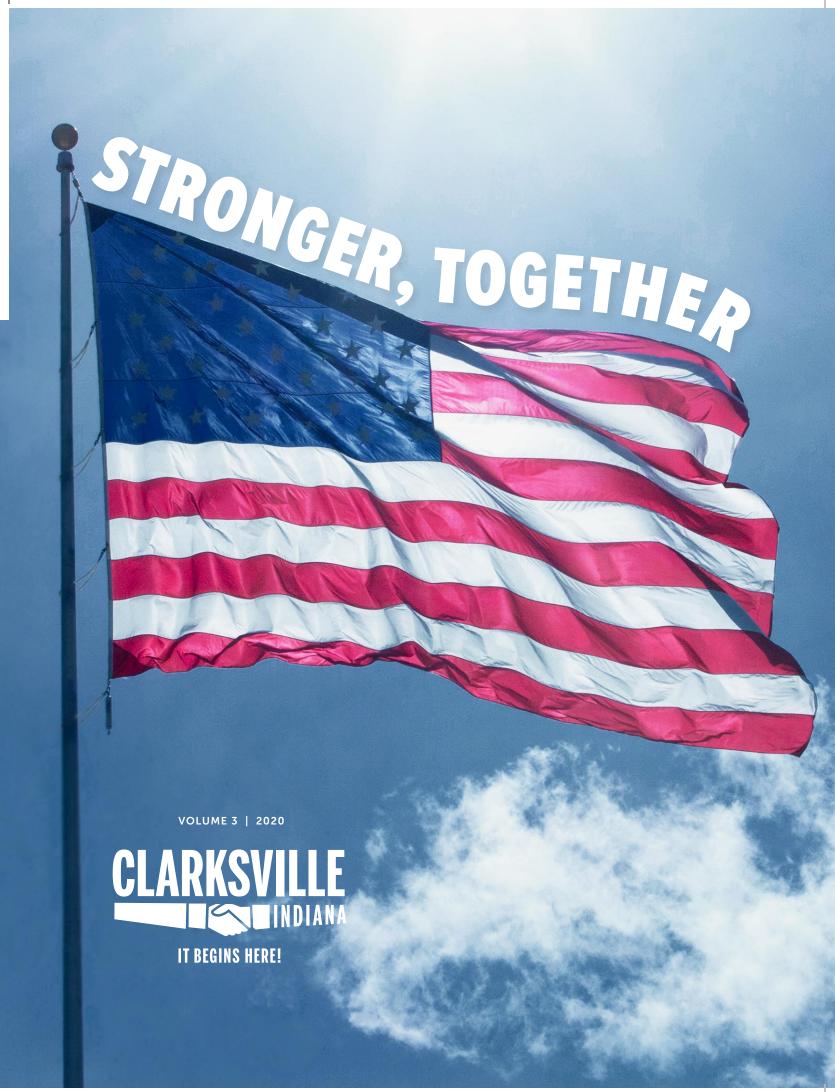
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Can you find
Clarksville's newest
Police K-9, Argo,
hiding on 4 different
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LETTER FROM RYAN

Dear Clarksville resident,

As we bring 2020 to a close, the pandemic has unfortunately created unprecedented challenges and hardships. The virus has affected each of us in different ways, but even as we deal with the sadness and challenges that have come as a result, our Town has continued to seek initiatives to keep Clarksville united and assist our citizens during this time.

We continue to partner with OptumServe and the Indiana State Department of Health to provide necessary access for COVID-19 testing. Clarksville was also successful in securing a second round of COVID-19 relief grants from the State of Indiana's Office of Community & Rural Affairs for our small businesses.

This year, our Town began the process of reimagining the future of the Lewis and Clark retail corridor, started an initiative to improve Clarksville's tree canopy and saw to completion the Discovery Trail, allowing for more of our residents to get outdoors in these unsafe times.

In this edition of the magazine, we continue to showcase our park systems and spotlight one of Clarksville's oldest locally owned businesses, Kratz Sporting Goods. Also, within these pages we introduce you to the leaders of our first responders who make us proud every day, Chiefs Palmer and Skaggs.

