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Welcome to the City of Clarksburg newsletter! We are excited to have this dialogue with you and we anticipate fruitful discussions about the varying topics and issues facing our community. One of the top priorities for our Council is to strengthen the lines of communication between residents and council. City matters affect our everyday lives, and this newsletter is part of the efforts of our Council to ensure that information is available to all community members.



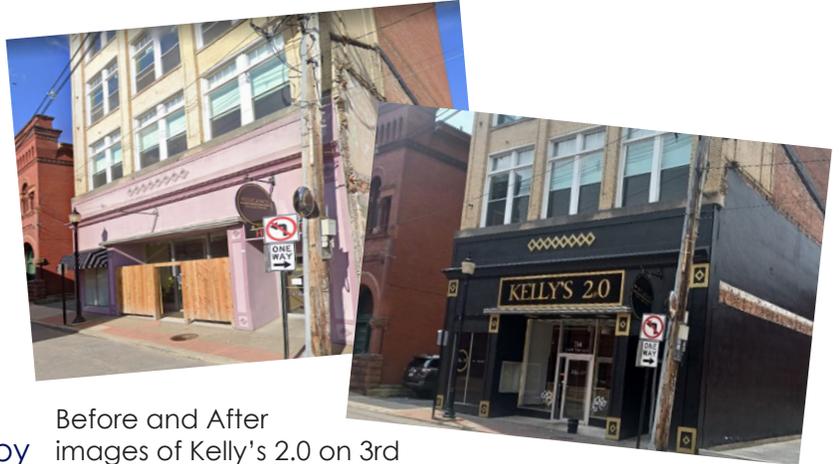
We will strive to deliver timely information related to ongoing projects, community-based initiatives, open house events, current events and decision-making by the council and staff. You can also find the City of Clarksburg on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram. As well, we encourage community members to contact Council or staff with any and all inquiries, concerns or comments. We are here to assist you.

Urban Renewal Authority - Facade Grant Program

The City of Clarksburg's Facade Grant program is accepting applications to help building owners fund improvements to the exterior of their building. These funds can be used for a number of improvements including but not limited to: window glazing, new doors, brick cleaning and repointing, siding, and even business signage. To be eligible, at least 20% of the project cost must be provided by the applicant in addition to two quotes, a building permit application, and a business license with the City of Clarksburg. Funds are available in grants up to \$10,000.00, however smaller projects are encouraged to apply. For more details, please contact the City of Clarksburg's Economic Development Department at 304-624-1681.

2022-2023 Program Awards

Beginning in July 2022, the Urban Renewal Authority approved grants totaling \$37,715.96. These funds represented six individual businesses that benefited from funds to enhance their commercial spaces. A total of five downtown historic structures, including one Pivotal Structure in the Downtown Historic District, were improved and vacant space returned to active use as a result. Holistically, downtown visitors are provided with new sights, sounds, and in the case of Kelly's 2.0 delicious smells, and these improvements have provided further development around the city.



Before and After images of Kelly's 2.0 on 3rd Street Downtown

Additional and Future Programs

The City of Clarksburg's Urban Renewal Authority meets monthly and is committed to revitalizing Clarksburg. In addition to the Facade Grant, a micro grant award for projects less than \$2,500.00 is currently being explored. Later this year, a new internal building improvement grant will be established with current budget funds. These programs should further allow for the city's historic building re-occupancy, and when combined with new downtown retail tax credits, are anticipated to encourage a vibrant commercial and entertainment focused environment.

Other Urban Renewal Authority programs allow for redevelopment including the side lot and general redevelopment programs. These programs complement the newly created Land Reuse Agency which will act as the city's land bank and allow for further residential and commercial development opportunities.



Bird City USA - Clarksburg

The City of Clarksburg is partnering with the Clarksburg Visitors Bureau to put Clarksburg on the map as a Bird City USA city. Tina Yoke, the Executive Director of the CVB, stated that "Birdwatching is considered one of the fastest growing nature-based tourism sectors in the world." Tourists who identify as birdwatchers tend to be well-educated and wealthy travelers with a specific interest in the places they visit.

We are very fortunate to have so many places in our area that are ideal for birding. Those places include our beautiful city and county park system, Watters Smith State Park, as well as Lowndes Hill. There are also opportunities for Urban Birding in the downtown area.

"The cool thing about birding is anyone can do it and people of all ages find birding

to be a fun hobby. Bird watching is also a great activity for our residents." Scientists have found a correlation between exposure to natural stimuli (birds) and the reduction of stress and anger. It improves overall wellbeing and mental health.

