

# SPECTRUM SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## *Paying on time has its Rewards!*

Did you know that paying your Spectrum Community Assessments on time could help you get amazing free food? Well it can! The Spectrum Community Association has partnered with New York Pizza Department to bring to you a little taste of Brooklyn.

For a limited time only, if you pay your 3rd Quarter Assessments in full **on or before July 15, 2010** you will receive a Free Appetizer or Dessert Coupon from NYPD Pizza. Payments can be made by check, cash or money order at the Spectrum Community Office or online at [www.ccmcnet.com](http://www.ccmcnet.com). If we automatically withdraw your assessments via Surepay you still qualify for the reward as well. For your convenience, the coupon can either be emailed to you or picked up at the Spectrum office after we verify your payment.

### **Free Appetizer or Dessert**

**Provided by NYPD Pizza**



**Valid Only At: NYPD San Tan**

2743 S. Market St. (480) 782-6973

Note: This is NOT an actual coupon

Must Obtain Actual Coupon from Spectrum Community Office

New York Pizza Department is the Valley's best authentic New York style Pizzeria in your neighborhood. The nearest location is located within San Tan Village (SE corner of Market St and Williams Field). New York Pizza Dept. is famous for their award-winning pizzas and calzones as well as their homemade pastas and salads. What separates NYPD from other local pizza chains is their not-so-secret ingredient – New York Water. New York Pizza Department provides Delivery, Carryout, Express Lunch Specials, Full Service Dine-in and Catering Services. Please visit [www.azNYPDpizza.com](http://www.azNYPDpizza.com) for more information about the restaurant, menu and delivery areas.

It only takes one visit to fall in love with NYPD Pizza's food. Why not let us help you experience it, all while upholding The Spectrum at Val Vista as a premier Gilbert Community. Should you have any questions regarding this limited time offer, please contact the Community office at (480) 726-8080. Mangia!



## Gilbert Launches Social Media

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Residents can now receive news alerts directly from the town through new services utilizing Twitter and Nixle.com. Residents who sign up for the services can have community news texted directly to their phone, or e-mailed to them as it happens. The services allow residents to stay in the know while on the go. Standard texting rates may apply. For more information or to sign up with an account, visit the “Community Alerts” section of the Town Web site, [www.gilbertaz.gov](http://www.gilbertaz.gov)

## Dogs and pets need our help to survive the desert heat!

As we enter the dog days of summer, we must be well hydrated and cool. So must our pets! Often times during the summer heat, we witness owners walking their pets in the extreme heat of the day. Sizzling sidewalks are a summer hazard! If the pavement is too hot for your hand, it's too hot for the dog's paws.

Indoor dogs may have more trouble managing the heat, but outdoor dogs must have adequate shade and ample water. Something to always keep in mind is if it's too hot outside for kids, it's also too hot for dogs. Bring them inside the house. Even if you have to confine the animal in a room or kennel, it is preferable to being left outside.

Leaving pets inside a closed car is extremely dangerous and can be deadly. In addition, it may be illegal! Interior vehicle temperatures can reach higher than 170 degrees. Opening a window will not provide enough ventilation to cool a pet. Pets can die or suffer permanent brain damage in less than five minutes in those high temps. If you witness a pet in this situation, please call 911. Remember... your pet will be happier and healthier at home.

A dog's cooling mechanism is not as effective as a human's. Dogs pant when they are hot. Saliva evaporates off the tongue, becomes cooler and is inhaled.

Consider exercising your dog in the early morning or after the sun has set. Know your dog's limitations. Even the most athletic dogs can be overcome by the heat.

Provide your dog with fresh water every day. Consider a container that delivers the water automatically, keeping the water cool with circulation.

Arizona Revised Statute 13-2910 – makes it a criminal offense for anyone who “intentionally, knowingly or recklessly leaves an animal unattended and confined in a motor vehicle and physical injury to or death of the animal is likely to result.” The statute also allows “a peace officer, animal control enforcement agent or animal control enforcement deputy to use reasonable force to open a vehicle to rescue an animal if the animal is left in the vehicle...The amendment also criminalizes a lack of medical attention “that is necessary to prevent protracted suffering.”

Animals on tie-outs are also under extreme risk. Dogs who are restricted to ropes, chains and tethers often have limited access to shade, shelter, water and food. Some owners may increase the stress on an animal by applying heavy chains, or attaching a tether to a heavy object such as an old tire or cinder block. If left in the heat, animals living under these conditions are again at extreme risk for illness and death.

All animals are required to have appropriate shelter, ventilation and drinkable water under city, county and state laws.

Please be a responsible pet owner and keep your pet cool, fed, and well hydrated this summer!

## Spectrum Landscaping Update

Palm trees throughout Spectrum are scheduled to be trimmed & should be complete by the second week of July. Landscapers will also be removing “old” ground cover plants and replacing them with a better suited plant which will add more color to the main roads, Spectrum Way and Palomino Creek. Finally, a larger granite will be phased in along the main roads over time as well. The entire landscaping beautification project will take a minimum of one year. Please contact the community office at 480-726-8080 if you have any questions about landscaping in Spectrum.



## Bollard Lights Update

A need for new bollard lights in the main park was essential due to the continuously vandalism. Over the past several months, the Board reviewed and discussed all possible solutions to bollard light maintenance and replacement. At the May Board meeting, it was approved to convert the 36 bollard lights to 19 twelve foot light poles. The reduction in lights will reduce electricity expenses and overall will provide more light in the park when compared to the bollards. The light poles are on order and should be installed by mid August. This project was paid from the Reserve funding and will benefit the community by providing a longer lasting asset. The spare parts from the bollards will be used to repair other broken lights through out Spectrum.

## Spectrum Monument Restoration

The entrance monument at Val Vista and Spectrum Way is scheduled to be revitalized beginning in mid July. Some of the changes you can expect to see are larger granite with contouring of the granite to give dimension, lighting of the monument, and added landscaping to enhance color and visual appeal. The project will beautify and enhance the value of the community.

## Town Publication Goes Green

### Sign up now:

In an effort to provide residents with information in the most efficient, cost-effective and environmentally-friendly format, Gilbert has transitioned to an electronic version of the popular *Your Town* newsletter. [Enroll here to begin](#) receiving the newsletter so you can stay informed about coming events and activities, free Town services, and other news and announcements. Check out the new [Your Town here](#). Contact the Town with any questions or suggestions at [publicinformation@gilbertaz.gov](mailto:publicinformation@gilbertaz.gov).

## Gilbert Changes Website Domain

Please change your favorites to [www.gilbertaz.gov](http://www.gilbertaz.gov). In addition, town employees can be reached at [firstname.lastname@gilbertaz.gov](mailto:firstname.lastname@gilbertaz.gov). The old domain of [ci.gilbert.az.us](http://ci.gilbert.az.us) will only remain active until July 1, 2010.

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