



# CLINTON CITY NEWSLETTER

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**Mayor Minute-** In lieu of a message, please join me in celebrating three individuals who combined have served Clinton City for over 70 years. There will be a reception in their honor Jan 11th from 3:30 to 5:30 pm at the community room. Come say thank you and goodbye.

**CLINTON CITY MANAGER DENNIS W. CLUFF WILL BE RETIRING ON JANUARY 15, 2024, AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE.** Dennis and his family came to Clinton in 1994. Back then, Clinton was a rural community with about 8,000 residents. There was one traffic light and two businesses, a gas station/convenience store and a mechanic shop. Under Dennis' leadership, Clinton grew to over 24,000 residents, 193 commercial businesses, and over 100 employees. Dennis loves Clinton. He has thrived on overseeing the growth and overcoming its many challenges.

Dennis has also thrived on a good pun. His arsenal of puns grew as rapidly as the number of rooftops over the years. In response, the groans from staff and elected officials could be heard round the city. Thanks to Dennis, Clinton is now full-grown and full-groan.

Dennis has managed Clinton's budget with conservatism and restraint. His goal to keep the City out of debt "paid off," as Clinton is currently debt-free. But Dennis has said his best accomplishment is hiring great people who have built strong departments and legacies of service.

Talented people working in administration and Community Development run the day-to-day reception, records, accounting, billing, licensing, planning, and more. Dennis knows he wouldn't have survived all this time without their support at City Hall. They put the "hall" in hallelujah.

The Justice Court has been "witness" to many changes over the past 20 years; they have a great staff and creative judge who work to serve the best interest of Clinton. A "brief" time ago, in 2019, Dennis oversaw the expansion of the court in City Hall to install additional offices and waiting space for customers.

In 1994, Clinton had a volunteer Fire Department but soon began "blazing" the path to a new future. In 1997, the first full-time fire chief and firefighter were hired. Then in 2002 came the new ambulance transport service. In 2022, Clinton implemented a fully functional paramedic program and now operates with 17 full-time and another 17 part-time Fire Department personnel.

Dennis would say working with the Police Department has been an "arresting" experience. The department had six officers in 1994. They now operate with 23 full-time officers — clear "evidence" of the city's growth. The goal is to have one officer per 1,000 residents.

Before 2008, the Recreation Department was housed in the old City Hall near what is now Kohl's. Now they have their own building, including a community rental room, on the grounds of the expansive Civic Center Park, where they host soccer, softball, flag football, and more. Dennis gave the Recreation Department space to innovate, leading to the "re-creation" of the annual Christmas sing-along into the Blitzen Bash with more than 1,000 attendees in 2023.

The Public Works director is the only employee who has worked for Clinton longer than Dennis. In 1994, when Dennis arrived, Public Works had about 10 employees. Today they have 23 full-time employees and numerous seasonal hires "pounding the pavement." Dennis showed foresight by working with Public Works to buy water shares and improve infrastructure, such as streets, water and sewer lines, and trails. Now that he's come to the "end of the road,"

Dennis is proud to look back on the many projects that have enhanced Clinton's safety and hometown feel. The fish pond, the hanging flower baskets, and the street lights will be "a real catch," a "fragrant" memory, and a "bright spot" for many years to come! Phew.

In addition to the puns, Clinton City employees will remember Dennis for his stories of Vietnam, where he served honorably in the U.S. military, and his love of music. He sang a tune from time to time, even in Spanish, and brought a nice harmony to the birthday song.

We wish you the very best in your retirement, Dennis. We will miss you. Thank you for 30 years of friendship!

#### **THANK YOU COUNCILMEMBER ANNA STANTON FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Clinton City would like to thank Councilmember Anna Stanton for 20 years of dedicated service. Anna has loved being on the City Council and has put her heart and soul into representing Clinton to the best of her ability. She is the longest serving councilmember and has been instrumental in helping Clinton grow and develop into one of the most desired cities to live in within Davis County. Councilmember Stanton has contributed to many improvements in the City including the relocation of the Civic Center Campus, providing safe facilities for employees to work and creating a thriving business district. As a council member she has also supported the extensive improvements to city roads and infrastructure during her tenure. She has worked closely with staff and supported the City in being fiscally responsible working with City Manager Dennis Cluff to balance the annual budget each year to keep the City debt free. Councilmember Stanton has been a huge supporter of our public safety services helping increase the police force and establishing a local paramedic service with our Fire Department. She has developed great relationships with staff over the years and will be greatly missed!

#### **COURT ADMINISTRATOR SHANNON MULLINS TO RETIRE AFTER 23 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CLINTON**

Shannon began her career in Clinton in 2001. In 2008 Clinton City moved their Justice Court facilities to the lower level of the new Civic Center building. The Municipal Justice Court system is under the Utah State Court System. Over the years the State has made significant changes to their reporting and information processes, many of which Shannon helped to review and provide feedback to the State which helped enhance the systems and make them more compatible for use by the local courts.

Sometimes people required to report to or attend court are not the kindest or most congenial individuals, yet Shannon has always been able to interact with court customers in a positive and kind manner which helped to ease peoples' angst

During COVID Shannon was instrumental in developing a system so court hearings could be held virtually by phone/video and still provide defendants all of their rights and privileges. The issues with COVID are just one of the many court modifications that Shannon has worked with during her service. Through all these transitions and changes Shannon has continued to manage the court seamlessly. The Clinton community has a lot to thank her for, as the Clinton Municipal Court has provided a wonderful justice system over her administration time period. Thank you Shannon for your dedicated hard work!

