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# Changing How We Recycle

S THE NEW SIERRA VISTA CITY COUNCIL got to work in January, one of the first issues its members considered is how to move forward with the City's recycling program in light of a struggling global market that has shown no signs of recovery.

Triggered by China's decision to reduce the materials it accepts and to require extremely low contamination rates, the global recycling market has been in turmoil since January, 2018. Changes made by the City to reduce the commodities we accept have helped significantly but our current curbside mixed stream recycling program is still not recouping its costs.

"While we value recycling and remain committed to common sense environmental stewardship, we must also prioritize keeping rates as stable as possible for our customers."

The refuse enterprise fund operates like a business, meaning that its expenses must be covered by its revenues, which come from the rates we charge customers. While we value recycling and remain committed to common sense environmental stewardship, we must also prioritize keeping rates as stable as possible for our customers.

The City Council recently reached a consensus to further pursue a plan to shift away from a curbside recycling program and return to recycling dropoff sites. This would mean residents would



receive two weekly trash pickups and could drop off recyclables at designated sites. Because these recyclables would not be mixed, they would retain as much value as possible, making it worth the trip for vendors to collect them.

We see this option as the best way continue recycling, while also keeping our rates as stable as possible for all refuse customers. But that doesn't mean curbside recycling is going away overnight. Staff is currently preparing an implementation plan that will be presented to the City Council at a work session within the next two to three months.

Until then, our refuse customers can still count on their current recycling and trash curbside pickup schedules with two curbside recycling pickups each month. We look forward to sharing more in May, in the summer edition of Vistas.

In the meantime, I encourage readers to stay up to date with the latest City news by following the "City of Sierra Vista" on Facebook and by subscribing to the City's weekly email newsletter at www.SierraVistaAZ.gov under the "I want to" tab.



# SAVE THE SANTAS

Help us save the much-loved display of Old World Santas in Veterans Memorial Park by sponsoring a Santa for reproduction. In just two short months, about 40 of 53 Santas have already been saved! It costs \$550 to sponsor a Santa and smaller donations are also accepted. Donate \$100 or more to have your name (or that of your business or loved one) added to the Santa's sponsorship and the display.

To see the available Santas and current sponsorships, go to www.SierraVistaAZ.gov and search for "Save the Santas." To reserve a Santa, call the Sierra Vista Public Affairs Office at (520) 439-2191, or email Judy.Hector@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

www.SierraVistaAZ.gov

# Hikers Discover Magic in Sky Islands



Hanh Brownell (left) and Tina Thompson enjoy the view from Carr Peak at last year's Sky Islands Summit Challenge.

# "Magical."

That's how Hanh Brownell described her introduction to the Huachuca Mountains when she traveled to Sierra Vista from Phoenix to tackle three peaks in the City's second-ever Sky Islands Summit Challenge in May of last year. She was one of 136 participants in the challenge, which more than doubled in size in its second year and attracted many newcomers to explore a sometimes overlooked part of the state by taking on one, two, or three peaks.

"I could not believe mountains like those were tucked away in the corner of Arizona," Brownell says. "Hiking to the first peak, Patt Scott, I felt like I was back home in Virginia seeing flowing streams of water and the lush trees."

Brownell learned about the event through a friend who saw it advertised on Facebook, as did fellow Phoenician Tina Thompson. The event made the rounds in the Phoenix and Tucson area

hiking groups and ended up attracting more than 50 hikers from the big cities who loved the opportunity to explore a different environment. It also attracted numerous hikers from other Arizona communities and neighboring states, with out-of-town hikers ultimately outnumbering local participants.

"The area is absolutely beautiful," Thompson says.
"The scenery goes from vast desert, to plains, to
mountains. I would definitely visit the area again."

And they took in more than the scenery. The event serves as an introduction to Sierra Vista as part of the Sips & Skies weekend, which includes the Wine, Beer, & Spirits Festival that same Saturday and a wine tasting tour the following day. Brownell enjoyed Sierra Vista's small town charm.

"I had never been to Sierra Vista before, so I came down the day before the challenge," Brownell says.

"I love how peaceful it is! The people in the area are friendly."

#### AN EXPERIENCE WORTH RAVING ABOUT

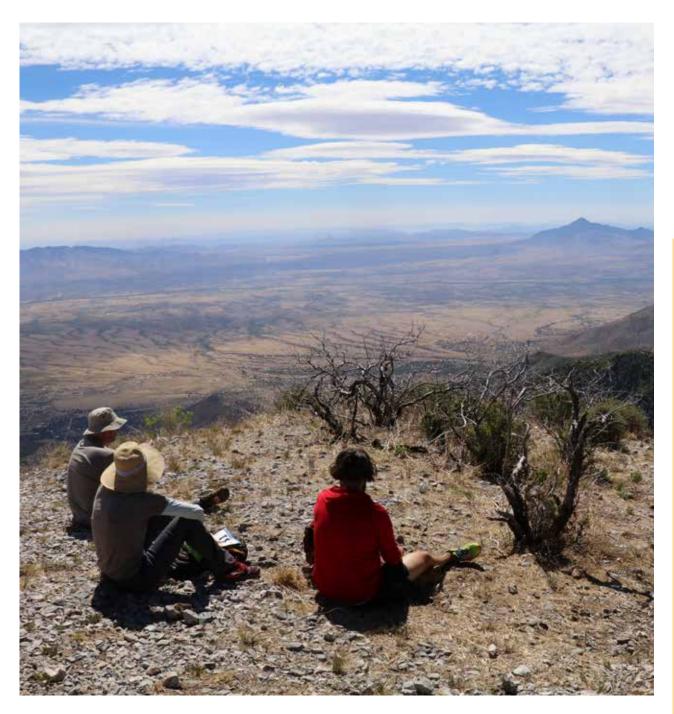
After growing the event from 54 participants in 2017, to 136 in 2018, the City hopes to see the event continue to blossom and, along with it, Sierra Vista's reputation as a destination for extraordinary outdoor recreation.

