



**NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026 AT 5:00 PM**

In Person: Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth St., Clarkdale AZ

OR

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**Town of Clarkdale Vision**

The Town of Clarkdale connects our unique history, proximity to the Verde River, and small-town charm to a future with a vibrant economy.

We cultivate an environment where residents and businesses can thrive; providing services and jobs for our residents and capitalizing upon tourism.

We sustainably enhance our infrastructure, support the arts and education, and develop recreational opportunities to create a bright future for our entire community.

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.02, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Town of Clarkdale will hold a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 5:00 PM. Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission will attend either in person, by telephone or via Zoom. A quorum of Town Council members may be present at this meeting; however, they will not deliberate or take any action on items. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

**ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA ARE SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Parks and Recreation Commission invites the public to provide comments at this time. Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01, action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. Persons interested in making comments on a specific agenda item are asked to complete a brief form and submit it to the Clerk or liaison during the meeting. Each speaker is asked to limit their comments to three minutes unless a different amount of time is noted on the agenda or is determined by the

Presiding Officer or by a majority vote of the Council, Commission or Committee.

#### 4. REPORTS

##### A. Parks and Trails Updates

Staff will provide updates on items related to parks and trails, including Tuzigoot RAP, art, signage, and Copper Penny Park.

##### B. Events and Programming Updates

Staff will provide updates on events and programming.

#### 5. MINUTES

##### A. Approval of Minutes

Discuss, consider, and act upon the draft minutes from the Special Meeting held on Nov. 19, 2025.

#### 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY - NO ACTION TAKEN

##### A. Clarkdale Old Fashioned Fourth of July

Discussion only regarding plans for the Old Fashioned Fourth of July celebration with the inclusion of America250 considerations.

#### 7. ACTION ITEMS

##### A. Centerville Park Revitalization Project

Discuss, consider, and act upon the recommendation that Centerville Park playground replacement and bathroom upgrades be considered for 2026 CDBG funds.

#### 8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Parks and Recreation Commission may propose items to be placed on a future agenda. This item is for discussion only.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

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# Staff Report

Item Number: 4.A.

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**Agenda Item:**

**Parks and Trails Updates**

Staff will provide updates on items related to parks and trails, including Tuzigoot RAP, art, signage, and Copper Penny Park.

**Staff Contact:**

Joni Westcott, Parks and Recreation Director

**Meeting Date:**

February 11, 2026

**Strategic Goal:**

This agenda item supports the following Clarkdale Strategic Goal Area:

- Goal Area 1 - Enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors to Clarkdale.
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**Background:**

**Tuzigoot RAP Fee** — In 2023, the Town entered into a new agreement with Arizona State Parks and Trails to jointly manage the Tuzigoot River Access Point recreation area. State Parks maintained their right to charge a fee at this location and agreed to reimburse the Town for half of the cost to maintain the site. They have announced that they will be charging a \$10 per vehicle fee to park visitors beginning March 1. An Arizona State Parks and Trails annual pass will be accepted. National Park Service and Federal Recreation Land passes will not be accepted. They noted in their press release (attached) that Arizona State Parks and Trails does not receive any taxpayer funding for the operation of its parks. Town of Clarkdale staff are not expected to enforce the fee and State Parks is responsible for all aspects, including money collection from the pay box. State Parks has been a good partner, and we hope to continue our shared interest in protecting and maintaining the river access for all.

**Sculptures** — In 2024, the Town of Clarkdale created the Clarkdale Artist Working Group. The group assists with public art projects. During the grant-writing and park design phase of Selma Mongini S.T.E.A.M. Park, three sculptures were identified as desirable public art installations, and grant funding was received for this purpose. After an RFP process, the working group reviewed 24 sculpture proposals and selected three, all from Clarkdale artists. An alternate was also selected.

