



For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour my Spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your
offspring. Isaiah 44:3

Yarnell will welcome back the Holiday Star on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday November 27th at 6:00PM. The star shined light upon Yarnell for decades prior to the wildland Tenderfoot Fire in 2016. The electrical service to the star was destroyed by the fire, and since then many members of the community have expressed a desire to restore the tradition of the Holiday Star.

The Yarnell Water Improvement Association undertook the leadership for restoring the star this past year. Generous financial donations and hours of volunteer labor have resulted in the completion of the restoration project. Donors and volunteers have requested to remain anonymous. We are truly grateful to those that have donated their time, energy and money.

Since we have a community filled with vivid imaginations and a talent for fiction, we want to provide some facts for inspiring stories. The following is information we hope you will share with others. First, the star has been moved. It sat on a portion of the YWIA easement for the tanks, and it has been moved to a higher location nearer to the water tanks. The move to raise the star higher on the hillside was done to create more visibility within the community. It was also moved so that constructing the electrical service was more cost effective. Second, the incandescent lights were also destroyed in the fire, and they have been replaced with more energy efficient LED lights. We have tested the LED lights and believe that they will be bright enough for the star to be viewed at a distance. Finally, the operational costs for the electricity will be borne by the Yarnell Water Improvement Association.

The plan is to have the star shine from 6PM to 11PM nightly throughout the Holiday Season, ending on the evening of January 5th.

If you have any questions about the return of the Holiday Star, feel free to email the YWIA Board of Directors at ywiaboard@gmail.com And although the donors and volunteers have clearly expressed a desire to remain anonymous, feel free to email your thanks. We will forward those sentiments to all that have given to this community project.

Merry Christmas!

Peace.

YWIA Board of Directors