



NEWS RELEASE (EXCERPTS) JULY 29, 2010

Statement by Senator McCain Regarding the Announcement by the Department of Air Force

Applauds the Air Force for Stationing the F-35 Lightning at Luke Air Force Base

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator John McCain (R-AZ) today made the following statement regarding the Department of Air Force selection of Luke Air Force Base as their preferred base for stationing of the F-35 Lightning (Joint Strike Fighter) and the decision not to select the 162nd Fighter Wing at Tucson International Airport (IAP):

"...The Air Force has recognized that the unparalleled capabilities inherent to Arizona – from the Barry M. Goldwater Range, to great flying weather, and strong support from state and local governments and communities, serve to provide the best environment and the finest quality of life for our military personnel training in the Air Force's next generation fighter. In return, Luke AFB offers the West Valley and the State of Arizona a strong economic engine contributing more than 8,000 jobs and \$2.17 billion to the state's economy.

"This decision today recognizes the extensive support and proactive land management by local city, county and state governments over the past years to sustain military operations at Luke AFB. I am proud of the cooperation we have fostered in Arizona to bring this outstanding opportunity to the West Valley and will continue efforts in the future to maintain this long-term, mutually beneficial relationship. I would also like to congratulate and thank the Fighter County Partnership and the West Valley Partners for their continued support of Luke AFB.

Baseball Field Additions

The dugout repairs at the Community Center Park baseball field are almost finished. The new scoreboard has just arrived and will be put in place before the next round of scheduled games.

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Arizona solar plant gets big boost from feds

President Barack Obama announced ... that the federal government will provide a \$1.45 billion loan guarantee through the stimulus act for the Solana Generating Station solar-power plant in Gila Bend.

The plant will sell its power to Arizona Public Service Co., helping Arizona's largest electric utility meet a state requirement that it get 15 percent of its energy from renewable power sources by 2025

"We're going to keep fighting to advance our recovery," Obama said. "And we're going to keep competing aggressively to make sure the jobs and industries of the future are taking root right here in America. That's one of the reasons why we're accelerating the transition to a clean energy economy and doubling our use of renewable energy sources like wind and solar power - steps that have the potential to create whole new industries and hundreds of thousands of new jobs in America."

The 280-megawatt plant will be able to generate enough electricity to serve 70,000 houses at once when running at full capacity, and will be able to make power during the peak hours of demand from about 4-7 p.m. when traditional solar panels generate little electricity the low light of dusk.

The entire cost of designing, building and connecting the plant to the power grid is about \$2 billion.

August 2010 Community Calendar

July 29, 2010

- 08/08/10 – Community Pool open Weekends Only
- 08/10/10 – Council Meeting – Regular Meeting (6:00 pm)
- 08/24/10 – Council Meeting Cancelled
- 08/24/10 – Primary Election
- End of Month – Adult Volleyball Scheduled to start
- Through 08/27 Participant Registration for the 4th Annual Walk for Life on September 11th

Project Updates

July 29, 2010



Park & Ride Transit Facility Project

The Park and Ride Transit Facility Project is completed. The area has been re-seeded and broken concrete from the job is being removed and will be used for erosion control. The Park & Ride is an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Project managed by ADOT.

Waterline & Fire Hydrant Project

The Waterline and Fire Hydrant Project continues with approximately 3,500 feet of water line and 18 fire hydrants installed to date. Work will be focused in the area of the Community Center Park on Euclid, Hunt, and Renner streets for the next few weeks. Sellers & Sons is doing the work.

Landscaping Pedestrian Improvement Project

The Landscaping and Pedestrian Improvement Project is moving forward. Sidewalks are being removed and replaced with new sidewalks with new crosswalks constructed in designated areas. Please watch for workmen and traffic control signs as you drive through town.

Corine and Linda's Walk for Life

Registration forms to participate in the 4th Annual Walk for Life are available at the Town Office and CAP office. The walk will take place on September 11, 2010. Sponsor donations are also being accepted. All money benefits the NAU/Yuma Corine Turner & Linda Davis Nursing Scholarship & San Lucy Diabetes Prevention.

Parks & Recreation / Social Services

July 29, 2010

The Parks & Recreation Department has officially relocated its headquarters to the CAP office in order to better serve the residents of Gila Bend. Both departments will work hand-in-hand with coordination of programs and events for Gila Bend residents of all ages.

Long-time Parks & Recreation Director, Sonny Hoffman, resigned his position and is pursuing new challenges in the Ak-Chin community in Maricopa, AZ.

The Town is accepting resumes' and applications through August 24th to fill the Director position. Parks & Recreation Assistant, Drew Dishman, will be handling the Director duties in the interim. Information on the position can be found on the Town website at www.gilabendaz.org

Condolences

Condolences from Town of Gila Bend staff and Gila Bend Town Council to the families of John Laird and Lynn Farmer, both former employees of the Town and who still resided in Gila Bend.

Clerks' Corner

July 29, 2010

Residents are encouraged to get out and vote in the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 24, 2010. If you need assistance with registering to vote, please contact the Clerks' Office.

The August 24th regular Council Meeting has been cancelled due to the Primary Elections. The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting is September 14, 2010.

Some of the projects the Clerks' office has been busy with are Business License renewals, pursuing the Town Code update, Elections Training, working closely with and on numerous Town projects, and updating Retention and Disposition Schedules. We have also begun a paper recycling project, both in the Town and CAP offices.

Look for the new flag that will be added to the flagpole in front of the Town Office. A new law has just gone into effect requiring all city and town halls to fly the POW/MIA flag along with the US flag. The law does not affect other businesses or entities. We have ordered the flag and it should arrive within a week or two.