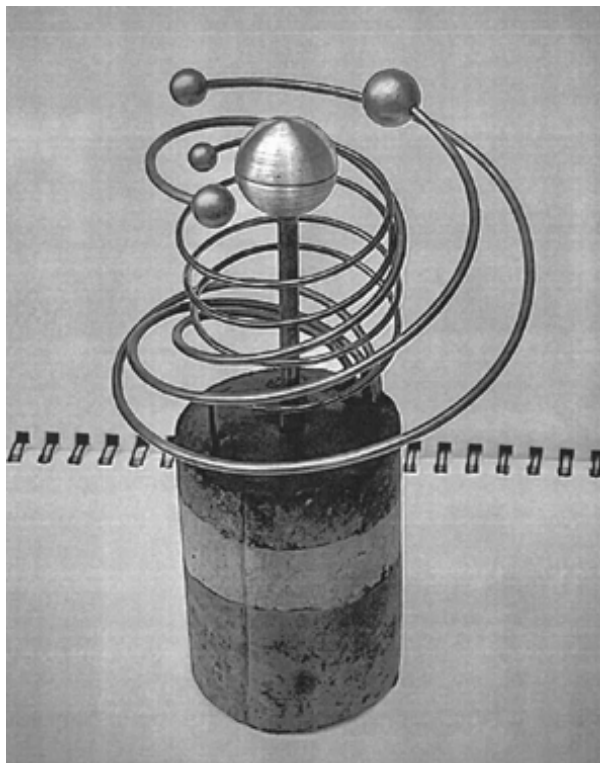
Because of donated funding and remaining funds from the park project, the Town is now able to purchase and install a fourth sculpture, the selected alternate. This means the S.T.E.A.M. Park will feature four public art sculptures.

The Clarkdale artists and sculpture titles are:

- Vincent Hood, *Armory Sundial*
- Syri Hall, *Francesca (Donkey)*, bronze
- Daniel Pierre Austin Jackson, *Sun and Four Inner Planets*
- Mark Gettles, *Change of Direction*

Two of the sculptures will be installed by the end of March. The donkey sculpture is expected shortly thereafter, and Vincent Hood received special permission from the working group to complete his detailed sculpture by January 2027. Signage will be placed on-site asking the public not to touch the sculptures. Two will be installed in the butterfly garden areas to minimize interaction, and another will be placed next to the restrooms. The location of the fourth sculpture has not yet been identified, but will take into account public safety and the durability of the bronze donkey.

These renderings show, in general, what three of the sculptures will look like:





***Sun and Four Inner Planets***  
***Francesca***



***Armory Sundial***

Details about the artists and their sculptures will be listed on the Town website and a press release and social media campaign will highlight the sculptures once they are installed.

**Park Signage** — Staff sought direction from the Commission last year on consistent rules signage for all Town parks. After gathering input from the Commission, the public and staff, signs were ordered and are expected to be installed by the end of March. As requested, all signs will include the park name, address, rules and updated contact information for security, maintenance or water concerns.

Here is an example of the Town Park rules sign, which measures 24 by 36 inches. Signage will be placed near the main park entryways as well as near the bathroom areas.

# Welcome to Town Park

1001 Main St. Clarkdale, AZ

Park hours: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## Park rules:

- Damage to Town property is prohibited.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- No smoking.
- No glass containers allowed.
- No open fires. Fires are permitted in approved receptacles only.
- Sound ordinance in effect.
- Do not litter.
- All pets to be on a leash. Owner is responsible for clean up of waste.
- No overnight camping.

Follow all playground safety signage.

Children under 5 must be assisted by an adult at all times.

The Town assumes no responsibility for injury or loss.

Use at your own risk. Injury can result from misuse of park equipment.

For general information or park related concerns, call Parks and Recreation at 928-639-2460.

For public safety concerns, call 911 for emergencies or call Police Dispatch for non-emergency matters at 928-634-2921.

For irrigation, broken items, or bathroom concerns, call Public Works at 928-639-2520.



## Copper Penny Park Safety Improvements

Staff has received quotes for increasing the concrete pickleball play zone, expanding the court to regulation size and adding curb and wood fiber to the playground. Existing CIP funds will be used. Work will be completed this spring.

**Budget Impact:** Updates only.

**Recommendation:** Updates only. No action required.

# ARIZONA

## STATE PARKS & TRAILS

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February 6, 2026

### Arizona State Parks and Trails Announces New Fees for Tuzigoot River Access Point in Clarkdale

**PHOENIX** – Arizona State Parks and Trails is announcing new day-use fees at the Tuzigoot River Access Point in the Verde River Greenway State Natural Area. These fees will help maintain the area and keep it open for visitors.

The fee, which will be \$10 per vehicle, will be implemented starting March 1, 2026 after working over the past few years with the town of Clarkdale and local partners. The fee will be collected on site through a self-pay option. Visitors with the Arizona State Parks and Trails annual pass will not need to pay the fee. The National Park Service and Federal Recreation Land passes will not be accepted.

Arizona State Parks and Trails does not receive any taxpayer funding for the operation of its parks. All fees collected at the more than 30 parks across the state go directly back into staffing, operations, and maintenance. Arizona State Parks and Trails currently has an agreement with the Town of Clarkdale for upkeep at the Tuzigoot River Access Point (RAP). Past improvements have included paving Tuzigoot Road to the parking lot and also trash collection and maintenance in the area.

