



Tips From the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office



August 2014

MCSO Lieutenant Pete Metzler provided the Gila Bend Town Council and the public attending the July 22, 2014 Council Meeting with some tips and information, including contact information, to assist residents and business owners.

1. Use your cell phone to capture photos/videos of a crime in progress, but do so without putting yourself in harm's way. He noted that these can be very helpful in both arrest and prosecution.
2. Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other. If you know your neighbor isn't home, and you see activity at their house have a contact number to get ahold of them.
3. Report any suspicious or criminal activity.
4. Booby-trapping a home and/or business is illegal. A dog is the owner's best defense.
5. MCSO has trained personnel willing to assist a home or business owner in placing security cameras for best possible coverage and optimal performance. He noted that many security companies will ask owners where they want equipment placed, but are not always the most knowledgeable when it comes to choosing areas for the best placement. MCSO will also show you the best areas for planting bushes or other foliage to deter thieves from entering your home/business. If you would like to take advantage of this service, please contact him.
6. Recommends you DO NOT attempt to detain or use force unless you feel you are in imminent danger. Rather than detaining/using force, call police or 9-1-1 immediately and try to capture the person(s) on video using cell phone or other means if possible.
7. Use a Neighborhood Watch program. If interested in implementing this program, contact him and he will get you set up with the contact person.

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Tips from MCSO (continued)

8. The non-emergency number for the MCSO is **602-876-1011**.

9. Lt. Metzler's contact information is:

Office phone: 602-876-5106

Email: p_metzler@mcs.maricopa.gov

MCSO will be hosting a Neighborhood Watch Meeting in Gila Bend on September 3rd, from 6:30 to 7:30pm (location to be determined).

Town Council Meeting Cancelled



August 2014

The August 26th Council Meeting has been cancelled due to the Primary Election taking place on the same day.

The next scheduled Council Meeting will be September 9th at 6:00pm at the Gila Bend Unified School District Media Center located at 308 N. Martin.

Town Manager/Public Works Director Resign

August, 2014

Town Manager, Fredrick Buss, has handed in his resignation. His last day will be August 26th. Mr. Buss has accepted a position offered by another city.

Public Works Director, Bill Menard, has informed Town Council and Management that he will not be renewing his contract. His last day will be October 31st.

August Community Calendar



- 08/07 - 08 – Farmers Market: Care 1st Resource Center
- **08/12 – Council Meeting: 6:00**
- 08/26 – **Council Meeting Cancelled** due to Primary Election
- **08/26 – Primary Election**

Clerks Corner - Election 2014

August 2014

August 26 – Primary Election
November 4th – General Election



On Tuesday, August 26th, the Primary Election will be held. Gila Bend residents will have the opportunity to vote for four of the seven candidates running for one of the open seats on the Town Council.

Also placed on the ballot in this election is the Home Rule option. Residents will vote whether or not they want to keep Home Rule for another four (4) years. **Voting yes** on the ballot will allow the Town to make its own financial decisions. **Voting no** will give the State of Arizona the authority to decide what is best for Gila Bend residents and where the Town's revenues should be spent. A Home Rule FAQ sheet is available at the Town Office.

Need information or have questions on the upcoming Primary Election? **Call Town Clerk Beverly Turner, MMC at the Town Office at 928-683-2255, Monday through Thursday between 7:00am and 6:00pm.**

Minutes of Town Council Meetings and Work Sessions are available on the Town of Gila Bend's website (www.gilabendaz.org) and at the Town Office. Minutes must be approved by the Council prior to posting to the website. However, the public may view the Unapproved/Draft minutes of a meeting three (3) days after the meeting. Minutes of a meeting are approved by the Council at the next (following) meeting. In accordance with A.R.S. 38-431.03(B), minutes of Executive Sessions are considered *Confidential* and are not available to the public.

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Cathy Perry Retires

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L-R: Cathy with plaque; Vice Mayor Turner, Cathy & Mayor Holt, Social Services Director Diane Dempsey & Cathy

After 24 years, long-time employee Cathy Perry, officially retired from the Town after working her last day on Thursday, July 31st. A small retirement party was held for her at the Community Center, at which time she was presented with a plaque by Mayor Steve Holt and Vice Mayor Chuck Turner. The plaque thanked her for her years of dedicated service and commitment to both the Town and it's residents.

Early Voting Underway

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Early voting began on Thursday, July 31st for the 2014 Primary Election. On Election Day, August 26th, polls will be open at 6:00am until 7:00pm. In Gila Bend, all voting (except mail-in ballots) takes place at the Gila Bend Town Office located at 644 W. Pima Street. Early voting can be done Monday through Thursday from 7:00am to 6:00pm at the Town Hall.

Quiet Zone Update

August 2014



Residents should expect a quieter Gila Bend somewhere around the end of October when the Quiet Zone is expected to go into effect.

Engineers will be **requested** to not sound their train whistle, except in case of danger, as they come into town. Though **requested** to limit the blowing of the train whistle to cases of emergency only, **it is NOT a guarantee**, since it is up to each individual engineer to make the decision of when to use the train whistle, the number of times to use it and the duration of each whistle blow.

T-Ball and L'il Dbacks Season Over



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The Parks & Recreation Department would like to thank all those who participated in making this another successful baseball season!