

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### League of Arizona Cities & Towns Annual Conference

August 2015



Several members of Gila Bend's Town Council, Town Management and staff attended the annual conference put on by the League of Arizona Cities & Towns. This year the conference was held in Tucson from August 18th through the 21st.

As stated in the League's press release, "the conference is held annually in late summer and provides a unique opportunity for local officials to gather together to attend training sessions designed to aid in more effective and efficient management of Arizona's municipalities, to hear from state and legislative officials, as well as share common concerns and ideas for problem solving."

According to their press release there were, "more than 25 educational sessions on topics ranging from fundamentals of local government such as budgets and Open Meeting Law, to sessions on transportation, veterans issues, border issues, zoning, water resources, council-manager relations and economic development."

"In addition to the many educational sessions and networking events at the conference, mayors and councilmembers from across the state met during the event to develop resolutions for the League's Municipal Policy Statement. The policy statement represents the collective interests of cities and towns statewide and will guide the League of Arizona Cities and Town's lobbying efforts during the upcoming legislative session that begins in January 2016."

Highlights of the conference included Senator Jeff Flake as the keynote speaker during the annual luncheon and the more than 100 youth delegates from cities and towns across the state attending this year's 10th Annual Youth Program. Mayors and Council Members who have served for more than eight years were also honored.

Next year the conference is planned to be held in Scottsdale.

**Have a great Labor Day**  
**Mayor, Council, Management & Staff**



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## 20th Annual Pitch-In for Gila Bend Planned for October

October 2015

The 20th Annual Pitch-In for Gila Bend will be held in late October this year. Last year this clean-up of the town drew close to 200 volunteers working in crews picking up litter and trash throughout the town.

The tentative date for this annual clean-up is Saturday, October 24th with times to be determined. Gray Faupel is putting together the event this year and, as usual, is planning that each registered volunteer will receive a T-Shirt and lunch. More details on times and particulars will be available by the end of the month, but mark your calendars for October 24th.

Gray is asking for and accepting donations for this event from local businesses. Donations can be monetary, to be used for purchasing needed supplies, or materials. Materials that are needed include: large trash bags, bottled water, ice, paper plates, napkins, plastic dinnerware, vehicle with driver for picking up filled trash bags, and more.

If you would like to donate, please contact Gray Faupel at 928-683-6502 or stop by the Resource Center at 303 East Pima Street for a list of supplies that are needed. Show your pride in our community by getting involved!

Scenes from last year's Pitch-In for Gila Bend annual clean-up



## September Community Calendar



- 09/01 – Adult Soccer begins: McMahon Field: 7:00pm
- 09/03 – Farmers Market – Gila Bend Resource Center
- **09/07 – LABOR DAY – TOWN OFFICES CLOSED**
- **09/08 – Council Meeting: 5:00 PM – Media Center**
- 09/16 – Mexican Independence Celebration: Senior Ctr
- **09/22 - Council Meeting: 5:00 PM – Media Center**
- 09/25 – Deadline for Plant Your Own Garden Space

## Seniors Celebrate



August 2015

The seniors will be having a celebration for Mexican Independence Day on September 16th at the Community Center. For more information and the particulars, contact the Community Center at 928-683-2244.

## Adult Soccer

September 1, 2015



Adult Soccer begins on Tuesday, September 1st and will run through September 24th. Games will be played at McMahon Field on Tuesday and Thursday nights beginning at 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

## Clerk's Corner

September 2015



Each year members of the Gila Bend Town Council and Management attend the League of Arizona Cities and Towns (the League) Annual Conference hosted by the League. If you attend Council Meetings, you may often hear a reference to the League. But what actually is the League and what do they do?

In their own words, "The League of Arizona Cities and Towns is a voluntary association of all the 91 incorporated cities and towns in the state of Arizona. It provides policy and legislative advocacy, information and inquiry services, along with publications and educational programs to strengthen the quality and efficiency of municipal government. It was founded in 1937 to serve the interests of cities and towns and to preserve the principles of home rule and local determination."

To us and other cities and towns, the League serves as a wonderful resource for anything having to do with municipal government.

## Plant Your Own Garden Space



September 2015

The Town of Gila Bend is offering interested residents a space to plant their own small garden on pre-prepped and fertilized ground. The space is located near the Community Center and will be pre-fertilized with donated steer and chicken manure.

Residents who would like to try their hand at planting their own garden should contact Public Works Director Terry Weter by Friday, September 25th. This will provide staff enough time to divide area into the required number of spaces/plots before planting begins on October 1st.

Those participating in the Plant Your Own Garden project must provide their own seeds or starter plants for planting, be responsible for maintaining their personal garden (watering and weeding), and must harvest their own produce. The Town will provide the water needed for irrigating the garden.

Labor required to water, weed and harvest each space will be the responsibility of the person to whom the space was assigned and not the responsibility of town staff and/or town personnel.

Please contact the Town Office at 928-683-2255 if you are interested in reserving a space to "Plant Your Own Garden".

## Town Offices Closed



September 7, 2015

Town offices will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day. Offices will be open at their regularly scheduled times on Tuesday, September 8th. Hoping all of you enjoy a fun and safe Labor Day holiday from all of us here.

Inmates and town crew work on the water main on S. Martin Ave.

