



NEWS RELEASE

Town of Gila Bend landscape improvement project begins June 28

Traffic restrictions in place between Scott Avenue and St. Louis Avenue

YUMA – A landscape and pedestrian improvement project will begin Monday, June 28 in the Town of Gila Bend on State Route 85, between Scott Avenue and St. Louis Avenue. Traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction in order for construction crews to complete installation of new sidewalks, crosswalks, and landscaped areas. Intermittent closures of side streets adjacent to the construction zone will be necessary throughout the project, with detours clearly marked.

Access to businesses within the project limits will be maintained during construction.

Construction on this \$324,000 project, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, is scheduled to be complete by the end of September.

While ADOT strives to inform the public about planned roadway restrictions, during any construction project, unscheduled closures or restrictions may occur. Drivers are advised to visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at www.az511.gov or call 5-1-1 for the most current information about restrictions statewide.

Park & Ride Transit Facility

June 22, 2010



Work has begun on the Town of Gila Bend's Park & Ride Transit Facility located at the Gila Bend Municipal Airport. Funds for the project are through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), with project management by ADOT. Completion of this project is expected by the end of July.

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Fire Department Training & Classroom Facility Project

June 23, 2010

The Town of Gila Bend has submitted a letter to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services requesting that the U.S. Border Patrol Station located on State Route 85 be utilized as training rooms and classrooms for the Gila Bend Fire Department.

In November 2003, the property was deeded to the Town of Gila Bend with the requirement that the property be utilized for "health purposes". The Town originally planned to operate an animal shelter on the property, but has been unable to secure grant funding, professional interest or other resources.

After conducting an inspection of the building and property, the Town's Building Official surmised that the building is in "relatively good condition". Some repairs and cleanup will be necessary prior to using the building.

Fire Chief David Birchfield commented that currently, volunteers have to travel to Ajo and other places for classes and training, which is inconvenient and limiting. The property is also in an ideal location for possible additional uses in the future.

The Town is waiting for a response from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

July 2010 Community Calendar

June 24, 2010



- 7/1/10 – Planning & Zoning Commission (6:00 pm)
- 7/4/10 – Parks and Recreation – Independence Day Celebration
- 7/13/10 – Council Meeting–Regular Meeting (6:00 pm)
- 7/27/10 – Council Meeting- Regular Meeting (6:00 pm)

SR85 Update

June 24, 2010

The SR85 Road Realignment is tentatively scheduled to begin in October 2010 and last approximately 22 months. The work will involve realignment of SR85, Butterfield Trail (which includes bridge demolition), and SR 238 (Maricopa Road). To ease the impact on local businesses, there will be a bypass route along SR85/Pima .



The project work is being done by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) with coordination with the Town of Gila Bend.

The pedestrian and landscape improvements being installed in conjunction with this roadwork have already begun.

Waterline & Fire Hydrant Project Update

June 24, 2010

The Waterline & Fire Hydrant Project is progressing on schedule. To date, there has been 3,000 feet of 12-inch water line installed and eight new fire hydrants put in place.

In the next few months, residents will experience occasional disruptions in service as more fire hydrants are placed. During these times, water service will be disrupted for no more than two hours, usually less.

Please address questions to the Town office and Thank You for your patience.

First Things First Program

June 24, 2010

Social Services Director, Diane Dempsey, is working to implement a program that focuses on children from 0 to 5 years old. The program, which has had great success in other communities, will also offer other classes to new and expectant parents. The project is still in the planning and evaluation stage.

Abengoa Solar Update

June 24, 2010



Abengoa has completed its NEPA (National Environmental Protection Act) process and the Maricopa Board of Supervisors has approved their zoning. This clears the way for the Federal Loan Guarantee and the Federal Business Tax Credit. The most recent meetings with Abengoa have resulted in Abengoa stating that they believe groundbreaking will occur in August or September. Abengoa has hired a Prime Contractor, Teyma USA, to handle the construction.

If you are interested in job opportunities, you may check in with Abengoa or with the Town's Social Services Center. The Town will continue to provide information on its website (www.gilabendaz.org) and as we receive it.

Town of Gila Bend Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010 - 2011

June 24, 2010

The Town of Gila Bend's "New Year" starts on July 1, 2010 when the new fiscal year begins. Finance Director, Stacey Young, has been working diligently with the Town Manager and department heads to put together a comprehensive budget that the Town will operate on during the upcoming year. The tentative budget, to include minor changes, was approved by the Gila Bend Town Council on June 22, 2010 at the regular Town Council meeting.

Once changes have been made and approved by Council, the Town of Gila Bend Final Budget for FY 2010-2011 will be published and available for viewing on the Town's website at www.gilabendaz.org
