

TOWN OF GILA BEND

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Town of Gila Bend New Website

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The Town of Gila Bend has its new website up and running. The new website is more user-friendly and has more information available, including contact information.

Highlights of the new website include accessible forms for utility (water/sewer) service; business licensing, public records requests and more. Other features include a section on the Mayor and Council Members, a calendar of events, a How Do I section, and visitor information.

Residents will soon be able to pay their utility bills (water/sewer only) online using their credit cards with a new feature that is in the process of being added to the website.

A community calendar that lists known events, meetings, etc. of clubs and organizations will be available through a link.

The new website provides basic information at this time, however, new pages and information are constantly being added and updated, so check back often.

Parks & Recreation

March 2015



Adult Soccer begins March 17th at 7:00pm. Games will be played on McMahon Field on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Kids Soccer games will be held beginning at 10:00am on Saturdays at the Community Center Park. Kids aged 5 to 12 years will be able to participate. There will be two age groups for the kids: 5 to 8 years and 9 to 12 years.



The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** is planned for April 4th at 10:00am at McMahon Field. Kids can hunt Easter Eggs in one of four age groups: 0 – 4 years, 5 – 7 years, 8 – 10 years and 11 years and older.



For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 928-683-2255 or visit the new website and use the Contact Us section to email them.

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No Fly Zone Arizona Event

March 7 & 8, 2015



The No Fly Zone Arizona event returns to the Gila Bend Municipal Airport this weekend on Saturday, March 7th and Sunday, March 8th.

The first of this type of event was held last year in December. High-end vehicles participated in a half-mile roll race on the airport runway and were on display for other participants and spectators to view. The first event was so well-liked by event host, Omega Motor Sports, that they plan to put on two events this year.

Some of the cars in last year's event included a Bugatti, several Lamborghini's, McLaren's, Corvettes, Ferraris, Shelby Cobras and more.

Racing begins at 9:30am and the event lasts until 5:00pm. There will be a food vendor on-site. Admission is \$10. All of the participant spots are filled for Saturday and Sunday participant spots are filling up fast so there will be plenty of cars to view on either day.

According to Omega Motor Sports Facebook page, MAVTV and Adventure Aaron will be on scene at this event to shoot for a new series "Motorsports Road Trip". For more information on the event, go to their website at www.omegamotorsport.com and click on Events.

Here are some of the cars that participated last year:



March Community Calendar



- 03/05 & 06 – Farmer’s Market: Resource Center
- 03/07 & 08 – No Fly Zone Arizona: Gila Bend Airport
- **03/10 – Council Meeting: 6:00pm – Media Center**
- 03/17– Happy St. Patrick’s Day 
- 03/17 – Adult Soccer Begins: 7:00pm – McMahan Field 
- **03/21 – Planning & Economic Development Retreat**
- 03/21 – Kids Soccer: 10:00am - Community Center Park
- **03/24 – Council Meeting: 5:00pm - Media Center**
- 04/04 – Easter Egg Hunt 

General Plan Update

March 2015



The General Plan Update for the Town of Gila Bend is moving forward as planned. The update is done every 10 years as required by state statute.

Clerks Corner

March 2015



The Clerks Office is gearing up to send out Business License Renewal Invoices in the next month or two to all businesses doing business within the Town of Gila Bend.

A Town of Gila Bend business license is required by law for anyone wishing to do business within the town limits. A business license costs \$100 annually, except for Commercial Haulers, and is valid from July 1st of the current year through June 30th of the following year.

Interviews for the Social Services Director and Resource Center Coordinator have been done with an Offer Letter for each position recently gone out to two of the interviewees. Acceptance of either offer has not yet been confirmed.

The Clerks Office continues to add new pages and information to the new website at www.gilabendaz.org. Residents are encouraged to check back frequently as more items are added.

**Happy St. Patrick’s Day
From Council,
Management and Staff**

Planning & Economic Development Retreat Planned



March 21, 2015

A Council Retreat is planned for March 21st that will focus exclusively on economic development for the Town of Gila Bend. This retreat is planned as part of the General Plan Update and will be used to help identify and define the future direction of economic development for the Town of Gila Bend, especially in regards to job creation.

The retreat is planned to last a full day and will be open to the public. An assessment of the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats will be prepared and a strategic economic development vision will be discussed. The public is encouraged to attend and provide input on what they, as residents, have as their vision for Gila Bend.

As of today, the meeting place for the retreat is still to be determined. As soon as the meeting place is confirmed, the information will be posted in several places around town (Town Hall, Resource Center, Community Center, Court House and Post Office bulletin board) and on the Town website at www.gilabendaz.org.

Following this retreat, future retreats are planned that will address capital improvements and the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Safety Netting Going Up

March 2015



McMahon Field will be getting new safety netting this month. The netting will assist with keeping spectators safe from foul balls when they are watching the game. The safety netting should be up by mid-March.

Butterfield Stage Days Update

March 2015



The Annual Butterfield Stage Days Rodeo that was put on by the Town of Gila Bend in February was a success. Participation was great and the many spectators enjoyed watching the sanctioned rodeo. The Gila Bend Chamber of Commerce hosted the Parade. This year the Grand Marshall of the parade was resident Diane Dempsey, former Town of Gila Bend Social Services Director, who recently retired from public service after 26 years.