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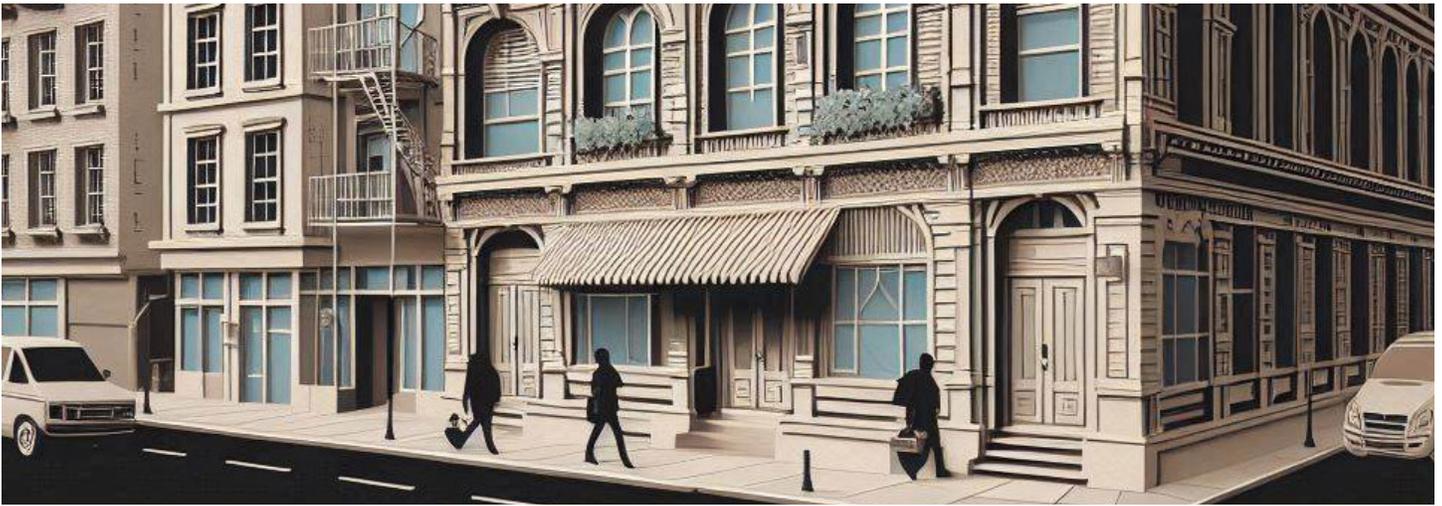
It's Happening In Clarksburg

From the Mayor

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 Business Owners: Apply for the URA Facade Improvement Grant!

The City of Clarksburg, in collaboration with the Clarksburg Urban Renewal Authority (URA), is delighted to announce the launch of the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Downtown Exterior Facade Improvement Grant Program. This initiative aims to support the continued rehabilitation and restoration of business facades within the designated areas of Clarksburg's corporate limits, excluding parcels along Emily Drive and Tolley Drive.

In a significant boost for local businesses, the Clarksburg City Council has increased the funding for this program to \$100,000 for the current fiscal year. This enhancement provides a greater opportunity for more businesses to participate in and contribute to Clarksburg's urban renewal and beautification efforts.

The grant program is designed to enhance the visual appeal of our city's business district, encouraging both building owners and approved tenants (with the building owner's consent) to invest in their properties. Eligible projects include the restoration of architec-

tural features, installation of signage, and other exterior improvements that meet the program's goals and requirements.

Grants cover up to 90% of the total project cost, with a maximum of \$5,000 for building owners and \$2,500 for tenants. This funding can make a significant difference in creating a cleaner, more attractive environment that draws patrons and supports the growth of new businesses in Clarksburg.

We invite all eligible business owners to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity. To learn more about the program and how to apply, please visit the City of Clarksburg's website or contact Jason Lane, Project Director, at (304) 624-1607.

Join us in revitalizing our city's business district and contributing to a vibrant, welcoming community for all! With increased funding, now is the perfect time to make a lasting impact on Clarksburg's urban landscape.