I continue to be inspired by the resilience and determination the citizens of Clarksville have shown throughout this year. Whether it has been the loss of loved ones or employment, dealing with sickness or stressful childcare decisions, Clarksville residents have shown their grit and toughness. Through it all, we have been, and will continue to be, in this **TOGETHER**.

Wishing you and yours a safe and healthy holiday season,

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Ryan Ramsey, Clarksville Town Council President







Born and raised in Clarksville, Brandon Skaggs knew from an early age that he wanted to follow his father's footsteps to become a firefighter. Feeling compelled to serve and protect, he joined the Clarksville Fire Department over 18 years ago. In 2015, he was promoted to the Fire Chief position and has served in that capacity since.

During his time as Chief, Skaggs has implemented new programs and initiatives to help make the community a safer place. This entails, but is not limited to, increasing staff in order to adequately serve the public, providing up-to-date equipment to keep firefighters safe and healthy, offering mental health services for first responders, expanding fire territories and developing a fire education program to teach children about fire prevention and home safety.

However, staying connected with residents, saving lives and comforting those experiencing tragedies is what drives Skaggs to get up every morning and put on the uniform. As a hometown firefighter, he takes great joy in connecting with members of the community on and off the job.

"I like meeting people outside of emergencies in everyday life," said Skaggs. "I like learning what they do, who they are, where they live. Growing up in Clarksville, it is a small community. I feel like I know a lot of the 22,000 residents that live here."

For those experiencing an emergency, the event can be life-changing. By having an established rapport with Clarksville residents, Skaggs hopes to be that familiar face when responding to emergencies, providing a sense of comfort for those during traumatic and difficult times.

When Skaggs isn't in uniform, he enjoys fishing, hunting and taking family vacations to Florida, where he hopes to retire some day. If you see him around town, make sure to stop and say hello.



After a long career in military and law enforcement, Mark Palmer was sworn in as the Police Chief for the Clarksville Police Department in 2010. For 30 years, he has upheld his oath to serve Clarksville and protect the community even in unprecedented times.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Palmer was tasked with adapting the police department's daily operations. He has taken a proactive approach to keep first responders safe and healthy by modifying emergency response protocols, alternating shift changes and opting for radio roll call versus in-person meetings.

One of Palmer's proudest accomplishments throughout his 30 years on the force is his integral role in implementing the School Resource Officer (SRO) program within Clarksville Community Schools. This program promotes safety and youth crime prevention to create long lasting change within the community. He expects this partnership with Clarksville Community Schools to continue to grow in the years to come.

"My number one goal has always been to leave the Police
Department better than when I entered it," said Palmer. "I have
been part of some major changes over the last 10 years as Chief,
I am proud of what we have accomplished. I am looking forward
to see what comes next."

Palmer takes pride in recruiting new police officers and offering mentorship for those just starting their career in law enforcement. The excitement he sees from these officers brings him back to his early years on the job and reminds him why he chose to serve his community.

In his off time, Palmer likes to listen to local live music performances and spend time traveling with his family.



Argo's Official Swear In





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PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES

Fire Territory Created to Increase Fire Department's Budget

A new fire territory was created to cover some parts of Clarksville and the unincorporated Jeffersonville Township to ensure the safety of its residents and the firefighters that protect the property lying within. The territory was created through a joint effort with the Jeffersonville Township Board.

Beginning in January 2019, the Township Board and the Town Council held three public meetings and presented information about the territory formation process and the benefits it could provide. In March 2019, both Boards voted unanimously to create the Territory with an effective date of January 2020. This date marked the first time all residents would be assessed equally under the new tax levy which resulted in property tax increases for 2020

Prior to beginning this process, the residents of Clarksville were paying \$0.53 per \$100.00 of assessed property valuation and the residents of the unincorporated area were paying \$0.04 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation; both receiving the same service from the same department at a very high rate of disparity. For example, a home valued at \$100,000 in Clarksville was paying \$530 and the same home in the Township was paying \$40. This inequity and the inability to levy a greater amount caused the fire department to operate in a negative budget situation for several years. The primary purpose for the fire territory creation is to equalize the tax all residents are paying, allow for a balanced budget operation and allow for additional revenue to be created to add additional equipment and additional firefighters.

