



Projects Update and Upcoming Projects

August 2015

The new sidewalk along North Martin Avenue has been completed as is the sidewalk extension at the Gila Bend 9/11 Memorial Park on Pima Street.

According to Public Works Director Terry Weter, upcoming projects include the Zuni Estates Water Main Replacement Project and the R.O. Water Line Project.

The Zuni Estates project consists of upgrading the system with larger water mains and creating better fire protection in that area. The new R.O. Water Line project consists of a new water line to be constructed/installed beginning at the R.O. Plant complex and running across the desert to the Holts' properties. This will create a looped water system and improve the fire protection on the east side of town.

Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

August 2015

The Town of Gila Bend has joined forces with Maricopa County and other jurisdictions around the Valley to review and update the existing multi-hazard mitigation plans and consolidate them into one multi-jurisdictional, multi-hazard mitigation plan. A final draft of the 2015 Maricopa County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (PLAN) is now available for review and comment.

The goal of this mitigation planning effort is to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property from natural hazardous events. Mitigation is not how we respond to emergencies like floods and wildfires, but rather how we as a community might lessen or even prevent the impact of such things in the first place.

The mitigation planning process involved identifying and profiling the natural hazards most likely to occur in a community, assessing the vulnerability to these hazards, and establishing goals, actions and projects that mitigate the associated risks. The update of this mitigation PLAN will also ensure the community's continued eligibility for non-emergency, federal hazard mitigation grants.

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PLAN (continued)

August 5, 2015

Residents are highly encouraged to review the updated PLAN and offer comments. For more information, please visit the multi-jurisdictional planning website at: http://www.maricopa.gov/Emerg_Mgt/links.aspx or you can contact: Andrew Brady who is the Emergency Services Planner for the Maricopa County Emergency Management by telephone at 602-273-1411 or by email at andrewbrady@mail.maricopa.gov.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2015 Approved

July 14, 2015



The Gila Bend Town Council approved the Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 at the July 14th Council Meeting. Residents can access the approved Budget on the Town of Gila Bend website at www.gilabendaz.org or they can come into the Town Office.

Finance Director Stacey Young will answer questions regarding this years budget for those who would like clarification on budget line items or explanations of how the budget works and what it all means.

Feel free to call the Town Office at 928-683-2255 if you have questions or would like more information on budget issues.

Cattails being removed from the lagoon.



August Community Calendar



- 08/03 – Water Park Fun: 10am-4pm – McMahan Field
- 08/05 – Hiring Event: Resource Center: 9:00 - 11:00am
- **08/11 – Council Meeting Cancelled**
- **08/25 - Council Meeting Cancelled**
- 09/01 – Adult Soccer begins: McMahan Field: 7:00pm

Hee-a-Han Cemetery

August 2015



The Town of Gila Bend is looking for information pertaining to any of the burials in the cemetery known as Hee-a-Han. If you have any information, please give the Town Office a call at 928-683-2255 and share it with us.

Prior to the Pioneer Cemetery, those who passed away in Gila Bend were interred in Hee-a-Han Cemetery, which is located on North Cleveland Avenue.

Little is known about the cemetery and who is buried there since few gravestones or markers remain intact and /or legible. What we do know is that the Chamber of Commerce deeded the cemetery, known as Hee-a-Han Park, to the town in 1969, a few of the names of those buried there in now unmarked plots, and how the park received its name.

This historic cemetery is being cleaned up and will have the burial plots marked with crosses (or other form of marker) made from weathered wood donated by Russ Dunham.

Clerk's Corner

August 2015



Town Clerk Beverly Turner and Deputy Clerk Cyndi Eisenberger attended the annual Elections Training. Attendance at the training is mandated by the state. Part of the training always includes new laws enacted and this year there are some changes for candidates running for Council.

As the Town of Gila Bend will have a local election in August 2016, these newly enacted laws will affect those running for council seats. Election information and dates will be provided in both this newsletter and on our website when we near the start of the election cycle.

Parks & Recreation

August 2015

The Parks and Recreation Department hosted the Water Park Fun on August 3rd at McMahan Field. Other than this event, August has no other events or programs planned as this is the time students are returning back to school and should be focusing on getting settled into their school routine.



Adult Soccer will begin Tuesday, September 1st and run through Thursday, September 24th. Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 – 9:00pm on McMahan Field.



Kids, start practicing your kicking skills because on Saturday, September 19th is the NFL Punt, Pass & Kick for kids ages 6 through 15 years of age. This will take place at McMahan Field at 10am.

Hiring Event

August 5, 2015



Looking for employment? Maybe a change in your career? If so, attend the **Hiring Event** at the Gila Bend Family Resource Center on **Wednesday, August 5th**.

Employers that are looking to hire for open positions will meet with interested applicants **between 9:00 – 11:00am**. This event is in partnership with Maricopa Workforce Connections and the Town of Gila Bend.

The Resource Center is located at **303 East Pima Street**, between the Ironwood Justice Court and the Space Age Lodge and Restaurant.

Granny's Room is Open for Business

August 2015



Gently used clothing and other items of interest (knick knacks, dishes, housewares, etc.) are being sold at very reasonable prices in Granny's Room inside the Community Center. It is located at 202 N. Euclid. All proceeds from the sales are used to help fund trips and outings for Gila Bend's senior citizens. Granny's Room (the new Pink House) is open for business Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 11:30am. Come in and take a look around.