Clarksburg: Ranked a Top Hometown in America

Clarksburg was proudly ranked 25th in a comprehensive study by All Star Home, a leading home renovation website. This study evaluated numerous small towns across the United States, focusing on key aspects such as community, safety, affordability, and education. Clarksburg stood out not just in West Virginia, but nationally, as a prime spot for families to thrive.

Why Clarksburg Stands Out

Affordability

One of Clarksburg's most attractive features is its affordability. With home prices averaging just over \$104,000, it's one of the most budget-friendly options on the list. This makes it an ideal place for families looking to purchase their first home or retirees wanting a cost-effective place to settle down.

Education

Clarksburg also excels in education, with favorable student-to-teacher ratios that ensure personalized attention for students. This focus on quality education is crucial for families prioritizing their children's academic success.

Community and Safety

Community spirit is strong in Clarksburg. The town offers a warm, tight-knit environment where neighbors look out for each other, making it a great place to raise a family. Safety is another critical aspect where Clarksburg excels, providing peace of mind to its residents.

Experience the Small-Town Charm

Living in Clarksburg means enjoying the best of both worlds: the charm and community spirit of a small town with the convenience and amenities of a larger city. Whether you're taking a stroll through the local farmers market, exploring historical buildings, or enjoying community events, there's always something happening in Clarksburg.

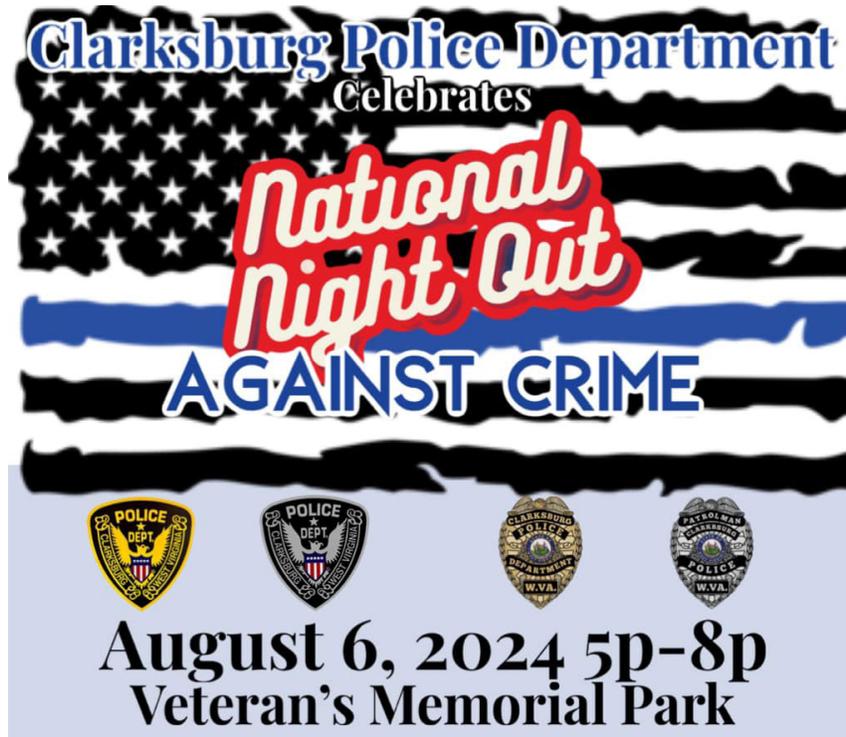
Conclusion

Clarksburg, WV, is more than just a place to live; it's a community where you can grow, connect, and thrive. With its affordability, excellent education system, and strong community spirit, it's no wonder Clarksburg is ranked among the top hometowns in America.

Most Charming Small Cities & Towns in the U.S. Ranked

CITY	COMMUNITY SCORE*	SAFETY	HOME VALUE BY CITY	STUDENT-TO-TEACHER RATIO	OVERALL SCORE OUT OF 100
#25 Clarksburg, WV	13	57.43	\$104,715	12.72	51

From the Clarksburg Police



CLARKSBURG'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. It enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. The event is held on the first Tuesday of August.