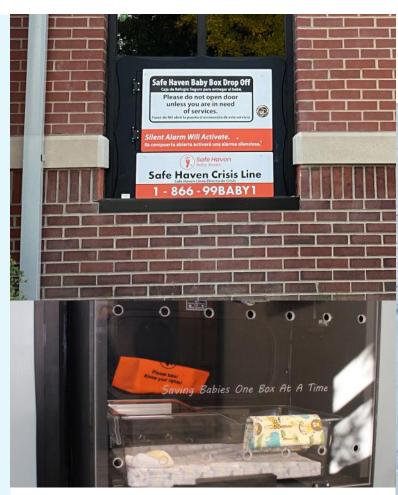
Safe Haven Baby Box

The 48th Safe Haven Baby Box in the nation is now available at the Clarksville Fire Station #1 located at 106 E. Stansifer Ave. Indiana's Safe Haven Law allows people to anonymously surrender their healthy newborn without fear of criminal prosecution at any fire station, police station or hospital as long as the child appears to be 30 days old or less and unharmed. The Safe Haven Baby Box is a final resource for women in crisis who want 100% anonymity to ensure a safe surrender of their baby.

"The Safe Haven Baby Box program provides hope and a future for surrendered babies"

"The Safe Haven Baby Box program provides hope and a future for surrendered babies" as well for the mothers and fathers who make this tough decision," says Brandon Skaggs, Chief of Clarksville Fire Department. "The program is led by servants of our communities and demands love to operate successfully."

This Baby Box was funded by the Knights of Columbus Council #1631 out of North Vernon, IN. This Council held multiple fundraisers to raise money for two Baby Boxes to ensure that no baby dies in these communities by offering this life saving option. Installation of the Baby Box and alarm costs were paid for by a Facebook fundraiser created by Caitlyn Henderson, who lives in the area



Safe Haven Baby Boxes are equipped with alarm systems to immediately notify staff inside or outside the station. Safe Haven Baby Boxes also have heating and cooling features and the outside door locks as soon as the baby is placed inside.

For more information on Safe Haven Baby Boxes, please visit www.shbb.org.

COVID-19 Indoor Testing Site Available

Clarksville continues to partner with OptumServe and Indiana State **Department of Health to provide Residents with FREE COVID-19 Testing**









Testing Site Location:

Clarksville Community Center 2311 Sam Gwin Drive, Clarksville IN

Testing Hours:

Tuesday-Saturday 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Online registration for patients is the preferred method for making an appointment. To make an appointment, visit https://lhi.care/covidtesting.

Phone-based registration for persons without internet access, or to register minors for testing, dial (888) 634-1116.

Insurance information will be collected, if available



WHAT'S NEW, CLARKSVILLE?

A New Beginning: **ORIGIN PARK**

One of the boldest and most visionary urban parks is coming to Clarksville. Origin Park is a 630-acre park project that will transform scrapyards and landfills along the Ohio Riverfront into a scenic linear parkscape stretching from Jeffersonville to New Albany.

The \$130M project masterplan includes an elevated pedestrian and cycling path, an event center, meadows and wetlands, paddling access and more. Origin Park's design is "flood resilient" and will allow people to experience the park even when the Ohio River periodically floods.

The organization behind the project is River Heritage Conservancy, a Southern Indiana based non-profit created by local business and philanthropic leaders. Founding Director Jim Kenney looks forward to preserving the unique history of the Falls of the Ohio while transforming the land into a place where communities can come together and stay active. As a Clarksville native, Kenney grew up around the area and is excited to see it flourish into a regional destination.

"It's not just a neighborhood park, it's a destination park," Kenney said. "It's going to be a great connector of communities, bring back the wildlife and reconnect people with Clarksville's rich history."

Although Origin Park is expected to be completed by 2040, Kenney is optimistic that construction for smaller parks within the masterplan will begin to break ground as early as 2022.

> For updates on this project and more information on how you can get involved, visit www.riverheritageconservancy.org and www.townofclarksville.com.

