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Clarksburg

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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.



Clarksburg Takes a Community Approach to Mental Health Awareness and Resources

The City of Clarksburg is taking a proactive stance on mental health by launching a comprehensive Mental Health Awareness and Resource Partnership Initiative. Spearheaded by our Director of Community Development, Dr. Shana Nicholson and myself, in collaboration with the Clarksburg City Council and various community resource partners and stakeholders, this program aims to address a growing national concern.

The Need for Change

As of January 2024, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) reports that 57.8 million U.S. adults live with some form of mental illness. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) indicates that one in five adults experience symptoms of mental illness. Sadly, West Virginia ranks among the top states for prevalence of adult major depressive episodes (MDEs) and serious mental illness (SMI), with 41.8% of adults suffering from anxiety or depression (NAMI, 2023). The opioid

crisis further complicates the picture, as West Virginia has one of the highest overdose death rates in the nation.

Recognizing this critical need, Clarksburg's initiative focuses on two key objectives: connecting residents with appropriate mental health resources and fostering collaboration among those resources. This multi-pronged approach acknowledges the interconnectedness of mental health and substance abuse, aiming to provide a comprehensive support system for the community through resource awareness and education.

If you have any questions about our initiative or are a mental health professional or service provider interested in working with the city to address these issues, please contact:

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City Welcomes Local Mental Health Service Providers

The City of Clarksburg declared the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month and as one of its initiatives, invited local mental health resources to offer outreach services in the lobby of the city's municipal building.

Together With Vets



The City welcomed Tom Willis and Pastor Mathew Keith from American Legion Post #31 with Together with Vets (TWV) Suicide Prevention. TWV is a community-based suicide prevention program for rural Veterans that involves partnering with rural

Veterans and their communities to implement community-based suicide prevention. TWV is funded by the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Rural Health (ORH). More info:

www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/togetherwithveterans/

Healthy Minds Clarksburg



The City welcomed Julie Winston with Healthy Minds Clarksburg representing their crisis response and children/families programming. The Healthy Minds Crisis Response Team is available by calling 1-844-985-4371 and provides trained crisis coun-

selors who can help people experiencing suicidal thoughts, substance use, and/or mental health crisis, or any kind of emotional distress.



Healthy Minds Clarksburg is a comprehensive mental health center operated by United Summit Center in Clarksburg, it provides behavioral health services to people with acute and chronic psychiatric disabili-

ties, intellectual/developmental disabilities, substance abuse problems, and those in crisis. If you need immediate help, you can reach the Adult Crisis Line at 1-800-SUMMIT-0 or the Child Crisis Line at 1-844-985-4371

Resurrection Program



The Clarksburg Mission's Resurrection Program offers a long-term residential program for up to 24 men and 18 women. This program is offered at no cost to the individual. Each individual is accepted into the program through application. This process ensures that each person receives the kind of care that they need, whether from our facility or another. For more information, contact the Mission Office at (304) 622-2451.

Celebrate Recovery



Celebrate Recovery at Clarksburg Baptist Church is a ministry designed to help hurting people. It is made up of regular folks like you and me, who are on a journey toward wholeness; seeking recovery from and celebrating God's healing

of life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. Trained leaders provide safe, confidential, Christ-centered groups where people can grow. They offer their stories as fellow travelers on the journey to healing. At Celebrate Recovery we believe that change is possible by the power of Jesus through this Biblical program.

The Health Plan



The Health Plan is a clinically driven, technology-enhanced, and customer-focused health maintenance organization that manages and improves the health and well-being of its members. Established in 1979, the West Virginia-based company has offered a complete line of managed care products and services designed to provide health care systems and clients with innovative health care benefits and plans at a reasonable cost across the mid-Atlantic region and nationally.

From the Clarksburg Police

DETECTIVES HONORED WITH MULTIPLE AWARDS



Officer of the Month for the month of May 2024 is Detective Sergeant Swiger who completed four indictments during Grand Jury, to include, Malicious Assault, multiple offenses of Displaying Pornographic Material to Minors, multiple offenses of 2nd Offense Sex Offender Registry Violation, and 1st Degree Murder.

In addition to the indictments and his multiple other duties, Detective Sergeant Swiger also completed seizing several items belonging to the Clarksburg Police Department from a former Law Enforcement Officer that he indicted. These items included official law enforcement badges/identification that could have been used to commit further crimes.



Detective Sergeant Collins was awarded The Chief of Police Award for completing five indictments during Grand Jury to include five offenses of Distribution of Child Pornography, 1st Degree Sexual Assault, and 2nd Degree Murder.

Detective Sergeant Collins also secured a guilty plea for a Burglary where \$30,000 was stolen. The indictments and plea are a direct result of lengthy investigations to include multiple search warrants, a photo line-up and interviews.



Detective Sergeant Graeber was awarded the Detective Sergeant J. Stephen Toryak Award for a case he was investigating that involved a minor and turned into other crimes to include Sexual Abuse by a Parent/Guardian. The defendant was indicted in January

2024 after a lengthy investigation to consist of six search warrants and the defendant being apprehended by Detective Sergeant Graeber with help from other agencies, after a mild standoff.

The case came to completion by the defendant pleading to a minimum of 27 years' incarceration on one count of Solicitation of a Minor, one count of Sexual Abuse by Parent/Guardian, and one count of Sexual Abuse by Parent/Guardian incest.

Congratulations to these Detectives!

Clarksburg Police Department Celebrates

National Night Out

AGAINST CRIME

August 6, 2024 5p-8p
Veteran's Memorial Park

The poster features a stylized American flag background. At the bottom, there are four police department logos: Clarksburg Police, West Virginia State Police, and two others. The text is in various colors and fonts, including red, white, and blue.

