



TOWN OF CLARKDALE

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Happy Holidays from the Town of Clarkdale



HOLIDAY LIGHTS NEEDED

Clarkdale’s holiday light displays have turned into one of the area’s most anticipated winter traditions. Each year the Town of Clarkdale has been fortunate to offer holiday lighting throughout upper Clarkdale, this includes the infamous Town Park gazebo, the trees along Main Street, and in the Town Hall complex. The holiday lights are on display from Thanksgiving through New Year’s and are enjoyed by residents along with visitors of several events held in Clarkdale, including Made In Clarkdale.

This annual display requires a large inventory of lights to accomplish the end result. These lights burn for an extended period of time causing a brief life span, and they need to be replenished year after year. The Town’s holiday light displays once consisted of over 400 sets of icicles, grids and strings in a variety of colors. Due to more recent budget shortfalls, replacement of 100% of the broken/malfunctioning lights has not been possible, resulting in fewer lighted displays the last few years.

In preparation for next year’s holiday light display the Town is seeking donations now for NEW boxes of lights to help continue this popular, annual tradition. We are hopeful that, with the community’s help, we will be able to rebuild our inventory in order to recreate the current displays, and perhaps create additional displays in 2012.

We encourage those interested in contributing to take advantage of the after holiday sales. We can only accept new/in-box, solid colored strands (green, red, or white/clear preferred), and we’d prefer energy efficient LED bulbs if possible. Light donations can be dropped off in the Library, Town Hall, or Utilities. Thanks so much for your consideration!

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Norman, Community Services Supervisor, at 639-2490 or email: dawn.norman@clarkdale.az.gov.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Town offices will be closed Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas and Monday, January 2nd in observance of New Year’s. In addition to these dates, the Clark Memorial Library will be closed Saturday, December 24th, and Saturday, December 31st.



CAROLING IN THE PARK

**Tuesday, Dec. 20th, 6 p.m.
Clarkdale Town Park Gazebo**

Celebrate with friends and family singing traditional holiday songs in front of our festively decorated historic gazebo in the Clarkdale Town Park. Caroling will begin around 6 p.m. the evening of Tuesday, December 20th. The Clarkdale-Jerome Lions Club will be serving hot chocolate and cider, for free! Be a part of this new holiday tradition.

The park is located in the center of the town’s historic district on Main Street, between 10th and 11th Streets. For more information contact Parks & Recreation at 639-2490 .

Please help us spread the word on this event—invite your family, friends, and neighbors to attend!



ZUMBA WITH ROSE!

**Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 9 a.m.
Wednesdays @ 5:30 p.m.**

Clark Memorial Clubhouse Auditorium

\$5/class or \$40/10 class punch pass

First class is **FREE!!!**

For more information contact Rose at 928-639-1554 or Parks & Recreation at 928-639-2490.



ARIZONA CENTENNIAL MOMENT OF STATEHOOD BELL COMMUNITY RINGING EVENT!

Join us on February 14th at 1:00 p.m. as Arizona and Clarkdale celebrate their 100th anniversary! Activities will be held in the Clarkdale-Jerome School gymnasium. A centennial fair, complete with displays, songs, art, poems, and a play will be presented by the students of Clarkdale-Jerome School. Mayor Doug Von Gausig and Superintendent Kathleen Fleenor will welcome everyone. At 2:14 p.m. we will join all other cities and towns across the state of Arizona in a statewide bell ringing to commemorate the exact time of Arizona’s statehood. So, bring your bell and join the students and staff as we celebrate 100 years of being a great historic community AND the 48th state all rolled into one historic event! Mark your calendar now!!

FROM THE LIBRARY

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

The Town of Clarkdale is seeking applicants to fill two vacant seats on the Library Advisory Board.

The Library Advisory Board advises the Town Council and staff regarding the general priorities of the Clark Memorial Library and suggests/promotes fund-raising ideas to finance projects in relation to the library operations.

The Board consists of five representatives. The Board currently meets on the 1st Thursday of every other month beginning in January.

Clarkdale residents interested in serving should submit an application to the Town Hall Administration Building.

Applications are available at the Town Hall Administration Building, 39 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale, or may be printed from the Town's website under forms. For information please contact Margie.hardie@clarkdale.az.gov or 639-2441.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Join our group of friendly, dedicated volunteers at the Library. There are a variety of rewarding opportunities for individuals willing to donate about 1 to 3 hours of their time, on a regular/weekly basis. Examples of tasks:

- ⇒ Shelf Reader (making certain our collection is in the correct order)
- ⇒ Circulation Desk Assistant
- ⇒ Children's Storytime Coordinator
- ⇒ Assorted duties based on a volunteers' talents, or library needs

The Clark Memorial Library Mission:

"To provide for the needs and interests of our patrons through a well-rounded collection of materials and a comfortable and inviting environment."

Thanks ~ and stop by for a visit!

The Library Staff

Neighborhood Meeting

On January 5, 2012, a neighborhood meeting to discuss the current draft of the neighborhood park in the 'Crossroads at Mingu' subdivision will be held in the Town Complex, Clark Memorial Clubhouse Men's Lounge from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come learn about what's being proposed and to give your thoughts on how we can make this the best possible park for our community. Hope to see you there!

BE SAFE IN OUR ROUNDABOUTS

Clarkdale residents have become very familiar with roundabouts – there are now five of them in town.

As the use of roundabouts increases, please keep in mind some key things to know and do to be safe in roundabouts:

1. Slow down as you approach – roundabouts are designed for a maximum safe speed of 15 miles an hour.
2. Use your turn signal – at roundabouts, all turns are right turns. Just like any other right turn, use your turn signal to show your intent to enter the roundabout, and your intent to leave the roundabout, even if it's the "next" right turn.
3. Yield to all traffic in the roundabout. Vehicles, including trucks, emergency vehicles and bicycles, already in the roundabout have the right of way. An approaching motorist has to wait for a gap – a break – to appear in the flow of traffic before entering. A good way to remember this is ***"Wait for the Break."***

The benefits of modern roundabouts include:

- Reduces injury collisions by 75% and fatal collisions by 90%.
- Helps the environment by reducing carbon emissions by double digits.
- Decreases fuel consumption by as much as 30%.
- Costs less than traffic signals, and does not require electrical power .

