



# Clarkston Town Newsletter



December 2020

## Mayor's Corner

Dear Citizens,

This has been a very difficult year! I dare say that in one way or another, there is not one family, in Clarkston, who has not been impacted and experienced consequences related to the COVID pandemic. If that were not enough, for the first time in many of our lives, we have witnessed political and civil unrest and violence beyond description. I grew up in a period of racial unrest, war protests, and opposition to government oversight; however, I don't recall witnessing hatred to the extent we are seeing it today. Tolerance, respect for each other, and understanding the democratic process and how each of us play a role is a very simple antidote to what we are seeing.

As we close out this year, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to those who understand the importance of giving back to the community. There are many who don't understand what it takes to run a town. Many believe that by paying taxes they have done their part and are entitled to unlimited benefits and opportunity. However, if you look closely at your property tax bill you will notice that only a very small portion comes back to our community; that is what our Town Council must work with.

To avoid what we are seeing throughout the country, I believe the citizens of Clarkston must recognize that where we are today was not achieved through an entitled attitude; it was earned through sacrifice, hard work, and cooperation. Though a person may be entitled to something it usually requires effort to achieve. Our success, as a community, is because there are so many who quietly volunteer their services and sacrifice their time and energy. Clearly, without it we would not be where we are today. Let me list a few areas where citizens volunteer their time:

- Fire department, providing emergency medical services as well as fire protection

- Our youth sports programs
- Clarkston Youth Council, float, and parade
- Clean-up at the green waste and litter along our streets
- Snow removal after a severe storm
- Land use, development and utilization
- Town celebrations such as Pony Express, Town Clean-up, National Night Out, etc.
- Neighborhood watch
- Cemetery clean-up
- Maintaining private property and surrounding areas

The commercial tax base in many communities subsidize these efforts but for Clarkston, where our only tax base is property tax, we do not have the resources to fund these efforts. I hope our citizens also recognize that our clerks, though they are compensated, give many hours of unpaid service to our town. In addition, your Town Council receives payment in the amount of their water; this equates to about \$4 an hour, for the time invested. As Mayor, I want to express my sincere thanks to those who give back to our community by offering a helping hand when they see a need. Whether it be in any of the positions listed above, town council, roads, parks, water works, or cemetery – our community is what it is because of you!

Unfortunately, I am seeing a growing trend where folks just expect these services but are unwilling to give of their time and talents. This coupled with the relentless criticism on social media is beginning to take its toll. If we can get back to a spirit of gratitude, kindness, and cooperation one towards another, our community will continue to thrive, and Clarkston will continue to be a great place to live.

I hope all of you enjoy this holiday season with family and friends. Please exercise caution when gathering and have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mayor Hidalgo



## NO ANNUAL DOG CLINIC THIS YEAR

**Due to Covid – 19 there will be no Annual Dog Clinic this year.  
If your animals need rabies vaccinations you will need to make an appointment with your vet.**



Dog licensing fees are as follows:

UNALTERED DOG LICENSE \$10.00  
SPAYED/NEUTER DOG LICENSE \$3.00  
KENNEL LICENSE \$75.00  
(IF YOU HAVE 4 TO 6 DOGS A KENNEL LICENSE IS REQUIRED)  
RABIES VACCINATION \$20.00 EACH

**Note:** If your dog(s) are current on their rabies for the 2021 year. Dog Licenses may be obtained now, at the Town Hall. Just drop off appropriate fees attached with your Dog License renewal letter and dog license tags will be mailed to you or come in during business hours and leave with tags in hand.

If you have a new dog or your dog was not licensed with Clarkston in 2020 then proof of rabies is required before a license can be issued. All dogs are required to be licensed whether they are indoor or outdoor pets. Dog licenses are delinquent as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Starting March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 **ALL** fees double and a delinquent list will be sent to the Animal Control Officer and citations will be issued. To avoid any inconvenience please license your dog/dogs **BEFORE** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

### **BUSINESS LICENSES**

If you have a business or plan to have a business in 2021, a business license is required (Code 3-1-4). For those of you who were issued a business license in 2020 a Business License Renewal Form will be sent out with the December utility statements. Please look over the renewal form and return it to the Town Hall as soon as possible.



**Note:** If you have not renewed your business license by March 31<sup>st</sup> a delinquent fee of \$50.00 will be applied. If you are interested in starting a business, within Clarkston, please contact the Deputy Clerk at the Town Hall for more information.

### **CodeRED**

CodeRED is a notification service provided by Logan-Cache County 911 Communications Center. It alerts you to emergencies happening nearby so you can stay informed and make decisions that will positively impact your well-being. Alerts will be sent out via phone, text, email, and social media. This is a community alert system to ensure that you remain informed of important information. There are two ways to register to receive notifications. Download the **FREE** app from Google or the App Store or visit [911.loganutah.org](http://911.loganutah.org) to register online. Please keep in mind as you register you have the ability to select the types of messages you wish to receive and your preferred means of communication.

### **WINTER PARKING REMINDER**

Clarkston's winter parking regulations went into effect November 15 (Code 6-1-4E). Please be sure to keep vehicles off the streets between the hours of 10 pm and 6 am until March 15. It is also very helpful to pull your garbage and recycling containers in from the roadway as soon as possible after pickup. Thank you for your help in keeping Clarkston's roads drivable and safe.

### **Green Waste and Composting Fee**

Just a reminder that 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 appear on your Utility Statements beginning January 2021.**



**For your convenience.....  
Enclosed is the 2021 Recycling  
Schedule from Logan City  
Environmental Dept.**