



*Harrison County Prevention Partnership*  
"Promoting Community Health & Well Being"

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**Community Health Walk: Strong Communities, Strong Neighbors, Strong Minds**

The Harrison County Prevention Partnership is hosting a community walk in Uptown Clarksburg on Sunday, June 14. The walk will begin in the upper lot of Jackson Square at 3 pm.

The purpose of the walk is to promote community health and wellness; with an emphasis being put on mental health. Service providers such as, United Summit Center, Highland Hospital, HOPE Inc., CASA, YMCA, The Harrison County Family Resource Network, Clarksburg Public Library, Celebrate Recovery and others will be providing information and resources.

The City of Clarksburg and WBOY are providing sponsorship for the community focused event.

HCPP coordinator Jo Anne McNemar stated, "Rather than walking against something we are welcoming people to come and walk for a specific program or goal in mind, for example as opposed to walking against drugs, we are walking to unify safe neighborhoods, wellness and education." She continued with, "We want to acknowledge concern and promote hope".

Newly elected Clarksburg Councilman Chad Sigmon voiced, "I am honored to be a part of The Harrison County Walk For.... I am glad to see an event promoting community health and wellness. Mental Health Awareness is a cause that is very important to me. One out of four individuals will suffer from a mental illness within their lifetime. I will be walking to help eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness. I want people to know that they are Not Alone. It is important to let others know that there is help and hope in Clarksburg #YouAreNotAlone".

The route will begin and conclude at Jackson Square. The walk is a family-friendly event; Come join us!

For the latest information on the Community Health Walk, visit the Harrison County Prevention Partnership website on the web @ [www.drugfreeharrisoncountywv.org](http://www.drugfreeharrisoncountywv.org) and follow Clarksburg, City Hall on Facebook.

### **About City of Clarksburg**

The City of Clarksburg is located in north central West Virginia, Clarksburg (est. pop 17,000) and is the County Seat for Harrison County (est. pop 68,652). Clarksburg is located at the intersection of two heavily traveled highways and the second busiest interchanges in the state, Interstate 79 and U.S. Route 50. Clarksburg enjoys the amenities of the largest city in the region with the advantages of a small hometown community. A rich mix of retail, industry, and government services, with a thriving business community exist, along with an abundance of recreational facilities and one of the best preserved historic downtowns in the state.

Because of the population base the Clarksburg region became, and still is, the main commercial, health care, and professional office location in the region. It also has a large number of State and Federal Agencies located in the Central Business District, including the U.S. Small Business Administration, Federal Court House, Social Security Administration, Department of Defense Biometrics Facility, as well as Fairmont State University — Clarksburg Campus, among others. A new \$25 million State Office Building is presently being constructed within the Central Business District.

Clarksburg's Historic downtown is also home to the largest legal, accounting, and banking community in north central West Virginia. There are approximately 6,000 professionals working in the Downtown Central Business District each weekday.

For additional information about the City of Clarksburg, visit the website at: [cityofclarksburgwv.com](http://cityofclarksburgwv.com) or follow us on Facebook at City of Clarksburg, City Hall.

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