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Inside City Hall

Strategic Leadership for a Bright Future

by *Chuck Potucek, City Manager*

SUMMER OFFERS A BREAK FROM THE HECTIC school-year schedule and time to relax, adventure, and explore new activities. For City staff, summer offers a different kind of reprieve as we see plans made years in advance develop, mature, and grow.

This year, those themes seem especially relevant as the draft Vista 2040 General Plan moves forward for a final round of public input and we look to our residents for guidance on a common vision of what Sierra Vista can grow to be.

We are already seeing the results of many Vista 2030 initiatives, like moving closer to completing the West End streetscape project, which has been decades in the making. To that end, the City has allocated money from the positive fund balance of prior fiscal years to complete the North Garden Avenue streetscape and is hopeful about receiving federal grant funding to bolster the project.

Many street improvements are moving forward, as well. ADOT has begun the Highway 90 project spanning from the border patrol checkpoint north of Sierra Vista to Moson Road, with a completion goal set for the summer of 2025. The City is currently doing its annual street maintenance on neighborhood roads and has also secured Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) Exchange money to reconstruct part of Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway from the bypass to Avenida Escuela. And thanks to the bipartisan efforts of our federal representatives, \$3.7 million has been appropriated for the reconstruction of Buffalo Soldier Trail.

The City has also seen increased sports tourism and economic diversification through strategic investments in infrastructure like sports fields and bike-friendly paths and lanes, and at the Sierra Vista Municipal Airport, which is poised to become a multi-use spaceport in 2026. The latter has important implications not only for Sierra Vista, but for the state as we break into this future-focused sector.

However, dampening these developments are the high prices and flat revenue seen throughout the country, which Sierra Vista is not immune to. We know that some of our residents are struggling to meet the financial demands of this economy.

The outlook isn't ideal for the City's budget, which staff have worked tirelessly to balance over the past few months. The top City priorities are to ensure we

are taking care of people, infrastructure, and key assets, and investing in economic development.

The City has always taken a fiscally conservative approach to the budget by creating healthy reserves, prioritizing a healthy bond rating and using debt responsibly, and cautiously forecasting revenues while being careful about adding permanent expenses. The City is also creative about stretching our resources and aggressive in pursuing grants and other state and federal funding—ensuring that our tax dollars come back to Sierra Vista.

While low revenue streams may delay some capital projects, this approach leaves the City well-positioned to continue to offer the same great services and support even during economic downturns. It has also put us in the position during more favorable years to have made strategic investments that will continue to bolster our local economy.

As we move into the summer season, there are still many bright days ahead and opportunities for growth, development, and prosperity, even among some of the obstacles we all face together. During this time, the City will continue to be responsible stewards of your tax dollars, ignite economic development, be innovative in using resources and providing services, and be as committed as ever to helping realize residents' hopes and visions for Sierra Vista's future.



SAVE THE DATE!

 **Sierra Vista**

SPOTLIGHT BREAKFAST
Tuesday, August 13 | 6:30 - 9 AM

Celebrate Hummingbird Month



Hummingbird Research & Conservation

If you've ever attended a hummingbird banding program in Sierra Vista, it's likely you're familiar with the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory (SABO). SABO is a local non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of the birds of southeastern Arizona, their habitats, and the diversity of species that share those habits through research, monitoring, and public education.

The City recently spoke with Tom Wood, co-founder and co-director of SABO, about what the organization does and how that impacts biodiversity in southeastern Arizona. According to Tom, SABO is now in its 29th year of banding hummingbirds on the San Pedro River—one of the longest running programs of its type in the United States.



The volunteer researchers are primarily interested in monitoring and collecting data related to the timing of hummingbird events: when they nest, when baby hummingbirds leave the nest, and when migrant hummingbirds of different species arrive and leave.

They're also interested in site fidelity, and they track whether the birds come back to the same place year after year. About 20% of the hummingbirds they catch each year are already banded by them and return to the same location to feed, nest, or migrate through. Most of these hummingbirds live for about four to five years, although SABO has monitored some that they've seen survive up to a decade—which Tom notes is amazing considering the pace that they live at.

Hummingbirds have a very high metabolic rate to support the large amount of energy they expend daily. These small birds drink about one and half to two times their body weight every day in nectar, besides what they eat in insects for protein.

THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA IS TEAMING UP with Southwest Wings and the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory (SABO) to support and celebrate hummingbirds throughout the month of August!

As the official Hummingbird Capitol of Arizona, Sierra Vista has as many as 15 hummingbird species that can possibly be observed here throughout the year. Some stay year-round, while others just visit during long migrations. Either way, these extraordinary avians are an important part of our local ecosystem and have drawn birders from across the globe to Sierra Vista, especially in August when the most species can be viewed here.

August is also when Southwest Wings hosts its annual Summer Festival, featuring field trips, presenters, free programs for children and adults, birding resources, and a keynote dinner. The keynote speaker this year will be Julie Zickefoose, noted ornithologist, author, and artist.

The organization's mission is to promote nature-based tourism and environmental awareness in southeastern Arizona. Its summer festival helped inspire the City to partner with Southwest Wings and SABO for Hummingbird Month to increase awareness of hummingbirds and the general biodiversity found in southeastern Arizona—which is a crossroad of five major biogeographic regions.

"We are very pleased that Sierra Vista is promoting and highlighting hummingbirds and will be

increasing interest in hummingbirds, which are a very important group of birds to us in this area," President of Southwest Wings Chris Harbard says.

Southwest Wings' 33rd Annual Summer Festival will be hosted at a variety of new venues throughout Sierra Vista this year. Visit SWWings.org to learn more.

Zip into the Fun

Throughout August, the City will offer a variety of hummingbird-themed educational and recreational programs that will enrich participants' understanding of hummingbirds, their habitats, and how we can help them thrive—all while having fun!



HUMMINGBIRD MONTH

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The data SABO collects goes to the central database at the Federal Bird Banding Lab, which helps researchers gain insight into larger hummingbird trends. Between the research SABO has collected and data from other institutions, there is a noted national decline in bird populations. The Rufus Hummingbird, for example, is down 60 to 70% throughout its range. Other species though, like the Broad-billed and Anna's hummingbirds are expanding in southeastern Arizona.



Tom says larger population declines are due to several factors including the increased use of pesticides and decline in insect populations, and more minor issues that add up including window strikes and free-roaming cats. One big concern is changes in migration caused by climate change.

"For millennia, [hummingbird] migration was timed with when the flowers are blooming. With climate change, flowers are blooming at a different time and hummingbirds are arriving at a different time and they can miss that connection, and that connection is critical both to the hummingbirds and to the flowers," Tom says.

Concerns over species and habitat conservation are part of why public education is at the heart of what SABO does. The organization hosts a variety of educational programs that give residents information on issues facing hummingbirds and other bird species, and how folks can personally contribute to conservation. Learn about upcoming SABO activities or how to get involved by visiting SABO.org.

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Monitoring Migration with New Technology

SABO is working on a new project that has the potential to exponentially increase our understanding of bird migrations through southeastern Arizona. With new technology, it's now possible to put tiny transmitters on songbirds and record their passage on receiver towers. To help gather similar data in this area, SABO is pursuing steps to build a receiver tower on the San Pedro River. This technology allows for far greater data collection than current catch and release procedures.

"We're going to learn more about bird migration in the next 10 years than we have in the past 150. It's a really exciting time to be studying birds," Tom says.

SABO is also exploring the impact of placing transmitters on hummingbirds, with an emphasis on ensuring it will be safe and not hinder them in any way. Some of these transmitters are now only about 60 milligrams—which is equivalent to a grain of rice.

The Cape May Observatory in New Jersey recently attached these incredibly small tracking devices to Monarch butterflies. The trackers transmit over the same frequency as Bluetooth, which allows folks to detect tagged monarchs from an app on their phone.

"Potentially we could do the same thing with hummingbirds and put tags on birds at the San Pedro," Tom says. "People in Sierra Vista could then download the app and see if those birds are visiting their yards."