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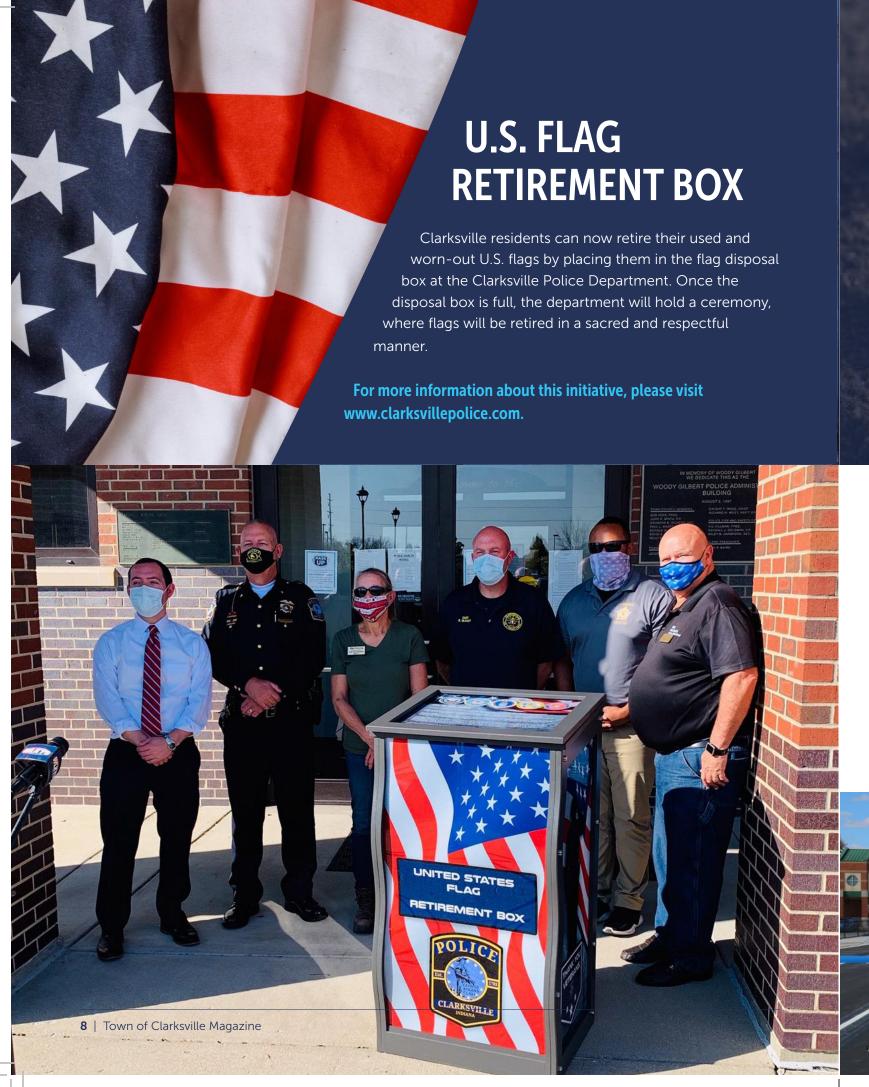
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TREE CANOPY PROGRAM

Trees greatly improve the health, environment, economic development and quality of life of a region. The Town of Clarksville is endeavoring to ensure that all of our residents can enjoy these benefits, and to do so, the Town is poised to adopt a new policy to expand and protect our tree canopy.

These goals are shared by cities and towns across the country, and new policies are being adopted to make our communities healthier and more vibrant. Clarksville's canopy is on par with most other cities in the area, but there is still room for improvement before the full benefits of a healthy tree canopy can be achieved. Making things more complicated is the fact that the existing canopy is not evenly distributed across Town.

In adopting this plan, Clarksville is committed to preserving and protecting the tree canopy in Town. The Town will take initial steps this fall and winter, looking for opportunities to plant new trees on public property. Information about tree planting will be made available for residents, and local non-profits specializing in tree planting will be contacted. The Town will also look for opportunities to make trees available for planting on private residential properties through tree give-a-ways. Over time, the policy will be expanded to include the protection of existing trees in the Town as well. This policy will take time. Trees do not grow overnight. As the saying goes, the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

Just over 20 years ago, Clarksville was designated a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation, recognized for its commitment in managing and expanding the number of trees in Town. It was a great honor and is still commemorated in our Council Chambers. But Clarksville is unwilling to rest on its past awards, which is why the second best time to focus on our trees is now.

