



### Refuse Collection schedule to change and requirements for refuse pick-up

January 3, 2011

Beginning January 31, 2011, all residential refuse collection will be on Monday and Thursday. The scheduled collection of commercial refuse will remain the same.

To insure that your refuse is collected, please use the following guidelines:

- **Do not overfill containers.** Overflowing containers cannot be properly emptied.
- **Container lids should be kept closed.**
- **Place cans no farther than four (4) feet from the street.**
- **Containers must face towards the street.** Containers facing backwards or sideways will not be picked up or emptied. Forward facing containers are required for preservation of both the container and lid.
- **Keep area around container clear by at least four (4) feet in all directions.**

The Town of Gila Bend requests that residents:

- Place container street side the night before scheduled pick-up day
- Remove containers from streetside and return cans to inside resident property.

This change in the schedule will reduce the number of trips to the landfill and consolidate employee hours, making the overall process more efficient. The new schedule will not result in any employee lay-offs or terminations.

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Closure

January 10, 2011

The Town office and the CAP office will be closed on Monday, January in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Civil Rights Day).



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### Town of Gila Bend Utility Billing

January 10, 2011

The issues that have been plaguing the Town's utility billing program have, hopefully, been resolved. The utility billing program and equipment used by the Town was in dire need of an update in order to utilize all of the program features and to ensure correct billing procedures.

After receiving the updated software, it was determined that a new PC had to be purchased due to size constraints of the old PC

The accounting program, also associated with the utility billing, had to be moved to the new unit.

The utility bills sent out in December were estimated from usage of the previous month, not on actual use. This was done as a means to save residents from having to receive a bill for two months of service. Adjustments to the billing, bringing residents current, will be reflected on next month's billing. An audit will be done for each customer to make certain that each bill is current and correct.

The Town of Gila Bend apologizes for any inconvenience you may have experienced. Questions on utility billing and service should be directed to Joanne Carpenter at 928-683-2255.

### Happy New Year

The Gila Bend Town Council, Management and Staff wishes you a Happy New Year.



## January 2011 Community Calendar

January 10, 2011



- 01/11 – Council Meeting –Regular Meeting (6:00pm)
- 01/17 – Martin Luther King, Jr Day – Office Closed
- 01/17 – Youth Flag Football starts
- 01/18 – Adult Co-Ed Softball begins
- 01/18 – Gila Bend Martial Arts Program start date
- 01/25 – Council Meeting –Regular Meeting (6:00pm)

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## Lost & Found

January 3, 2011

A set of keys was found at the Rotary Centennial Park. If you are missing your keys, please come to the Town office Monday through Thursday between the hours of 7:00am and 6:00pm. Claimants will be required to describe the lost item prior to their being released.

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## Clerk's Corner

January 10, 2011

### **Election Dates and News**

Voter Registration Applications can be picked up at the Town office for those needing to register to vote.

If you would like to vote in the upcoming election and are not registered, a Voter Registration Application must be completed by February 7, 2011.

**Monday, February** - Early voting begins

**Friday, February** - The last day to request Early Ballot

**Friday, March** - The last day for Early Ballot Voting

**Tuesday, March** – Election Day

The *Voting Rights Act of 1965* is considered a significant piece of civil rights legislation because it ended certain discriminatory practices and notified the individual states that the rights of United States citizens to vote was put under the special protection of the federal government. It ensures that standards and practices remain fair and that gender, race, and age (if over 18 years of age) may not influence a citizen's right to vote."

Exercise your rights – Vote!

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## December Events Recap

January 10, 2011

The Anniversary Celebration of the Sonoran Desert National Monument held December at the GBAFAF was a well put together event that hosted numerous speakers, exhibits and vendors. Demonstrations of native tool-making, wildlife exhibits, and stage coach rides were part of the event, along with several food vendors. The Town of Gila Bend had an information booth at the event that kept busy providing information and answering questions. Though attendance did not reach the hoped for numbers, attendees commented on the excellent quality of the event, great guest speakers, and the number of interesting and great exhibits provided. Overall, it was a great day that was enjoyed and considered a success by all!

The Winter Wonderland event put on by the Town of Gila Bend on December at the Community Center Park was also a success even though the attendance levels did not reach those of previous years. The uncommonly low temperatures contributed to those choosing to stay indoors. Santa arrived at the park, thanks to the Gila Bend Fire Department, and gave gifts and bags of goodies to the children. Santa's Workshop provided children the opportunity to make crafts to keep or to give as a gift. Christmas music was provided by the Church of Gila Bend, a snow slide for the kids and cookies and hot chocolate were also part of the event. The Town of Gila Bend thanks all of those who volunteered their time and effort to give the children of Gila Bend a little extra Christmas joy.

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## Softball, Football, and Martial Arts

January 3, 2011

Youth Flag Football for ages 8 through 13 years is slated to begin Monday, January . A fee of \$10 per child will be due upon sign-up. Contact Colby Turner at the Town Office, 928-683-2255 for more information.

Adult Co-ed Softball games are scheduled for Tuesday's and Thursday's at 6:00pm beginning January 18th. There is a fee associated with this program. Contact Colby Turner at the Town office, 928-683-2255, for more information.

The 2011 Gila Bend Martial Arts Program will begin on January with pre-registration starting on January . Anyone interested in the program can sign up at the CAP office or call them at 928-683-2244.

Information on events and programs can be found on the Town's website at [.gilabendaz.org](http://gilabendaz.org).