



heart of the prairie PRAIRIE POST

JULY 2018

CITY OF EXCELLENCE

The City of Clarkfield has received a 2018 City of Excellence Award from the League of Minnesota Cities at the League's Annual Conference for its "Community Child Care Initiative."

Clarkfield seized an opportunity to breathe economic vitality into its community by building a child care facility to win this year's "Population under 5,000" category. The availability and affordability of child care can be a determinant for families deciding where to live and work. In 2017, a study reported that Yellow Medicine County – where Clarkfield is located – had only one child care center which closed and 29 licensed homes, not all of which were providing child care. The study also identified some families were traveling up to 70 miles roundtrip to satisfy child care needs.

With an estimated 81 needed child care slots, Clarkfield partnered with its local charter school, area businesses and organizations, and residents to create a community child care center that opened on May 1, 2018. To meet this goal, the City committed \$25,000 to begin construction, and acquired a land donation from the local school district. Other individuals and partnering groups contributed \$140,000, and Yellow Medicine County contributed \$25,000 to construction.

A non-profit entity was formed to operate the center and to secure the necessary funding needed to cover additional start-up expenses. The center will offer 58 child care spots including 24 infant and 14 toddler spots, and provide high quality care and education at an affordable rate. The City hopes the new center will make Clarkfield a more attractive place to reside, and help the community expand in new ways.



COUNCIL MEETING

1st & 3rd TUESDAYS of each month at 7:00 PM.
City Hall Meeting Room

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR

Dale Stringer III
mayor@clarkfield.org

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dale Stringer Jr.
(320) 226-6857

Sue Fritz
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CITY OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

FRIDAY
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Amanda Luepke
amluepke@clarkfield.org

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY
10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

THURSDAY
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM/
2:00 PM - 6:30 PM

FRIDAY
1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

REMINDERS

Please remember **sump pumps** must not discharge into your house drains or streets. Please check that your sump pump is draining into your yard. Sump pumps are not allowed the run into the sanitary system. Also, please make sure that **grass clipping** are not discharged into the street!

Tree Site: Please remember disposal of branches, twigs, and pine needles cannot go into the leaf and lawn clippings pile as those items do not compost well. Please dispose these items in the branch pile. Also, please remember that lumber cannot be dispose of in the burn pile.

SIDEWALK PROGRAM LAUNCHED

The City Council implemented a sidewalk replacement program which provides a \$1.75 per square foot reimbursement toward the cost of replacing public sidewalks for property owners who wish to either repair or install sidewalks. The City will reimburse up to \$300 per project and award 2 to 3 projects for the 2018 season.



Reminder that the City Office will be closed for Independence Day on Wednesday, July 4, 2018.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Join the Clarkfield Fire Department, Ambulance Squad, local police services for a night of fun with local heroes.

CITY OF CLARKFIELD

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Ambulance Service

Police Office (Non Emergency)

Clarkfield Public Library

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THANK YOU FROM OPEN DOOR

Thank you to every who was able to attend our Open House event on June 6! We were delighted to meet so many people and very grateful for the support of the following local businesses who generously donated door prizes: Cenex Co-op; Clarkfield Hardware Hank; F & M Bank; Handeland Chiropractic. Thank you to the entire community for your overwhelming support! Stop in and see us anytime or call us to schedule your dental appointment today!

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July 20-22, 2018
North Park

July 20

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| 7:00 AM | Citywide Garage Sales |
| 7:00 AM-5:00 PM | Clarkfield Community Library Book Sales |
| 12:00 PM | Medallion Hunts Starts - 1st Clue |
| 1:00 PM-5:00 PM | Free Swim |
| 6:00 PM | Medallion Hunt - 2nd Clue |
| 7:00 PM | Softball Tournament |
| 8:00 PM | 21+ Game Show @ The Filling Station |

July 21

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| 7:00 AM | Citywide Garage Sales |
| 8:00 AM | Softball Tournament |
| 8:00 AM | Medallion Hunt - 3rd Clue |
| 9:00 AM-11:00 AM | Cardinal Car Cruise |
| 10:00 AM | Sand Volleyball Tournament |
| 11:00 AM | Bean Bag Tournament |
| 11:00 AM-6:30 PM | Cardinal Food Stand |
| 11:30 AM | Parade |
| 12:00 PM | Cardinal Car Show |
| 12:00 PM | Medallion Hunt - 4th Clue |
| 12:00 PM-1:00 PM | Vocals By: Marles, Guy & Doug |
| 12:00 PM-7:00 PM | Bounce Houses |
| 1:00 PM-5:00 PM | Free Swim |
| 1:00 PM & 2:00 PM | ATV Big Air Show |
| 2:00 PM-4:00 PM | Knockerball |
| 2:00 PM-6:00 PM | Caricatures |
| 3:00 PM-5:00 PM | Wood Sign Workshop by Pete & Ollie |
| 3:00 PM-6:00 PM | Streich A Pose Face-painting |
| 4:00 PM-6:00 PM | Vocal By: Kayla Daniels |
| 5:00 PM | Beer Gardens Open |
| 6:00 PM | Medallion Hunt - 5th Clue |
| 8:00 PM-12:00 AM | Street Dance Featuring "The Honey Badgers" |

Volunteers Needed!
The Clarkfield Prairie Cardinals are in need of more volunteers to help make this event a success. We are only asking for 1 hour of your time. If you are interested in helping with this community event, please call Katie Kaatz @ 320-981-0203. Your help is greatly appreciated! Also, there is still time to register for the parade!! Let us know if you'd like to join in the fun!

PARADE
There are still spots available if you are interested in being in the parade! Please call Katie Kaatz @ 320-981-0203.

July 22

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| 8:00 AM | Medallion Hunt - 6th Clue |
| 9:00 AM | Softball Tournament |
| 10:00 AM | Outdoor Worship Service at Valhalla Park & Community Potluck |
| 1:00 PM-5:00 PM | Free Swim |

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