



Clarkston Town Newsletter

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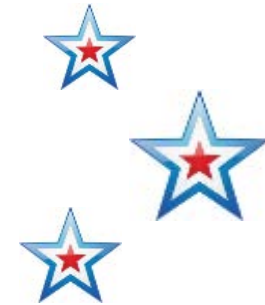
CLARKSTON TOWN NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that Clarkston Town will hold a Municipal General Election on November 2, 2021 for the following positions:



Mayor – 4 Year Term
(Jan 1, 2022 – Dec 31, 2025)

Town Councilmember - 4 Year Term
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Qualifications to Run for Elected Office:

1. Be a registered voter;
2. Have resided within Clarkston Town for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the November election date; and,
3. Have not been convicted of treason or a felony and lost the right to vote.
4. If elected, maintain primary residence within the town during term of office.

Campaign Filing:

In accordance with Utah State Code 20A-9-203(3), a Clarkson Town resident may become a candidate for Mayor or Town Council by:

1. Filing a Declaration of Candidacy, in person with the Town Clerk during the office hours of 9 am to 1 pm Monday thru Thursday from June 1, 2021 to June 7, 2021

OR

2. Any resident of Clarkston Town may nominate a candidate for municipal office by obtaining a Nominating Petition from the Town Clerk and getting 25 or more qualified signatures (Clarkston residents 18 yrs. of age or older) and filing the nominating petition with the town clerk during the office hours of 9 am to 1 pm Monday thru Thursday from June 1, 2021 to June 7, 2021.

Primary Election – August 10, 2021 (if needed)

The Town will hold a Primary Election if there are more than five (5) candidates for Town Council and/or more than three candidates for Mayor.

If you have questions regarding the upcoming election, contact Town Clerk Kristi Hidalgo via email at clarkstontown@comcast.net or by phone at (435) 563-9090.

Annexation

Utah is seeing its highest growth to date; Clarkston is no exception. Request for land and or existing homes is at an all-time high for the state and our small town. Whether we want it or not Clarkston will experience significant growth over the next twenty years. As a town we need to recognize this and the importance of being forward thinking. We are planning now for this growth and preserving the Clarkston we all love.

Our Land Use Commission has been working on developing an Annexation Plan over the last 9 months. The Commission received a request for annexation from a property owner just outside our town boundaries. Clarkston Town needs an Annexation Policy Plan before any annexation can take place. This is a State requirement. In addition, with the growth we are seeing, it is imperative we look at the future of Clarkston and what that will look like. There will be a Town Hearing in the next couple of months to gather community input for the Annexation Policy Plan.

What does this mean and how does it affect you?

Clarkston can **NOT** force annexation of land into Clarkston Town limits. A landowner can request to be annexed into Clarkston town limits **IF** their property is on the border of the current town boundaries. Clarkston town would then take into consideration the cost to maintain the property such as roads, water, emergency, and other services provided by the town. Clarkston town is not required to annex land if a request is made. It must be reviewed on an individual basis.

Some of the citizen conversation regarding the Annexation Plan has been that Clarkston is trying to become a city by acquiring all the land around us. This could not be further from the truth. Clarkston Town is trying to preserve its rural atmosphere and manage the growth around us that could jeopardize our amazing town. Our Land Use Commission has put many hours into the Annexation Plan and look forward to hearing your thoughts and input at the hearing. Once the hearing date is decided it will be posted at the Town Office and the Post Office.

Green Waste Dumpster Reminder

The green waste dumpster has been placed in our community. We encourage citizens to use the Green Waste Dumpster. However, there are rules that must be followed.

Acceptable Green Waste Materials Include: Grass, leaves, garden waste, clean hay and straw (baling twine removed), shrubs, branches and non-invasive weeds.

Materials NOT Accepted Include: Rocks and gravel, dirt, tree root balls, sod, plastic bags, dimensional lumber, plywood, painted or treated woods, invasive weeds (dyers woad, thistle, etc.) or any trash, garbage or refuse of any kind. Anything over 6ft. in length or 12 inches in diameter is not acceptable.

