

TOWN OF GILA BEND

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November 2014

19th Annual Pitch-In For Gila Bend

October 25, 2014



The **19th Annual Pitch-In for Gila Bend Community Clean-Up** held on **Saturday, October 25th** was a great success. This years theme was *Make a Difference Day* and more than 170 people, young and old alike, volunteered to make a difference by participating in this annual community clean-up event. Vice Mayor Chuck Turner said a few words and thanked everyone for their participation and Judy Hollowell provided safety tips.

Clean-up crews spread across Gila Bend beginning at 9:00am and picked up trash until noon. In three (3) hours over 300 bags of trash were collected. By 12:00 noon, the hard-working volunteers headed back to the Community Center to enjoy free hamburgers and hot dogs and watched as lots of prizes were handed out to lucky winners of the random drawings. Prizes included toys, gift certificates to local restaurants, free tax preparation and more. Everyone who participated received a free T-shirt.

The community clean-up was hosted by CAP and its Resource & Development Board. Sponsors of the event included local businesses, religious organizations, non-profit organizations and utility companies. A big **THANK YOU** to the more than 35 sponsors that provided everything from assistance with recruiting, monetary donations for supplies, gift certificates, toys, gloves, trash bags, drinks and other needed items, services and prizes.



(L-R: Gray Faupel, CAP Case Manager; Vice Mayor Chuck Turner; Council Member Ron Henry, Lorena Guerrero)



(Photos of the 19th Annual Pitch-In for Gila Bend Community Clean-Up)

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Fright Night

November 3, 2014



The annual Fright Night was well attended and a great success. Not only were the usual costume and pumpkin carving contests, haunted house, cakewalk and pumpkin patch part of Fright Night but there were bounce houses, face painting, several food and drink booths, other game booths and more. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed looking at all the different costumes.

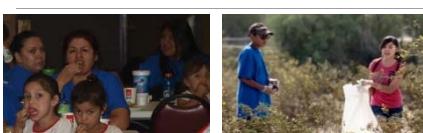


New Office Hours / Town Office Closed

November 1, 2014

Beginning November 3rd, the Town Office will begin its Winter hours. The Town Office will be open **Monday through Friday from 8:00am – 4:00pm**.

All Town Offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. Town Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th.



(More photos of the 19th Annual Pitch-In for Gila Bend Community Clean-Up)

November Community Calendar

- **11/03 – Town Office begins new Winter hours: 8am-4pm**
- **11/04 – General Election**
- **11/06 - 07 – Farmers Market: Care 1st Resource Center**
- **11/10 – Town Council Meeting: 6:00 – Media Center**
- **11/11 – Town Office Closed for Veteran's Day**
- **11/11 – Town Council Meeting Cancelled**
- **11/15 – Gila Bend Grand Prix/Sonoran Desert Fest**
- **11/25 – Council Meeting: 6:00 - Media Center**
- **11/27 – Thanksgiving: Town Office Closed**
- **11/28 – Town Office Closed**
- **12/01 – Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony: 7:00pm**



Clerks Corner

October 2014



November 4th – General Election

The first **Town Council meeting** in November has been **changed from Tuesday, November 11th to Monday, November 10th** since the Town Office will be closed in observance of Veterans Day. The meeting will be held at the usual time of **6:00pm at the Media Center**.

Newly elected Council Members Clyde Kreeger and Jesus Rubalcava will be sworn in and officially seated at the November 10th Council Meeting.



About Your Town Employees

November 2014

The Town of Gila Bend would like to welcome our new Public Works Director, Terry Weter. Terry was hired on October 14th and has been getting acquainted with current, ongoing and upcoming projects with Director Bill Menards assistance.

Terry Weter comes to us from Wisconsin with 23 years of experience working in the public sector as Director of Public Works; 19 years, for the City of Elkhorn, WI and four (4) years as Director of Public Works/Director of Engineering Services for the city of Juneau, WI.

Terry earned his B.S. in Public Administration from Upper Iowa University, graduating with honors – summa cum laude. He received his Associate Degree in Civil Engineering Technologies from Madison Area Technical College.

Parks & Recreation

November 2014



Gila Bend Grand Prix Racing is coming back to town on **Saturday, November 15th**. The Grand Prix will be held in conjunction with the **Sonoran Desert Fest**. Grand Prix races will include unclassified bikes, Pee Wee racing, Big Bikes, ATVs, UTV's, Mini's and Trikes. A 20-mile (approximate) loop trail ride is planned from 3:00 – 5:00pm. To participate or just enjoy as a spectator, take Cemetery Road and follow the signs to the race location. Gates will open on **Friday, November 14th from 4pm – 10pm and Saturday, November 15th at 6am**. Bring the family and plan to have some fun!

The **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony with Santa** is scheduled to take place on **Monday, December 1st at 7:00pm in the Community Center Park**.

Contact Parks & Recreation Director Colby Turner or Chuck Lowther at **928-683-2255** for more information on Parks & Recreation planned events and scheduled programs.



Town Employees continued

Professional certifications include Grade 2 certifications in Arizona Water Distribution and Water Treatment and several certifications with the National Incident Management System. Terry is married with one daughter who attends high school.

Bill Menard, who has been the Public Works Director for the Town of Gila Bend for the past four* (4) years is retiring. At the October 28th Council meeting, Bill thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the Town. The following day, the Public Works Department and other staff pitched in and put on a small bar-b-que for lunch.



**Have a safe
Happy Thanksgiving
From Council, Management & Staff**

