



Social Services Director Hired

April 2015



Kathy Valenzuela is the Town of Gila Bend's new Social Services Director. She comes to Gila Bend from El Centro, California. Kathy brings with her experience and knowledge in the community services field that includes extensive work experience in grants writing and management, contract administration, budget oversight, program design and delivery and is adept at clearly articulating expectations to attain positive outcomes.

Ms. Valenzuela has spent her career in the community services field in areas of affordable housing, homelessness, child development services, substance abuse treatment, and more. Previous employment includes that of Program Director for the Latino Community Foundation in San Francisco, CA and Executive Director for the North County Serenity House in San Diego, CA. Kathy has also been employed as a Freelance Grant Writer and a Contracts Administrator. Her education includes attending Stanford University with a Major in Psychology.

Kathy says she has a personal interest in helping underserved communities access resources as she grew up in an under-resourced desert town.

We would like to welcome Kathy to our team!

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4, 2015



The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on Saturday, April 4th beginning 10:00am at McMahon Field, Community Center Park. Children will be able to hunt for Easter Eggs in one of four age groups: 0 – 4 years, 5 – 7 years, 8 – 10 years and 11 years and older. There will be prizes given in each age group.

For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 928-683-2255 or visit the new website and use the Contact Us section to email them

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Resource Center Coordinator Hired

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Kelly Cavanaugh, life-long Gila Bend resident and a graduate of Gila Bend High School, in the new Resource Center Coordinator. As a Gila Bend resident, Ms. Cavanaugh knows the needs of the community.

Kelly has been employed in customer service related positions since graduation. Along with her great people skills, she has experience working with vendors, administrative assistance experience, working and assisting with budgets, and performing research. Welcome to the team, Kelly!

Community Garden at Resource Center

April 2015



There is a new Community Garden in place at the Gila Bend Resource Center. Residents are encouraged to participate in the rewarding experience of growing healthy produce. If you have ever wanted to learn how to garden successfully or if you have had a garden and want to share your growing tips, come by the Resource Center Community Garden anytime Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm to participate.

The Town of Gila Bend would like to give a big **"THANK YOU"** to Gila Bottlers for their generous donation of \$100.⁰⁰ to assist in getting the garden going and growing!

For more information on this community project, contact the Gila Bend Resource Center at 928-683-6502.

L – R: Kathy Valenzuela, Social Services Director; Kelly Cavanaugh, Resource Center Coordinator; the Garden



HAPPY EASTER

From Mayor, Council, Management & Staff



April Community Calendar



- 04/02 – Farmer's Market: Resource Center
- 04/04 – Easter Egg Hunt: 10:00am – McMahon Field
- **04/05 – HAPPY EASTER**
- **04/14 – Council Meeting: 5:00pm – Media Center**
- 04/18 – Race Wars Arizona: 10:00am – 6:00pm - Airport
- **04/28 – Council Meeting: 5:00pm - Media Center**



Pulp and Paper Manufacturer Doubles Water Purification Capacity While Reducing Wastewater and Energy Use

News Excerpt/March 5, 2015



PHOENIX, March 5, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Arizona-based paper manufacturer Doubletree Paper Mills started up a new state of the art water treatment for their expanded manufacturing operation in Gila Bend in 2014. The new integrated water treatment system, supplied by Massachusetts-based Desalitech, increases its water production capacity by 100% to 400 gallons per minute while drastically reducing wastewater production and energy use.

The environmentally conscious manufacturing company replaced their existing conventional reverse osmosis units with Desalitech ReFlex Reverse Osmosis systems featuring CCD technology. This new installation boosts water recovery on their high-purity process water stream to 90%, reducing wastewater production by almost a factor of three while reducing energy use by nearly 25%.

"Product quality, environmental sustainability and safety are our top priorities when considering any changes to our facility's operations.

The culture at Doubletree encourages our employees to seek and identify opportunities to reduce operating expenses, especially if carbon and water footprint can be reduced in the process', said Doubletree's VP of finance, Samir Kanuga.

Although drought conditions have recently acted as a catalyst for change in many operations across the Western and Southwestern U.S., Doubletree has been implementing sustainable practices since their inception 8 years ago. Their

Race Wars Arizona Event

April 18, 2015



Race Wars Arizona will be held at the Gila Bend Municipal Airport on Saturday, April 18th from 10:00am to 6:00pm. There will be half-mile roll racing, car show, power wheel racing for the kids, prizes, raffles and more. To view the full details, go to the Race Wars Arizona website at: <http://www.racewarsarizona.com/events.html>

Doubletree (continued)



commitment to water and energy reduction stems from a balanced focus on the company's bottom-line, the environment and their surrounding local community.

About Doubletree Paper Mills: Doubletree Paper Mills is a family owned paper products manufacturing company based in southern Arizona, which manufactures retail and away from home consumer products such as bath tissue, facial tissue, napkins, and towels.

About Desalitech: Desalitech provides high efficiency water treatment for industrial, agricultural and wastewater reuse and concentration applications. Our next-generation ReFlex™ Reverse Osmosis products feature patented CCD™ technology – a highly efficient, reliable and flexible water treatment platform. The CCD process typically reduces waste by 50 to 75 percent and energy consumption by up to 35 percent, saving significant operating costs. Desalitech is proud to be headquartered in Newton, MA and manufactures its products in the USA.

Alex Goldstein



Retrieved on March 31, 2015 from the World Wide Web at:

<http://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2015/03/05/712800/10123391/en/Photo-Release-Pulp-and-Paper-Manufacturer-Doubles-Water-Purification-Capacity-While-Reducing-Wastewater-and-Energy-Use.html>

9/11 Memorial Park Sign

The informational kiosk sign for the 9/11 Memorial Park has been installed at the park by the Parks & Recreation Department . Stop by the park and take a look!