One of our first steps is to create a Natural Resource Advisory Group. The group's responsibility is to facilitate and encourage educational opportunities that lead to an informed citizenry on topics such as natural resources, ecosystems, open space, and natural areas that provide habitat for migratory birds.

If you are interested in being a part of this exciting endeavor, please email Tina Yoke at tina@visitclarksburgwv.com or call 304.622.2157.

West Virginia has the biggest population of breeding pairs of the beautiful pale-blue Cerulean Warbler. You can usually spot couples in late spring and early summer.



From the Code Enforcement Department

The City of Clarksburg Code Enforcement Department would like to recognize and thank all our residents and businesses who keep up with their property and our property maintenance standards. Keeping up with our property maintenance standards keeps the City looking great for residents and visitors.

These standards are a collection of minimum requirements which benefit everyone. If we all do our part to keep Clarksburg looking great, it presents a great first impression to everyone who enjoys their time in the city, as well as all our residents.

Some of the most common violations we find are as follows.

- ▶ High grass over 6 inches tall, high weeds, vines, and overgrowth on your property.
- ▶ Rubbish and garbage or accumulation of household garbage – no garbage service.
- ▶ Parked vehicles in the grass or inoperable, or dismantled vehicles.
- ▶ General failure to maintain houses, buildings, and structures.

Please be mindful and take care of any of these issues on your property which could be considered a violation of the City's adopted code. Keeping things put away outdoors on your property helps the general appearance of your property. We appreciate you and thank you in advance for everything you do to keep your property clean, safe, and sanitary. This mindset benefits everyone in general.

Respectfully,
Ashley Carr
Clarksburg Code Enforcement Director



You can download a copy of Clarksburg's Property Maintenance Standards on the city website or using the QR Code above.



From the Clarksburg Police Department



The Clarksburg Police Department would like to inform the community about a couple issues currently affecting its population. With Clarksburg being near Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, Washington D.C., and Columbus Ohio, drugs containing Fentanyl have had an adverse effect in Clarksburg. While the Police Department is trying it's very best to intercept these lethal drugs before they enter our neighborhoods, it is impossible to seize all.

Fentanyl that is illegally manufactured is dangerous. It is made without the quality controls of pharmaceutical grade fentanyl and is a major contributor to recent increases in synthetic opioid drug poisoning/ deaths. We are asking anyone in the community who encounters any substance

foreign to them, not to disturb it in any way. Contact the Police or Fire Department, by calling 911 or using the Harrison/Taylor non-emergency number at 304-626-4900.



A link to a Parent's Guide to Fentanyl can be accessed by using the QR Code above. Additional resources, relating to rehabilitation and services, are available through the web site as well. <https://www.addicted.org/>

What's Happening at the Robinson Grand?

Join us for the movie that makes us all afraid to go back in the water. Adult Tickets are only \$2 and Students get eaten for FREE as a part of Clarksburg First Friday's Back to School Bash!

JAWS (1975) on Fri., Aug. 4 @ 7:30p



When a killer shark unleashes chaos on a beach community off Cape Cod, it's up to a local sheriff, a marine biologist, and an old seafarer to hunt the beast down.

Be a part of a musical World Record attempt

See It All American Tour with Allman and Frankenreiter on Tue. Aug 15 @ 7p



Rock 'n' Roll recording artists and globe-trotting journeymen Devon Allman and Donavon

Frankenreiter are making history in 2023. The longtime friends have teamed up for the See It All American Tour to set the Official World Record for fastest time to play a concert in each of the 50 states. The current record, which is 50 days, was set in 2003.

Come enjoy a classic fairy tale told by the youth of our community.

Missoula Children's Theatre's "The Princess & the Pea" on Sat. Aug. 5 @ 3p & 6p

Missoula Children's Theatre presents The Princess & The Pea, starring the very best and brightest young actors from Clarksburg and North Central West Virginia.



Mountain Stage with Kathy Mattea is presented live at The Robinson Grand by The Cultural Foundation of Harrison County and the Barbara B. Highland Fund for the Arts.

Mountain Stage with Kathy Mattea on Sun. Aug 27 @ 7p

Be a part of the live audience as Mountain Stage records a fresh episode for NPR Music with host Kathy Mattea. The show will feature Tony Trischka's EarlJam, a solo performance from Jerry Douglas, the Jason Carter Band, the Davisson Brothers Band, and The Watson Twins.