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING
CALL 9-1-1**



City Board Vacancies

If you would like to be more active in your city, one excellent way to do that is to contribute your time as a member of a city board or commission. Currently, the following boards are looking for new members:

Urban Renewal Authority

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month at 8:15 AM

Requirements: There are no special requirements to serve as a commissioner, any interested Clarksburg citizen is welcome to apply.

Application deadline: Open deadline until all positions are filled.

Parking Authority

Meetings: As needed when quorum is available.

Requirements: There are no special requirements to participate on this board. Any interested Clarksburg citizen is welcome to apply.

Application deadline: Open deadline until all positions are filled.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Meetings: As-needed, on-call basis. Said meeting dates are held on Tuesdays at 4PM.

Requirements: There are no special requirements to serve as a commissioner. Any interested Clarksburg citizen is welcomed to apply.

Application deadline: July 30, 2024

Police Civil Service Commission

Meetings: As-needed basis. Meetings are normally conducted at 12 Noon

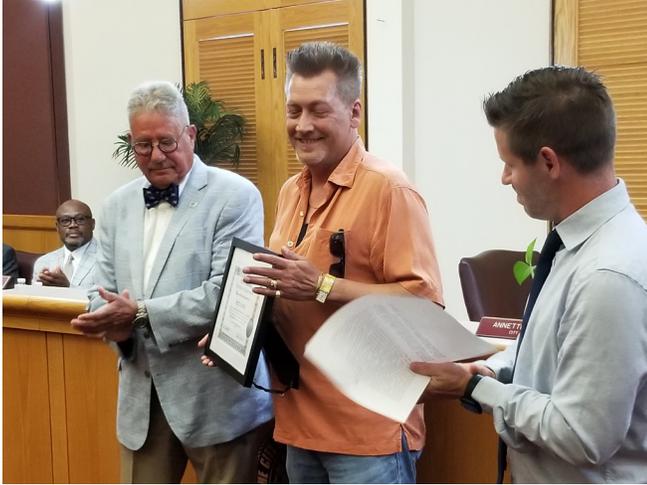
Requirements: There are no special requirements to serve as a commissioner. Any interested Clarksburg citizen is welcomed to apply.

Application deadline: July 30, 2024

Some boards may require specific qualifications. For more information check out the links to the boards and commissions above or contact the City Clerk 304-624-1673 awright@cityofclarksburgwv.com

Local Business Updates

Ritzzy Lunch Recognized



Ritzzy Lunch was recognized in June as one of Clarksburg's historic local businesses.

Ritzzy Lunch has been a family-owned restaurant and landmark in the Clarksburg community since 1933. In 1933, Joseph Selario opened the Ritzzy with his brothers John and Gabriel "Dominic." It was a true family business and his sister Rose and wife Mary also worked at the restaurant. Around 1942 Joseph bought his siblings out of the business and it was operated by Joseph and Mary until 1973 when their son John took over operations.

John and Mary had four children, Anthony, John, Eleanore and Joanne who all worked at the Ritzzy as they were growing up. Anthony recalls getting his first key to the restaurant in six grade and John received his at the age of 10. They both still have their original keys today! In 1973 John took over the restaurant from his father with his wife Patricia "Patti" running the restaurant. Their children, Antonio and Dax both recall helping at the Ritzzy when they were young. Antonio recalls getting his first key to the doors at the age of 14 and he also continued to carry the same key today!

Antonio took ownership of the Ritzzy in 2001 although John has continued for years to handle many of the day-to-day operations. The restaurant holds a special place in the hearts of the Selario family, the city of Clarksburg and many families over the years.

Although the menu has changed over the years, hot dogs have always been a staple at the Ritzzy and it has earned the slogan "the best darn hot dogs around."

West End Subway Refresh



Subway finishes off the list of franchise fast food restaurants along Clarksburg's West End to receive a building refresh. Updates to Subway include changes both inside and outside, starting with an updated facade and a resurfaced and repainted parking area on the outside of the building.

The inside of the building received some updates and improvements as well, starting with a larger ADA accessible bathroom, new modern design seating, and a modern interior facade that includes digital signage, updated paint and flooring as well as updated branding.

They closed for a short time to complete the interior upgrades, but are reopened and eager to welcome customers back to a refreshed experience at the location.

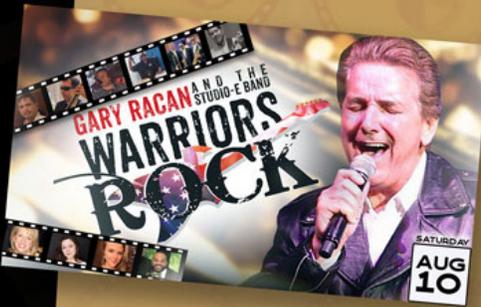
Did you know?

The West End Subway was Harrison County's first Subway franchise and has been operating at their current location on West Pike Street since 1987.

It's Happening in Clarksburg

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE ROBINSON GRAND?

JULY/AUGUST 2024



TICKETS:
THEROBINSONGRAND.COM
(855) 773-6283

First Fridays

First Fridays is a monthly all-weather event that takes place on the first Friday of each month. It's a community event aimed at promoting local businesses, arts, and culture in the downtown area.

Pop-up Paddle Every Thursday at Veterans Memorial Park

Weekly Pop-Up Paddles organized by Guardians of the West Fork Watershed returned to Clarksburg starting in April. Meeting up at Clarksburg's Veterans Memorial Park at the boat launch next to the ball fields every Thursday at 6PM.

Check Out What's Happening at The AMP

The Summer Season kicks off with two FREE shows at The Amp May 24 & 26. New ticketed shows still being announced. Learn more at: clarksburgamp.com