

Gila County



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Tuesday, April 5
Board of Supervisors to approve Proclamation 2016-01 Proclaiming April as National County Government Month

Monday, April 11
Gila County Open House



Friday, April 15
Art Contest for all Gila County K-12 Schools with the focus on what individuals, schools and communities can do to protect and enhance the environment. Entries will be displayed at the Gila County Courthouse all during the month of April.

<http://www.naco.org/resources/national-county-government-month>



2016 marks the 25th annual nationwide celebration of National County Government Month and Gila County’s opportunity to raise public awareness and improve understanding about its roles and responsibilities in contributing to

“SAFE & SECURE COUNTIES”

by providing health services, law enforcement, vital records, economic development, education services, animal control, voter registration, courts, roads & bridges, planning & zoning, disaster response, child support enforcement, wildfire prevention, marriage licenses, job training, historical records preservation, elections, recycling & solid waste management, housing rehab, childhood immunizations, adoption assistance, crime victim compensation, 9-1-1, public records accessibility, teen pregnancy prevention, guardianships, smoking cessation, self-sufficiency training for the disabled, senior property tax valuation protection, natural resource advocacy, utility franchises, etc.

Counties are one of America’s oldest forms of government, dating back to 1634 when the first county governments (*shires*) were established in Virginia. The organization and structure of today’s 3,069 county governments are chartered under state constitutions or laws and are tailored to fit the needs and characteristics of states and local areas. While no two counties are exactly the same, all county governments are on the front lines of delivering vital services to residents. *“We at Gila County are proud of the services we provide to foster individual and community health, well-being and safety and we strive to keep our residents and visitors informed and engaged,”* said Board of Supervisors Chairman Michael A. Pastor. To that end, Chairman Pastor has two upcoming community meetings:

- **Monday, March 28 5:30 pm** **Claypool—Tri-City Fire Department**
- **Tuesday, April 5 5:00 pm** **Tonto Basin School**
- **Saturday, April 9 9:00 am** **Gisela Community Center**
- **Monday, April 11 1:00 pm** **Roosevelt Lake Resort**

Representatives from the Sheriff’s Office, Forest Service, and other County offices will be present to provide updates and listen to concerns. For more information, call Sherry Grice at 928-402-8753 or 1-800-304-4452 Ext. 8753. To be notified of future community meetings, ask Sherry to put you on the mailing list.

Upcoming Elections

Presidential Preference Election
March 22

Special Election
May 17:
Prop. 123
Prop. 124

HOLIDAY CLOSURE:

Monday, May 30
 MEMORIAL DAY

Contact us:

(928) 425-3231
 General Information

www.gilacountyaz.gov

Gila County Recycling & Landfill Management to hold **FREE** Saturday Disposal Events:

April 23—Buckhead Mesa & Russell Gulch Landfills
 8:00 am—3:00 pm (Green Waste)

April 30—Buckhead Mesa Landfill
 8:00 am—Noon (Latex Paint)

May 14—Young Transfer Station
 8:00 am—Noon (Unwanted Furniture)

For more information, call:
 1-800-304-4452 Ext. 8531



So there will be a Tomorrow



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Presidential Preference Election (PPE)

Early Voting Period	Feb. 24—Mar.18
Sample Ballots Mailed:	March 11, 2016
Last Day to Request an Early Ballot:	March 11, 2016
Last Day for Early Voting:	March 18, 2016
PPE Election Day:	March 22, 2016

Statewide Special Election

Voter Registration deadline:	April 18, 2016
Early Voting Begins:	April 21, 2016
Sample Ballots Mailed:	May 6, 2016
Last Day to Request an Early Ballot:	May 6, 2016
Last Day for Early Voting:	May13, 2016
Special Election Day:	May 17, 2016

May 17 Special Statewide Election:

Proposition 123—if approved, would increase distributions from the State Land Trust Permanent Endowment Fund in fiscal years 2016-2025 from 2.5% to 6.9% of average monthly market values to benefit Arizona K-12 schools, colleges, and other beneficiary institutions, including a \$259,266,200 distribution in 2016; includes protections for state funds in the case of a severe economic downturn.

Proposition 124—if approved, would allow the State to adjust certain benefits in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System to alleviate system underfunding, including the replacement of the current permanent benefit increase structure with a cost of living adjustment based on inflation, capped at 2% per year

NOTICE TO VOTERS:

Precincts have been CONSOLIDATED! Your Polling Place for all Elections MAY be in a location different from where you voted in the past. Be sure to read all election related materials you receive by mail to stay well informed of changes, or call the Gila County Elections Office at (928) 402-8709 or 1-800-425-5095, or see our webpage at www.gilacountyaz.gov.