The new technology has the potential to create the world's largest wildlife tracking network. As use of the transmitters expands, people from around the globe will be able to record and upload their detections to larger data servers, giving a vastly fuller spectrum of wildlife activity.



Hummingbird Heroes

The City of Sierra Vista is partnering with local businesses and organizations during its Hummingbird Month in August to host events, promotional specials, or donation jars that benefit the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory (SABO).

"We're thrilled to not only celebrate the extraordinary birds Sierra Vista is known for, but also help learn more about them and support them through the Hummingbird Heroes initiative," Sierra Vista Mayor Clea McCaa says. "Through it, we can come together and make a meaningful difference in the conservation of hummingbirds and their habitats."

Throughout August, City buildings will host a Hummingbird Heroes donation jar. Information on other participating organizations will soon be available at SierraVistaAZ.gov/Hummingbird-Month.

BE A HUMMINGBIRD HERO!

Use this QR code to sign up today!



For more information, contact Dianna Cameron at (520) 439-2157 or email Dianna.Cameron@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Moving Forward

Help Shape Sierra Vista's Future

VISTA 2040 SIERRA VISTA GENERAL PLAN



Environmental Sustainability

As Sierra Vista has developed the City has balanced growth with responsible management of natural resources, becoming a leader in water conservation while also developing codes that protect our dark skies without hampering our businesses. Striking this balance requires constant effort and plenty of input from a diverse range of people. This section addresses energy consumption, solid waste, light pollution, water conservation, noise attenuation, erosion, natural habitat loss, and stormwater control.

OFFER YOUR INPUT

Residents can review the draft Vista 2040 General Plan and offer input online by visiting Engage.SierraVistaAZ.gov by Thursday, June 19. There, the public can also review videos summarizing each section of the plan, see a timeline of the process, and check out the City's previous general plan, Vista 2030.

Public comments will help shape the final draft of the plan, which will be considered by the City Council on Thursday, June 27. Once approved by council, the plan will come before Sierra Vista voters in the November 5, General Election.



EVERY 10 YEARS RESIDENTS GET AN opportunity to shape the overarching plan that will guide Sierra Vista's future growth and development. The Vista 2040 General Plan will be used by the Mayor and City Council to formulate strategic plans that help shape policies affecting our daily lives. The City has already gone through the initial

phase of public feedback and now the draft Vista 2040 General Plan is ready for public review and a final round of resident input. The plan is composed of 12 elements, each related to a specific theme. The five themes include: community growth and development, economic vitality, connectivity, public facilities and services, and environmental sustainability.



Community Growth and Development

This section of the General Plan offers direction on how the community will grow and change in the future. It addresses topics like density, annexations, architectural design, infill, redevelopment, and growth issues.



Connectivity

Communities must be designed to allow residents to get to key destinations easily and to travel in a variety of ways. This means ensuring there is infrastructure in place to serve motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Input on this section can help the City identify infrastructure the public appreciates most and areas that need improvement.



Economic Vitality

A strong local economy is vital to any community. It provides tax revenues cities rely on to provide for their communities while ensuring jobs and opportunities are available for their citizens. Input on this section will inform the City on what residents see as priorities and help the City steer its economic development efforts in the future.



Public Facilities and Services

As a City grows, its public facilities and services must also expand to meet the needs of its residents. This means everything from keeping residents safe to enriching their lives with art, culture, and recreational opportunities. This section covers the broadest range of elements including safety; public art; parks and recreation; open space; and public services, facilities, and buildings.

Economic Development

Investing in People

THE SIERRA VISTA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT team knows that it's the people who drive a healthy and vibrant economy, which is why they have gone further than ever this past year to invest in our residents. Whether it's supporting entrepreneurs and their innovative ideas, highlighting the businesses that help us thrive, or putting our money where our mouth is on workforce development, the City is committed to offering residents opportunities to help them succeed.



Rural Pitch Competition

The City of Sierra Vista, the Sky Islands Regional Partnership, Small Business Development Center, and other local sponsors teamed up with Moonshot to bring this shark-tank style pitch competition to Cochise County. Participants competed for cash prizes and scholarships, as well as feedback from top industry experts and exposure for their business or product. The Cochise County competition even incorporated a youth Moonshot contest—the only one in Arizona!

YOUTH COMPETITION WINNERS

First Place: \$350

Best Driving School by George McLachlan & Jan Rodriguez (Buena High School)

George and Jan pitched a Sierra Vista based driving school after being involved in a car accident that totaled their vehicle and left them shook up. They expressed that there is a significant need since there are no local options and schools no longer offer driver's education. Their pitch included a thorough and realistic financial and market analysis, which combined with their sharp presentation skills secured them the win.

Second Place: \$225

Puma Prints by Samantha Poppe, Adrian Eichacker, and Edgardo Flores (Bisbee High School)

Third Place: \$150

Simple Fixes by John Clark (Buena High School)



ADULT COMPETITION WINNERS

Adult competition winners received a cash prize, office space, free advertising, and a one-year membership to Sky Islands Regional Partnership.

First Place: \$2,100

Artificial Intelligence Game Master (AIGM) by Adam Mayer

Adam had a compelling story and a business with true Moonshot potential. His company AIGM seeks to revolutionize the tabletop role playing game industry by harnessing the power of artificial intelligence. He and his team are eager to learn and grow their business concept and provided a thorough and realistic pitch for the win. Adam will compete at the state level Moonshot pitch contest in August for a chance to win \$10,000.

Second Place: \$1,750

Clarity Consulting by Lisa Bailey

Third Place: \$1,100

Groove Lab by Jen Dorris

UACI Sponsored Launch

For the second year, the City has partnered with the Sky Islands Regional Partnership to sponsor a science or technology startup at the University of Arizona Center for Innovation (UACI). Winning startups receive one year of admission at UACI, which includes a structured incubation program, customized business mentoring, and the ability to work alongside other startups in a fast-paced environment. Other tools included are office space, wet/dry laboratory space, shared lab equipment, prototyping center use, and assistance through a 28-point roadmap that helps refine business models to obtain funding.

The 2023 Sponsored Launch winner was Port 149, an innovative cybersecurity startup offering custom tools, training, and analysis specializing in big data geolocation and visualization.



Business Recognition Awards

Last year, the City's Economic Development Commission launched a new business recognition initiative to shine a spotlight on local businesses and recognize them for their contributions to the community.

THIS PAST YEAR'S WINNERS:

Minority-Owned Business of the Year: CHOSON MARTIAL ARTS
Women-Owned Business of the Year: PEACEFUL PAWS
Veteran-Owned Business of the Year: DOC'S WATERING HOLE
Overall Small Business of the Year: VISTA PROS

NOMINATE A BUSINESS

Know a local business deserving of recognition? Nominate them for a business recognition award! All nominations are due by Friday, July 12. Visit SierraVistaAZ.gov/Business-Recognition to learn more.

Summer Internship Program

The City has instituted a summer internship program, offering positions in a variety of departments throughout the City. In June, we'll be welcoming new interns in Community Development, Finance, Human Resources, Communications, and the Police Department! Staff look forward to mentoring individuals and giving them on-the-job training to help develop the local workforce and showcase job opportunities.

Public Safety

Stay Fire Safe



Forgo Private Fireworks

Thanks to the Sierra Vista Rotary Club, our community enjoys an extraordinary public fireworks show on the Fourth of July. We urge residents to enjoy the public display instead of sparking their own fireworks.

The use of fireworks in the City limits is strictly regulated and only certain types of consumer fireworks are legal in Arizona. Bottle rockets, sky rockets, roman candles, helicopters, and jumping jacks are common examples of fireworks that remain illegal statewide. Permitted fireworks include cylindrical and cone fountains, ground spinners, illuminating torches, and other types designed to be handheld or to remain on the ground.

In Sierra Vista fireworks can only be used on private property with the permission of the property owner. That means that any public areas, to include parks, schools, streets, and public rights-of-way, are off limits for fireworks. It's also illegal for anyone under 16 to purchase fireworks and for anyone under 18 to use them unless supervised by an adult.

FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

- Closely supervise children during fireworks activities and don't allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees—hot enough to melt some metals.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse or afterwards. Back up a safe distance immediately after igniting fireworks.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- After fireworks finish burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a fire.
- Never keep fireworks in a pocket, shoot them off in a metal or glass container, or point or throw fireworks at another person.

More than 10,000 fireworks-related injuries were treated in emergency rooms in the U.S. in 2022, including 11 fireworks-related deaths, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. 73% of those injuries occurred on or around the Fourth of July.

TIS THE SEASON FOR WILDFIRES, WHEN DRY growth and high winds make the conditions ripe for fires to start easily and spread quickly.

Late spring and early summer often bring high winds and dry conditions to our area. While wildfires can occur just about any time of year, it's especially dangerous in the weeks and months before the monsoon arrives to quench the desert's thirst.

Here's what you can do to help us all stay safe from dangerous wildfires.

Watch the Weather

The National Weather Service issues Red Flag Warnings on days that pose particularly high fire danger due to high winds and dry conditions. Residents are urged to use extreme caution on these days and consider postponing any outdoor activities that could spark a fire like barbecuing, target shooting, or using heavy equipment. Residents should never discard lit cigarette butts outdoors—in these conditions, it's extremely reckless.

Protect Your Property

Create a defensible area around your home by clearing away any dead vegetation and flammable materials, cleaning out gutters, and pruning low-hanging tree

branches. Open burns are not allowed in the City of Sierra Vista, but the City does offer free curbside green waste pickups for its refuse customers.

Just bag, bundle, box, or place your green waste in a barrel and set it by the curb before 7 a.m. on your pickup date. Pickups must be scheduled by 4 p.m. the Monday prior. They can be scheduled online at SierraVistaAZ.gov or by calling (520) 458-5775.

Sign up for Emergency Alerts

When a wildfire is threatening your area, follow the local news and alerts put out by local governments to get the latest information. The best way to ensure you do not miss an emergency notification is to sign up for emergency alerts from Cochise County. Based on your preferences, you can receive alerts via text, email, pager, or voice call, and choose which kinds of alerts you want to receive. Sign up for Cochise County alerts by visiting Public.Alertsense.com/signup.

Heed Restrictions

Please heed local restrictions against open burning in Sierra Vista and any restrictions that may be in place at outdoor recreational facilities and campgrounds. These restrictions are in place to help keep all of us safe.

Extraordinary Outings



Summer Thursday Night Concert Series

JOIN US THURSDAYS IN JUNE THROUGH AUGUST at 6:30 p.m. in Veterans Memorial Park at the Centennial Pavilion for a musical treat as we present our Summer Concert Series. All concerts are free and open to the public. For more information call Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 or check the City's Facebook events page.

June 6: Forged by Fire

June 13: Sierra Vista Symphony

June 22: Desert Swing

June 27: The Sierra Vista Community Band

July 11: Bi-Polar Weather

July 18: Cowboy Poetry

July 25: Desert Swing

August 1: King Crowdaddy and the Mudbugs

August 8: JEMM

August 15: Psilobots

August 22: Sabatrio

August 29: Desert Fever



Scan this QR code to read full descriptions of all the performers listed above. Once you're on the Facebook event page, click/tap on "see more" under Details.

DINE-A-NIGHT

If you're an adult age 55+, join us at area restaurants for dinner on the second Thursday of each month and meet new friends! Call Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 to add your name to the guest list. Meals are paid for at the restaurant. To help with planning, please sign up early. Dinner starts at 4 p.m. Prices will vary depending on dining location.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The City has partnered back up with the Sierra Vista Rotary Club and other community partners to offer a fun-filled slate of Independence Day activities, including annual favorites like the 3rd of July Street Dance, 4th of July Pet & People Promenade, and the 56th Annual 4th of July Celebration & Fireworks Event! Check the back page for details on all the festivities happening July 3 & 4.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY BAZAAR

Mark your calendar now so you don't miss the Christmas in July Bazaar. It's an ideal opportunity to find that "something special" for those on your holiday gift list. Many local artisans (as well as winter visitors) will be showing their wares. Find candles, glassware, jewelry, quilts, woodwork, holiday decorations, and much more! The bazaar will feature unique and one-of-a-kind items in addition to commercial vendors. For more information, contact Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 or email Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Saturday, July 20 | 9 AM - 3 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center

WILCOX WINE TOUR

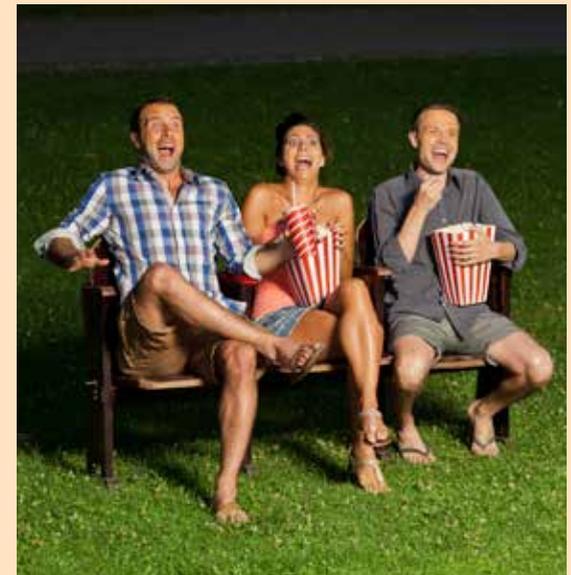
Join us as we explore the Wilcox wine region! Let us do the driving while you enjoy 15 wine tastings from three different establishments: Golden Rule Vineyards, the Bodega Pierce tasting room, and Coronado Vineyards. Coronado has a Tapas menu patrons can order from while there. Registration will start June 3 and run thru close of business July 19 or until the trip is sold out. Register by visiting WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov or calling (520) 417-6980. A designated pick up/drop off in Whetstone and Benson will be available upon request. To learn more, contact Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 or Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Saturday, July 27 | 8:30 AM - 5 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center
\$100 per person (ages 21+)

SOUTHWEST SATURDAY

Flutter over to the library and join us to celebrate hummingbirds with a variety of southwest-themed crafts, a hunt for hummingbirds in the Sierra Vista Public Library's botanical garden, and to play yard games in the courtyard. This event is free for all ages.

Saturday, August 17 | 10 AM - NOON | Library Meeting Room



Movies in the Park

Movies start at dusk. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket and enjoy movies and backyard game activities in Veterans Memorial Park. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase at the park or you can bring your own.

Saturdays, 7:00 PM/Dusk | Veterans Memorial Park | Free

THE MARVELS **PG-13** *Saturday, June 8*

Carol Danvers gets her powers entangled with those of Kamala Khan and Monica Rambeau, forcing them to work together to save the universe.

AQUA MAN AND THE LOST KINGDOM **PG-13** *Saturday, June 15*

Black Manta seeks revenge on Aqua man for his father's death. Wielding the black Trident's power, he becomes a formidable foe. To defend Atlantis, Aqua man forges an alliance with his imprisoned brother. They must protect the Kingdom.

THE LITTLE MERMAID **PG** *Saturday, June 22*

A young mermaid makes a deal with a sea witch to trade her beautiful voice for human legs so she can discover the world above water and impress a prince.

HUMMINGBIRD HUNT

Sierra Vista is the Hummingbird Capital of Arizona, so what better place can there be to hunt for hummingbirds? The day trip is led by professional bird guide Kristy Gallo and is a great introductory trip for beginners. The trip will start with participants boarding a van from the Ethel H. Berger Center and riding to locations like Ash Canyon Sanctuary, Ramsey Canyon, and other sites that interesting hummers have been seen. While at sites, participants will walk easy trails for short distances and sit quietly at times to observe the birds in their natural habitat and at designated feeder stations. This is a birding and wildlife viewing activity, so it is important participants bring binoculars to fully experience it and avoid disappointment. Water, snacks, and a sack lunch will be provided for this tour. Please indicate your choice of turkey or ham sandwich at the time of registration. This trip is a joint venture between the City of Sierra Vista and Southwest Wings Birding and Nature Festival. Register at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov. For more information, call (520) 417-6980.