"The Sky Islands Summit Challenge is an experience worth raving about and that's exactly what we want participants to do, whether it's their first time here or if they are seeing Sierra Vista in a new light," City of Sierra Vista Marketing and Public Affairs Manager Judy Hector says. "This event changes how people think about Sierra Vista and ties into our long-term strategies for visitor attraction and economic development."

Sierra Vista boasts year-round outdoor recreation opportunities, a healthy and vibrant community, and a central location that makes day trips to Bisbee, Tombstone, and the heart of Arizona wine country easy. Just like ongoing efforts to host more sports tournaments in Sierra Vista, the Sky Islands Summit Challenge gets people here so they know what Sierra Vista has to offer.

"It's all connected," Leisure & Library Services Director Laura Wilson says. "Improving our sports facilities benefits our local residents, but it also enables us to bring in new tournaments, people, and dollars to Sierra Vista. We're working closely as a team across City departments to ensure we always see the big picture."





#### A TRUE CHALLENGE

Combining about 18 miles of distance with more than 5,000 feet in elevation gain, the triple peak summit challenge is not for the casual hiker and even the single and double peak challenges are tough.

Both Brownell and Thompson were attracted by the difficulty, opting to tackle all three peaks. They were not disappointed.

"Hiking to Miller Peak was a hard push. You could see it on the faces of participants as we were scaling the last peak," Thompson says, noting the epic scenery helped. "The views from the trails and the peaks are absolutely amazing. Panoramic views for miles."

Brownell found respite in the motivational, and often amusing, trail signs posted during the event and the friendly staff and volunteers who helped organize it.

"I really enjoyed the level of physical and mental challenge. I appreciate that there are options for different levels of fitness to give everyone an opportunity to get outside and push themselves," Brownell says.

With plans to return for round two this year, Brownell faces a little internal conflict as she sees the event's potential to grow.

"I want to tell everyone about the event so they can experience the magic but also selfishly want to keep it to myself so that the numbers of attendance can stay small," Brownell says. "The area is so beautiful and I'm so grateful to experience this new found gem of Arizona."



#### **Experience Sips & Skies**

#### SKY ISLANDS SUMMIT CHALLENGE

The third annual Sky Islands Summit Challenge will take place on Saturday, May 25, in conjunction with the Sips & Skies weekend and is capped at the first 250 participants to sign up.

Participants can choose between a one peak, two peak, or a three peak challenge. All challenges begin at Ramsey Canyon Preserve, end in Miller Canyon, and include Carr Peak. The two peak challenge adds Miller Peak, while the three peak challenge also includes Patt Scott Peak. Shuttles to and from the trailheads are provided. The challenges range from 10.8 miles to 18.1 miles in distance and from 3,680 feet to 5,146 feet in elevation gain.

For more information, search for "Sky Islands Summit Challenge" on Facebook or at www.VisitSierraVista.com. To register, go to Active.com and search for "Sky Islands Summit Challenge."

#### WINE, BEER, & SPIRITS FESTIVAL

The third annual Wine, Beer, & Spirits Festival will be in Veterans Memorial Park from noon to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 25.

Sample Arizona's best vintages and microdistilled spirits, while enjoying craft brews by the glass and live music throughout the event. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

Admission to the park is free. Please keep your personal pets at home. No animals; ADA approved assistance animals will be permitted. Advance tasting tickets will soon be available at eventbrite.com by searching for "Wine, Beer, & Spirits Festival."

#### SAVE THE DATE

A wine tasting tour to Sonoita/Elgin is set for Sunday, May 26. Follow the "Sips & Skies" Facebook page or go to www.VisitSierraVista.com for details soon!

# Sierra Vista Earns Top-Tier Promotions



Watch New York-based vlogger Jon Barr's top 10 reasons to visit Sierra Vista at VisitSierraVista.com

UST ONE OF THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES the City's economic development team is tackling focuses on increasing awareness of Sierra Vista as a destination for business, recreation, and retirement.

"Increasing awareness is the cornerstone of our economic development strategic plan," says Tony Boone, economic development manager for the City of Sierra Vista. "As awareness about our community grows, decision makers can add Sierra Vista to their location decision matrix."

