



Clarkston Town Newsletter

April 2022



Mayor's Corner

Dear Citizens,

As your Mayor, I would like to share a few thoughts. First, I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve with Dan Smith, Mylind Fawcett, McCall Stephensen, and Shawn Kurek, Clarkston's Town Council. Their contribution to preserving the culture and amenities of our community are immeasurable. As I have indicated many times before unless you have taken the opportunity to serve in one of these positions, it is difficult to understand what it takes to preserve the culture and lifestyle we all enjoy in Clarkston.

Second, I would like to express my appreciation for those serving in other key positions in our town, starting with Clarkston's Fire Department. Casey Anderson is the Fire Chief and works with fourteen volunteers who put in 586-volunteer hours last year: very impressive! Next, I would like to thank David Hale, Jeremy Hidalgo, Brady Hale, and Curtis Godfrey for the tremendous effort they put forth in maintaining our roads and the equipment we use in town. Next, we have our water operator Bryan Goodsell who has done a fantastic job at keeping fresh clean water coming out of your tap, repairing leaks, and staying certified to manage our water system. Randy Smith and Jeremy Hidalgo have been working to keep our cemetery and parks in fantastic shape. So far this year we have had nine funerals, which Randy, Jeremy, and Richie Calderwood have worked in freezing temperatures to open and close graves.

Our Land Use Development Commission, Nichole Sparks, Mike Kelly, and Richie Calderwood have been doing a tremendous job helping Clarkston define growth patterns and making sure our way of life is protected. They have also been very involved navigating the planned subdivision. There are those

who want us to prohibit this from taking place, please know, legally, there is nothing we can do to stop this development. Growth is going to happen, and I appreciate our LUDMA Commission's dedication to making sure it is done right and aligns with Clarkston's infrastructure and growth development plans. If water becomes an issue, we can limit the number of homes per year and we will monitor this very closely.

In the administrative area Emily Jones quietly goes about keeping our civic center, 76er, and town house clean. Holly Jones and Kristi Hidalgo can best be described as the heart of the town. With constant turnover they provide a continuity that is vital to the success of governing. Both works tirelessly with limited hours to make things happen and be the focal point of coordination. It is frustrating when I hear of the abuse, they sometimes endure because of the ordinances the Mayor and Town Council are sworn to enforce. Please don't shoot the messenger, if you want to vent, please feel free to give me a call but let me apologize ahead of time, because it will go both ways! I've never been a fan of somebody who won't get into the game but vilify those who do.

My apologies to those who I may have left off. It is risky to recognize service because you always forget someone, but it is impossible, due to space, to list every single contributor who just step up and fill a need for Pony Express, Neighborhood Watch, and other events the Town sponsors. I hope this gives you a glimpse into what I see, it truly does take a lot of people to maintain the culture we enjoy in Clarkston.

As most of you are aware Logan has decided to discontinue garbage collection. I want to assure you this issue is being worked. I don't expect to see any

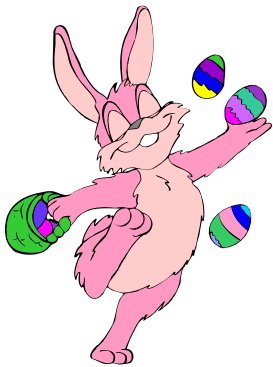
disruption in garbage collection it will just be a matter of who is collecting. All municipalities have entered into an agreement to seek a qualified waste management source to provide this service. Where refuse will be taken will be the responsibility of the waste management company to negotiate and determine. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Traveling home, from a meeting in a snowstorm last night was exciting, we need the water very much! However, when I woke up this morning my garden areas were dry enough to till. We were very fortunate last year to skimp by with only restrictions on watering times. We will be watching this very closely and will need to impose restrictions as outlined in this newsletter and adjust from there.

Last Fall the Mayor and Town Council approved a plan to move forward and renovate the civic center and make the top floor the new Town Hall and the bottom will transition to civic center. We will be adding to the north so there will be room for two rooms on the bottom that will be the new civic center. Both will be similar to what we now have except we will be adding carpet and sound boards. The design phase is complete and if you are interested in viewing the design drawings, they are available at the Town Hall.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me and thank you for your continued support.

Mayor N. Craig Hidalgo



Clarkston Town Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by the Clarkston Town Youth Council

The Clarkston Town Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 16 at the Town Square. Children ages 12 and under are welcome to participate. There will be different areas for each age group. Please bring the children no later than 8:45 a.m. as the Easter Egg Hunt will start right at 9:00 a.m., and the action is fast and ferocious after that.



Neighborhood Watch

Clarkston Town has a voluntary Neighborhood Watch Chairperson position available. For the safety of our community the Mayor and Town Council would like to revitalize the Neighborhood Watch Program. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Town at 435-563-9090 or Councilmember Kurek at 435-754-8266.



2022 PONY EXPRESS DAYS

Mark Your Calendars!

This year Pony Express Day is June 24-25.

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



Please contact Councilmember McCall Stephensen if you are willing to step up and help make the 2022 Pony Express Days a memorable day.



Happy Easter

Green Waste Dumpster Reminder

The green waste dumpster has been placed in our community. We encourage citizens to use it. 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.

Water Restrictions

As the hot summer months approach, we are encouraging households to practice water conservation strategies. With last winter's snowpack and moisture content being lower than anticipated it is likely we will need to slow the flow to make sure we have adequate water for the summer.

At this point, we are only asking citizens to refrain from watering between the hours of 12:00 noon and 5:00 pm during the day and 11:00 pm to 4:00 am at night. This will help maintain a safe water level in our storage tanks.

If further restrictions are necessary, we will make you aware of the schedule and watering hours through our Facebook page, and postings at the post office and town hall. Thank You!

Town Square Reminders

- Except during Town sponsored events, the Town Square is closed dusk to dawn.
- Please protect your children by making sure they are supervised when playing at the park.
- 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.



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.

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>

Cemetery Decorations

Just a reminder:

- Floral pieces or displays left on any grave may be removed as deemed 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.



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.



**WORKFORCE
SERVICES**
HOUSING & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

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



HEATING



COOLING



WATER

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