Saturday, August 10 | 8 AM – 2 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center
 Saturday, August 24 | 8 AM – 2 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center
 \$30 per person | Registration is open June 3 to July 26.

SAVE THE DATE!

28th Annual
Oktoberfest
2024



Sierra Vista's largest and best fall festival is coming! Enjoy a weekend of Oktoberfest family fun, entertainment, and the Sun Valley Rides Carnival.

Friday, September 13 | 5 – 11 PM
 Saturday, September 14 | 11 AM – 11 PM
 Sunday, September 15 (carnival only) | 11 AM – 5:30 PM
 Veterans Memorial Park

Summer Reading Program

ADVENTURE *BEGINS AT YOUR* LIBRARY™

READERS OF ALL AGES — INCLUDING ADULTS — ARE INVITED TO EXPLORE THIS YEAR'S THEME OF "Adventure Begins at Your Library" by participating in the Summer Reading Program from June 1 through July 13.

Sign up anytime starting June 1 and start logging minutes to be entered into weekly raffles! Readers who reach the completion goal will also be entered in grand prize raffles. Sign up at SierraVistaPL.BeanStack.com or via the free Beanstack Tracker app.

Top Youth Summer Reading Events

We have a variety of fun Summer Reading events in store this year geared to different interests and age groups. Here are the top youth and family events of the summer but be sure to check the library's printed calendar for a complete list of programs.

K – 5 ADVENTURES

On Fridays this summer, elementary school-age youth will explore this year's theme using books, games, activities, and crafts. Check the flyers at the library for each program's theme. This program is for youth in kindergarten through fifth grades.

Fridays, June 7, 21, 28 & July 5 | 4:30 – 5:15 PM

AFRICAN MUSIC AND ARTS VILLAGE with Baba Shibambo

Join Baba Shibambo for an interactive, high-energy performance that takes you on a journey back into the heart of ancient Africa through music and story! Be prepared to have fun as we play music on traditional African instruments, hear an authentic Zulu folktale set to music, and learn traditional African dance moves. This program is for all ages.

Friday, June 14 | 4 – 5 PM

JUNIOR SCIENCE HEROES Adventure of the Lost Treasure

This fun and interactive treasure-hunting adventure introduces preschoolers to the wonders of science! With the help of audience volunteers, we'll demonstrate several exciting experiments while learning how to ask questions, make predictions, and draw conclusions. This program is for youth ages 5 and under.

Saturday, June 15 | 11 – 11:30 AM

MOTHER GOOSE'S GREAT LIBRARY ADVENTURE

Join Mother Goose for this super-fun, new show with lots of audience interaction, including classic nursery rhymes, the story of Dumbo the Elephant's circus adventure, and a circus parade with puppets and instruments. This program is for youth ages 5 and under and their families.

Monday, June 17 | 4 – 5 PM

MOBILE PLANETARIUM

Arizona Science Center in partnership with the Sierra Vista Public Library will host a day of star watching from inside! Come see the solar system and beyond in a mobile planetarium and be amazed with a guided tour of the planets, stars, and galaxies. Showings will start at noon and repeat every 30 minutes. Please only attend one show so we can accommodate as many people as possible. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis. This program is for all ages.

Saturday, June 29 | NOON – 4 PM

SUMMER READING FINALE!

Help us celebrate the end of Summer Reading with a party at Len Roberts Park! Put on some water shoes and quick-dry clothes and dance in foam, play games, do crafts, enjoy the splash pad, and more! This celebration is for all ages.

Saturday, July 13 | 10 AM – NOON | Len Roberts Park

Youth & Family Programs

Storytimes

The library's weekly baby, preschool, and toddler storytimes will go on break from August 5 through August 31. Parents are encouraged to enjoy our weekly storytimes together with their children. Storytimes last about 30 minutes.



BABY STORYTIME

Babies will enjoy songs, movement activities, rhymes, and books. This program is geared for children birth to 18-months old.

Tuesdays | 10:30 AM

TODDLER STORYTIME

Children listen to stories, music, and more. This program is geared for children 18 months to 3 years of age.

Fridays | 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Children listen to stories, dance to music, and create a craft at the end of storytime. This program is geared for children 3 to 5 years of age. The 10:30 a.m. session will be live streamed on Facebook.

Wednesdays | 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

MAKERS LAB

Calling all science kids and junior engineers! Join us at the library for an afternoon of STEM-based fun and exploration. Check the library's flyers and calendars for each month's theme. This program is for youth ages 7 to 11 and registration is required. Register online at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Monday, June 3 | 4 – 5 PM

Thursday, July 11 | 4 – 5 PM

Tuesday, August 6 | 4 – 5 PM

MUSIC & MOVEMENT STORYTIME

Join us for an evening storytime full of movement, singing, and stories. This program is recommended for children ages 5 and under and their families.

Thursday, June 6 | 6:30 PM

Thursday, August 1 | 6:30 PM



STORIES IN THE ROUND

Join us for this special monthly storytime inside the Mall at Sierra Vista's round play area near the library's book vending machine. Enjoy songs, movements, and stories to build early literacy skills. This program is recommended for children 5 and under and their families.

Mondays, June 17, July 15 & August 19 | 10 AM | Mall at Sierra Vista

PAJAMA STORYTIME

Join us in your coziest pajamas for this evening storytime featuring stories, rhymes, crafts, and more. This program is recommended for children 5 and under and their families.

Tuesdays, June 18, July 16 & August 20 | 6:30 PM

READ! BUILD! PLAY!

Little builders are invited to read books, build with Duplo and Mega Blocks, and play with their creations. The library provides the board books and the blocks, the little builders bring their imagination and engineering skills. This program is recommended for ages 4 and under.

Saturdays, June 22, July 27 & August 24 | 10:30 – 11 AM

YOUTH CHESS CLUB

Are you interested in learning how to play chess? Or are you looking for someone new to test your chess moves out on? Players of all skill levels are invited to join us for this monthly chess club. Bring your own board and pieces or use one of the library's. This program is for youth ages 8-18.

Tuesdays, June 11, July 9 & August 13 | 5 – 6:30 PM



LEGO CLUB

Are you ready to build your dream home? Or a spaceship to blast off into the galaxy? Look no further because we have a pile of LEGO blocks just waiting to be used! Each month we will explore a new STEAM topic using our LEGO engineering skills. This program is recommended for youth ages 5 and up.

Thursdays, June 20, July 18 & August 15 | 4 PM

AROUND THE WORLD WE GO!

We're taking a trip around the world right here in the library. Learn about a different country and culture through stories, music, language, and games. Check the flyers at the library for where we travel each month. This program is for all ages.

Mondays, June 24, July 22 & August 26 | 5:30 – 6:15 PM

ART FOR LITTLE HANDS

It's time to get messy at the library! Preschoolers will create their own art projects with a different theme each month. Check the flyers at the library for the monthly theme. All supplies will be provided. This program is for youth ages 2 to 5 and registration is required for each session. Register online at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Monday, June 24 | 11:30 AM – NOON

Thursday, July 25 | 11:30 AM – NOON

Saturday, August 17 | 2 – 2:30 PM

Library



FIND OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS

There are eight local hummingbirds hidden throughout the library. Can you find all eight and learn interesting facts about each of them? You just might need these facts for another program. This scavenger hunt will be available throughout August during open library hours.

August 1 – 31 | Inside the Sierra Vista Public Library

NATIVE SEED BOMBS

Like butterflies and bees, hummingbirds play an important role in our local ecology. Growing native plants adds habitat for these pretty pollinators—even small backyard gardens make a difference. Learn all about the native plants around us while crafting seed bombs from scratch so you too can start making a more hummingbird-friendly world today! Supplies provided while they last. This program is open to ages 5 and up.

Monday, August 12 | 4 – 5 PM | Library Meeting Room

HUMMINGBIRD ART CIRCLE

Create a hummingbird landscape on a wood circle using stencils and paint. Supplies provided while they last. This program is free and geared for ages 8 and up. Please register at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Saturday, August 24 | 1 – 2 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center

Library Programs

For unlisted events, check the City of Sierra Vista Library, Recreation, and Cultural Services Facebook page or pick up a monthly calendar at the library. The location for all events is the Sierra Vista Public Library unless otherwise noted.

