED!

Pheasant Hunting Permits

Pheasant permits will be sold to
Clarkston Residents and Landowners on
Wednesday October 28, 2020
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

You must have a valid
Utah Hunting License.



Clarkston Residents - \$10.00
Landowners - \$5.00

**Youth Halloween Movie
For ages 12-18**

Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the bottom level of
the Community Center.



The movie will be “The Ring”.
[For Movie Information visit imdb.com]

Free Ultimate Nachos will be provided by the Youth Council

***Face Masks are required for those attending the movie.**

It will be lots of fun so plan to come!!

Green Waste Update

The Cache County Council approved a 50 cent fee (to all households outside of Logan, as Logan does not have drop sites) to provide green waste drop sites for each community. They also approved a 50 cent composting fee for all households, including Logan. **The \$1.00 fee increase will begin January 2021.** Green waste service duration will be from April 1st to November 15th.



**OPENING FOR CLARKSTON TOWN VOLUNTEER
CERT SUPERVISOR**

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. The CERT Supervisor will:

- Attend CERT training and become CERT Certified.
- Attend monthly County CERT training
- Review current Clarkston CERT program and update as needed
- Supervise CERT volunteers
- Engage CERT volunteers in trainings
- Maintain communications between CERT and local officials
- Collaborate with other Emergency Response agencies to provide Emergency Preparedness to the citizens of Clarkston

If you are interested, please contact Councilmember Jessica Buttar, 435-760-6987 or email at Jessica_bankhead@hotmail.com

COVID – 19

There is so much information out there about Covid-19, it can be a struggle to know what is real and what isn't. The Bear River Health Department (BRHD), wants to provide you with regular updates and keep you informed about what is happening in the community. On a weekly basis BRHD will provide you with empowering information, COVID-19 trends or simply bring your attention to some of the great things happening. Check out their website at <https://brhd.org/>. This is an awesome place to get your questions answered and get some much needed-positive information as well.



MEDICAL VOUCHER PROGRAM (MVP)

- For persons with disabilities, seniors, or those who cannot drive or access public transit.
- Clients choose their own driver (trusted family, friends, or neighbors)
- Drivers get reimbursed \$.40 per mile, or \$.25 per mile per client if two or more approved clients are being transported.
- Clients can use vouchers to access medical appointments or related services locally or, if needed, in Ogden or Salt Lake City.

Sponsors/Donors



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT NEEDS TRANSPORTATION TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS?

Eligibility

1. Must have a disability; OR
2. Must be age 60 or older; OR
3. Are not able to drive themselves (income-based)
 - Inability to get a drivers license
 - Do not own a functioning vehicle
 - Cannot obtain car insurance
 - Cannot afford fuel

Trip Types

- Medical appointments
- Dental or eye doctor visits
- Physical therapy
- Wound clinic visits
- Trip to the pharmacy
- Dialysis
- Lab work visits
- Mental health appointments
- Minor surgeries
- Other medical related-trips
- Grocery store, food pantry or LDS Bishop's storehouse

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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