BLACKISTON MILL ROAD OPENING

Blackiston Mill Road is now officially reopened. The redevelopment project included safety improvements and upgrades to utility infrastructure benefitting pedestrians and motorists.

The majority of funding for the \$2.2 million roadway construction project came from the Indiana Department of Transportation. The Town is actively pursuing another phase of reconstruction for the roadway. Both INDOT and Clarksville's Utility Director Brittany Montgomery hope to continue these improvements all the way to Altra Drive.

"Now that Phase I is complete, we are looking forward to moving on to Phases 2 and 3 in the coming years," said Montgomery. "These projects will build on the improvements made in Phase 1 and provide long-lasting improvements to the roadway."

Town Council Member Mike Mustain represents Clarksville District 4 and is excited to reopen Blackiston Mill Road for his constituents.

"I understand the frustrations involved with a road closure," said Mustain. "I use this road often and frequent the businesses along this corridor. I'm happy to reopen this roadway and I believe we have created a safer, more attractive Blackiston Mill Road that will actually accommodate more traffic flow."



PARKS SPOTLIGHT

LAPPING PARK

Lapping Park is a 339-acre park with three walking trails (three total miles), two playgrounds, an amphitheater, a basketball court, two horseshoe pits and a sand volleyball court. It's also home to Wooded View Golf Course, Clarksville Softball Complex, a new 18-hole disc golf course and Endris Lodge.





LAPPING PARK

Why the Name?

Almost 50 years ago, the Clarksville Parks Board purchased 183 acres of land valued at \$500,000 for a discounted price of \$300,000 with a provision that the new park be named after the seller's late father, George B. Lapping.

George and his wife Cleora B. Lapping of New Albany owned the land as well as the lodge (now known as Endris Lodge), which was their summer home. George Lapping passed away in 1948, just five years after retiring as President of the Monon Veneer Company. His children sold the land and lodge to the Town of Clarksville in 1972.

The Park's History

April 1976 — Lapping Park officially opens to the public

1977 — First 9 holes of the Wooded View Golf Course opened

1979 — An additional 71 acres was purchased from the Woodward Family

1981 - 78 acres purchased to build 9 additional holes for the golf course

1997 — Clarksville Softball Complex was added

2000 - 7 additional acres purchased to make it 339 total acres to date

New 18-Hole Disc Golf Course

Lapping Park recently opened an 18-hole Disc Golf Course which has become increasingly popular. The course has hosted several large tournaments in recent months with visitors from across the United States, as well as professional players.

With limited recreational options due to the COVID-19 virus, outdoor areas such as Lapping Park have become a haven for those in need of recreational opportunities. Next time you visit, make sure to share your experiences with us on social media.









Ireland 2021 Tour with Clarksville Parks

Savor a true taste of "Irish Splendor" when you spend the night in a stately castle. Relax by a roaring peat fire. Stand in awe on the Cliffs of Moher. Tour rollicking Dublin. Sip on the "Water of Life" at a whiskey distillery. Visit Christ Church Cathedral, one of Ireland's most historic buildings and delight in cocktails and canapes in its crypt. Explore the spectacular Dingle Peninsula and drive the Slea Head road for majestic coastal views. Gaze upon the historic Rock of Cashel. Visit the famous Gap of Dunloe where you can shop for traditional Irish goods. Meet a local family and enjoy tea and scones at their farm. Kiss the Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle. From the breathtaking sights of County Kerry to the historic Rock of Cashel, gaze across the countryside and culture of Ireland.

October 16-23, 2021

Trip Prices

Double: \$2,999 Single: \$3,399 *Prices are Per Person

Registration Opens January 2021



Your Trip Includes...