Teen & Tween Programs

TEEN TABLETOP

The monthly adventure continues! Experienced players and newbies are welcome as we embark on short campaigns and one-offs with pre-made characters or original creations. Dungeons & Dragons and other cooperative boardgames will be explored. This program is for teens ages 12 and up.

Saturdays, June 8 & 22, July 6 & 20 & August 3 | 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Thursdays, June 13, July 25 & August 15 | 4:30 – 6 PM

DRAWING 101

This monthly class teaches the basics of drawing—highlighting structure, sighting, perspective and more. With an emphasis on the human form, students will practice contour, gesture, and figure drawing. Bring your own materials or use those provided. This program is for teens ages 12 and up.

Mondays, March 11, April 8, & May 13 | 4:30 – 6 PM



MANGA MANIA

Join us for this program just for middle school-age tweens. Each month we'll get together and discuss all things manga and anime. Tweens can share fan art, debate their favorite series, try different Japanese snacks, make manga-themed crafts, and more. This program is just for youth ages 10 to 13.

Wednesdays, July 17 & August 21 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM

TEEN CRAFTERNOON

Try your hand at a different craft every month, from DIY projects to textile arts and beyond. Check the flyers and calendars at the library for each month's project. All sessions are drop-in, with all supplies provided. This program is for teens ages 12 and up.

Tuesday, June 4 | 4:30 PM
Monday, July 1 | 4:30 PM
Thursday, August 22 | 4:30 PM

Adult Programs



AN HOUR TO KILL Mystery & Crime Book Club

Swing by with your bagged lunch for a lively discussion on popular mystery titles, make new friends, and engage your brain—if you dare! This is a drop-in book club. No sign-up is required. You can pick up the list of books to be discussed at the library and reserve your copy online at CochiseLibrary.org or pick up one of the copies at the circulation desk.

The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocumb
Friday, June 7 | 1 – 2 PM | Library Meeting Room

Bright Young Woman by Jessica Knoll
Friday, July 12 | 1 – 2 PM | Library Meeting Room

The Tainted Cup by Robert Jackson Bennet
Friday, August 2 | 1 – 2 PM | Library Meeting Room

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Do you enjoy delving deeply into books and discussing them with others? Then check out our monthly title and talk about it! Book discussions are open to anyone who loves to read and discuss books. No sign-up is required. You can pick up the list of books to be discussed at the library and reserve your copy online at CochiseLibrary.org or pick up one of the copies at the circulation desk.

 South Africa-Themed Book Discussion
Choose your own title or pick from one below:

Born a Crime by Trevor Noah
Out of Africa by Isak Dinesen
Cry the Beloved Country by Alan Paton
Olive the Lionheart by Brad Ricca
Thursday, June 20 | 11 AM – NOON | Library Meeting Room

Mornings in Jenin by Susan Albuhatwa
Thursday, July 18 | 11 AM – NOON

The Women by Kristin Hannah
Thursday, August 15 | 11 AM – NOON

WRITERS CLUB

Are you an experienced or budding author who would like support? The Club meets to develop a vibrant community of writers further and encourages you to share your work. This volunteer-led group aims to help, support, and learn from each other in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Monthly themes covered can range from character development to plot structure and more.

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month | 5 – 6:30 PM | Library Conference Room

CHAIR EXERCISES

Looking for a simple and convenient way to fit in a quick workout? Grab a chair! These exercises allow you to target your entire body—and you don't need a whole lot of room to get it done. Exercises can include stretches, yoga, Pilates, and more. Whether you're sitting on a chair or simply holding onto one for support, you can get a lot out of these exercises.

Thursdays | 9:30 AM | Library Meeting Room

SUMMER YOGA SESSIONS

Summer Yoga sessions on the library grass area are back! Combine the strengthening and relaxing benefits of yoga with mood-boosting vitamin D from the sunlight. Yoga is about more than just exercise. It is a union of mind and body. Join us for these gentle yoga sessions to help restore and balance your health. The beauty of yoga is that you can practice it wherever you are regarding your physical difficulty, preferences, and abilities.

Saturdays, June 29, July 6, 13 & 20 & August 3
8:30 – 9:30 AM | Library Stage

COME & CREATE

Looking for a simple craft, gift idea, or DIY project? Join us as we explore various projects each month. Have fun and meet others as we experiment with the world of crafts, handmade gifts, and more. While supplies last. This program is for people 14 years of age and older.

Dragonfly Whisks

Thursday, June 13 | 1 – 2/2:30 PM | Library Meeting Room

Wooden Christmas Crafts

Thursday, July 11 | 1 – 2/2:30 PM | Library Meeting Room

Hummingbird Feeder

Thursday, August 8 | 1 – 2/2:30 PM | Library Meeting Room

FIBER & FABRIC ARTS

Join us for a relaxing bit of social time while we work on a creative cloth, fiber, or fabric project. You can bring your own project or work on one we provide. This program is for people 14 years of age or older.

Weave a Flower Keychain

Monday, June 17 | NOON – 1/1:30 PM | Library Meeting Room

Christmas Inspired Wreath

Monday, July 22 | NOON – 1/1:30 PM | Library Meeting Room

Weave/Macrame Bag

Monday, August 19 | NOON – 1/1:30 PM | Library Meeting Room

GARDEN ROCK ART

Come and create some unique custom, handmade pieces for your garden. With a minimal of expense and a lot of imagination, you can easily give an original and unique touch to your garden spaces. All supplies provided. This program is open to all ages.

Saturday, June 8 | 2:30 – 3:45 PM | Library Meeting Room

LIVELY LITTLE BIRDS

Are you interested in hummingbirds, their habitats, and the diversity of species that share those habitats? Join Tom Wood from the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory (SABO), a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of the birds of southeastern Arizona, as he talks about these lively little birds. Tom is one of the local researchers who monitor and help educate the public about our environment.

Tuesday, August 6 | 1 – 2 PM | Library Meeting Room

DIY HUMMINGBIRD FEEDER

Watching these tiny marvels at a feeder can be relaxing, but it's hard not to wonder how hummingbirds zip around so quickly or keep their feathers so brilliant. With just a few steps and supplies, this easy feeder will attract awe-inspiring creatures to your yard. We'll show you how to make the nectar, too! Supplies provided while they last. Open to ages 15 and up.

Thursday, August 8 | 1 – 2 PM | Library Meeting Room

PAINT IT: HUMMINGBIRD WATERCOLOR

Create a whimsical hummingbird watercolor masterpiece! We'll show you how easy it is. Supplies provided while they last. Open to people ages 15 and up.

Saturday, August 10 | NOON – 2 PM | Library Meeting Room

HUMMINGBIRD TRIVIA

Small but speedy. Tiny but aggressive. Little bodies, big appetites. Hummingbirds are a study in extremes. They are the lightest North American birds. They have the fastest wings, heartbeats, most efficient metabolisms, and minuscule eggs. The list could go on and on. Hummingbirds are rugged survivalists. Many actions that help them persevere also make them fun to watch. Test your knowledge of these fascinating creatures during our trivia event. Open to all ages.

Saturday, August 31 | 2 – 3 PM | Library Meeting Room

PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Love doing jigsaw puzzles but need ones new to you? Drop by the library for this fast, free, and furious trading of puzzles once a month.

3rd Friday of the Month | 3:30 – 3:45 PM | Library Meeting Room

MOVIE MATINÉES

You can see indie favorites, major studio releases, and even oldies but goodies—all at the library. Movie Matinéés are free, and popcorn is available while supplies last. Call the library for a list of upcoming titles or pick up a Movie Matinée bookmark the next time you stop by the library.