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*Connecting people to the outdoors and history of Arizona to build a lifetime of memories.*

For information about the more than 30 Arizona state parks and natural areas, the trails and Off-Highway Vehicle Programs and State Historic Preservation Office, call 1-877-MY-PARKS or visit [AZStateParks.com](http://AZStateParks.com).

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# Staff Report

Item Number: 4.B.

**Agenda Item:**

**Events and Programming Updates**

Staff will provide updates on events and programming.

**Staff Contact:**

Chell Smart, Manager of Parks and Recreation and Communications/PIO

**Meeting Date:**

February 11, 2026

**Strategic Goal:**

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**Background:**

**S.T.E.A.M. it up in Clarkdale** - SciTech Event Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Selna Mongini S.T.E.A.M. Park.

Science enthusiasts of all ages please join us for the first annual SciTech event in Clarkdale. Friends of the Verde River will host a watercolor artist for a hands-on painting activity that will complement the reading of the Otter Spotter by author, Phoebe Fox. Other event highlights include:

- Bent River Machine — Offering hands-on assembly of solar panel layers and a demonstration of their laminator.
- Salt River Material Group — How is cement made? Through microscopic examination, SRMG lab specialists will demonstrate the breakdown of geological minerals to form new minerals found in cement.
- Clarkdale Jerome School - Middle school students will engage participants in hands-on math games and art.
- Verde Valley Fire District — Demonstration of scientific principles involved in firefighting.
- Clark Memorial Library - Craft Lab where participants can make buttons, zines, and more.
- Cottonwood Library — Learn to play chess at one of the park's chess tables.
- Yavapai County Community Health and Bicycle Advisory Committee — Demonstrate heart healthy activities and heart

- monitoring.
- Music in the Making — Volunteer, Ellie Dierksmeier, will teach kids how to make music using a kazoo.
- Master Gardeners — Educate on water-friendly plants and plant seeds in the wildflower garden area. Native seed packets donated by APS.
- Geology Expert - Volunteer, Hal Hatfield, will talk about the formation of local ore bodies and provide Redwall Limestone samples donated by SRMG.
- Water Capture Info — Volunteer, Michael Levick, will share the benefits and the “how to” capture water for reuse in your garden/yard.
- Scavenger hunt highlighting S.T.E.A.M. elements of the park for multiple ages.

**Concerts in the Park** — Last year, Concerts in the Park attendance averaged 970 attendees per concert with a high attendance of just over 1,200. Great public feedback has been given on all the bands that performed. The 2026 Concert band call out just closed on Feb. 6. Currently, over 40 bands have applied, including many crowd favorites, such as Tommy Rocks the Beatles, Local Honey, and the Naughty Bits.

A Band Selection Working Group will meet on Feb. 17 to determine this year’s lineup. There is enough money in the budget to host seven or eight concerts this year. The following dates have been reserved on the calendar: May 23; June 6; June 20; July 4; Aug. 1; Sept. 5; Sept. 19.

Four vendors have applied to serve food and beverages during these events.

**Park Stewards** — In 2020, the Town created the “I Love My Parks and Trails” program. This program supports parks and trails with volunteer labor. Volunteers who will work at Town parks will be called “Park Stewards.” The program is being piloted at the S.T.E.A.M. Park first. Support for this program was evident at the Nov. 20, 2025 Lower Clarkdale community meeting where residents stated they would like to help “watch after the park.”

There are currently eight Park Stewards who each select a day of the week and stop by, then follow a simple checklist to assist with light duties on site. Elements of this program not yet complete include the installation of a large metal box and tools to be stored behind the east dugout. These items are anticipated to be on site by April. Volunteers also report maintenance or security items to the correct Town Staff. They are recording the time spent on site for record-keeping purposes. Here is the checklist showing Park Steward duties and department contacts for various park needs:

**Checklist for Selna Mongini S.T.E.A.M. Park Stewards**

- Walk the park perimeter, check all major stations/locations.

- Do any plants look like they are not receiving water?
  - Are the lights working?
  - Do you see any suspicious activity?
- Sweep wood chips off concrete.
- Sweep off the concrete areas as needed.
- Remove tape/party decorations from gazebo areas.
- Wipe off concrete tables and solar table as needed.
- Rake wood chips back into "fall" zones (under slides, zipline, and swings).
- Check bathrooms (use gloves if trash needs to be deposited).
- Clean up litter (check near fence lines and parking areas also).
- Is anything broken?
- Tidy book area.
- Tidy game area.
- Place the basketballs in a holder.
- Tidy cornhole area.