- 8 Days, 7 Nights
- 8 Meals Included (6 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners)
- Round-Trip Airfare
- Tour Guide for Entire Trip
- Organized Tours and Entertainment
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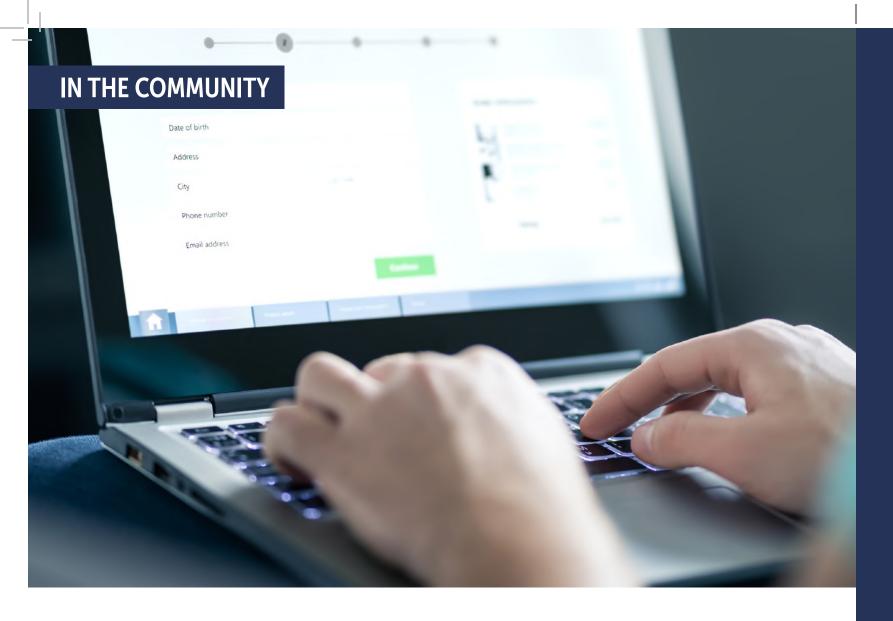
If you have questions about the trip or if you would like to be notified when we plan to hold an in-person trip information session, email kconklin@clarksvilleparks.com or call 812-283-1423.











Join the Town of Clarksville **Business Registration Program**

The Town Council has found that establishing an annual business registry will provide a better understanding of our local business climate. The information generated from this program will be used to make more informed economic policy decisions and promote Clarksville's business community through online and print marketing. All organizations and individuals conducting business activities from a physical location in the Town will be required to register and pay an initial enrollment fee prior to April 1, 2021.

INITIAL ENROLLMENT FEE

9/15/20 - 12/31/20 FREE 1/1/21 - 3/31/21 \$15.00 Beginning 4/1/21 \$30.00 Annual Renewal Fee \$30.00

www.townofclarksville.com/business.

KEEP IT LOCAL: Kratz Sporting Goods

As a former grocery store, Kratz Sporting Goods was born after Norman Kratz decided to sell a playground ball out of one of the back rooms of Kratz Grocery in 1957. Today, Kratz Sporting Goods is a local, family-owned store that provides decorated sporting apparel, footwear, accessories and hard goods to the local community and beyond. They have been providing schools, teams, leagues and individuals with basketball, football, baseball, softball and soccer athletic apparel and equipment for over 60 years.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Kratz Sporting Goods pivoted their business model to sell customized masks for local shops, franchises, schools and sports teams. The uncertainty of reopening schools and continuing school sports provided a challenge for their local storefront. However, Kratz Sporting Goods was able to obtain a PPP loan and was a recipient of a State of Indiana's Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) grant that was awarded to the Town of Clarksville. This allowed them to keep their doors open and their employees on staff.

Day-to-day Operations Manager Allen Krebs says he appreciates how the pandemic has placed an emphasis on shopping small and supporting local businesses, particularly among local businesses themselves.

"People who have a small business are realizing how important it is for them to shop locally if they are expecting people to do the same for them," says Krebs. "If communities can support their local businesses, then the communities will flourish."

Kratz Sporting Goods is currently welcoming customers inside its shop but also offers online services and curbside pickup for those who feel more comfortable staying at home or in their cars.







