



TOWN OF CLARKDALE - A 2012 CENTENNIAL TOWN

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4TH OF JULY KIDS' PARADE

“HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY
CLARKDALE, ARIZONA”

In recognition of our Town's 100th Birthday this year's Kids' Parade has been issued a theme: “Happy 100th Birthday Clarkdale, Arizona”.

Cash prizes will be issued for Best Decorated Pet, Best Decorated Bicycle, Best Decorated Wagon, Most Original, and Most Patriotic. To celebrate our 100th birthday a special prize will be issued for Best of Clarkdale, Arizona.

The parade starts at 9 a.m. and begins at the Clarkdale-Jerome School and continues down Main Street through the business district.

Those interested in participating must register at 8:15 a.m. at the Clarkdale-Jerome School. Participants are limited to youth age sixteen (16) years and younger. There is no fee to enter the parade. Parade registration forms, rules and route maps are available at www.clarkdale.az.gov.

4th of July Kids' Parade Rules:

- 1) Parade entrants limited to children sixteen (16) years and under.
- 2) Children ages six (6) years and under must be accompanied by one (1) adult or another child at least thirteen (13) years of age.
- 3) Pets: Entries with animals are limited to household pets only, weighing no more than 50 lbs. No hooved animals are allowed. Entries with dogs must have proof of a current license. All pets must be on leashes and must be held by someone strong enough to manage them. All pets participating in the parade must be kept under control at all times. Participant is responsible for pet.
- 4) A Waiver of Liability Form for each participant under eighteen (18) years of age MUST be completed and signed by a parent/legal guardian of the minor to participate in the parade.
- 5) Helmets and safety gear are strongly recommended for children riding bicycles, skateboards, and scooters.
- 6) No Commercial entries.
- 7) No gas powered vehicles will be allowed.
- 8) Candy & giveaways must be handed out to observers, not thrown.



CLARKDALE'S OLD - FASHIONED 4TH OF JULY & CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Join us as we celebrate Clarkdale's Centennial and Old Fashioned 4th of July on Wednesday, July 4th. This event has been designated as an Official Centennial Event! Clarkdale's long-standing traditional activities will be offered along with some special additions! The celebration kicks off at 7a.m. and ends at 11 a.m.

4TH OF JULY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 7 a.m. **FESTIVITIES BEGIN**
Raising of the Colors presented by VFW Post 7400
- 7 a.m. **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
hosted by the Clarkdale Police Dept. and Fire Dist.
- 7:30 a.m. **FREE FIRE TRUCK RIDES**
- 9 a.m. **4TH OF JULY KIDS' PARADE &
CENTENNIAL PARADE OF DIGNITARIES**
(See parade article for more information.)

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:
Children's Games hosted and sponsored by Clarkdale-Jerome School, Clark Memorial Library Ice Cream Social, Music performed by the Cottonwood Community Band, Old-Fashioned Picnic Games & Races, Community Mural commemorating 100 years of Clarkdale, Special Appearance by founder Senator William Clark and his daughter Huguette and various activities/performances at the gazebo.

11 a.m. END OF FESTIVITIES IN THE PARK

LEARN MORE ABOUT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

When: Tuesday, August 7th
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Clarkdale Main Park
1001 Main Street

The Clarkdale Police Department is an active participant in National Night Out (NNO) which promotes community interaction and neighborhood involvement in preventing crime.

Please come out and join the fun! Meet your neighbors and Clarkdale Police Officers. Enjoy a festive barbeque with good company.

Work has begun on the Centennial Plaza project in front of the Clark Memorial Clubhouse. This Sustainable Clarkdale project, funded in part through the Walton Family Foundation, transforms the area in front of the Clubhouse from a dusty collection of weeds into a beautifully landscaped, educational community space – and the Town’s first demonstration permaculture garden. Rainwater harvested from the parking area and Clubhouse roof will sustain the native vegetation to be planted in the area.

The design of the project was developed by a local permaculture expert and three local contractors have been awarded various phases of the project. This design includes storage tanks, swales, sculpted and terraced planting areas and catchments to collect the rainwater.

A 24-foot by 35-foot community gathering space, with pathways reminiscent of the layout of the original Town Park, will be the centerpiece of the Plaza. This will be the location of the time capsules to be buried to commemorate the Town of Clarkdale’s Centennial. Dedication of Centennial Plaza is scheduled for Saturday, July 14 from 6 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Town has plans to place benches throughout Centennial Park. If you would like to purchase a commemorative bench for the project and for general information please contact the Community Development Department at (928) 639-2500.



West Nile Virus

What is West Nile virus?

West Nile Virus (WNV) is transmitted by mosquitoes that feed off of birds infected with the virus. After mosquitoes have

been infected with WNV, they may then infect humans, birds, horses, and other animals by biting for blood. Although the majority of people and animals infected with WNV do not show any symptoms, it has the potential to cause mild to severe illness. The virus may cause illness known as West Nile encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

How do people protect themselves from West Nile virus?

Because West Nile virus is spread by mosquitoes, the best way to prevent infection is to prevent mosquito bites.

- Use insect repellent containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-meta-toluamide). Repellents should contain 30-35% concentration for adults, and 15% for children. Do not use any repellent on infants.
- Vitamin B and “ultrasonic” devices are NOT known to be effective in preventing mosquito bites.
- Avoid being outdoors between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active and likely to bite.
- Wear loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors.
- Since mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing, spray clothing with insect repellents containing DEET.
- Eliminate from around your home standing water sources such as blocked or clogged gutters, leaky pipes, air conditioner condensate, evaporative cooler water, bottles, buckets, old tires, and other objects that may hold water. Standing water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Swimming pools and fountains do not pose a threat as long as water is kept circulating. Swimming pools that are not maintained need to be covered at all times (covers should be drained of pooled water frequently).
- Change water in birdbaths, planters, and animal watering containers at least twice weekly.
- Mow the lawn regularly. Overgrown yards, especially if they contain tree holes or stumps, can also be attractive breeding sites for mosquitoes.

To learn more about WNV visit the Yavapai County Community Health Services website at <http://www.yavapaihealth.com/>

Strategy I "Water Alert"

Strategy I “Water Alert” automatically becomes effective from May 1st to September 30th.

To find out what status the town is in, please call the Utilities Department at 928.639.2450.

CLARKDALE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Perform Frequent Checks on Your Irrigation System

At this time of the year we receive quite a few calls concerning high water usage. More often than not, there is a problem with the landscape irrigation. To save water and money your irrigation system must be working properly. At least twice a year, do a thorough check of all parts of your irrigation system.

General Watering System

- Check that the controller program is correct.
- If the controller has battery backup power, replace the battery yearly.
- Operate each station to make sure valves are opening and closing properly.
- Check for leaks. Look for standing water, soggy ground, and eroded soil.
- Open the valve box while the system is running and check for leaks.

Sprinklers

- ◆ Replace broken or missing sprinkler heads.
- ◆ Don’t mix head types on the same system.
- ◆ Check that sprinkler heads are flush with the soil surface and straight, not tilted.
- ◆ Clear grass and obstructions that block sprinkler spray.
- ◆ Adjust sprinkler heads so they don’t spray walls, driveways, or sidewalks.

Drip System

- Fix and replace clogged or missing emitters.
- Check for water placement around plants.
- Move emitters out to dripline as plants grow.

Another source for high water use this time of the year is leaks in evaporative cooler lines. Add this to your maintenance program along with your irrigation system. Thank you for conserving water for our future!