Who to call:

Police Department: Public safety issues, noise concerns, or activity in the park after 9 p.m. Non-emergency? Call Police Dispatch at 928-634-2921.

Public Works: Irrigation issues, clogged toilet or restroom emergency call 928-639-2520.

Parks and Recreation: Broken items in the park or general questions. 928-639-2460.

**Santa Comes to Clarkdale** — Santa Comes to Clarkdale took place on Dec. 6 with 385 attendees. Rather than only counting children this year, all community members who came were recorded.

Commissioners and volunteers organized crafts, cocoa and cookies, and games for the children to play. Thank you!



**Budget Impact:** No budget impact.

**Recommendation:** Updates only. No action required.



# Staff Report

Item Number: 5.A.

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- Agenda Item:**            **Approval of Minutes**  
Discuss, consider, and act upon the draft minutes from the Special Meeting held on Nov. 19, 2025.
- Staff Contact:**            Joni Westcott, Parks and Recreation Director
- Meeting Date:**            February 11, 2026
- Strategic Goal:**            Not applicable.
- Background:**              Approval of minutes.
- Budget Impact:**            No budget impact.
- Recommendation:**        Approval of minutes from the Special Meeting held on Nov. 19, 2025.



**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025, AT 5:30 PM**

**Members Present:** *Chairperson Cheryl Kessel; Commissioners - Becky Keck, Robyn Aasmundstad, John Jones, Ellen Jo Dahlberg Roberts; Advisory Member Cody Rongo; Youth Advisor Jalexa Villegas.*

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** *Joni Westcott, Parks and Recreation Director; Chell Smart, Manager of Parks and Communications/PIO.*

**Audience:** *No members of the public were present. No members of the public were present via Zoom as technical difficulties prevented the connection.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER** – *Chairperson Kessel called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.*

**2. ROLL CALL** – *All members present.*

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT** – *No public comment.*

**4. INTRODUCTIONS**

**A. Introduction of New Commissioners**

*Director Joni Westcott introduced the newly appointed Parks and Recreation Commissioner, Ellen Jo Dahlberg Roberts, and Advisory Member, Cody Rongo.*

**5. UPDATES** – *Updates provided.*

**A. General Updates on Parks and Recreation Events**

*Director Joni Westcott gave updates related to the Santa event and sponsors, 2025 Concerts in the Park, and Halloween Safe Trick or Treating.*

**6. MINUTES**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

*Discuss, consider and act upon the approval of the draft minutes from the regular meeting held on Sept. 10, 2025.*

**Action: Approval of minutes from the regular meeting held on Sept. 10, 2025, with the noted correction of Commissioner Jones' title to "Commissioner," rather than "Chairperson."**

**Motion:** *Commissioner Keck*

**Second:** *Commissioner Jones*

**Vote:** *Approved 5-0*

<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Aye/Nay</b>
Chairperson Cheryl Kessel	Aye
Commissioner Robyn Aasmundstad	Aye
Commissioner Becky Keck	Aye
Commissioner John Jones	Aye
Commissioner Ellen Jo Dahlberg Roberts	Aye

## **7. DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY - NO ACTION TAKEN**

### **A. Park Hours and Signage**

*Discussion only regarding park hours of operation and signage.*

*Discussion took place regarding park hours balancing quality of life and supporting use. The park hours going forward for traditional parks will be 6 a.m. – 9 pm. The river park hours will be 7 a.m. – one hour after sunset, due to lack of lighting and other factors on site. New park signage will note the hours, address, and name of the park.*

### **B. Selna Mongini S.T.E.A.M. Park Status**

Discussion only regarding Selna Mongini S.T.E.A.M. Park status.

*Discussion took place regarding Selna Mongini S.T.E.A.M. Park status including topics such as the pollinator gardens, damaged backboard due to vandalism (responsible party identified), neighborhood meeting, replacement of the pavilion roofing, commissioned sculptures, lending library and game cabinet. The new backboard material will remain the same as the one that was vandalized. The tool cabinet was also vandalized.*

*Commissioner Aasmundstad suggested adding a sign as users enter the court showing no bikes on the court.*

*Security conversations will take place with the residents in Lower Clarkdale to better understand the conditions on site. Town departments will be represented at the meeting and will discuss potential solutions that include phone numbers to contact relevant departments if help is needed.*

### **C. Trails and Active Transportation Master Plan**

Discussion only regarding the Trails and Active Transportation Master Plan.