The Clarksburg Police Department will be hosting this year's event at Veteran's Memorial Park, but will be hosted in a different area of the park than it had in previous years. While this year will still include free admission to the Splash Zone water park and River Bend Mini Golf, the main event, food, sponsors, inflatables, and live music

will be located at the Clarksburg Amphitheater, providing a larger area to host participants.

The Clarksburg Police Department has a lot of great things planned for this event including:

- **Free admission to Splash Zone and River Bend Mini Golf for the first 1,000 people (from 5-7PM)**
- **Plenty of food options including: pulled pork, pizza, snow cones, ice cream, and lots more!**
- **Live music at the Amp**
- **Bounce Houses**
- **Face Painting**
- **Drawings for Prizes**
- **And many more surprises!**

Come visit with local police officers, fire fighters, and vendors. Prizes will be given out starting at 8pm!

**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

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

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

Sanitary Board / MS4 Committee

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of every month at 3:30 PM

Requirements: The engineer member of the Sanitary Board need not be a resident of the city. No officer or city employee shall be eligible to appointment on the Sanitary Board until at least one year after the expiration of the term of his public office, any other interested Clarksburg citizen is welcomed to apply.

Application deadline: July 30, 2024

Planning & Zoning Commission

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 4PM

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

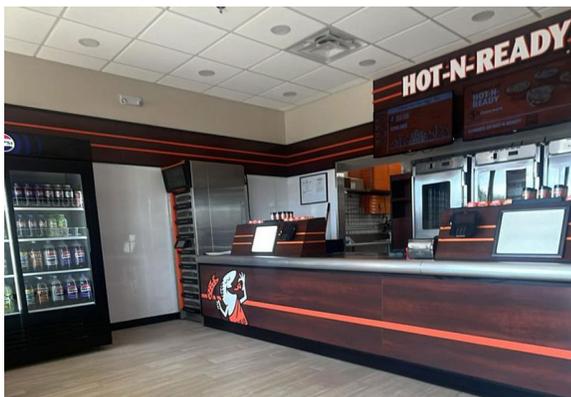
New Dollar General Opens in Clarksburg



A new Dollar General has opened in Clarksburg, located at **20 Good Hope Pike** across from Food Lion where Davissson Run Rd. meets Milford St/ Good Hope Pike. This new location conveniently serves the greater Clarksburg community,

Little Caesars Reopens in Eastpoint at New Location

Operating in Eastpointe now for over 20 years, this busy location closed for a period to relocate nearby to help make room for the new Five Below. After a \$300,000 investment in a new modernized location they are happy to open their doors once again to welcome customers old and new alike!



Why not stop in for a lunch combo or a Hot-N-Ready and welcome them back. Located in the same shopping center closer to Kroger at **134 Emily Drive**.

JD's Greenhouse Opens Offering Fresh Produce in Clarksburg

Fresh produce is now available from TJ'S Greenhouse at their new location in Clarksburg. Located off Rt. 98 between the Water Board and Veterans Memorial Park at **1304 S. Chestnut St.**



Expanding from their greenhouse location in Horner, WV, they now provide a continually growing selection of seasonal fruits and vegetables. Don't see something you want? Ask, they are happy to bring up additional items from their Horner location. Open: Wednesday - Saturday 10AM - 5PM

Five Below Grand Opening August 2nd

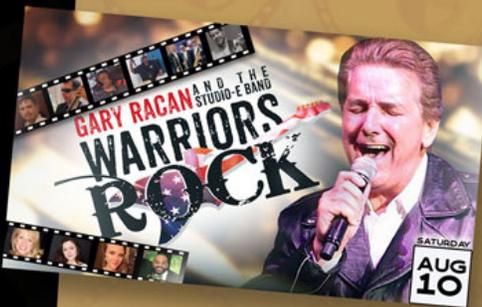
The eagerly anticipated popular national chain Five Below has announced the Grand Opening of their new location in Clarksburg at Eastpointe. Located next to Hobby Lobby at **156 Emily Drive**.



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

National Night Out Against Crime

The Clarksburg Police Department will host their annual Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, August 6 from 5-8PM at the Clarksburg Amphitheater. FREE access to Splash Zone and River Bend Mini Golf from 5-7PM for the first 1,000 visitors.