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month | 1 PM | Library Meeting Room

DIGITAL LIBRARIAN

Do you need help downloading an electronic book or audiobook, tips for your tablet, or an in-depth demonstration of how to use the library's databases? We are here to help you navigate life's many digital challenges. Please get in touch with Librarian Susan Abend. To make an appointment, call (520) 439-2263 or email Susan.Aabend@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

SPICE IT UP! A Monthly Culinary Experience

Check the monthly calendar and flyers for the spice of the month. Beginning the first day of the new month, pick up the monthly spice selection at the reference desk, along with a list of suggested recipes for your home kitchen. Use one of the recipes provided, find one online, or use one of the many cookbooks at the library to experience a new culinary flavor. Show up for a discussion at the end of the month to chat about recipes used, celebrations and setbacks encountered, and swap ideas with your fellow budding Master Chefs.

Sports

Archery Classes

BASIC ARCHERY

Learn the fundamentals of archery with USA Archery Level 3 National Training System (NTS) Coach Matthew Irlmeier and his team of certified instructors. You will learn correct form and technique using supplied equipment or you may bring your own. You will learn the parts that make up the bow and arrow, how to use the equipment safely, aiming, correct arrow release, shot sequence, and more. Archery is a great family activity and family enrollment is encouraged. For more information or to register, call (520) 515-4999.

SESSION 3: Saturdays, June 8 – July 13 | 9* – 10 AM

SESSION 4: Saturdays, August 10 – September 14 | 9* – 10 AM

SESSION 5: Saturdays, October 12 – November 16 | 9* – 10 AM

Brown Field | \$55 per person (ages 10+)

*Please show up 15 minutes early to your first class for equipment fitting.



ADVANCED ARCHERY

This archery class is for students who have completed the basic archery course or for experienced archers. USA Archery Level 3 National Training System (NTS) coach Matthew Irlmeier and his team of certified instructors will help individuals improve on their basic archery skills as well as introduce advanced archery techniques. You may use the supplied equipment or bring your own. You will also learn what to expect when competing in local, state and national competitions. Family enrollment is encouraged. Ages 10 to adult. For more information or to register, call (520) 515-4999.

SESSION 3: Saturdays, June 8 – July 13 | 10 – 11 AM

SESSION 4: Saturdays, August 10 – September 14 | 10 – 11 AM

SESSION 5: Saturdays, October 12 – November 16 | 10 – 11 AM

Brown Field | \$55 per person (ages 10+)



FALL PEEWEE SPORTS CAMP

These fun camps offer girls and boys ages 3 to 5 the opportunity to develop essential motor skills and help prepare them with tools they need for fun and successful experiences in an organized program. The program builds confidence and self-esteem during impressionable years when children need it most. Parents are encouraged to get involved in all features of the camp. Featured sports include softball/baseball, basketball, and soccer. For more information or to register, call (520) 515-4999.

Saturdays, August 3 – September 7 | 8 – 9 AM | Location TBD

\$50 per child, June 15 – July 27 | \$60 after

Registration closes August 2



CORONADO SPORTS CLUB Fall Coed Recreational Soccer League

The City of Sierra Vista has partnered with the Coronado Sports Club, a nonprofit sports organization, to provide a spring recreational soccer league. Registration will open on June 8. The last day to register is September 7. There will be a \$10 late fee for registrations after August 24. The season is scheduled to run mid-September to early December. Registration is open for children born 2006 through 2020. Register at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov or by calling (520) 515-4999.

September – early December | Location TBD | \$90 per person



INTRODUCTION TO TENNIS FOR ADULTS

These lessons introduce adults to the basics of tennis, including footwork, racket handling, and simple stroke techniques. They also cover tennis rules and scoring. The lessons are instructed by USPTA Certified Professional Daniella Reidmiller, who has experience coaching players of all ages and skill levels. Class size is limited to 12 participants. Register at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov or by calling (520) 515-4999.

Tuesday – Thursday, June 4 – 6 | 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Steven Bokowski Memorial Tennis Courts | \$65 per person (ages 18+)



2024 FALL ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Field a team or apply to be a free agent. These leagues are a great way for players of all skill levels to keep active and have fun. For more information or to register, call (520) 515-4999.

An informational meeting for coaches is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, at 6 p.m. at the Sports Division, 3401 E. Fry Boulevard.

Registration Fees

JUNE 1–JULY 29: \$450 per team

JULY 30–AUGUST 6: \$500 per team

Men's Softball League

Mondays & Wednesdays starting August 12 | 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30 PM

Domingo Paiz Softball Complex

Coed Softball League

Tuesdays & Thursdays starting August 13 | 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30 PM

Domingo Paiz Softball Complex



23RD ANNUAL HUMMINGBIRD TRIATHLON



HUMMINGBIRD TRIATHLON

Swim 800 yards, bike 13 miles, and run 5 kilometers at Sierra Vista's Annual Hummingbird Triathlon! Compete as an individual, or as a member of a female, male, or coed team in this chip-timed race. Open to ages 10 and up. Register early to save some money and guarantee your event T-shirt and swag from our sponsors. The race starts and finishes at The Cove. Register on [Active.com](https://www.active.com).

Saturday, August 17 | 7 AM | Start & Finish at The Cove

Registration Fees

JULY 1-31: \$50 individual or \$80 team
AUGUST 1-9: \$55 individual or \$85 team
AUGUST 10-16: \$60 individual or \$90 team

There will be no day-of registration. For more information, or assistance with registration, call (520) 515-4999 or email Sports@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Sports

Summer Sports Mini Camps & Clinic

Registration for all summer camps and clinics will open on April 15 and close once full or the Friday before. On-site registration will not be taken at summer camps. For more information or to register, call (520) 515-4999. Register online at [WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](https://www.webtrac.sierravistaaz.gov).



BASKETBALL CAMP

Monday – Thursday, June 3 – 6
8 – 9 AM (ages 5 – 8)
9:15 – 10:15 AM (ages 9 – 11)
10:30 – 11:30 AM (ages 12 – 14)
VMPSC Gym | \$30 per person



YOUTH TENNIS CAMP

SESSION 1
Monday – Friday, June 10 – 14
BEGINNERS (ages 6 – 10): 8 – 9 AM
INTERMEDIATE (ages 8 – 13): 9 – 10 AM
Steven Bokowski Memorial Tennis Courts | \$65 per person

SESSION 2
Monday – Friday, July 15 – 19
BEGINNERS (ages 6 – 10): 8 – 9 AM
INTERMEDIATE (ages 8 – 13): 9 – 10 AM
Steven Bokowski Memorial Tennis Courts | \$65 per person



TEEN TENNIS CAMP

SESSION 1
Monday – Friday, June 17 – 21 | 5 – 6 PM
Steven Bokowski Memorial Tennis Courts | \$65 per person

SESSION 2
Monday – Friday, July 15 – 19 | 5 – 6 PM
Steven Bokowski Memorial Tennis Courts | \$65 per person



ADVANCED/VARSITY TENNIS CAMP

Tuesday – Friday, June 18 – 21 | 6 – 7:30 PM
Saturday, June 22 | 9 AM – TBD
Steven Bokowski Memorial Tennis Courts | \$80 per person



TABLE TENNIS CAMP

Thursday & Friday, June 20 & 21 | 8:30 – 10 AM
VMPSC Gym | \$15 per person (ages 5 – 14)



INTRODUCTION TO ARCHERY CAMP

SESSION 1
Monday & Tuesday, June 24 & 25 | 8:30 – 10 AM
Brown Field | \$25 per person (ages 10+)

SESSION 2
Monday & Tuesday, July 22 & 23 | 8:30 – 10 AM
Brown Field | \$25 per person (ages 10+)



FOOTBALL CLINIC

Monday – Thursday, July 8 – 11 | 8:30 – 10 AM
VMPSC Hampton Field | \$30 per person (ages 5 – 14)



KICKBALL CAMP

Monday & Tuesday, July 29 & 30 | 8:30 – 10 AM
VMPSC Baseball Field | \$15 per person (ages 6 – 14)

Aquatics



SUMMER HOURS

Effective through July 30.