*Director Westcott presented on progress related to the Trails Master Plan. Discussion took place. See Staff Report for additional details.*

## **8. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Chairperson Selection**

Discuss, consider, and act upon the selection of a Chairperson.

**Action:** *Select Cheryl Kessel to remain Chairperson.*

**Motion:** *Commissioner Aasmundstad*

**Second:** *Commissioner Keck*

**Vote:** *Approved 5-0*

<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Aye/Nay</b>
Chairperson Cheryl Kessel	Aye
Commissioner Robyn Aasmundstad	Aye
Commissioner Becky Keck	Aye
Commissioner John Jones	Aye
Commissioner Ellen Jo Dahlberg Roberts	Aye

**B. Vice Chairperson Selection**

Discuss, consider, and act upon the selection of a Vice Chair.

**Action:** *Select Robyn Aasmundstad as Vice Chair.*

**Motion:** *Commissioner Keck*

**Second:** *Commissioner Jones*

**Vote:** Approved 5-0

<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Aye/Nay</b>
Chairperson Cheryl Kessel	Aye
Vice Chairperson Robyn Aasmundstad	Aye
Commissioner Becky Keck	Aye
Commissioner John Jones	Aye
Commissioner Ellen Jo Dahlberg Roberts	Aye

**C. Verde Valley SciTech Participation**

Discuss, consider, and act upon participation in the 2026 Verde Valley SciTech Festival.

*Discussion was had regarding the event being hands-on and science themed. Commissioners suggested partnering with local science-related businesses, limiting participation to a single day, and reusing some of the activities present at the Grand Opening ceremony. Youth Advisor Jalexa Villegas suggested coordinating with Jesse Kennen in the Science Department at Clarkdale-Jerome School.*

**Action:** *Approval of participation in the 2026 Verde Valley SciTech Festival.*

**Motion:** *Chairperson Aasmundstad*

**Second:** *Chairperson Roberts*

**Vote:** Approved 5-0

<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Aye/Nay</b>
Chairperson Cheryl Kessel	Aye
Vice Chairperson Robyn Aasmundstad	Aye
Commissioner Becky Keck	Aye
Commissioner John Jones	Aye
Commissioner Ellen Jo Dahlberg Roberts	Aye

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Parks and Recreation Commission did not propose items to be placed on a future agenda. This item is for discussion only.

**10. ADJOURNMENT** – Chairperson Kessel adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:59 p.m.

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Chairperson, Cheryl Kessel

SUBMITTED BY:

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Manager of Parks and Communications/PIO, Chell Smart

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# Staff Report

Item Number: 6.A.

**Agenda Item:**            **Clarkdale Old Fashioned Fourth of July**  
Discussion only regarding plans for the Old Fashioned Fourth of July celebration with the inclusion of America250 considerations.

**Staff Contact:**            Chell Smart, Manager of Parks and Recreation and Communications/PIO

**Meeting Date:**            February 11, 2026

**Strategic Goal:**            This agenda item supports the following Clarkdale Strategic Goal Area:

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**Background:**            The 2026 Fourth of July event will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States. A July 4 Working Group has been formed to help expand Clarkdale’s annual celebration for this milestone year.

Traditionally, the event features a pancake breakfast fundraiser for the Clarkdale Police Department, fire truck rides hosted by the Verde Valley Fire District, old-fashioned games hosted by the Clarkdale-Jerome School, an ice cream social, and a children’s parade.

The Working Group has recommended adding a Concert in the Park on the evening of July 4 and expanding the parade to include vehicles, floats, families and adults, rather than limiting participation to children and pets.

To accomplish these goals, the Working Group has proposed working with or including:

- Strategic partners including local nonprofits, schools, churches, Clarkdale neighborhoods, and interest groups.
- Verde Valley municipalities and Town/City Councils.
- Local businesses.
- Work with the City of Cottonwood to mirror the structure of their parade rules and process.
- Work with the Clarkdale Jerome School to secure a staging area for

- floats in their parking area.
- Recruit a sponsor for increased costs.

Proposed expanded event details:

- Concert in the Park on the evening of July 4 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Ice cream social.
- Potential flash dance performance by Kris Greene and her community dancers.
  - A parade featuring children, bicyclists, dogs, floats, vehicles, families and adults, with the goal of creating a fun and inclusive community event. Legal did review parade rules and noted that the following rule is acceptable: “No entry will be entered into the parade whose purpose is to campaign for any office or promote any partisan political position or ballot proposal.”

