



MARLBOROUGH MESA

News

Strengthening our Neighborhood and Promoting the Well-being of our Community

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11 Years in 2011 of Christmas at the Park

By Sandra Fischer

It is almost time for our annual Toy Drive and Christmas Party. The date is **Saturday, December 3, 2011** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. REMEMBER, Santa will be there so you and your family may have your picture taken with him. Our special guests will be State Representative J.D. Mesnard and Mesa City Councilman Dennis Kavanaugh. Please come and meet them, ask them your questions, tell them your concerns and have a good time with your neighbors. Walgreens will again participate in our toy drive. Come and see what they have to offer us this year.

Also, we will again be supporting Save the Family and Helen's Hope Chest. Please bring unwrapped toys and any travel size hygiene items. With budget cuts, these organizations need now, more than ever, all sizes of children's clothing (new or gently used) for newborns to 18 years. They could also use new socks and underwear, infant and regular blankets in new or excellent condition, any baby items like diapers and pacifiers, new bottles, etc. Anything we can do to help these organizations would benefit our community.

We need lots of help with the food, decorating the ramada, and cleaning the park. Please call me, Sandra Fischer, at my home #480-820-2773, my cell #480-234-1658 or email me at uffdaskf@cox.net if you want to help. Thank you for your anticipated support. We look forward to seeing you on December 3rd.

Christmas 2011 – Birth of a New Tradition

Put America Back to Work –

Buy American – Buy Local

By Jean Souders (from an email)

As the holidays approach, the giant overseas factories are kicking into high gear to provide Americans with monstrous piles of cheaply produced goods – merchandise that has been produced at the expense of American labor.

This year WE can make it different. This year Americans can give the gift of genuine concern for other Americans. There is no longer an excuse that, at gift-giving time, nothing can be found that is produced by American hands. Yes there is! It's time to think outside the box. Who says a gift needs to fit in a shirt box, wrapped in foreign-produced wrapping paper?

Think services – everyone needs them. Everyone gets their hair cut. How about gift certificates from your local American hair salon or barber? A gym membership? It's appropriate for all ages who are thinking about some health improvement.

Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car detailed? Small American-owned detail shops and car washes would love to sell you a gift certificate or a book of gift certificates. And, if you are an extravagant giver, perhaps that grateful gift receiver would like his driveway sealed, or lawn mowed for the summer, or games at the local golf course.

There are tons of local owner-operated restaurants – all offering gift certificates – one or more. Remember, folks – this isn't about big National chains – this is about supporting your home town Americans with their financial lives on the line to keep their doors open.

How many people could use an oil change for their vehicle, done at a shop run by the American working guy? Thinking about a heartfelt gift for mom? Mom would LOVE the services of a local cleaning lady for a day.

My computer could use a tune-up, and I KNOW I can find some young guy who is struggling to get his repair business up and running.

Looking for something more personal? Local crafts people have some wonderful items at boutiques - candles, jewelry, scarves, etc.

Plan your holiday outings at local, owner-operated restaurants and leave your server a nice tip. And, how about going out to see a play or ballet at your hometown theater (Mesa Art Center)? Musicians need love too, so find a venue showcasing local bands.

Really need more overseas lights for the house? Just remember, when you buy a five dollar string of lights, about fifty cents stays in the community. Why not use your old ones and leave the mailman, trash guy or babysitter a nice BIG tip.

You see, Christmas is no longer about draining American pockets so that other countries can build another glittering city. We give thousands, millions of dollars overseas when we have the poor and natural disaster victims, the disabled, the elderly and babies and children who need help right here in America! Spend our few & precious dollars HERE!!! Christmas is now about caring about US in the USA, encouraging American small businesses to keep plugging away to follow their dreams. And, when we care about other Americans, we care about our communities, and the benefits come back to us in ways we couldn't imagine.

THIS is the new American Christmas tradition. WE - you and I - can make a difference, and it can start right here in Marlborough Mesa! Do your part in helping other Americans stay in business.

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CUTCO Knives and Kitchen Accessories – American made! Call Aaron (son of Teresa/Chris Weiland on Obispo) for high quality kitchen cutlery, hunting knives, cookware and even outdoor products from hunting knives to gardening tools. Call for purchase or a free demo at 480-516-7069, 480-897-0276 or email aaronweiland@yahoo.com

HASSLE FREE POOL SERVICE – Call your local Marlborough Mesa resident Matthew Rice for any of your pool service

needs! I do weekly cleanings, pump/filter service and installation and estimates are always free! Call 480-272-9286

The **LOCAL Bakery** (in the Safeway Shopping Center) - It's close ... it's reasonable ... it's fresh and it is **WONDERFUL!**

Neighborhood Notes



A special gift of health and wellness for you during the holiday season from *Your Life* *Mind*Body*Nutrition*

Free Yoga classes will be held every Tuesday at Marlborough Mesa Park during the month of December to help with the holiday stress. The classes are for everyone from beginner through advanced and will run for 45 minutes. Please bring a yoga mat, if you have one, a water bottle, and towel, please wear comfortable clothing and enjoy! If you have any questions about the classes please contact Melissa Webb for more details

Dates: 12-6, 12-13, 12-20, 12-27
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Place: Marlborough Mesa Park.
Contact Info: (602)370-3439

Free Holiday Pancake Breakfast and Toy Drive

Councilmember Kavanaugh's free holiday pancake breakfast will be prepared by the Mesa Fire Department on **December 10 from 8-10 am** at Fire Station 207 (2505 S. Dobson Road).

In addition, please help in collecting new toys for the patients at Cardon Children's Medical Center. If you are unable to attend the breakfast and would still like to donate a toy, you can drop those off from Nov. 14 – Dec. 8 in the collection boxes at the following locations:

Fire Station 207, Mesa Library Dobson Ranch Branch 2425 S. Dobson Rd., Southwest Ambulance, 708 W. Baseline Rd., Mesa Community College, Student Center, 1833 W. Southern Ave.

Thank You Kristine! *(from your neighborhood)*

We all benefit from the time and organizational skills of one lady - Kristine Malcolm. She makes sure we all have access to the Clean Sweep/Green Sweep Containers once a year.