

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Mayor's Message

As we gather this Memorial Day, a day reserved to honor those brave women and men who have given their last full measure of devotion in protection of our precious freedoms, I cannot help but think about the terrible violence we have seen this year.

But in these moments of grief and sadness that we must remember those brave souls who go to work each day in defense of our country and our way of life. In its own way, Memorial Day is a reminder that everything we hold dear is only possible because men and women we remember and honor.

Over 100 years ago, Americans gathered to commemorate Memorial Day just like we will this month. Our soldiers were headed to foreign lands to protect and defend human dignity of strangers. President Woodrow Wilson said these words to the nation, "My friends, the real fruition of life is to do something we have wished to do. There are times when the world seems empty and only action seems great. Such a time has come, and in the providence of God, America will once more have an opportunity to show the world that she was born to serve mankind."



It is my hope that we can take the memories of those who have fallen in service to our country and channel them into action today.

There are still unanswered challenges in our world today, from preventing unnecessary violence to preserving our planet from the dangers of climate change.

On this Memorial Day, it is time for our nation to show once more that we were born to serve humanity and lead the way to a more peaceful and more sustainable future.

Thank you,

Mayor Tommy L. Sikes



Mark Your Calendar

- **5/04** - Cinco de Mayo Celebration
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - 9/11 Park
- **5/08** - Town Council Meeting
6:00 pm- Media Center
- **5/22** - Town Council Meeting
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- **5/28** - Town Offices will be CLOSED in celebration of Memorial Day
- **5/28** - Memorial Day Tribute
8:00 a.m. - Pioneer Cemetery
- **5/28** - Fishing Derby at Bender's Pond

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Explore Gila Bend

- Tour the Gila Bend Visitor's Center and Museum
- Sit and reflect at the 9/11 Memorial Park
- Hike and camp at the Painted Rock Petroglyph Site
- Explore the Sonoran Desert National Monument
- Walk the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail
- Take in the views from the Gillespie Dam Bridge
- Try your hand at shooting in the public Shooting Range