Customer Service Hours

Monday | 5:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Tuesday – Thursday | 5:30 AM – 8 PM

Friday | 5:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday | 8 AM – 5:30 PM

Open Swim Hours

Monday – Friday | 1 – 5:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday | 12:30 – 5:30 PM

Splash Time Hours

Saturday & Sunday | 8 – 11:30 AM

Water Walking Hours

Monday – Thursday | 5:30 – 8 AM

Tuesday – Thursday | 6 – 8 PM

Friday | 5:30 – 9 AM

Saturday & Sunday | 8 – 11:30 AM

Lap Swim Hours

Monday – Thursday | 5:30 – 8 AM | 10 AM – NOON

Tuesday – Thursday | 6 – 8 PM

Friday | 5:30 – NOON

Saturday & Sunday | 8 – 11:30 AM

ADMISSION & ACTIVITY PASSES

The Cove offers a variety of Activity Passes good for one calendar year. Passes can cover Lap Swim, Water Walking, and Open Swim. For more information on Activity Passes and admission rates for activities at The Cove, go to SierraVistaAZ.gov/Cove or call (520) 417-4800.

CLOSURES AND SPECIAL HOURS

Independence Day

Thursday, July 4 | 1 – 5:30 PM

Open swim only. No morning or evening activities.

SPECIAL EVENT

Tsunami Night

Friday, July 26 | 7 – 10 PM | \$10 per person

Admission includes unlimited pizza and soda. Tickets are available in advance at The Cove.



Swim Lessons

YOUTH SWIM LESSONS

The Cove will offer weekday swim lessons in June and July for children 6 months to 17 years old. Swim lessons are \$55 per child, which includes eight 30-minute classes. Classes take place Monday through Thursday between 4 and 6:40 p.m. Times vary depending on class level. Please call The Cove or visit SierraVistaAZ.gov/Cove for more information.

SESSION A: June 3 – 13

SESSION B: June 17 – 27 (no class June 20, makeup June 21)

SESSION C: July 1 – 11 (no class July 4, makeup July 5)

SESSION D: July 15 – 25

ADULT SWIM LESSONS

The Cove will offer adult swim lessons Tuesday and Thursday in June and July for people 18 years of age and older. Swim lessons are \$80 per person, which includes eight 45-minute classes. Classes take place Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 6:45 p.m. To register visit WebTrac.SierraVistaAz.gov or call (520) 417-4800.

Adult Swim Lessons: Learning the Basics

This class for adults is the perfect chance to take the “plunge” with some amazing instructors at The Cove. It’s for adults who are new to the water or are just not comfortable in the water.

Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 4 – 27 | 6 – 6:45 PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays, July 2 – 30 | 6 – 6:45 PM

Adult Swim Lessons: Intermediate

Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 4 – 27 | 6 – 6:45 PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays, July 2 – 30 | 6 – 6:45 PM

Water Workouts

Exercise in the water reduces stress on bones and muscles, provides resistance for strength training, and is a great way to build cardiovascular health. Water workout class fees vary by month depending on the number of classes provided. Each class has a maximum capacity and once those are reached, the class is full for that session. Please call The Cove or visit SierraVistaAZ.gov/Cove for more information.



BODIES IN MOTION

Improve your heart health and develop a greater range of motion, strength, and balance in this progressive approach to fitness.

Monday & Friday | 9 – 9:50 AM

PILATES H₂O

Target your core and improve flexibility with this unique fitness class. Participants may wear flotation belts and should be comfortable in chest-deep water.

Monday & Friday | 10 – 10:50 AM

JOINTS IN MOTION

After a brief water-walking workout, let the warm water relax your tense muscles as you work your joints to increase their range of motion and strength.

Monday & Friday | 11 – 11:50 AM

DEEP WATER

Come experience the benefits of deep-water workouts while being buoyant and upright.

Tuesday & Thursday | 6 – 6:50 PM

Uncommon Recreation

Art Studio

The Sierra Vista Art Studio is an open studio for creative projects ranging from sculpting, painting, crafts, and anything else you can dream up! The studio, located in the Oscar Yrun Community Center (OYCC) is self-directed, though questions will be gladly addressed. Participants are encouraged to bring their own tools, though studio tools are available. It's a great place to explore artistic mediums and make some friends! For questions or more information email LeisureServices@SierraVistaAZ.gov or call (520) 458-7922.

Open Studio Hours

Tuesday | 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesday & Thursday | 1 – 8 PM

Friday | 10 AM – 5 PM
Saturday | 10 AM – 4 PM

Fees

ART STUDIO DAY PASS: \$4
ART STUDIO 10-VISIT PASS (valid for one year): \$40
MONTHLY PASS (unlimited for only one person): \$55 per month
25 LBS. OF CLAY (Speckled Buff, Dover White, or B-mix): \$28
5 LBS. OF CLAY (Speckled Buff, Dover White, or B-mix): \$8
1 OZ. MAYCO STROKE & COAT: \$4
2 OZ. MAYCO STROKE & COAT: \$8
LOCKER RENTAL: \$10 per month
PLAY WITH CLAY (includes 1 lb. of clay & two visits to the studio): \$12



GLAZE-A-PIECE

Glaze your choice of available bowls, mugs, or figurines and we'll fire it! Available during open studio hours.

FEE: \$10 per piece

GLAZE-A-PIECE PARTY

Have a birthday or other special event to celebrate? The art studio offers private Glaze-a-Piece Parties. Parties include a private room, bisque pieces, and glaze, and can be booked during any open studio hours.

ROOM RENTAL 2 HOURS: \$60
ADDITIONAL HOURS: \$20 an hour
DISCOUNTED BISQUE PIECES: \$8 a piece



FEATURED PROJECTS

Featured projects are great for kids as well as adults who would like to make a ceramic project but don't have any experience. The projects change every month and include a pound of clay, two visits to the studio (one to make and one to glaze) as well as instructions to complete your project.

Available during open studio hours | \$12 per project

Upcoming Featured Projects

JUNE: Seashell Trinket Tray

JULY: Banana Split Boat

 AUGUST: Hummingbird Windchime

MAKE-ALONG MONDAYS

Join Art Studio staff as we go step by step through the instructions of each of the featured projects this summer! Cost includes a pound of clay and a second visit to the studio to glaze your creation. Space is limited, so register today at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov. For more information, please email Mollie.Shelton@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

SEASHELL TRINKET TRAY: Monday, June 10 | 10 – 11:30 AM
BANANA SPLIT BOAT: Monday, July 8 | 10 – 11:30 AM
OYCC Art Studio | \$20 per person



ART AFTER HOURS Folkloric Southwest Wildlife Ornaments

Join the art studio staff for this colorful, fun workshop dedicated to all things southwest! Participants will make several ornaments of their choice—saguaros, snakes, and birds of all kinds including the hummingbird—by rolling out clay and using a variety of methods to mold and cut southwest inspired shapes. These popular workshops tend to sell out, so sign up quickly. Limited to the first 25 participants ages 16 and older. Register now at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov or by calling (520) 458-7922.

Saturday, August 3 | 4:30 – 6:30 PM
OYCC Art Studio | \$30 per person (ages 16+)

RENTALS

Speedball Artista Tabletop Pottery Wheel

Practice wheel throwing and explore this creative form from the comfort of your own home! The Speedball Artista tabletop pottery wheel includes bats, tools, and a tarp. It is available for weekend or one-week rentals. Clay must be purchased separately.

ONE-WEEK RENTAL (Monday – Monday): \$50
WEEKEND RENTAL (Friday – Monday): \$30

Kiln Space

Bring your made-at-home pieces to be fired in our community kiln. All pieces, clay, and glaze must be approved by Art Studio staff prior to firing.

