

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Mayor's Message

During the past several weeks management has met with Department Directors. These individuals are exceptional people who are willing to not only do their jobs each day, but they are aware that they are serving the public.

The main purpose of local government is to provide services to the people. These services include bringing clean water to your home and taking the dirty water away. We build streets, provide recreational opportunities through our parks and community swimming pool. We provide educational opportunities through our library and the Community and Resource Centers. We ensure that new homes and businesses are constructed in a safe manner. I, the Council, and staff will be working as a team for you.

I would like to remind you to support activities that are sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, Social Services Department and Library. There are many hard-working staff and volunteers providing fun and educational activities to families and individuals of all ages. A calendar of activities is located on our website at www.gilabendaz.org

As we perform the services that we are responsible for, our team has set a goal to work together to provide excellent customer service. Taking care of your concerns will be at the top of the list.

Financial issues will always be a concern to myself and the Council as we put together budgets each year. During the following weeks we will hold budget hearings and pass the Town's Final Budget in June.

Thank you,

Mayor Tommy L. Sikes

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Calendar

- **4/10** – Town Council Meeting
6:00 pm- Media Center
- **4/24** – Town Council Meeting
6:00 pm- Media Center
- **05/04** – Cinco de Mayo Celebration
Time & Place TBD
- **5/28** – Memorial Day Tribute
8:00 a.m. - Pioneer Cemetery

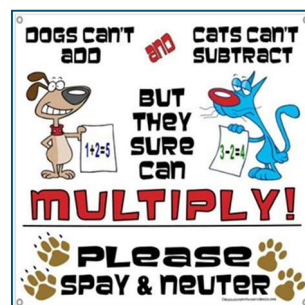
Community Goings-On

FREE Spay/Neuter Clinic

This free spay-neuter operation is scheduled for Friday, April 20th at the San Lucy Health Building located on N. 307th Avenue behind the District Office.

Sponsored by The Arizona Pet Project, Purfurred Pets Veterinary Clinic, the Town of Gila Bend, and the San Lucy District.

Surgeries are by appointment only. Hurry as there are only 50 slots available! Call 928-683-6317 to reserve your pets spot!



Gila Bend Community Center Gets a Much-Needed Facelift

The Community Center Expansion, generously funded by a Maricopa County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), began on February 19, 2018.



Only 130 more working days until residents can enjoy the new kitchen, larger dining room, and roomier Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant bathrooms.

The Social Services Department extends a huge THANK YOU to Elks Lodge #2089 for graciously allowing us to use their kitchen to prepare meals for our seniors during construction.

Thank you for being an awesome community partner!

Code Enforcement Update...

Spring is high weed season for Code Enforcement

Spring is here, which means the Town's Code Enforcement Officer is out in full force to address seasonal violations.



The Code Enforcement Department had opened numerous cases in the past couple of weeks for high grass and weeds. This is typical for this time of year and you'll see that increase rapidly if we get any rain.

In addition to getting the noxious weeds and grass issues dealt with, Code Enforcement is responsible for investigating who is responsible for the vacant properties in hope of obtaining voluntary compliance.



Thank you for taking pride in the town you live in!

Keep Your Children Safe

Teach your kids tips that can save their lives.

Keeping your children safe and away from danger is every parent's number one priority. From what they do if they think they're being followed to the best course of action if they're feeling unsafe. Fortunately, these situations are very rare, but it is always better for you and your child to be clued up just in case.

- **Get Rid of Personalized Items.** This is because when strangers know your child's name they will come across as friendly and familiar – and subsequently your child is much more likely to trust them.
- **Come Up with a Code Word.** Teach them to use it when they are away from you and in an unsafe or uncomfortable situation. When you hear the code word, immediately go get them.
- **Say NO to Body Secrets.** If someone tells them to keep a secret involving body parts, teach them to tell you immediately.
- **How to Escape Being Followed.** Teach your kids that if someone in a car is following them, they should run in the opposite direction. This will buy them a few seconds as the car turns around.
- **Warn Others if you are in Danger.** Teach your children to scream out things that would alarm others. Phrases such as "Who are you?", "Help!", "Leave me alone!" will all arouse suspicion and alert others to the danger.

When teaching your child these tips, parents should not unnecessarily frighten your child. In one half-hour conversation with your children, you can instill into them some basic facts on what to do if they feel unsafe.

Parks and Recreation

Baseball and T-Ball Opening Day

- Baseball Opening Day – Wednesday, April 4th at 5:30 p.m. Games will be played on Monday and Wednesday's. Games start at 6:00 p.m.
- T-Ball Opening Day – Thursday, April 5th at 5:30 p.m. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday's. Games start at 6:00 p.m.

