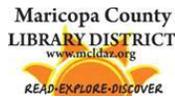




VAST IMPROVEMENTS MARK MUCH ANTICIPATED REOPENING OF GILA BEND BRANCH LIBRARY

Press Release
June 2012



After a significant overhaul, the Gila Bend Branch Library re-opened earlier this week, much to the delight of many of its customers who have come to depend on it as a source for new reading material and Internet access.

“We are excited about this facility upgrade,” said District 5 Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. “The library renovation means that citizens in the southwest county now have an exceptional place for families to check out books and movies, to enjoy children’s programs, and to freely access the Internet,” she allowed.

The County Board of Supervisors serves as the Library District’s Board of Library Directors.

The library has a sparkling new interior. The walls have been repainted. The carpeting and furniture are new. There is an updated customer service desk. The library total area has been expanded by 600 square-feet thanks to the conversion of an outdoor patio to indoor space. The facility is brighter and more inviting with much better lighting.

Books have been re-shelved in the “Deweyless” format—a bookstore-like arrangement of materials categorized by topics. This approach, pioneered by the Maricopa County Library District, foregoes the cataloguing and sorting of books by numbers, eliminating the once-popular Dewey Decimal System.

Library customers and local government officials will have a chance to celebrate the reopening of the renovated Gila Bend Branch Library sometime later this summer.

Gila Bend Branch is one of 17 libraries operated by the Maricopa County Library District. It is located at 202 N. Euclid Ave. in Gila Bend. For more information about MCLD library programs and resources, please visit www.mclcd.org.

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A ribbon cutting ceremony/dedication will take place on August 7th.

A License to do Business

July 2012

Recently a former long-time Council Member and Mayor informed the Town of a peddler going door-to-door selling meat from a freezer located in the back of his pick-up truck.

When asked if he had a Town of Gila Bend business license, the meat peddler responded that he had a state license. When pressed, he admitted that he did not have a business license issued by the Town of Gila Bend.

Anyone doing business within the Town of Gila Bend is required by Town Code, Title XI. Chapter 110, to have a business license allowing them to do business. When a business/peddler fails to get a license with the Town, the residents of Gila Bend are short-changed.

Each time a person purchases an item or product from an unlicensed business/peddler, residents are short-changed of the revenue generated from the 3% sales tax that the Town receives and the fees received for the actual license and from the annual business license renewal. Purchasing goods from an unlicensed person or business also takes business/revenue away from those who have paid their license fee, annual renewal fees and sales tax.

The next time a peddler comes knocking on your door, we recommend that you ask them to produce a valid Town of Gila Bend business license before purchasing their products and to inform the Town office of the contact. Please report suspected unlicensed peddlers to Town Clerk Beverly Turner, MMC by calling 928-683-2255 extension 12 or emailing bturner@gilabendaz.org.

Community Calendar

July 2012

- 07/10 – Council Meeting-Regular Meeting(6:00pm)
- 07/12 – Council Meeting – Special Meeting (6:00pm)
- 07/24 – BLM Public Meeting – Resource Center (5:30pm)
- 07/24 – Council Meeting – Regular Meeting (6:00pm)
- 07/26 – Job Fair – Resource Center – (1:00pm – 4:00pm)



July 4th Recap

July 5, 2012



The Gila Bend Fire Department outdid themselves this year with the fireworks display on July 4th. The display was wonderful and very professionally done, with only one dud, making it an official 4th of July fireworks display!

Mud bog bike racing and mud volleyball were available for those interested in participating. The pool was open to the public free-of-charge all day long.

Well attended and enjoyed were the five inflatable water bouncers located in Community Center Park. Everyone enjoyed the day, including the under 100⁰ weather, topped off by great fireworks!

Clerks Corner



Business Licenses

Annual business license renewals continue with over 150 licenses already issued.

Annual Elections Training

Town Clerk Beverly Turner and Deputy Town Clerk Cyndi Eisenberger will be attending the Annual Elections Training on July 18th and 19th. During this training, special attention will be given to new legislation affecting elections in many cities and towns in Arizona, including Gila Bend.



Gila Bend Turns 50

July 2, 2012



On July 2nd, the Town of Gila Bend held an Open House of all Town facilities in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Incorporation. The Town office had refreshments available along with 'goodie bags' for adults and children. A slide show that played continuously was available for viewing.

A sheet featuring Trivia Questions was available to attendees. Those wanting the coveted Gila Bend Celebrates t-shirt featuring the 50th Anniversary logo had to answer at least three of the questions correctly. A Scavenger Hunt that caused participants to visit several of the Town's facilities in order to collect an item on the list had a prize of a \$25 gift card.

The Mayor and several Council Members made themselves available throughout the day to answer questions from the public. Town Manager Rick Buss, Town Clerk Beverly Turner and all department heads were also available for the entire time of the Open House to answer any questions visitors had.

An estimated 60 people attended, including a fair amount of Seniors that came by in the CAP van, which was driven by Social Services Director Diane Dempsey.

What's Happening: CAP, Senior Center and Resource Center

July, 2012



There will be a Job Fair at the Care 1st Gila Bend Resource Center on July 26th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Gila Bend CAP will start servicing the Buckeye area for Utility Assistance and Limited Rental Assistance. Gila Bend CAP will be at the Buckeye Community Center the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday of each month.

BLM Public Meeting will be held at the Care 1st Gila Bend Resource Center on July 24th at 5:30 p.m.

Traditional Martial Arts is holding a fundraiser—Rock-a-Thon the first week in August. The karate students will be rocking in a rocking chair all night at will be asking for pledges from the public. Help support the karate students by making a pledge.