



Local Gila Bend Firefighters Receive the 'Best Save of the Year' Award

October 2013

News Excerpt



In the August 2013 issue of *Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona* magazine, Eric Lochner, Local 4371 Trustee, wrote an article entitled, *Best Save of the Year Awarded*, that named some of our local Gila Bend Fire Fighters as Award recipients. Here is the article written by Mr. Lochner that was published in *Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona* magazine:

Local 4371 West Valley Firefighters wanted to give some special recognition to some of our local brothers in Gila Bend. Firefighter/EMT Freddy Villegas, Firefighter/Paramedic Kendall Earley and Gila Bend Volunteer Firefighters Andrew Jaworski and Sergio Quezada were called to assist a 60 year old male with chest pain on February 5 of this year. On arrival the male patient was in full cardiac arrest and crew acted swiftly doing cardio cerebral resuscitation. Due to an extended transport time of 45 minutes, AirEvac 5 was called to expedite transport. Enroute to the LZ, patient was revived multiple times, then would go back into cardiac arrest. Due to circumstances, AirEvac crew elected to ride in the rescue to the hospital along with the Gila Bend crew. In the end, the crew had given seven rounds of medication to the 60 year old patient. Two days later, the patient walked out of the hospital.



For their valiant efforts, Local 4371 would like to honor brothers Freddy Villegas and Kendall Earley along with Volunteer Firefighters Andrew Jaworski, Sergio Quezada and AirEvac 5 crew, Tim Freund and Carol Pribyl, who were all awarded with the Best Save Award from West Valley Hospital.

Our congratulations to Fire Fighter/EMT Freddy Villegas, Firefighter/Paramedic Kendall Earley and Fire Fighters Andrew Jaworski and Sergio Quezada, along with AirEvac 5 crew members, Tim Freund and Carol Pribyl for being the recipients of the Best Save of the Year Award.

References: Lochner, Eric, *Best Save of the Year Awarded*, Retrieved September 23, 2013 from www.pffaz.org

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Pitch-In for Gila Bend

October 26, 2013



The annual community clean-up, Pitch-In for Gila Bend, will take place on Saturday, October 26th beginning at 8:00am, with Crew Leaders meeting a little earlier, at 7:30am. The clean-up will end at 12:00 noon at the Community Center, where lunch will be served. Lunch and prizes will take place until 2:00pm at which time the event ends.

Anyone wishing to participate can register at the Community Center, 202 N. Euclid, between 8:00 – 8:30am on the day of the event, October 26th. Participants will meet at the Community Center and leave for their designated 'clean-up' area from there.

Crew leaders and volunteers are still needed. All participants should bring gloves and hats. Refreshments will be provided and there will be free T-shirts and Door Prizes.

Those under the age of 18 **MUST** have a Permission Slip signed by a parent or legal guardian in order to participate. All participants, 10-years old and under must be accompanied by a participating adult. Registration/Release Forms are available at the Town Office.

For more information and to volunteer as a Crew Leader or participant, call 928-683-6502.

Gila Bend Small Area Transportation Study

September 2013



The Gila Bend Small Area Transportation Study is moving along. A possible Public Meeting is tentatively planned to be held at a Council meeting in December.

October Community Calendar

- 10/03 – Farmer’s Market: Resource Center
- 10/08 – Adult Mush Ball ends
- 10/08 – Council Meeting, 6:00pm
- 10/19 – Youth Tackle Football ends
- 10/22 – Council Meeting, 6:00pm
- 10/26 – Pitch-In for Gila Bend; Community Center, 8:00am
- 10/30 – Fright Night: Community Center Park: 7:00-9:00pm
- 10/31 - **HALLOWEEN** Trick or Treat – **WATCH FOR CHILDREN**



T-Shirt Design Contest for the Pitch-In for Gila Bend Community Clean-up

September 2013



Each year the T-Shirt provided to participants of the Pitch-In for Gila Bend community clean-up features the winning design of a Gila Bend student who best portrays the Pitch-In for Gila Bend theme.

This years theme is **“Resources for a Balanced World”**. Students wanting to participate in the contest can get the needed supplies at the Gila Bend Library and/or Community Center. Designs must be original and contestants must turn in their entries to the Library and/or Community Center by **October 10th** in order to be included in the contest. Entries submitted after the October 10th deadline date cannot be included in the judging.

All students and young budding artists are encouraged to submit their original designs for this years contest. Good luck!

Urban Land Institute to Present to Council at October 22nd Meeting

October, 2013

The Urban Land Institute (ULI) will present a draft report of the five (5) key findings and priority actions identified for housing and community development and/or redevelopment in Gila Bend and the surrounding area. Residents are encouraged to attend. An overview of the town, key strategies and an implementation program for action will be presented. Our towns strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats will be discussed along with initial strategy ideas identified by the panel.

Fright Night

October 30, 2013



It won't be long until witches and goblins will be roaming the streets of Gila Bend as they head towards Community Center Park for Fright Night! This year the annual Fright Night will take place on Wednesday, October 30th from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at the Community Center Park.

Contests for both Costumes and Pumpkin Carving will be held with prizes for the most Original, most Technical, and Scariest in both contests. Contest judging begins at 8:00pm. A hayride to the Pumpkin Patch will also be available, along with other fun things to do.

Bring your little ghouls and boys and the rest of the family to Community Center Park and enjoy this year's Fright Night on October 30th. And parents, don't forget to put on your costumes, too!

When driving in Gila Bend on Halloween night, Thursday, October 31st, please watch for kids in their costumes as they go house to house to Trick or Treat. Let's have a safe and happy Halloween!



Social Services

September 30, 2013



The Readiness Basket will be at the Care 1st Resource Center every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. to assist families with teaching their children, ages 0-5, school entrance preparation. They also provide a wide array of resources for families with special needs.

The Senior's will now host a salad bar every Friday at the Community Center thanks to the Chandler Senior Center, which donated a salad bar to the Gila Bend Senior's. This is another healthy choice service.

The Community Center roof repairs are complete. With the roof repaired, we are preparing to move on to improvements inside the building such as ceiling tiles, painting, flooring, etc.

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