



### SOLAR SUMMIT 2011

August 1, 2011

Gila Bend Management staff will be participating in the Solar Summit 2011. The Summit is being held to take action to address the primary challenges we face in developing Arizona as the solar capitol of the United States. There will be a number of very important events in 2011-2012 that are intended to promote and develop Arizona's position in the solar marketplace. The Summit will be held at the University of Phoenix Stadium on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Care 1<sup>st</sup> Family Resource Center Update

August 1, 2011



The Resource Center is scheduled to open on September 1, 2011. The Center will provide many needed services to the Gila Bend Community.

The mechanical, plumbing and electrical will be completed the week of August 1, 2011.

### Residential Bulk Waste & Recycling Center

The center has a new look. First, the big pile of tires are gone, thanks to a partnership with the Maricopa County Sanitation Department. In its place you will find three defined areas for as follows:

1. Car & Pickup Tires
2. Over the Road (OTR) Tires
3. Off Road/Tractor Tires

PLEASE STACK YOUR TIRES IN THE DESIGNATED AREA.

Due to the new Sanitation Ordinance; Staff will be locking the center every night, in order to protect the town from environmental liability. The new signs have been posted and the operating hours are as follows:

Summer Hours-(April 1 – Sept. 30) 6:00am – 7:00pm  
Winter Hours-(Oct. 1 – Mar. 31) 7:00am – 6:00pm  
7 Days A Week

A camera will be placed to identify drivers who dump outside the gate when locked.

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### Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget Adopted



The budget process for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 has been completed. The Town Council and Town Staff will continue to provide quality services to its residents. The budget is available for public view at the Town Hall during normal business hours.

### National Health Center Week



Adelante Healthcare is celebrating over 45 years of health centers by providing access to affordable, high quality, cost-effective healthcare. Please join in on the celebration Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm at the Gila Bend Primary Care Center located at 100 N Gila Ave. There will be refreshments, giveaways, activities and prizes.

For more information regarding this event, please call 623.583.3001 ext. 1221

### Profiles with Terry Bradshaw

The Town of Gila Bend will be featured in a segment of Profiles with Terry Bradshaw. The segment shoot will take place in Gila Bend on September 8, 2011. The segment will feature Gila Bend as the place for Solar.

## August 2011 Community Calendar

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- 08/1–08/31–Drowning Impact Awareness
- 08/01 – Special Council Meeting
- 08/03 - Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- 08/08 – Back To School
- 08/09 - Council Meeting –Regular Meeting(6:00pm)
- 08/07 – 08/13 National Health Center Week
- 08/23 – Council Work Session (5:00 pm)
- 08/23 - Council Meeting –Regular Meeting(6:00pm)
- 8/26 – All Night Softball Tourney (Tentative)

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### Clerk's Corner

#### **August- Drowning Impact Awareness Month August 1 through August 31, 2011**

Drowning incidents in Arizona take the lives of the equivalent of a classroom of children each year. A child drowning can happen to any family, regardless of education, race or socio-economic background and families can take simple steps to protect their children around water to avoid the tragedy of the unnecessary loss of life. Water safety remains a top priority for Arizona families, communities, government and Water Watchers at Phoenix Children's Hospital, keeping children healthy and safe is the goal of Water Watchers, Fire Departments, and other prevention institutions in Arizona. Raising awareness will increase understanding and education of effective ways to prevent drowning.

#### **"WATCH YOUR KIDS AROUND WATER"**

#### **Council Work Session**

There will be a Council Work Session on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm to discuss the transition to a full-time Fire Department.

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### Town Update

#### **Public Works**

Street Sign Project: There have been a lot of comments on the new visible, graffiti resistant signs. The project is approximately 80% complete, more signs are still coming from the sign shop.

Council has authorized the sale of the signs for \$5.00 each, simply come to the Town Hall fill out the form, pay for the signs and take them home.

### **Social Services**

Thanks to Maricopa County Human Services Department for a grant for back to school clothing, the Gila Bend CAP hosted a back to school uniform and school supply day on Friday and Saturday. Over 80 children received uniforms and supplies. In addition, children at Paloma Elementary School received uniform tops.

CAP Staff would like to sincerely thank the workers at Temya and Human Resource Coordinator, Lydia Evanson, along w/ Manpower's Greg Evanson for their coordinated teamwork that helped provide school supplies to many children.

The back to school drive was a huge success and there are still a few uniforms remaining. If you know of a family in need, please contact the CAP Office 928.683.2244.

I would also like to thank my staff for their dedication to serving children in our community.

### **Parks & Recreation**

The swimming season is coming to a close. The last day to swim will be August 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Gila Bend Parks and Recreation Department has tentatively scheduled an all-night softball tournament beginning Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, please contact Colby Turner, Parks & Recreation Director @ 928.683.2255.

### **Finance**

The Tentative and Final Budgets for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 have been passed!!!



The Finance Department has applied for the AZSTA Grant for Parks and Rec. If received this grant will fund 67% of the cost for the replacement of the Lights and Poles on the Linda McMahon Softball Field, the resurfacing of the Basketball Court, the purchase and installation of goals at the soccer field, and the purchase of new playground equipment. The remaining 33% may consist of both cash and in-kind service.

Evaluation and review period is schedule for September, and notification of award will take place late November to early December of 2011.