**CLINTON CITY RECREATION NEWS****1651 W 2300 N – 801-614-0780****~~ Follow Clinton Rec on Facebook & Instagram****Register for programs on-line at**[www.clintoncity.net](http://www.clintoncity.net)

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**CLUB 55**

January's Club #55 Luncheon will be held on Wed, Jan 17, 2024, at NOON! Please join us at Clinton City Recreation 1651 W 2300 N. There is a \$5 donation for the lunch.

**SENIOR ACTIVITY – CARD CRAFTING**

Please join us on Jan 30, 2024 - 11 AM-12:15PM at Recreation to craft and decorate Valentines cards! Free crafting supplies will be provided while they last, or bring your own supplies.

**CLINTON HERITAGE DAYS VENDOR BOOTHS**

Join Clinton's Heritage Days with a booth for your local business. Registration is open for basic food vendors for our June event.

**REGISTER FOR SPRING YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL**

Register now and grab your bat and glove and join us for another fun season!

**SPRING YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION**

Registration begins January 2. The season runs from Mar to May. Leagues are offered for participants in Pre-K (must be entering Kindergarten in fall 2024) to 9th Grade. Registration is available at [www.clintoncity.net](http://www.clintoncity.net) or come to the Clinton Recreation office.

**GIRL'S COMPETITIVE FASTPITCH SPRING LEAGUE**

Register now for the Girl's Competitive Fastpitch Spring League and Icebreaker Tournament.

**COMMUNITY RENTAL ROOM:**

2024 Community Rental Room reservations are now open. Secure your reservation by coming in to the Recreation office during business hours. Cost is \$40/hr. for Clinton City residents, with a \$250 refundable security deposit. Reservations are only available in person. Call (801)614-0780 for availability.

**PARK BOWERY RESERVATIONS:**

Park Bowery reservations are now being accepted for the 2024 season. The bowery reservation season runs from Apr 15 – Oct 15. Cost to reserve a bowery is \$30/5hr time block for Clinton City residents, with a \$50 refundable security deposit. Reservations can be done online or in person at the Recreation office.

**HERITAGE DAYS PERFORMERS:**

Performance applications for this year's Heritage Days celebration are being accepted now through Mar 15, 2024. Applications may be found online or at the Recreation office.

**HERITAGE DAYS GRAND MARSHALS:**

Nominations for our Heritage Days Parade Grand Marshal are being accepted now through Mar 15, 2024. Fill out a nomination form which can be found online or at the Recreation office. Nominees can be nominated for displaying outstanding service, pride, and support to the community, county, state, or country. Nominees must reside in Clinton City.

**SNAPOLY - YOUTH PROGRAM**

Children ages 8-12 join us on January 10, 17, and 24 for the Snapology Developing Engineers Program. This program gives your student the tools they need to understand mechanical movement through the foundations of simple mechanics physics and engineering design. For registration and more information visit <https://www.snapology.com/utah-syracuse/>

**NOTICE OF 2024 BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL**

Business licenses for the 2023 business year expired on December 31, 2023. For convenience renewal applications were mailed in November. If you did not receive a renewal application please contact the Clinton Community Development Department at (801) 614-0740. (Business license fees for renewal businesses shall be due on or before Jan 1 of each year and shall be delinquent if not paid prior to February 1 of each year.) All businesses are required to submit a renewal application even if the fee exemption qualification is met. \*\*If you are no longer operating a business please contact our office, so we can remove your information from our active files. Thank you!

**ARTS BOARD NEWS**

- Friday, **January 19th**, 7 pm join us for an evening of entertainment featuring poetry by Clinton's own **Marilyn Diamond** and music by local musicians **Stampede**. STAMPEDE!, is a multiple award winning Western music duo that brings good music, harmony, humor and just down-right good fun to the stage.
- The **Art Group** meets Thursdays any time between 9-2 at the Clinton Recreation Center. Bring an art or craft project and enjoy the social atmosphere!
- The next **Book Club** meetings will be: Wed, Jan 3, 7-8 pm at the Clinton Recreation building. The book we will be discussing is *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright. On Wed, Feb 7 the book will be *The Dutch House* by Ann Prachett.

Clinton City will be implementing the following pass through fee increases effective January 1, 2024, which will appear on the February billing statement for January.

- Temporary Water Meter Set Fee - \$65;
- Temporary Water Use Fees – Meters will be read monthly and billed monthly at the same rates as residential;
- Sewer monthly fee - \$3.00 increase to \$29.70/ERU inside city;
- Sewer monthly fee - \$3.00 increase to \$31.70/ERU outside city;
- Sewer monthly fees for commercial, same ERU increases for inside and outside city;
- Storm Drain - \$2.00 increase to \$6.50/ERU;
- Solid Waste - \$1.50 increase to can, 1st can = \$18, 2nd can(s) = \$14.50 each.

This increase is necessary to maintain financial stability in these utility funds.

The Davis County Health Department has many programs available for residents. Need a Flu or Covid 19 Vaccine? They have that. They offer Flu, RSV, COVID-19, Shingles, TDap, Pneumonia and routine vaccines. They provide vaccines in-home to residents who are homebound, unable to drive or medically vulnerable. They also have an immunization clinic at 22 State Street in Clearfield open 8am – 5pm; a mobile clinic at 55 S US-89 on Tues 11 am – 4 pm (weather permitting) and outreach clinics. For more information call the Davis County Immunization Office at 801-525-5020.

They also provide free classes to help residents understand Medicare through SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) call 801-525-5000 for locations & times.

Christmas Tree Pick Up will be January 9, 2024. Please have your trees curbside by 6 am.