Each year several non-acceptable materials are thrown into the dumpster. The land fill operator removes them from the dumpster and the town is then responsible to dispose of the items. If you see anyone disposing of unacceptable green waste items, we encourage you to report it. Please call the Town Hall or a member of the Town Council to report an incident. We also ask that you clean-up after yourself and make sure all debris goes in the dumpster.



Spring Burn Season



Open burn season begins March 30th and ends May 30th. Residents wishing to burn must follow appropriate burn guidelines and need to apply for a burn permit. Burn permits can be obtained online at <http://www.air.utah.gov/OpenBurning/form/index.php>

Water Restrictions

As many of you have heard Utah is under a state of emergency for drought after Gov. Spencer Cox declared it by executive order. Clarkston did receive some good wet snow but for the second year in a row the snowpack was well below normal.

The Mayor and Town Council is asking that you evaluate water use and find ways to conserve and limit water consumption; not only because of current drought conditions but also because we live in one of the driest states in the nation. We need to protect this precious resource and use it wisely!

The following water restriction is now in place:

No outside watering between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. and 12 a.m. and 4 a.m.

Strictly following this mandate will allow our tanks to regenerate, provide resources for fire protection, and provide adequate water for community and household needs. We will continue to assess the situation and update restriction based on conditions.

NOTE: Sprinkling systems should be programmed to support these restrictions.

Town Square Reminders

- ✓ Except during Town sponsored events, the Town Square is closed from dusk to dawn.
- ✓ Please protect your children by making sure they are supervised when playing at the park. Though designed to be as safe as possible playground equipment can be dangerous.
- ✓ Except for those being used to perform maintenance, motorized vehicles, including ATV's, are not allowed on park grounds.
- ✓ To protect others, dogs must be on a leash and cleaned up after. **Strays will be reported to Animal Control.**
- ✓ We have completed installation of our sprinkling system; to protect this investment **NO** horses are allowed on the square.



Town Clean Up Day! Good Food and Good Fun!

Weather permitting, a Town Clean-up Day is planned for Saturday, May 15th; a back-up date is planned for Saturday, May 22nd.

Activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude around noon with the Town Council providing hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks, and cookies.



2021 Pony Express Days Mark Your Calendars!

This year Pony Express Day is June 26th.

Volunteers are needed to help with the many events and activities associated with our Town Celebration.

Please contact Councilmember Nichole Sparks if you are willing to step up and help make the 2021 Pony Express Days a memorable day.





Baseball



Clarkston Town Baseball Sign-ups

Registration forms may be picked up at the Post office or the Town Hall

The Registration fee is \$20 per child and is due by April 15, 2021.

If you have any questions, contact the Town Hall at 563-9090 or Stephanie Balls at 374-8083.

Cemetery Decorations

Just a reminder:



- Floral pieces or displays left on any grave may be removed as necessary.
- Floral pieces or displays after a new burial will be removed seven (7) days after original placement.
- Memorial Day decorations will all be removed and disposed of on the Monday following the holiday.
- Decorations displayed throughout the year must be contained in pre-formed holes in the cement around the marker or hung on a shepherd's hook which is permanently placed in the cement around the marker. Flowers in moveable containers should be placed on the headstone or base of the headstone to ensure easy access for grass cutting.
- Glass containers and any objects such as wires, irons, sticks, or pegs driven into the ground are only permitted during the week of Memorial Day.
- All flowers and decorations picked up are disposed of.

COVID VACCINATIONS

There is something important to know about the COVID – 19 vaccination plan. You need to keep up on healthy behaviors even if you get the vaccine.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Try to keep at least 6 feet apart from people you don't live with, especially indoors.
- Wear a mask if you are in close contact with those outside your family, especially indoors.
- Stay home if you have symptoms of COVID – 19, tested positive and should be isolated, or you're waiting for a COVID-19 test result.
- Follow quarantine guidelines if exposed.

Preliminary data shows available vaccines are safe and effective. They help you from getting severely ill with COVID – 19. However, it is still not known if after vaccination whether people can still get infected and spread the virus to others even if they don't get sick themselves.

Whether or not you choose to be vaccinated, please keep practicing safe behaviors to reduce the spread.

More details about the vaccine are available at <http://coronavirus.utah.gov/vaccine-information>

For Your Information: Clarkston Town has a service contract with Cache County Animal Control. To report dogs running at large or other animal matters please call 753-7555.