



The GBP Bridge

Bridging the Gap with Communication

Jan/Feb



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Jan 2	Happy Anniversary Teresa Flower 7 years with GBP!
11-13	Tucson Quilters Guild Quilt Show TCC
21	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observed
Jan 28-Feb 3	FBR Open @ Scottsdale (Formerly Phoenix Open)
Feb 2-17	54th Annual Tucson Gem & Mineral Show
3	Super Bowl XLII
6-10	Tubac Festival of the Arts
14	Valentine's Day
18-24	Match Play Championship The Gallery Golf Club at Dove Mountain
20	Happy Anniversary Cindy Kightlinger 3 years with GBP
21	Tucson Rodeo Parade



NOT JUST 'GEMS'

For two weeks every winter, the world meets in Tucson as it becomes a bustling, international marketplace of buyers and sellers at the Tucson Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase.

The "Gem Show" is much more than a single event at one location. Rather, there are thousands of participants and attendees at nearly 50 sites around town. Dozens of shows take place at the same time - in giant white tents, at hotels and resorts and at exhibit halls.

There's something for everyone at the many open-to-the-public shows, from

gold and diamonds to granite bookends and glass beads, and from fine specimens of dinosaur fossils to opals dug from the Australian Outback.



A mass of Copper

The main event of this two-week showcase is the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show™ which packs downtown's Tucson Convention

Center over the final weekend. This show attracts thousands of treasure hunters from every corner of the globe and is open to the public. There are displays from renowned museums and private collections along with over 250 mineral, gemstone, jewelry and fossil retail dealers. It also features hands-on exhibits only for school children.



Most of the gem and mineral shows around Tucson are free and hours vary. For more information, visit <http://www.visittucson.org/visitor/events/gemshow/>

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Dear GBP

By Genise Jordan

Dear GBP Small Commercial Dept.,

Can I still mail in my payment if it is past the due date?

Signed,
Better Late Than Never



Dear Better:

Most companies have a grace period of 10 to 20 days (depending on the company) to allow for mailing, weekends, etc. If payment is not received by the due date, the

insurance company will send out a notice of intent to cancel. This notice will let you know when your payment must be received in their office in order for coverage to stay in place.

Also, if you know you are going to be late with your payment, it would be a good idea to call the insurance company and inform them.



Trusted Advisors

By Liz Parker

Did you know...

That nearly 25% of all claims the National Flood Insurance Program pays out are for policies in low- to moderate-risk areas. This statistic should serve as a reminder that even if you don't have a beachfront home, or a lovely cottage on a lake, or even a trailer down by the river, you might still want to make sure you've got sufficient protection against floods.

If you're assuming that your home insurance policy covers flooding, you're wrong. A separate flood policy is necessary to protect you against flood.

Here's another thing that might surprise you: If you're watching a TV reporter standing in a rain slicker, describing a hurricane that's pounding the shore a few states away from you, it's too late to buy flood insurance to protect yourself from that storm. Flood insurance policies have a 30 day waiting period unless your mortgage company is the one requesting that you have it.

Take the time now to prepare. Make an inventory of your possessions and property, BEFORE something happens.



This is something we should all do, whether we live on the coast, in a desert, or anywhere in between. You never know when a disaster will occur, and if it does, you may need to furnish your insurer with a detailed list of your possessions. Consider taking lots of photos or a video of your home, and make sure to zero in on everything of value. Keep a copy of the documentation somewhere other than your home.

To prepare for the kind of life disruption that disasters can bring, make sure you have ample food supplies on hand, along with water and a first-aid kit. Keep important papers stored in a waterproof bag. Stock some batteries and solar-powered lights, as well as some cash.

Maintain your property before the weather ever gets bad, trim any tree limbs that might fall on your home or vehicles during a storm. It is also a good idea to think about the potential need to transport your pets in the case of an emergency re-location.

GBP Staff are experts in assessing and reducing your insurance risks by tailoring a plan to reflect your specific needs.

Please contact us today!

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Lizzy's Pick

By Liz Parker

Step out of the wine cellar for a moment, out into the harsh, dry desert air. Out where a thirst might require a different BEvERage to quench it. I suggest an ice cold beer!

There aren't many foods that complement beer like pizza. Ahhh, Pizza and Beer. It's an all time favorite for many. Have you ever had a tomato juice and beer together? Well one gentleman decided that if that can taste halfway decent, why not pizza beer? In this age of microbrew madness, there is actually a beer that tastes and smells like Pizza!

No kidding, I recently heard a story about a 'homebrewer' named Tom Seefurth that brewed some, served it up at parties and found that it was a hit! Eventually he was able to get a local TV news crew to cover the story of his new brew.

The official label is "Mama Mia Pizza Beer". The brewing is done Saison-style. It actually has real pizza added to the mash, along with extra basil, oregano and garlic.

In May of 2007 America's Brewing Company of Aurora, Illinois decided to brew a large scale batch and it was met with good reviews. So far there is no full scale bottling / production but Mr. Seefurth is working on getting his new flavor noticed.

I believe I will continue to eat my food from a plate and drink my beer from my ice cold glass. But hey, cheers to those who are willing to try something new!



2nd Annual Chili Cook Off!

By Liz Parker

Last January we had our first Chili Cook-Off – it was great fun and great food with clients and friends.

This year we have some big plans for our 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off – so big that we're moving it to the Fall to get ready! We hope you will get ready too. Prepare your croc-pot, collect your fixin's, and perfect that chili recipe.



Stick with the original beans and beef or go crazy and create a new style chili! Give it a name and bring it in your croc-pot. You could be this year's Chili Champ!



The food, the friends the fun, and don't forget the defending champion!

Jillian Borden of Borden Physical Therapy won first place last year with her chili entry: [Fire in the Hole](#)

Look for more details and your invitation later this year!