Local Business Updates

Over the last month we saw the opening of a new business, the expansion of existing business, and the celebration of a local favorite in Clarksburg.

Crumbl Cookies Grand Opening



From WBOY: Crumbl Cookies is a cookie bakery that has been making waves in the dessert world with its rotating menu of flavors.

Andrea and Jordan Gwinn, are the owners of the new location right here in Clarksburg. Andrea said when they would travel, they would stop at other [Crumbl Cookies] along the way. Since they're from the area, they wanted to bring it into the community for everyone to get the chance to enjoy it as much as they did.

"It's a pretty new company. It's only been franchising for about 5 years now. So, they've exploded in growth. Yeah so, we just fell in love with it. We wanted to bring it to our community."

Jordan said what makes this location so unique, other than the 275 different flavors that change weekly, is that it's right off of the interstate. "I mean about five counties feed into this. It's a great area. We've got great businesses beside us Jersey Mikes, Shogun, and Texas Roadhouse. I mean all the grocery stores. It's a great location."

The new Clarksburg Crumbl Cookies is located in Eastpointe at 268 Emily Drive.

El Rey Mexican Restaurant



Clarksburg's El Rey Mexican Restaurant is celebrating their 10-year anniversary with an expansion of their New Pointe restaurant. The expansion includes new seating and the build out of a beautiful custom bar.

Drop in and check out the renovations and with them a Happy Anniversary!

Ritzy Lunch Celebrates 90 Years



A Clarksburg staple, Ritzy Lunch has been serving up hot dogs and more since 1933. This year marks their 90th Anniversary. Known for their hot dogs, Ritzy Lunch serves those hot dogs with a family-recipe chili sauce whose recipe hasn't changed in 90 years.

As part of First Fridays Downtown in July, Ritzy Lunch sponsored the second annual Ritzy Lunch Hot Dog Eating Contest, which pits local First Responders against each other to determine who can eat the most hot dogs.

#itshappeninginclarksburg

There is a lot happening in and around Clarksburg within the month of August.

Clarksburg Pop-up Paddle on the West Fork River

Every Thursday @ 6:00 PM
Veterans Memorial Park
Boat Launch Ramp (near ball fields)

First Fridays - Downtown Clarksburg

August 4, 4:30PM-8PM
Downtown Clarksburg - Various Locations

First Fridays Movie: JAWS (1975)

August 4, 7:30PM
Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center

Missoula Children's Theatre: The Princess and the Pea

August 5, 3PM & 6PM
Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center

Clarksburg Farmers Market

Every Saturday 9AM-3PM
Tractor Supply Parking Lot - Eastpointe

Xavier Tree Pool Party at Clarksburg's Splash Zone

August 6, 12PM
Splash Zone Water Park

Car Show by Cars and Coffee Bridgeport

August 6, 12:30 PM-3 PM
Eastpointe Hobby Lobby Parking Lot

Jesus Fest

August 11 - August 12
Jackson Square

Live Music: LeRoy & Gigs

August 11, 6PM
Minard's Spaghetti Inn

Food Truck Fest @ Harry Green's!

August 12, 11AM
Harry Green Chevrolet Nissan

Heroes & Kids: A United Way Fundraiser

August 13, 2PM
Jackson Square

Devon Allman and Donavon Frankenreiter : See it All American Tour

August 15, 7PM
Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center

Kids Day at the Clarksburg Amphitheater

August 18, 4:30 PM - 10:30 PM
Clarksburg Amphitheater

Homes for Harrison Block Party

August 25, 10AM-2PM
Jackson Square

WV Italian Heritage Festival

Pasta Cook-Off
August 26, 8AM-3PM
Jackson Square

Matt Stell

August 26, 7PM
Clarksburg Amphitheater

Car Show by Cars and Coffee Bridgeport

August 27, 12:30 PM-3PM
Eastpointe Hobby Lobby Parking Lot

Mountain Stage Pre-Show

Reception
August 27, 5PM-7PM
Christ Episcopal Church and St. Barnabas Chapel

Mountain Stage with Kathy Mattea

August 27, 7PM
Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center

2023 WVIHF Authors Forum

August 29, 12PM
Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library

Visit our Community Events

Calendar on the city website for the most current listings and more details on local public events:

www.cityofclarksburgwv.com

Let us know if we are missing a public event by sending event details, links and poster images to:

notify@cityofclarksburgwv.com