ONE SMALL ITEM (about the size of a mug): Bisque \$3 | Glaze \$6
HALF SHELF: Bisque \$9 | Glaze \$12
FULL SHELF (up to 6 inches tall): Bisque \$12 | Glaze \$15
HALF KILN: Bisque \$24 | Glaze \$27
FULL KILN: Bisque \$48 | Glaze \$51

Uncommon Recreation

Arts & Crafts

  **CRAFT LADIES**
Friday | 1 – 3 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC)

  **YARN BABES**
Monday & Wednesday | 1 – 3 PM | EBC

  **WOODCARVERS**
Wednesday & Friday | 1 – 3 PM | EBC



Games

  **BILLIARDS FOR LADIES!**
Friday | 10 AM – NOON | EBC Pool Lounge

  **DUPLICATE BRIDGE**
Monday | NOON – 4 PM | EBC

  **EUCHRE CLUB**
Wednesdays | 12:30 – 3 PM | EBC

  **PARTY BRIDGE**
Wednesday | 1 – 4 PM | Sierra Vista Sports Division
To play, please contact Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 or Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

   **TABLE TENNIS**
Tuesday & Thursday | 9 AM – 3 PM
Veterans Memorial Park Sports Complex Gym

  **TEXAS CANASTA**
2nd & 4th Tuesday | 1 – 3:30 PM | EBC

Leisure Classes

   **T'AI CHI CHIH**

T'ai Chi Chih is a set of movements completely focused on the development of an intrinsic energy called Chi. It's easy to learn and may promote peace of mind, improve health, and increase joy. It consists of 19 movements and 1 pose and does not require a particular level of physical fitness or coordination. Movements may be done standing or sitting and no special clothing or equipment is required. The class is taught by certified T'ai Chi Chih instructor Colleen Knight. Register in person at the EBC or visit WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Beginners Class

Thursdays, July 11 – September 5 (no class July 25)
9 – 10:30 AM or 5:30 – 7 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC)
\$85 per person

Intermediate Class*

Wednesdays, July 10 – August 21 (no class July 24)
5:30 – 7 PM | EBC | \$60 per person

*The intermediate class is offered to students who have already completed the eight-week beginner's T'ai Chi Chih class. The class will focus on deepening their T'ai Chi Chih practice, while highlighting the subtle corrections needed by serious students.



   **FIT & FABULOUS**

Looking for a new way to improve the quality of your life? This fun and engaging class, taught by a certified Senior Exercise instructor and Army veteran, will help you maintain your strength, fitness, and flexibility. Wear comfortable clothing and bring water—we will provide the equipment you may need.

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays | June 2 – 30 (no class June 19)
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays | July 3 – 31
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays | August 2 – 30
9 – 10 AM or 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | EBC
\$37 per person, per month

Kids & Youth Recreation



  **KINTSUGI**

Give new life to your broken ceramics with decorative flair! We'll supply an item to repair or bring your favorite mug that was recently broken. Register at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov or by calling (520) 458-7922.

Saturday, August 24 | 10 – 11:30 AM | Oscar Yrun Community Center (OYCC)
\$20 per person (ages 8+)

   **FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT**
Hummingbird Bingo

Join us for a night of bingo fun! Try your luck at Hummingbird Bingo for a chance to win prizes. Register at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov or by calling (520) 458-7922.

Friday, August 30 | 5:30 – 6:30 PM | OYCC
\$5 per bingo card (all ages)

   **GARDEN GLOBE**

Join us to create your own personalized outdoor decoration. Add color and liven up your outdoor space! Materials will be provided. Register at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov or by calling (520) 458-7922.

Saturday, August 31 | 10 – 11:30 AM | OYCC
\$20 per person (ages 10+)

Uncommon Recreation

Kids & Youth Summer Recreation Camps

These camps are a great opportunity for youth to explore a variety of recreational activities. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Register today at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov or by calling (520) 458-7922.



ARTS & CRAFTS

Bring those budding artists to explore their creativity through paper crafts, painting, and mosaics.

Monday – Friday, June 3 – 7
9 – 10 AM (ages 5 – 8) | 11 AM – Noon (ages 9 – 12)
Sports Division | \$35 per person

INTERACTIVE MOVIE MATINEE

Join us to watch a family-friendly movie while enjoying a themed snack, craft, and activity! Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Register at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov or by calling (520) 458-7922.

Monday, June 10 | 1 – 4 PM | Sierra Vista Public Library Meeting Room
\$20 per person (ages 6 – 12)

GAMES GALORE

We're busting out all the games, both classics and new! Play an old favorite or try something new. Whether the kids play to win or just have fun, they should come play with us.

Monday – Friday, June 10 – 14 | 9 – 10 AM
Sports Division | \$30 per person (ages 6 – 12)

FUN WITH FOOD

Encourage an adventurous attitude about food with fun! A variety of easy, hands-on food projects will foster a love of fun in the kitchen.

Monday – Friday, June 17 – 21 (no camp June 19)
1 – 2 PM (ages 5 – 10) | 3 – 4 PM (ages 11 – 15)
Ethel H. Berger Center | \$45 per person



BUILDERS CLUB

Young builders can join us to master a new building challenge each day by combining creativity and engineering skills. Kids will have a blast while taking on each project with imagination and enthusiasm.

Monday – Friday, June 24 – 28
9 – 10 AM (ages 5 – 8) | 11 AM – 12:30 PM (ages 9 – 12)
Sports Division | \$35 per person

EDIBLE SCIENCE

Discover something delicious with us! Kids will get to satisfy their curiosity with a tasty new experiment each day! These edible projects will introduce basic scientific processes in fun and exciting ways!

Monday – Friday, July 1 – 5 (no camp on July 4)
9 – 10 AM (ages 5 – 9) | 11 AM – 12:30 PM (ages 10 – 14)
Sports Division | \$45 per person

INTRODUCTION TO FIBER ARTS

Join us for a week of beginner fiber arts activities! These projects will explore the basics of yarn painting, weaving, and no-needle knitting.

Monday – Friday, July 8 – 12
9 – 10 AM (ages 5 – 8) | 11 AM – 12:30 PM (ages 9 – 12)
Sports Division | \$45 per person

INTRODUCTION TO CLAY

Join us to explore the basics of working with clay! Kids will craft pinch pots, use clay coils to build, and create mosaics in clay shapes. These fun and easy projects will introduce them to clay through experimentation and play!

Monday – Friday, July 15 – 19
9 – 10 AM (ages 5 – 10) | 11 AM – 12:30 PM (ages 11 – 15)
Sports Division | \$45 per person



OOEY GOOEY SCIENCE

Discover basic science principals through interactive and engaging experiments. These projects foster a sense of inquiry in a creative and fun environment. Kids will get that hands-on sensory stimulation they find so satisfying!

Monday – Friday, July 22 – 25
9 – 10 AM (ages 5 – 9) | 11 AM – 12:30 PM (ages 10 – 14)
Sports Division | \$45 per person

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INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES



ANNUAL 3RD OF JULY STREET DANCE

Brought to you by the Sierra Vista Rotary Club.
Sponsored by Vinny's New York Pizza.

Wednesday, July 3
Veterans Memorial Park

5 – 11 PM | Food Vendors, Beer Garden & Dance
5 – 11 PM | Live Music



2024 4TH OF JULY PETS & PEOPLE PROMENADE

Brought to you by New Frontier Animal Medical Center.
The Pets & People Promenade proceeds from Ramada 3.

Thursday, July 4
Veterans Memorial Park

7 AM – 8 AM | Check-in & Photos
8:05 AM – 8:30 AM | Promenade
8:35 AM | Judging & Awards

Register at newfrontieramc.com or call
(520) 459-0433 for more information.
Registration ends at 5 p.m., Friday, June 28.



57TH ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION & FIREWORKS EVENT

Fireworks celebration sponsored by the Sierra Vista
Rotary Club in partnership with the City of Sierra Vista,
Fort Huachuca, and Business Community Members.

Thursday, July 4
Veterans Memorial Park

9 AM – 11 PM | Live Entertainment at the Centennial Pavilion
9 AM – 3 PM | Fort Huachuca military displays
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | “Salute to the Union” Ceremony
at the Centennial Pavilion

1 PM | B Troop Riding Demonstration
2 PM | B Troop Cannon Firing Demonstration
All Day | Arts & Crafts vendors and entertainment at the
Centennial Pavilion

All Day & Night | Food Vendors & Beer Garden

City Sports Complex

(viewable from Veterans Memorial Park as well)
8:05 PM – 9 PM | The 57th Spectacular 4th of July Fireworks Show

For more information, contact Randy Sueskind at (520) 249-6233 or Rsueskind@gmail.com.

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