



News Excerpt

SPG Solar SunSeeker(R) Delivered for Utility Solar Project in Arizona

PETALUMA, CA, Apr 15, 2014 (Menafn - Marketwired via COMTEX) --SPG Solar, a leading provider of single-axis solar tracker solutions, has successfully completed the on-time delivery of the SunSeeker tracker to a 50 MW DC system in Gila Bend, Arizona. Constructed by engineering, procurement and construction company Black & Veatch, it will be one of Arizona's largest solar power installations.

"This project not only validates the incredible ease of installation and quick scalability of our SunSeeker single-axis tracker, but also highlights our on-site solution support," said Jim Harre, SVP, Product Management and Technology. "The SPG Solar product team is establishing new standards for reliable, cost-effective, and high-performing solar-tracking solutions. We offer the total solution from a bankable product delivered on time to real-time, in-field support services and long-term performance."

The project spans over 250 acres and will produce more kilowatt hours with the SunSeeker single-axis tracker, a technology which automatically moves the panels East to West for maximum sunlight exposure. The installation is expected to be commissioned in the spring of 2014.

References:

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<http://www.menafn.com/aa5216c-3958-414e-b402-f85297d5b724/SPG-Solar-SunSeekerR-Delivered-for-Utility-Solar-Project-in-Arizona?src=main>

Infrastructure Projects Update

May 2014



Papago Waterline Project

Projects expected to be completed this month include the Papago Waterline Project, Main Street Road Improvements, Quiet Zone Project, and the new Well #8. The Double Tree Expansion continues and the General Plan Update is scheduled for completion this month.

More information on these or other Town projects can be obtained by contacting the Town office at 928-683-2255.

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Parks & Recreation: Lil' D'Backs T-Ball and Youth Baseball Season Begins

May 2014

Registration for Lil' D'backs T-Ball and Baseball will begin on May 5th and will run through May 9th. **The cost is \$10.00 per child for T-Ball and \$25.00 per child for Baseball and includes a team hat and t-shirt.** A Registration Tent will be on-site for sign-up at the following locations on date and times indicated:

May 5th – Gila Bend Elementary: 7:00am and 3:00pm

May 7th – Paloma Elementary: 7:00am and 3:00pm

May 9th – Community Center: 4:00 – 7:00pm

Youth Baseball is for children ages 9 through 12 with games on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning June 3 through July 10th. TBall is for children ages 5 through 8 with games on Fridays beginning June 6th through June 27th. Have questions or need more information? Call the **Parks & Recreation Department at 928-683-2255.**

Registration Deadline is Friday, May 9th.

Memorial Day Observed/Holiday Closure

May 26, 2014



Town offices will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day. All offices will re-open at their regularly scheduled times on Tuesday, May 27th.


A Memorial Day Program remembering and honoring those who have died in our nations service will be held at the Pioneer Cemetery on Monday, May 26th at 8:00am.

The Town Pool will be open on Memorial Day from 11:00am to 7:00pm with 6:00 – 7:00pm for Adult Swim only.

**Have a Safe and Happy
Memorial Day Holiday
From the Gila Bend Town Council,
Management and Staff**

May Community Calendar



- 05/01 & 05/02 – Farmers Market: Care 1st Resource Center
- 05/05 – 05/09 – T-ball & Youth Baseball Registration
- **05/06 – Council Work Session: 5:00 – 6:00pm**
- 05/11 – Mother's Day 
- **05/13 – Council Meeting & Work Session: 5:00pm**
- 05/26 – **Memorial Day Observance:** Pioneer Cemetery – 8:00am
- 05/26 – POOL OPENS MEMORIAL DAY: 11:00am – 7:00pm
- **05/27 – Council Meeting: 6:00pm**

May Proclaimed Building Safety Month

May 2014

May is Building Safety Month, a public awareness campaign, offered each year to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures. The campaign is presented by the International Code Council and its 50,000 members worldwide along with a diverse partnership of professionals from the building construction, design and safety communities. These professionals and government agencies come together to support Building Safety Month because they understand the need for safe and sustainable structures within our communities.

Along with informational brochures, we also have a few fun things for the kids, like pencils, stickers and activity books. Come in and pick up a Kids Activity Book, pencil and sticker for your child which are available at the Town Office.

Clerks Corner

May 2014



Election Calendar

Candidate Packets Available (4 open seats)

May 28 – Deadline: Submit Candidate Packets by 5:00pm

July 28 – Voter Registration Closes

August 26 – Primary Election

November 4th – General Election

The Town of Gila Bend is accepting Arguments For or Arguments Against Home Rule to be published in the Publicity Pamphlet for the upcoming Primary Election on August 26, 2014. The last day to submit an Argument For or an Argument Against Home Rule is May 28, 2014.

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.**

Gila Bend Residents to Vote on Home Rule Option



May 2014

On August 26, 2014 a Primary Election will be held. The Home Rule Option will once again be on the ballot for Gila Bend residents to vote on.

What is Home Rule?

Arizona's Constitution imposes a spending limit on towns and cities in Arizona. Adopting Home Rule, voting **YES**, allows the Town of Gila Bend to continue to set its own budget according to the needs of the community. Operating on the budget limitations imposed by the state, a **NO** vote would severely reduce Town services to the community, which include street and road maintenance, parks and recreation, youth and elderly programs and services, public transportation and water and utility services.

Adopting the Home Rule option, a **YES** vote, **DOES NOT** increase or decrease tax rates and **DOES NOT** impose a local property tax. The Town of Gila Bend estimates it's funding on sources of income that is already received. A **NO** vote would allow the Town to continue to receive the income, however, the income **could not** be spent delivering needed services to the residents of Gila Bend.

State and federal government continue to cut back on funding, leaving towns to fill the holes that were once the responsibility of the state and federal governments. The Home Rule Option keeps municipalities moving forward to adequately fulfill the needs of their individual communities and be a participating partner with state and federal government.

Arizona State Law prohibits management and staff of cities and towns from stating their opinion, endorsing or suppressing an issue being placed on the ballot for residents to vote on. Factual information can be provided to residents requesting information in order that voters can gain more knowledge on an issue being placed before them on the ballot.

Residents wanting more information on the Home Rule Option can ask questions of their local council members or request a FAQ sheet from the Town Office. Residents should not request Town of Gila Bend Management or Staff to voice their opinion on the Home Rule Option.