The proposed event *draft schedule includes*:

- 7 a.m. — Pancake breakfast.
- Live music in the morning, along with float registration.
- 9 a.m. — Parade begins: Children first, followed by the Police Department, floats, and then the Fire District.
- 10 a.m. — or upon conclusion of the parade: Announcements.
- 11:15 a.m. — Cottonwood Community Band performance.
- Noon — Event concludes (one hour later than traditional).
- 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. — July 4 Concert in the Park. (No 50/50 raffle will be conducted this night).

Parks has already secured Salt River Materials Group as the 2026 July 4 sponsor at \$5,000.

**Budget Impact:** \$5,000 Fourth of July donation funds.

**Recommendation:** Discussion only. No action required.



# Staff Report

Item Number: 7.A.

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**Agenda Item:**

**Centerville Park Revitalization Project**

Discuss, consider, and act upon the recommendation that Centerville Park playground replacement and bathroom upgrades be considered for 2026 CDBG funds.

**Staff Contact:**

Joni Westcott, Parks and Recreation Director

**Meeting Date:**

February 11, 2026

**Strategic Goal:**

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**Background:**

Centerville Park is located within the Centerville Subdivision and was constructed in March 2003. Park amenities include swings, restrooms, a basketball court, a children's playground and picnic areas with ramadas and grills. In addition, the Town of Clarkdale has added three pickleball courts to the existing basketball court using mobile equipment stored onsite.

Several safety concerns were identified in the 2025 Playground Inspection Report. While staff has addressed minor issues where feasible, the playground equipment is now more than 23 years old and has reached the end of its useful life. Full replacement is recommended to address safety, accessibility and long-term maintenance concerns.

The Town of Clarkdale will receive \$312,472 in 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for projects approved by Town Council. As required by the CDBG process, the public is invited to participate in identifying and prioritizing potential projects. Two public meetings are scheduled for Feb. 19 and April 14 to gather community input on project ideas and needs.

In addition to the public participation process, and contingent on Town Council approval to pursue this project, an income survey of the Centerville Subdivision would be required to determine whether the neighborhood meets low- to moderate-income eligibility criteria. This step is necessary for the park

improvement project to fully qualify for CDBG funding.

Preliminary cost estimates indicate that playground replacement and restroom upgrades would be eligible uses of CDBG funding. Quotes for playground replacement total approximately \$150,705 for a system similar to the existing playground, including new wood fiber surfacing. Estimated restroom upgrades total approximately \$175,000 and would include new sinks and toilets, doors with automatic locks, a baby-changing station, interior remodeling to achieve ADA compliance, and installation of a dog water fountain. Additional amenities that could be considered for replacement include picnic tables, a swinging bench and ramada tables, subject to funding availability and project prioritization.

**Budget Impact:** \$312,705 CDBG Funds (\$282,472 Equip/Bath, \$30,000 Admin Cost).  
\$48,000 Capital Construction funds (if approved by Council).

**Recommendation:** Approval and recommendation to Council that the Centerville Park playground replacement and bathroom upgrades be considered for 2026 CDBG funds.

# CENTERVILLE PARK

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## Centerville Park improvements

*C.D.B.G. (Community Development Block Grant) 2026 funding consideration*



# Centerville Park why now?

C.D.B.G. 2026 project for consideration.

- Neighborhood park constructed in **2003**.
- Serves the Centerville Subdivision with playground, restrooms, courts, and picnic areas.
- Playground equipment is 23+ years old.**
- 2025 Playground Inspection Report** identified safety concerns.
- Full replacement is recommended to improve safety, accessibility, and usability.



# 2026 Playground Inspection Report







# Proposed improvements and costs

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## CDBG eligible park improvements:

### Playground replacement – \$150,700.

- New equipment similar in scale to existing.
- New wood fiber safety surfacing.

### Restroom upgrades – \$175,000.

- ADA-compliant interior remodel.
- New sinks, toilets, baby changing station.
- Auto-locking doors and dog water fountain.
- Additional amenity replacements as funding allows.



# C.D.B.G. alignment and next steps

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## Public process and eligibility:

Strong alignment with C.D.B.G. goals:

- Improves public infrastructure.
- Enhances safety and accessibility.
- Serves families, children, and seniors.

If approved by Council:

- **Centerville subdivision income survey required.**
  - Confirms low- to moderate-income eligibility.
  - Necessary for full C.D.B.G. qualification.

