



Clarkston Town Newsletter

February 2021



Mayor's Corner

Dear Citizens,

Welcome to 2021! Like most of you I am glad to see 2020 behind us; unfortunately, 2021 is not starting out any better but with hope and a focus on moving forward I am confident it will be a great year! I would like to express my appreciation for those who have helped with snow removal this year. Thank you for keeping the roads open so we can safely navigate our equipment.

A few weeks ago, I was attending a board meeting, after the meeting a few of us gathered around to talk about the start of the New Year. An individual sitting behind me shared with us that his 34-year-old daughter had passed away just before Thanksgiving. He then shared with us the circumstances. He said she had tested positive for covid and moved home to quarantine. She was on her last day of quarantine and had not experienced anything other than some cold like symptoms. He said she said good night to her parents and went to bed. When she didn't come out of her room, they checked on her and she had passed away; the autopsy indicated the virus had attacked her heart and she went into heart failure.

Over the last few months there has been much in the media about opening things up and getting back to normal. Many in our community, including myself, feel the same. Unfortunately, even though that is our desire that doesn't change the fact we are in a pandemic that has killed over 2.3 million people worldwide, 456,000 Americans, over 1,700 Utahans and 27 in Cache County. Here in Clarkston there have been and still are many cases but fortunately, no fatalities.

What concerns me is our Clerk received a text message asking if the Town was going to have the Easter egg hunt this year. If the town wasn't an organization in town was going to. Please

understand, we as a Council want to return to normalcy as much as each and every citizen, and are planning our normal events for the year; but if we can't meet the Governor's mandates, that are existent at the time of the event, they will be altered or cancelled. Personally, I believe the state and our citizens have acted very responsibly in trying to control this virus and that is why we have been so fortunate. Let's not drop the ball now and put ourselves at undue risks. Please, let's not become complacent and think that just because we want normalcy that is the way it is going to be. I don't believe the virus reacts to what we want, or it would be gone!

Another story, I was attending the Mayors Association meeting and a leader from another community shared that the school her children attended wasn't holding any dances, so the parents got together and sponsored the activities. What was ironic she then shared that several in the school had tested positive for the virus and it was impacting their sports programs and they didn't like that either. I can't say that one caused the other because I haven't seen the data, but common sense tells me that until we get enough people vaccinated a little more patience will likely prevent some heartache down the road.

I understand the desire for this pandemic to be gone but please let's continue to exercise caution and follow the safety recommendations and mandates prescribed. Like many of you I can see the light at the end of this tunnel, and I am excited to get there. I believe if we are wise and act responsibly, we can achieve the normalcy all of us want; sooner than later.

Respectively,

Mayor Hidalgo



Clarkston's Canine Residents



Clarkston Town requires dogs to be registered and have proof of rabies vaccinations. The reason for this requirement is to ensure that all dogs are up to date on their rabies vaccination and to help Clarkston Town and Animal Control return your dog to you safe-and-sound should they get lost. All dogs are required to be licensed whether they are indoor or outdoor dogs.

Our Annual Dog License Registration and Rabies Vaccination Clinic will be held on February 27, 2021 from 10:00 A.M. to Noon at the Roads Building (east of the Town Hall).

A dog license is \$3 for an animal that has been spayed or neutered and \$10 for an animal that hasn't been fixed. Rabies shots are \$15.

For those who have four to six dogs a Kennel Licenses Fee is required and it is \$75.

Note: There is no need to wait until the clinic to license your dogs. Dog Licenses may be obtained, during business hours, at the Town Hall. Just being in proof of the dog's current rabies shot and the appropriate fee.

Dog licenses are considered delinquent as of March 1st. Beginning March 1st fees double and a delinquent list is sent to Animal Control

BUSINESS LICENSES

Business License renewals for 2021 are now due. If you have a business or plan to have a business in 2021, a business license is required

Note: If you have not renewed your business license by March 31st a delinquent fee of \$50.00 will be applied.

If you are interested in starting a business, within Clarkston, please contact Deputy Clerk Holly Jones at the Town Hall



BUILDING PERMITS OR ZONING CLEARANCE PERMITS ARE REQUIRED

The LUDMA Commission would like to remind everyone that if you plan to build any kind of building, structure or addition, big or small, a Zoning Clearance Permit is required **before** you build.

If the building, structure or addition is bigger than 200 sq. ft. a Building Permit is required.

The Clarkston Town Code can be viewed on-line at <https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/clarkstonut/latest/overview>

Xpress Bill Pay

Clarkston Town would like to remind you that we have partnered with Xpress Bill Pay, the premier provider for online payment systems.

It's simple to setup and use. Every month we'll send you a reminder email to let you know when your bill is online. Then, you just log into your account at Xpressbillpay.com and view your bill.

To sign up, go to Clarkston's website at www.clarkston-utah.com and follow the instructions or go to www.xpressbillpay.com

You can pay with debit/credit card or electronic funds transfer. If you sign up with Auto Pay you can have it automatically paid for you each month and there is not processing fee.

NOTE: Whether or not you pay your bill online you can sign up for paperless statements and view your bill online.

Love doesn't make the World go' round

Love is what makes the ride worthwhile

Franklin P. Jones





SOCCER SIGNUPS!

**Spring Soccer registration is now open until
March 1, 2021.**

**To register go to:
<https://northernutahunited.com/#/registration>
and
Click on Clarkston**

**U5 and U6 \$30
U7 and Older \$35**

**For more information contact Stephanie Balls
(435)374-8083.**



Emergency Preparedness: Medical Emergency Do's and Don'ts

Part of being prepared for an emergency is knowing the correct steps to take. The following is a helpful list for if/when a family member has a medical emergency, or if you come across a person who is experiencing a medical emergency.

BE AWARE
BE PREPARED

1. DO remain calm, take a deep breath.
2. DON'T panic! Count to 10, you can handle this.
3. DO call 911, the dispatcher is highly trained and will help you know the next steps.
4. DO check for danger. Protect yourself and the injured person from potential hazards.
5. DON'T move the person unless they are in immediate further danger by leaving them in place. It is hard to know if they have suffered injury to their spine, especially if you did not witness what happened to them.
6. DO attempt to ask the injured person basic questions, especially as coached by the dispatcher.
7. DO follow requests made by police officers, EMT's, Firefighters, and Paramedics when they arrive.
8. DON'T create chaos at an emergency scene. If you are not directly involved in helping, or if you have not been asked to help, please stay back from the scene.

Preparing for a medical emergency can also include:

- Having a first aid kit that is well stocked, updated, and know how to use it.
- Having a list of important emergency numbers and important family and out of state contacts.
 - Police, Fire, Medical call 911
 - Poison Control 1-800-222-1222
 - Family Doctor
- Know basic first aid and CPR



For additional resources or more information, please see:

- Columbiaindiahospitals.com/health-articles/dos-and-donts-in-an-emergency
- Redcross.org/take-a-class
- www.health.harvard.edu/staying-healthy/are-you-prepared-for-a-medical-emergency
- www.patientsengage.com/conditions/how-prepare-medical-emergency-home
- health.ny.gov/professionals/ems/pdf/nysbrochurefamiliesfinal.pdf

If you have additional interest in learning more about helping with medical emergencies and serving the community, please consider joining the Clarkston CERT team, or Clarkston Fire and Rescue Department.