

TOWN OF GILA BEND

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

June 2012



Focus on Finance

May 24, 2012



The focus is on finance as we prepare for the new fiscal year, July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. This month we highlight our Finance Department headed up by Director Stacey Young.

Some of the Finance Departments responsibilities include Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, budgets, Utility Billing, Payroll, and Purchasing. Working closely with department heads and Town Manager, the Finance Department creates the annual budget. Monthly reports are created in order to monitor each departments expenditures, ensuring that the Council approved budgetary limits are not exceeded.

The Finance Department is also involved with grant funding by assisting in the procurement of grant funds, administering funds, and meeting monthly grant reporting deadlines.

Director Young works closely with auditors throughout the year to audit the accounts of the Town and other entities such as Area Agency on Aging, Community Development Block Grants, WIFA and more. Director Young also works hand-in-hand with social services and the Care 1st Resource Center.

All laws pertaining to the management of public funds must be strictly adhered to, therefore, keeping abreast of new laws and legislation affecting municipal finance issues is another important aspect of the department's responsibilities.

Each month this department works with the Public Works Department to create and issue utility billing for the water, sewer and trash services for Gila Bend residents. Bulk water sales to contractors and other companies working on Gila Bend projects falls under the responsibilities of the finance department also.

Policies and procedures for the purchasing of materials, supplies and services are monitored by use of purchase orders. All purchase orders go through the Finance Department for approval.

The Town has an 'open door' policy to facilitate transparency in government. Questions regarding financial matters of the Town of Gila Bend should be directed to Finance Director Stacey Young at 928-683-2255.

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Carl's Jr. to Open in Gila Bend



May 29, 2012

Carl's Jr., known for their "premium-quality burgers", will soon be opening its doors in Gila Bend. The planned opening is scheduled for June 5th, though the date is subject to change. Applications for employment are still being taken and, according to their banner, the first 500 guests will get free food for a year (see store for details).

Carl's Jr. was founded by Carl N. Karcher in 1941 in Los Angeles, CA. Starting with a single hot dog cart, this industry pioneer soon took his small business and transformed it to what it is today. Carl's Jr. is located in 14 Western states, Mexico, Russia, Malaysia and Singapore and employs approximately 11,000 people. Signature menu items include the 100% Angus beef Six Dollar Burger™ line, charbroiled chicken sandwiches, entrée salads and low carb options.

CKE Restaurants, Inc. owns and operates Carl's Jr., Hardee's, Green Burrito and Red Burrito restaurant chains through its subsidiaries, franchisees and licensees. CKE was 'built on the fundamental belief that success is possible with vision, hard work, and determination'.

Go get yourself a burger at Carl's Jr. and welcome this new business to our growing community.

Retrieved May 29, 2012 from the 2008-2010 CKE Restaurants, Inc. website at http://www.ckr.com/documents/CARLS_JR_FACT_SHEET_Q2FY10.pdf

Office Closure

July 4, 2012



All offices of the Town of Gila Bend will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th to celebrate our Independence Day. Offices will reopen at their regularly scheduled times on Thursday, July 5th. Have a safe and happy of July. Don't forget to wear your red, white and blue!

Community Calendar

June 2012



- 06/02 – All Night Softball Tournament
- 06/06 – Senior's Shopping Trip
- 06/12 – Council Meeting-Regular Meeting(6:00pm)
- 06/15 – Father's Day Party: Senior Center
- 06/21 – Housing Authority Liaisons: Resource Center: 1 – 3:00pm
- 06/25 – Wild Horse Pass Trip: Seniors – Departure 8:30am
- 06/26 – Council Meeting – Regular Meeting (6:00pm)
- 07/04 – Town Offices Closed for Independence Day
- 07/04 – 4th of July Event

Parks & Recreation Activities

May 29, 2012



Little League (the Minors) and T-Ball will continue through June 28th. T-Ball games for those registered are held at 7:00pm on Tuesdays. Registered Little Leaguer's games are held at 8:00pm on Tuesday and Thursday. Both are held at McMahon Field at Community Center Park.

There will be All Night Softball Tournaments held on June 2nd, July 7th and August 4th.

Clerks Corner



100 Years of Statehood & 50 Years of Incorporation

On February 14, 1912 we officially became the State of Arizona. On July 2, 1962 the Town of Gila Bend was incorporated and the first Town Council met and conducted its first official business on July 4th. 2012 marks 50 years of Incorporation and 100 years of Statehood. This year we will celebrate our 50th Anniversary of incorporation during our Independence Day celebration. A flyer listing the festivities will be posted on our website at www.gilabendaz.org and at several locations around town. Come enjoy the festivities!

Continuing Education

Each year the Arizona Municipal Clerks Association and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks offer Clerks and Clerk professionals a training and continuing education opportunity. Clerk professionals, those who have not yet attained their Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation, attend the Clerks Institute for 40 hours of training each year as part of the requirements for certification. Clerks with a CMC designation that want to earn certification as a Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) attend the annual Clerks Academy. Those with a MMC certificate also attend the Academy for continuing education. This year Deputy Clerk Cyndi Eisenberger will be attending the Institute from June 3 through June 8 and Town Clerk Beverly Turner, MMC will be attending the Academy June 12 through June 14 in their pursuit of best practices as Clerk professional and Town Clerk.

Arizona Fun Fact: Meteor Crater, located 40 miles east of Winslow, AZ, is the best preserved meteor crater on our planet.

4th of July Event



2011 Fireworks
at Fuentes Field

The Parks & Recreation Department is busy putting together the 4th of July event.

Centennial Park Beginning at 10:00am in Centennial Park there will be Mud Bog Races for kids. The age levels are: 5-7, 8-10, and 11-13. There will also be Mud Volleyball, non-refereed, available all day beginning at 11:00am for anyone interested.

Community Center Park McMahon Field at the Community Center Park will have inflatable Water Park Fun beginning at 11:00am through 9:00pm. Work up an appetite because at 6:00pm there is the All American Hotdog Eating Contest for the first 100 contestants that sign-up at the registration tent.

Fuentes Field: Gila Bend High School Fireworks display begins at 9:00pm.

What's Happening: CAP, Senior Center and Resource Center

June, 2012



The Housing Authority will be sending two liaisons to Gila Bend beginning June 21st and every third Thursday of the month to assist interested persons with the application process for Housing Authority properties. It includes a Workshop. If you are interested in learning more about these properties, register soon with the Care 1st Resource Center as the waiting list will be long.

Twenty-two Seniors had a wonderful time on a two-day trip to the Verde River Train. They note that it is a trip well worth taking! After the train ride they had an excellent chuck wagon dinner and show at the Blazin M Ranch.

Upcoming events at the Senior Center include:

June 6: Senior Shopping

June 15: Father's Day Party

June 25: Wild Horse Pass Trip with departure at 8:30am.

**HAPPY
4TH OF
JULY!**

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