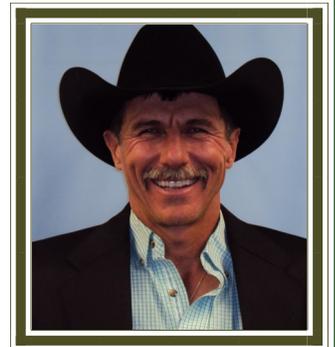


Bryan Chambers Appointed Division I Superior Court Judge

On July 13, 2015, former Civil Bureau Chief for the Gila County Attorney’s Office, Bryan B. Chambers, was named by the Honorable Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of Arizona, to fill the unexpired term of then Presiding Judge Peter J. Cahill upon Cahill’s retirement on June 30, 2015. Judge Chambers had served 23 years under five different Gila County Attorneys, trying 39 felony jury trials. Judge Chambers has been extensively and continuously involved in his local and state legal community and associations since his admission to practice law in the State of Arizona in 1992. At the time of his appointment, he was President of the State Bar of Arizona and had previously served in many capacities on its Executive Board and Committees — all in addition to his duties as a prosecutor and counsel to Gila County departments and commissions. Judge Chambers is married to Globe native, Martha Ann (Flake) Chambers, and they have four children.

Payson Constable White Retires; McDaniel Appointed to Fill Unexpired Term

Payson Regional Constable Colt White, who was elected in 2012, retired effective February 29, 2015. White urged the Gila County Board of Supervisors to appoint R.A. “Tony” McDaniel as his successor to serve until a new Constable can be elected November 8, 2016. White’s recommendation included praise for McDaniel’s “integrity, honesty, (and) work ethic” all being assets valuable to the office of Constable, along with his experience and training which will promote public confidence and enhance public safety. McDaniel, a Payson native, recently retired from the Arizona Department of Public Safety after 24 years. Except for the first 3 years spent in the Kingman area, McDaniel’s DPS career was spent in Payson as a highway patrolman and a member of the AZ DPS Special Operation Units. The last 10 years of McDaniel’s career was in the Criminal Investigations Division, assigned to the Gila County Narcotics Task Force. McDaniel and his wife Michelle raised five children in Payson and are now enjoying the first of what they hope will be many more grandchildren.



Globe Justice Court Announces Easy Online Payment System for Fines & Fees



Globe Regional Justice of the Peace, the **Honorable Jesse E. Bolinger** (pictured at right), has implemented an online system, *nCourt*, for credit or debit card payments of fines and fees to the Globe Regional Justice Court or the Miami Magistrate Court.



To utilize the *nCourt* system, log into www.globeazpayments.com or call 1-855-839-6011 for the Globe Regional Justice Court or www.miamiazpayments.com or call 1-855-839-6012 for the Miami Municipal Court.

[Note: A service fee payable to *nCourt* will apply to each payment.]

Superior Court Awarded \$60K to Bolster C.A.S.A. Program in Southern Gila County



What is CASA for Children?

Every day in this country, 1,900 children become victims of abuse or neglect, and four of them will die - **every day**.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children is a network of nearly 1,000 community-based programs that recruit, train and support citizen-volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in courtrooms and communities. Volunteer advocates—empowered directly by the courts—offer judges the critical information they need to ensure that each child’s rights and needs are being attended to while in foster care. Volunteers stay with children until they are placed in loving permanent homes. For many abused children, a CASA volunteer is the only constant adult presence in their lives.

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (C.A.S.A.) Program of Gila County, with the support of the Gila County Superior Court and the approval of Presiding Judge Timothy Wright, has successfully applied for grant monies from the Victims of Crimes Act ("V.O.C.A.") through the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

C.A.S.A. provides *guardian ad litem* advocacy through volunteer services for children that have been removed from their homes due to substantiated allegations of neglect, abuse, or abandonment. These volunteer advocates provide a voice for these children in court and advocate on their behalf in matters such as services and placement. C.A.S.A. programs are established in every county throughout the State of Arizona, and are funded through the proceeds of unclaimed lottery winnings and supplemented by the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Improvement Program (AOC). Funding is allocated at the discretion of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Dependent Children’s Services Division.

Currently, there are fourteen (14) Court Appointed Special Advocates in northern Gila County to advocate for fifty-six (56) children in out-of-home care. There are four (4) C.A.S.A.s in southern Gila County where one hundred and one (101) children are in out-of-home placements. The C.A.S.A. Coordinator and the Support Staff are located in Payson. These grossly inverted figures were the primary motivator for budget increase requests to AOC to establish a permanent presence in Globe and facilitate recruitment of volunteers. The requests were not approved.

However, in March 2015, the Director of State C.A.S.A. advised county programs of the potential for funding from V.O.C.A. C.A.S.A. of Gila County and Superior Court Administration were quick to recognize the V.O.C.A. grant as an alternative means of funding recruitment efforts in southern Gila County. With Judge Wright’s approval, C.A.S.A. Coordinator Dan McKeen developed a project initiative, applied for the grant, and was awarded \$61,790. The grant requires a twenty-percent (20%) "in-kind" match of \$15,448 but, through the assistance of the State C.A.S.A., appropriate contributors were identified to serve as Gila County’s match without actual cost to Gila County.

The V.O.C.A. initiative will enable the C.A.S.A. Program to establish a presence in Globe. Office space, office equipment, and other intangibles have all been acquired at no additional cost to the County. The grant funds one FTE to operate as a recruiter in Globe and provides for some travel expenses, office supplies, postage, and a cell phone. The ultimate goal of Gila County's V.O.C.A. grant would be to increase the number of C.A.S.A.s to better serve the dependent children in southern Gila County.



To Learn More about CASA or becoming a Volunteer, please call:

Dan McKeen

Globe: (928) 425-7971 #27

Payson: (928) 474-7145



Help abused children find safe, permanent homes.

Volunteer today!