TOWN OF GILA BEND

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



News Excerpt

Calgon Carbon's Gila Bend, AZ Plant Selected as Manufacturer of the Year, Awarded 2014 Excellence in Sustainability by the Arizona Manufacturers Council

PITTSBURGH, May 16, 2014 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Calgon Carbon Corporation announced today it received the 2014 Excellence in Sustainability Award for its Gila Bend, AZ, plant from the Arizona Manufacturers Council (AMC) during the AMC's annual Manufacturer of the Year Summit & Awards Luncheon, Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel. The AMC recognizes those in the manufacturing industry that have advanced the state's economy by producing superior products and providing high-quality jobs. The newly constructed Gila Bend plant began operation in early 2013 and currently employs 14 people. The plant is Calgon

Carbon's most modern and energy efficient facility to recycle or

drinking water applications. The company expects the potential

"reactivate" granular activated carbon (GAC), which is used in

for job growth over the next three years.

regional growth and economic prosperity."

"We are proud to recognize Calgon Carbon for fulfilling its promise of not only bringing innovation and jobs to the region, but also for its commitment to help provide safe, cost-effective drinking water to the region," said Steve Macias, Chairman, Arizona Manufacturers Council. "The Gila Bend plant is a key enabler for the effective implementation of public policies that address the availability of safe drinking water, as well as

According to Randy Dearth, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Calgon Carbon Corporation, GAC products from the Gila Bend plant help protect public drinking water against multiple threats. These threats include disinfection byproducts and various organic contaminants, including contaminants of emerging concern, such as pharmaceuticals and personal care products that find their way into the drinking water supply.

The facility was designed and built exclusively to provide "custom" reactivation of GAC. Custom reactivation means GAC used by one customer is processed separately from the GAC of all other customers and subsequently returned to the originating customer. Reactivation also avoids the need for customers to use more costly landfill or incineration options.

We are honored that the Arizona Manufacturers Council has selected us for excellence in sustainability as we continue to fulfill our mission of helping municipalities across the region provide safe, clean drinking water to their residents," said Mr. Dearth. "

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A growing number of Arizona water utilities are already taking advantage of the cost savings and environmental benefits provided by the Gila Bend reactivation facility, including the cities of Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Glendale, among others. Currently, the 847,000-sq. ft. plant produces 15 million pounds of reactivated carbon per year for use by municipalities.

During the reactivation process, organic compounds that have been captured by GAC are destroyed by being subjected to high temperatures that, at the same time, restore the GAC to a usable state. This results in a cost savings for the customer over the use of virgin carbon. The reactivation/recycling process is also better for the environment, with a reduced CO2 footprint as compared to the manufacture of virgin activated carbon.

Mr. Dearth added that the Gila Bend plant demonstrates Calgon Carbon's dedication to the Arizona manufacturing community through the implementation of innovative technology systems that reduce water and energy use.

The custom reactivation process employed at the Gila Bend plant is a Calgon Carbon innovation that has reduced the cost of using GAC by as much as 40 percent and has also reduced the carbon footprint associated with GAC utilization by up to 80 percent. To further advance its environmental sustainability practices, all of the packaging materials at the Gila Bend plant are recycled.

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http://www.marketwatch.com/story/calgon-carbons-gila-bend-az-plant-selected-as-manufacturer-of-the-year-awarded-2014-excellence-in-sustainability-by-the-arizona-manufacturers-council-2014-05-16?reflink=MW_news_stmp_

Gila Bend Public Pool Hours



The Gila Bend Public Pool days and hours of operation are Monday through Saturday from 11:00am to 6:00pm for <u>all</u> to swim.

<u>Adult Only</u> swim is from 6:00pm – 7:00pm, Monday through Saturday.

Remember to always watch your children around water!

June Community Calendar

- 06/03 07/10 Youth Baseball: 9-12 years: Tues. & Thurs.
- 06/05 & 06/06 Farmers Market: Care 1st Resource Center
- 06/06 06/27 T-ball: 5 8 years: Fridays
- 06/10 Council Meeting: 6:00 6:00pm
- 06/14 Flag Day
- 06/15 Father's Day
- 06/25 Council Meeting: 6:00pm

Town Projects Update

June 2014



The <u>Papago Waterline</u> project was split into two projects- one portion funded by the Town and a second funded by CDBG grants. The Papago line project constructed an 8" line from Scott to Barnes and across Pima to loop the system. The CDBG portion was bid (with all change orders) at \$205,325 and final cost of \$172,489.00 a savings of \$32,836. The Town portion was bid at \$57,100.00 and final cost of \$50,406, a savings of \$6,694.00.

The new <u>Well #8</u> was bid at \$442,000.00. The well has been drilled to 700' and is 86% complete. We are waiting on the completion of the pipe to the RO plant and delivery of pump and motor. This is funded by a CDBG grant.

Main Street Reconstruction The construction project is 95% complete, estimated savings of \$2,000.00. This is Town funded bid, including change orders, at \$249,081. The project is complete and paid at the 95% level with an estimated savings of \$6,000.00.

Martin Street Quiet Zone This is Town and when complete the UPRR engineers will not blow their horns unless there is danger. The project bid, with change orders, at \$87,464.00. The construction project is 95% complete, estimated savings of \$2,000.00. This is Town funded.

A new <u>Brine Pond</u> at the RO plant is designed but has not gone out to bid yet as we are waiting on USDA-RD funding approval. This project will be 100% grant funded.

Clerks Corner - Election Calendar

June 2014



July 28 – Voter Registration Closes August 26 – Primary Election November 4th – General Election

Need information or have questions? Call Town Clerk Beverly Turner, MMC at the Town Office at 928-683-2255, Monday through Thursday between 7:00am and 6:00pm.

Changes to Refuse Collection Service

June 2014

Billing for the trash collection service is <u>tentatively</u> scheduled to change effective July 1, 2014. Instead of a fee for trash services included on the utility billing from the Town, residents will receive a separate bill from Waste Management for trash collection services.

Details of the change-of-hands for billing from the Town to Waste Management are still being worked out, but residents can expect a slight increase on their bill for trash services when the service is turned over to Waste Management. A \$1/month fee for billing and an additional annual Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA) should be expected by residents. This year the COLA is \$.33, resulting in a total increase of \$1.33 to be reflected on residential billing when the change occurs.

Tesla opens latest supercharger in Gila Bend

By Mark Remillard

News Excerpt

May 26, 2014 PHOENIX -- Tesla Motors is continuing to reduce the "range anxiety" of its customers with a new supercharging station in Arizona.

The company announced last week it has opened a charging station on West Pima Street in Gila Bend that gives Tesla Model S drivers a major connection into California.

According to the company, the station along Interstate 8 can be coupled with the already available Yuma, Ariz. station, to allow drivers a connection from either Phoenix or Tucson to San Diego.

The company expects to continue to introduce more stations as part of a company plan to cover 98 percent of the U.S. population by 2015.

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L to R: New sign at the 9/11 Memorial Park, Main Street Road Improvements, Tesla charging station and Town employee Miguel Valdez working on street repairs.

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