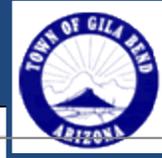


TOWN OF GILA BEND

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

February 2012



Department Update: Town Manager

January 29, 2012

Town staff are very busy with various projects, issues, events and conducting the day to day business. We will focus on a different department each month for the next few months, beginning with the Town Manager, Rick Buss. Here is an update high-lighting some of the issues Rick has been working on.

- Pima Street Scoping for Streetscape Working with Dibble Engineering on compiling a scope for this project. Once the scoping is completed and the cost approved by Council, a notice to proceed for the Master Design will be issued.
- 9/11 Memorial Working with Council and staff on this project. A portion of the first renderings have just been received and are awaiting to receive the rest..
- Profiles with Terry Bradshaw Final project is now complete and should be airing this month. Go to our website at www.gilabendaz.org to view what will be aired.
- Railroad Quiet Zone As requested by Mayor Henry , ongoing meetings and research for the formation of a quiet zone. A quiet zone will mean non-regular use of train horns (though they can be sounded for any perceived safety concern).
- Logistics/Distribution Meeting with several entities to target logistics and distribution companies as potential locates (job generation), which ultimately targets manufacturing companies.
- Gila Bend Transmission Initiative (GBTI) Putting together this conference that will be held on February 7th at Skysong. The event will be sponsored by Gila Bend and will be attended by the Department of Energy (Washington, D.C.), merchant transmission developers and others across the country.
- Housing Working with Maricopa County Housing Authority about the possibility of affordable housing in Gila Bend. Researching public private partnerships.
- Arizona Commerce Authority Working with them and GPEC on issues that include Inland Port formation, Abengoa expansion opportunities and EV5 Investor Visa Program.

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- Tax Increment Financing (TIF) legislation Working along with city/town managers and mayors, Goldwater Institute and others, to implement this legislation which is instrumental for economic development in Arizona. Arizona is the only state without TIF legislation, putting us at a disadvantage.
- Scheduled Meetings: Attend weekly and monthly prescheduled meetings with MAG , GPEC, West Valley Managers, and Gila Bend Town Council.

Butterfield Stage Days Parade and Rodeo

January 24, 2012



The annual Butterfield Stage Days will be held February 18th and 19th and will begin with a parade on Saturday at 10:00am.

Working together with the Chamber of Commerce, Parks & Recreation Director Colby Turner has secured the Grand Canyon Pro Rodeo Association to put on the rodeo, making it a sanctioned GCPRA event and part of their circuit. The rodeo will be a Timed Event Only rodeo and will include a Wild Horse Race, a Ranch Style Bronc Event, Jackpot Roping, Team Roping and much more. For the kids there will a Calf Scramble and Mutton Bustin.

The parade will celebrate Gila Bend's 50 years of incorporation. Floats by the Town of Gila Bend, Gila Bend Chamber of Commerce, several businesses and other groups are already confirmed.

We encourage local businesses, organizations and groups to get involved in celebrating the history of our community by participating in the parade.

For more information, flyers for the event, and parade entry forms, contact Colby Turner at 928-683-2255 or visit the Town's website at www.gilabendaz.org

February Community Calendar

January 28, 2011



- 02/14 – Council Meeting – Regular Meeting (6:00pm)
- 02/18– Anza Exhibit at the Museum
- 02/18 & 19 Butterfield Stage Days Celebration
- 02/20 – President’s Day – Town offices closed
- 02/24 – Council Meeting – Regular Meeting (6:00pm)
- 02/28 – Presidential Preference Election

Office Closure



Town offices will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of President’s Day. Closed offices includes the Town Hall, CAP and Resource Center. All of the Offices will open at their regularly scheduled times on Tuesday, February 21st.

Clerks Corner



Upcoming Elections:

February 28th – Presidential Preference

March 13th – Town of Gila Bend Franchise Elections

Twenty-five boxes of expired records were recently disposed of according to Arizona statutes. The Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records division determines the length of time a city or town must keep each type of record before it can be destroyed. Some records, such as Council meeting minutes and historical documents, must be kept permanently. The records of a city/town can only be destroyed by shredding or supervised burning.

The 2011 Ordinances have been sent to American Legal for updating the Town Code. The Town Code can be viewed online by going to the Town’s website at www.gilabendaz.org

2012 is an important year for the State of Arizona. On February 14th, Arizona will celebrate 100 years of statehood and throughout the year, Centennial Celebrations will be held across the state.

2012 is an important year for Gila Bend as we celebrate 50 years of incorporation. Show your support by participating and becoming involved in your community.

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Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail Exhibit

January 25, 2012



This bi-lingual traveling exhibit will be on display for approximately five weeks in the Gila Bend Local Visitor Information Center beginning February 18th. This national historic trail is one of only 13 national historic trails in the United States. The traveling exhibit will only be displayed in cities and towns along the actual trail route. Stop in and take a look at this piece of Gila Bend history.

New Website

January 30, 2012

The Town’s new website is scheduled to be completed and up and running sometime this month. At this time, an exact date it will go online has not been determined.

Visitors to our new website will be pleasantly surprised with the eye-catching and professional look, ease of use and the new and extended features it offers.

Whats Happening: CAP, Senior Center and Resource Center

February 1, 2012

CAP & Senior Center

02/02 & 02/03 – Farmers Market (every first Thursday and Friday of month)
Senior distribution at 10:00am and general public at 11:00am.

02/06 – Super Bowl party and picnic for anyone 60 + years and their spouse at Rotary Ramada park

02/10 – Medical Run. Contact Lorenia at 928-683-2244 for more information

02/15 – Resource & Development Board Meeting at the Resource Center at 3:15
Valentines Party celebrating 13 years of tradition for this intergenerational party. This year Sierra Cipriano, the first kindergartener to be crowned princess, graduates high school.

03/01 & 03/02 – Farmers Market

Emergency energy assistance is available to those who qualify. Contact Gray at 928-683-2244.

Resource Center

Daily assistance in applying for AHCCCS, Food Stamps and Cash Assistance
10:00am – 2:00pm

02/08 Readiness Basket sessions focus on families with children ages 0-5 years

02/10 – 6:00pm – 8:30pm APECA **Pizza Party with ‘Real Beauty’** presentation for girls ages 11-17 years. Great program where girls learn self-worth and inner beauty

02/14 – AZ Statehood 100th Birthday celebration and Open House. Cake & snacks

02/16 – Faith Base Outreach meeting at 9:30am

Tuesdays: 9am-Noon Kith & Kin provides parenting skills classes and support
11:00am – 1:00pm English Classes by AZ Learning Institute

Thursdays : 1:00 – 5:00pm Teen Pregnancy Outreach (TOPS) teaches parenting skills to young expectant mothers

Fridays: Basic Computer skills classes **Seniors: 1-1:45pm/Public 2-3pm**