

TOWN OF GILA BEND

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

May 2015



Business Licenses and Budget Time

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Gila Bend business license renewals are being printed and mailed to business owners that own/operate a business in the Town of Gila Bend. Business licenses are renewed annually and are based on the fiscal year. A license is valid from July 1st of the current year through June 30th of the following year. Business owners can expect to see their business license renewal invoice arrive by mail by the end of this week. All currently-held business licenses are good until June 30th. Business owners/operators conducting business within Gila Bend without a valid and current business license risk being fined and also having their business closed until obtaining a current license.

It is budget time again and the Finance Department has been busy working hand-in-hand with the Town Manager and department heads to put together the budget for upcoming Fiscal Year 2015/2016. A **Work Session** focusing on the budget will be held on **Thursday, May 7th at 5:00pm** at the **GBHS Media Center located at 308 North Martin Avenue**. The Work Session is open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

Nutrition Class To Be Offered

May, 2015



The Gila Bend Family Resource Center staff is working on putting together a nutrition class. The class will be offered in both English and Spanish and held Tuesdays through Thursdays at the GB Family Resource Center. The time of the class still to be determined and will be based upon what works best for the majority of participants. If you are interested in taking a Nutrition Class or would like more information and details on what this class encompasses, please contact the **GB Family Resource Center** at **928-683-6502**.

2015 Test Census Underway

May 2015



The 2015 Test Census is underway in Gila Bend. Please respond to the Census Test-taker as it is beneficial to the whole community by providing more funding opportunities for the Town.

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Parks & Recreation Department News

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Break out the bathing suits and buy some sunblock for the kids. The Community Pool will open for the season beginning on **Monday, May 25th**. The pool will be open to the public from **12:00 noon through 7:00pm, Monday through Saturday**. The pool will be closed on Sundays for maintenance.



But don't wait until noon on May 25th to beat the heat! Beginning at 10:00am, there will be **Water Park Fun at Burleson Park**, next to the Community Pool. The Water Park will be open from **10:00am to 4:00pm** on the opening day of the Community Pool.

Want to reserve the Community Pool for a child's party or family get-together? Call the **Town Office at 928-683-2255** for details, available dates and times and cost to reserve the pool.



The Lil' Dbacks Baseball season for kids aged 9 – 12 years old will begin on **Tuesday, June 2nd** and run through **Thursday, July 2nd**. Games will be held **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30pm and 8:00pm** at **McMahon Field, Community Center Park**. Have questions or want more information, call the **Gila Bend Parks & Recreation Department** at **928-683-2255, Monday through Friday** between the hours of **8:00am and 4:00pm**.



Health Fair Planned

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A Health Fair is planned for Saturday, July 25th at the Gila Bend Family Resource Center. For more information, contact the **GB Family Resource Center** at **928-683-6502**.

May Community Calendar



- **05/07 – Work Session-Budget: 5:00pm – Media Center**
- **05/12 – Council Meeting: 5:00pm – Media Center**
- 05/25 – Pool Opens / Waterpark Fun: 10:00am
- **05/26 – Council Meeting: 5:00pm - Media Center**
- 06/02 – Lil D'backs Baseball Season Begins

Focus on the Gila Bend Family Resource Center

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Everyone in Gila Bend has heard about and has seen the Gila Bend Family Resource Center as they drive down Pima Street. Located in between the Space Age Lodge & Restaurant and the Ironwood Justice Court, the Resource Center was originally built to be a jail/detainment facility but fell into disrepair for several reasons, including lack of use as a jail. Several years ago, the Town of Gila Bend and it's project partners gutted and remodeled the building, turning it into what it is today.

Though most residents know what and where it is, do community members know what all it has to offer. Many of the programs focus on the youngest of our community but the Resource Center has programs and resources that can be accessed and utilized by all community members.

Services, programs and resources offered include:

- Helping Families in Need: AHCCCS and Healthcare Marketplace Insurance assistance on applications
- Arizona Learning Institute: Parent education and awareness
- Southwest Behavioral & Health Services: Services for behavioral health for youth and families
- Native Health Counseling Service: Focus on children ages four (4) years and older who have experienced loss, trauma, behavioral or emotional problems
- Kids Watch AZ: Getting kids ready for kindergarten
- DUET: Resources for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren
- Job Services: Assist with applications and more
- Printing, Faxing and Copying Services
- Laptop and Wi-Fi use
- Telephone services
- Transportation Services: Solar Express and Route 685
- Suicide Prevention
- Baby Bags (continued)

Gila Bend Family Resource Center (cont.)

- Hygiene Bags
- Community Garden
- and more



The Resource Center is also the monthly meeting place of the Gila Bend Chamber of Commerce the first Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon.

The Gila Bend Family Resource Center is a division of the Social Services Department as is the CAP Office, Community Center, Senior Services and Transportation Services.

Town Projects Update

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Updates on the ongoing and upcoming projects include:

- **SR85 Improvements:** ADOT will begin improvements soon. Speaking with County regarding turning the two lanes into four lanes coming into town
- **Gila Bend Transmission Initiative (GBTI):** Project continues to move forward.
- **Express Bill Payment:** Project providing the ability to pay utility bill and more to the Town via credit card or online is near completion.
- **Sidewalk Construction:** DBA was awarded the contract to construct sidewalks from Pima St. to the school (west side of street only) and to the west side of the 9/11 Memorial Park including handicap accessible
- **Museum Restrooms:** Completed upgrade of Museum restrooms with new flooring and paint
- **McMahon Field Safety Netting:** Bid has been awarded to Aguirre & Kin and work started
- **Donations:** There have been several donations to the Town: Thank You to **Paloma School** for the **upgraded playground equipment**. Thank You to **Hickman Farms** for **½ ton of fertilizer for the Community Garden**. Two monetary donations of \$100.⁰⁰ each; one to the Fire Department and one to the Gatlin Site.