

TOWN OF GILA BEND

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

October 2015



No Fly Zone Arizona



October 3 & 4, 2015

Omega Motorsports returns with their No Fly Zone Arizona, ½ mile side-by-side racing event again this year on October 3rd and 4th at the Gila Bend Municipal Airport.

Spots are limited for those who wish to participate in the racing event. Drivers participating in the event must pre-pay the \$200.⁰⁰ registration fee (or a discounted fee for two days) in order to race. Participant payments will not be accepted on race day or at the gate.

Spectators are welcome with an entry fee of \$10 per person. However, spectators will be limited to the amount of parking available. According to the Omega Motorsports website, *"The primary focus of this event is as a "participant event" for our participants. This is not a car show, or a carnival. It is a participant high speed event."* There will be a food vendor on site at the event.

For more information on this Omega Motorsports event, you can access their website at <http://www.omegamotorsport.com/>.

Fright Night 2015

October 29, 2015



Start putting together your costumes and dig the pumpkin carving tool out of your utensil drawer because our annual Fright Night will be here before you know it. Fright Night will take place on Thursday, October 29th at the Community Center Park from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Contests (with prizes) include the Costume Contest with judging in several categories and age groups and Pumpkin Carving in several categories. Take a Hayride to the Pumpkin Patch where you can 'pick' a pumpkin to take home, enjoy food booths, games, the Tent of Terror, cake walk and more.

Put the family in their spookiest, ugliest, scariest or cutest costume and enjoy some fun with family and friends on Fright Night, October 29th.

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20th Annual Pitch-In for Gila Bend

October 24, 2015



The date for this annual clean-up event is **Saturday, October 24th** with the start time of **9:30 AM**. Volunteer registration (**if not pre-registered**) starts at **9:00 AM**. **Only Crew Leaders are expected to attend the 8:30 AM Crew Leader Meeting.**

All volunteers should bring their own gloves, hats and any tools they would like to use. Each crew will be assigned an area to be cleaned.

Participants will be provided **lunch** at no cost beginning at **12:00 Noon at the Community Center**. Contact **Gray Faupel** at **928-683-6502** if you are interested in being a Crew Leader, would like to donate supplies or funds for this event, or need more information.



Fish Pond Expanded

September 2015



The Town's Fish Pond, located by the Rotary Centennial Park on South Martin Avenue, has been expanded. During the expansion work the pond was also deepened a little in a few spots to provide the fish with some deeper water which helps them keep a little cooler. Water is now being added to fill the pond.



L - R: Parks & Recreation Director Colby Turner discusses the expansion with contractor, Mike Quackenbush of Black Diamond Materials; expanding the fish pond one scoop at a time; stockpiling the dirt for future use



Scenes from Fright Night 2014

L - R: Pumpkin Carving Contest entries, some attendees, Superman & Thor, scary Patrick costume

October Community Calendar



- 09/30 – 10/28 – Youth Soccer: 6–8PM: McMahon Field
- 10/01 – Farmers Market – Gila Bend Resource Center
- 10/03 & 04 – No Fly Zone Arizona-Gila Bend Airport
- 10/06 – **Community Blood Drive: 8am-Noon: HS Gym**
- **10/13 – Council Meeting: 5:00 PM – Media Center**
- 10/24 – Pitch-In for Gila Bend: 9:30 AM-Community Ctr
- **10/27 - Council Meeting: 5:00 PM – Media Center**
- 10/28 – Last Youth Soccer games at 6:00PM & 7:00PM
- 10/29 – **Fright Night: 6:00–9:00 PM: Community Ctr Park**

Youth Soccer

September 30, 2015



Youth Soccer will start on Wednesday, September 30th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on McMahon Field. Soccer games will begin at 6:00 PM and at 7:00 PM each Wednesday through October 28th. All games will be played on McMahon Field. Eligible youths for the Youth Soccer Program will be 6 years to 12 years of age.

For more information and registration details, contact **Chuck Lowther** by calling the **Town of Gila Bend at 928-683-2255**.

Clerk's Corner

October 2015



As cooler weather approaches, you can expect to see more of our children spending their time out-of-doors playing or riding bikes and scooters near or on the street. When you are running daily errands and driving around Gila Bend, keep your eye out for the children.

On Fright Night (Thursday, October 29th) and on Halloween night (Saturday, October 31st) be especially watchful for kids as they go Trick-or-Treating door-to-door and are running in and around the Community Center Park area in their costumes that are often dark and hard to see.

The **Mayor, Council, Management** and **Staff** hope you and your families have a Happy and Safe Halloween.



Parents Academy Workshops

Fall 2015



The Gila Bend Family Resource Center has started their Fall Parents Academy Workshops. The workshops are taking place at the Resource Center on Thursdays from 9:30 AM through 12:00 Noon.

Workshop topics will include:

- Family Literacy Night
- The Five Family Protective Factors
- Discipline workshop 🎃
- Early learning for parents, grandparents and caregivers with children aged 0 – 5 years old
- Practical and fun ways to nurture your child's brain development 🎃
- Preparing your child for Kindergarten
- Setting family goals
- Early learning standards 🎃
- Developmental screening, vision, hearing and dental
- and much more 🎃



This program is funded by First Things First, facilitated by Arizona Learning Institute (ALI) and sponsored by the Gila Bend Family Resource Center. For more information on this program, contact the **Gila Bend Family Resource Center at 928-683-6502**.

Community Blood Drive

October 6, 2015



The **Gila Bend Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 6th** at the Gila Bend High School Gym from **8:00 AM until 12:00 Noon**. 🎃

All blood donors must bring photo ID. You can complete your online health history (required) on the day of the blood drive or you can print out a '**Fast Track Ticket**' by completing your online health history prior to the blood drive by going to Unitedbloodservices.org on your home computer. When you access the United Blood Services webpage, look on the left side of the page and click on the button that reads, "Click to begin your health history". Complete the form, print out your Fast Track Ticket and bring it with you. For more information or if you have any questions, contact **Dianne Henry at 602-228-3042**.