More information and enrollment instructions can be located at up to date on current sales, specials, promotions, and newly added products by visiting kratzsports.biz

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HOW TO CIVICALLY GET INVOLVED IN CLARKSVILLE

With the current state of the country and extended time spent away from family and friends this year, you may be feeling disconnected from your community. Civic engagement is a great way to bridge the divide you may be experiencing. The positive impact you will have on the lives of your neighbors will lead you to rediscover all there is to love about living in Clarksville. Joining one of the Town of Clarksville's many clubs can help you expand your network and grow your connection to the place

Kiwanis

Kiwanis Club of Clarksville inspires members to discover creative ways to serve the children of the community. Guided by the golden rule. Kiwanis works to combat hunger. improve literacy and mentor Clarksville's

Kiwanis members believe they can best serve their community when people of all ages and backgrounds get involved. Giving your time and talent is all it takes to impact the lives of children within your community.

For more information on how to get involved, visit www.indkiw.org

Rotary

Rotary Club of Clarksville is an organization on a mission to make the community a better, healthier place. Consisting of some of the most active members of the community, Rotary Club is an extensive network of people from all walks of life that have come together to help others.

Rotarians have the opportunity to serve as leaders. Taking on a leadership role teaches members to motivate, influence and lead others while fostering the confidence needed to step outside of their comfort zone.

Joining Rotary Club cultivates friendships and strengthens the bond members have with their town. With the wide variety of members and guest speakers, Rotary Club of Clarksville keeps people informed of what is happening within the community and allows them to see Clarksville from their neighbor's point of view.

For more information on how to get involved, visit www.clarksvillerotary.org

Shriner Tri-Country

Shrine Club is a brotherhood of men from diverse backgrounds brought together by shared values with a mission to have fun and positively impact their community. Shriners offer a compassionate, family centered approach to providing the highest quality care to children with special healthcare needs, despite their ability to pay.

Shrine Club of Clarksville is designed to cultivate the community's next generation of leaders and businessmen. The club offers skill building and leadership opportunities within their many unique committees. Members are encouraged to find the committee that allows them to pursue their passions and grow their talents

For more information on how to get involved, visit www.tricountyshrineclub.com



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The Town Council provides ongoing oversight to the town, sets policies, approves budgets, conducts annual planning and establishes strategic direction.

Want to attend a council meeting?

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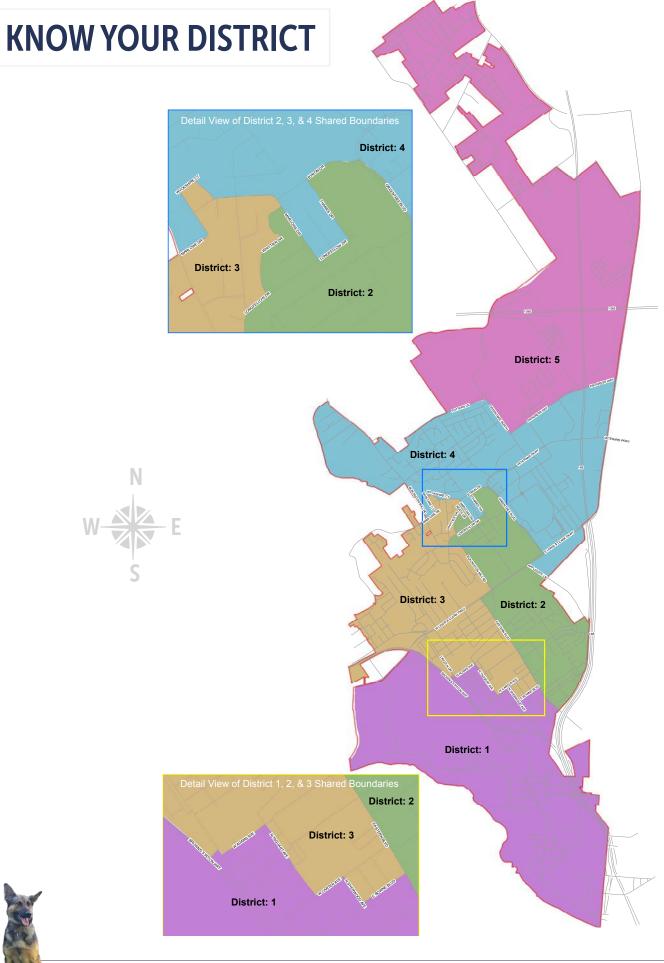
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