



Construction to affect traffic on I-8 near Gila Bend

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NEWS RELEASE

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Travelers in the Gila Bend area of Interstate 8 will have some restrictions with the beginning of a road project Nov. 1.

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) announced that work will begin Nov. 1 on a 20-mile long paving project, with paving done in 2-mile increments per day.

ADOT announced the project in a news release Thursday.

The project will cover 20 miles of I-8 in the Gila Bend area.

According to the release, motorists traveling between Yuma and Tucson can expect:

- Work Monday through Friday between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- One lane will be restricted for two miles on both east and westbound I-8.
- No work on holidays.

According to the release, improvements include removing and replacing roadway with new rubberized asphalt that will provide for a smoother, quieter ride as well as new guardrail construction. The project is expected to be completed by spring 2011.

Message boards will be displayed to inform commuters of construction updates and restrictions, according to the release. In addition, law enforcement officer will be present along the work zone to control traffic and monitor speeds.

“As always, drivers are reminded to proceed through the work zone with caution, slow down and be alert for

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construction equipment and personnel.”

For more information, visit www.az511.gov or call 5-1-1.

Wilken, S. retrieved October 30, 2010 from *Yuma Sun* website at <http://www.yumasun.com/news/project-65016-work->

Town of Gila Bend Projects: New and Updates



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Both of the Solana and SOLON Corporation solar facility projects are moving forward as scheduled. Solana has 70 pieces of heavy equipment on site.

Construction of the Airport Shade Hangars has been approved and activity on the project will begin within a week and a half.

Clean up of Town Properties continues with Well #4, located next to the school, being the next area to be addressed.

The agreement with the Department of Corrections is completed, providing additional labor at a minimal cost. Training of several Town staff employees for the required certification to work with the inmates will be done this month.

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November 2010 Community Calendar

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- 11/06 – Desert Shrimp Fest – Community Park
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- 11/09 – Council Meeting – Regular Meeting (6:00 pm)
- 11/11 – Veterans Day
- 11/23 – Council Meeting – Regular Meeting (6:00pm)
- 11/25 – Happy Thanksgiving
- 12/02 – Tree Lighting at Community Center Park-5:30
- 12/04 – Sonoran Desert Nat'l Monument 10th Anniversary Celebration
- 12/09 – Coed Volleyball Tournament – 6:00pm
- 12/11 – 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament-School Gymnasium at 10:00am

Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

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The Town office and the CAP office will be closed on Wednesday, November 24th at 1:00pm through Thursday, November 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday. Both offices will be open Monday, November 29th at their usual times.

There will be no interruption of service for trash pick-up during the holiday. Trash will be picked up as scheduled.

Happy Thanksgiving



The Gila Bend Town Council and Town of Gila Bend Staff wish all of you a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

Clerk's Corner

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Candidate Packets are still available for those interested in running for a Councilmember seat. Deadline for filing is December 8th.

The Town Code is in the process of being updated. When completed, it will be available for viewing on the Town's website at <http://www.gilabendaz.org>

Two new business licenses have been approved.

Fright Night was a great success. Thanks to all who participated.

Sonoran Desert National Monument 10th Anniversary Celebration

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On Saturday, December 4th, the Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix District and Lower Sonoran Field Office, along with many local partners, will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Sonoran Desert National Monument (SDNM) and the 20th Anniversary of the enactment of the Arizona Desert Wilderness Act and the establishment of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. The celebration will be an all-day event at the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field, with numerous hikes and outdoor volunteer opportunities in the weeks before and after the event.

The event will run from 10:00am to 3:00pm and will offer event attendees the opportunity to learn about the desert landscape through speakers and exhibits. Expert hikers will lead hikes that focus on the flora and fauna conserved by the National Landscape Conservation System's monuments, wilderness areas and trails. Re-enactments of the Mormon Battalion and de Anza expeditions will take place.

An historic Wells Fargo Stagecoach will be on hand along with more than 40 exhibitors/vendors, entertainment, crafts people, food, Native American crafts and more.

The SDNM is comprised of approximately 486,400 acres of the Sonoran Desert, considered the most biologically diverse of all North American deserts. The monument contains significant historic sites and remnants of the historic Anza, Mormon Battalion, and Butterfield Stage Overland trails.

Partners in the event include the Anza Trail Foundation, Friends of the Sonoran Desert National Monument, the Audubon Society, The Wilderness Society, Mormon Battalion Association, Arizona Wilderness Coalition, the US Air Force, Luke Air Force Base, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Postal Service, Sonoran Institute, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and others.

Come out and enjoy a day of celebration of our Sonoran Desert National Monument and the trails that make up the history of the area.

Sonoran Desert National Monument National Landscape Conservation System 10th anniversary celebration. *United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management flyer. Retrieved October 30, 2010.*
