

Clarkston Town Newsletter



October 2021



Mayor's Corner

Dear Citizens,

We must have blinked because summer has come and gone! I hope all of you had an enjoyable summer with family and friends. Thank you for helping conserve water this past summer. Working together we were able to avoid further restrictions. Hopefully, like it or not, this winter will bring the much-needed moisture and snowpack to ease the drought.

Speaking of winter, it is time to start moving recreational, utility, and other privately owned vehicles or equipment off town right of ways. Our roads department does a fantastic job of keeping our roads open and with your help in complying with our ordinance and quickly removing trash/recycle receptacles they can continue to do so safely and without incident. Having been behind the wheel of our snow plow, I would also like to remind our citizens that the snowplow has the right-of-way. Please stay out of its way and give them the room they need to navigate.

With COVID, cemetery expansion, water meter replacement and system maintenance, addressing employee retention, equipment failures/replacements, and a tax increase it has been a very challenging year. Unfortunately, as most of you are aware in order to meet these issues and address future growth and community development it became necessary to raise taxes.

This was not an easy decision for me or the Council and has been a point of discussion since I took office nearly four years ago. I appreciate those who came to the public hearing and expressed their concerns; surprisingly many of those present voiced support for what we are trying to accomplish. As I have listened to citizens over the last four years, I thought it might be interesting to share with you the caliber of people serving our town:

- **Nichol Sparks** – has a degree in nursing and over twenty years' experience in the medical field and is currently serving as a Life Flight nurse. Prior to that she has held several leadership positions responsible for people and budgets.
- **Jessica Buttars** – has a degree in horticulture and has been on the council nearly two years. She currently serves in a management position with Hobby Lobby and has served for several years on the Clarkston Fire Department as an EMT.
- **Myhind Fawcett** – has a degree in accounting and works with Zions Bank as an Agricultural Loan Officer. He has extensive accounting experience and understands government regulations.

- **Dan Smith** – owns a construction company, he also serves on Clarkston’s Fire Department as an assistant fire chief.
- **Me** – I have a degree in business administration and recently retired from a forty-year career as a finance manager and finance analyst working defense and aerospace contracts for the Navy, NASA, Airforce and commercial programs. Since moving to Clarkston thirty-seven years ago I have served on the Planning and Zoning, chaired Clarkston’s Board of Adjustments committee, served as an assistant fire chief, coached baseball, a girls’ softball team for several years, served as a council member and now mayor.

I am very fortunate to have such a talented and accomplished group of individuals to serve with! Undeniably, Clarkston is fortunate to have individuals of this caliber who are willing to give of their personal time to help better the community. Interestingly, the individuals listed above, including myself, did not seek the office we hold. We were sought out and asked to put our name on the ballot, by concerned citizens, because nobody else would.

Many have commented that, in Clarkston, you are not really elected you just take your turn; I don’t support that narrative. As a Councilmember and Mayor none of the individuals I’ve worked with just took their turn; instead, they actively engaged in protecting and positively building the community.

Many of the ordinances we are enforcing today were passed long ago. Some of the individuals involved were heavily criticized for unpopular positions taken but then you hear from so many that “this is such a wonderful place to live”. I can’t help but think that maybe some of those unpopular positions have helped make Clarkston what it is today. Why? Because once people get involved and seek understanding they are in a much better position to contribute to the process of making laws. Unfortunately, too many of us react to rumors, which usually are not true, or only half true, and are designed to appeal to emotion instead of logic.

We as a Council are focused on being proactive in preserving the heritage we have been given and welcome citizen’s input that helps build a community atmosphere we can all enjoy.

Regards,

Mayor Hidalgo

Just a Reminder

The Logan Environmental Department will be removing the green waste dumpster for the winter on November 19, 2021.



Fall Burn Season

Open burn season began September 15th and ends on October 30th. Residents wishing to burn must follow appropriate burning guidelines and need to apply for a burn permit. Burn permits can be obtained online at <http://air.utah.gov/OpenBurning/form/index.php>



Need help paying for your water?



Have you received a notice that your water will be shut off, or has it already been shut off?

The HEAT Program may be able to help.

In addition to assistance with heating and cooling, HEAT helps eligible households with water assistance on a limited basis.

You qualify for HEAT if your household:

- Is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Is responsible for paying home energy costs
- Contains at least one U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen

Questions?

Call your local HEAT office or the HEAT Program line: 1-866-205-4357



For more information and to apply go to jobs.utah.gov/heat

Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map Release

On June 30, 2021, FEMA in coordination with the State of Utah Division of Emergency Management released revised preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps for parts of Cache County. These maps are currently available for public view at the Clarkston Town Hall. Once effective, the new maps will be used for floodplain management and determine flood insurance ratings.

New Clarkston Town Phone Books

Clarkston Town Telephone Directories are now available. The cost is just **\$5.00!** They can be purchased at the Town Hall during business hours Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.



Pheasant Hunting Permits

Pheasant permits will be sold to Clarkston Residents and Landowners on Wednesday October 27, 2021 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

You must have a valid Utah Hunting License.



Clarkston Residents - \$10.00
Landowners - \$5.00

CLARKSTON MONSTER RUN

Free Fun for the Whole Family!

Saturday, October 23rd

1 Mile run for ages 8+

Registration at 5:00 pm

Race at 5:15 p.m.

Kids Run / Obstacle Course

for children 10 and under.

Begins at 5:00 pm

Halloween Costumes are Encouraged!

Movie "Mama"

For ages 12 - 18 / 7:00 pm

Free Ultimate Nachos Provided by the Youth Council.

For movie info visit imdb.com

Sponsored by the Clarkston Youth Council



Winter Parking

Please be advised winter is coming and we do have a town ordinance (6-1-4E) that prohibits parking recreational, utility vehicles, and other privately-owned vehicles on town right of ways from November 14 through March 15. During those dates no vehicles can be parked or stored within twenty feet (20') to the left or right of the midpoint of the road. To keep our roads open and provide for adequate snow removal we will be enforcing this ordinance. Please note the first violation will be a warning. The second and all subsequent offenses will result in a parking citation and the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.