Once Sierra Vista is in the running, decision makers will weigh other community assets like transportation, available land and housing, population, healthcare and education, and lifestyle.

City departments have aligned their strategic plans to get the most "bang for the (advertising) buck" by targeting the same geographic regions to promote Sierra Vista as a location for business, sports, and recreation. Although the geographic markets are the same, the vertical markets within them—sporting events, business relocation and expansion, and recreation—require different messages, tools, and promotional styles.

"We develop messages that target the niche markets within the broader geographic region," says Judy Hector, marketing and public affairs manager for the City of Sierra Vista. While one method might reach a sporting events coordinator, that person may also own a business or be planning their next vacation. "Overlap is a good thing," she says.

Paid media, like ads, and owned media, like the website, are complemented with earned media, jargon for the promotions that occur when someone else talks about you. Earned media, unlike paid media, is more credible and trusted because it is the opinion of another—like a friend's recommendation —instead of a marketing message.

And earned media has the potential to reach a vast audience, particularly when a top tier member of the media has a lot of fans and followers on social media. An interesting story, especially one about a relatively unknown destination, has potential to gain a lot of interest, especially with social media where passing along a story is as simple as clicking a button.

Over the last three months, the City has hosted top tier travel writers and photographers, winning media mentions, videos, and social media posts.

Working in cooperation with the Cochise County Tourism Council, Sierra Vista hosted four travel writers as part of a greater familiarization of the county. This group of writers enjoyed dinner, an overnight stay, and a morning tour of Ramsey Canyon Preserve before heading to other communities.



From the trip, Sierra Vista earned a mention on ThePointsGuy.com, a high profile travel site with 7 million unique monthly visitors, plus a social media audience of 3 million. The article adds the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory's hummingbird banding project as one of five "cool wildlife conservation activities" for families, putting Sierra Vista in the company of destinations in Mexico, Central America, Africa, and the Far East.

Another mention was made on AroundWellington.com, a Florida-based lifestyle site targeting Palm Beach County residents. The article added several Cochise County destinations—including Sierra Vista—as a travel destination for 2019.

Jon Barr, a New York City-based vlogger (a video blog) produces videos for world destinations and American cities and is followed by more than 50,000 subscribers. Jon's other social media channels reach about 30,000 readers. The video shares Jon's take on the top 10 reasons to visit Sierra Vista and calls the community a destination to be discovered in 2019.

In cooperation with the Arizona Office of Tourism, Sierra Vista hosted four photojournalists from Mexico this fall. The photographers are the top in their field, posting images to nearly 200,000 followers between them, and representing Nikon Professional Services.

The earned media, along with other efforts, are helping increase the awareness of Sierra Vista, surprising even the most seasoned traveler with the depth of history and the intricately woven culture that makes Sierra Vista unique.

"Sierra Vista has been called 'Arizona's best-kept secret," says Hector, "and that's not a good thing when it comes to accelerating our economy. But bit by bit, click by click, we're doing what we can to get that secret out and let people know that Sierra Vista is here and ready for company."

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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# Grow Green this Spring UDIC VVOTKS

S WINTER WANES, IT'S TIME TO ROLL UP those sleeves and head into the yard to spruce things up and to get the garden ready for spring. Did you know that the City can both help put those yard trimmings to good use and provide high quality compost for gardening at the same time?



City refuse customers can schedule free green waste pickups on Wednesdays, which will send those weeds, trimmings, and similar materials to be turned into high quality mulch and compost, instead of adding to the landfill.

Just bag, bundle, box, or place your green waste in a barrel and set it by the curb before 7:00 a.m. on your pickup date. Green waste pickups occur on Wednesdays and must be scheduled by 5:00 p.m. the Monday prior. City sanitation customers can schedule a free green waste pickup online at www.SierraVistaAZ.gov or by calling (520) 458-7530.

Green waste can also be dropped off at the Compost Facility from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The Compost Facility is located at 7201 E. Highway 90, near mile marker 325.



#### **ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS**

- Grass clippings
- Tree & shrub trimmings
- Palm fronds
- Weeds
- Cactus
- Garden waste
- Branches (up to 15" in diameter and 5' long)

#### **UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS**

- Trash of any type
- Vegetable or food waste
- Pet waste
- Dirt, rocks, tree stumps
- Lumber and metal
- Construction or demolition waste

#### **FEES**

Green waste drop off and pick up is free for residential City sanitation customers. When dropping off at the Compost Facility, please bring a copy of your sanitation bill for verification.

NON-RESIDENTIAL DROP OFF FEES: \$5 per pickup truck load. \$2 for each additional cubic yard.

MATERIALS FOR SALE: Mulch is free. Screened Compost is \$15 per cubic yard.

#### **DON'T GROW IT ALONE**

Sierra Vista is an extraordinary place to garden with many folks happy to share advice. These local resources can help you make the most of growing in a high desert

Ask an expert through the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Master Gardener program. Master Gardeners have completed a 16-week training course and must pitch in annual volunteer hours to maintain their certification. To ask a Master Gardener a question, head to cals.arizona.edu/cochise/mg/ask-master-



- Join the Sierra Vista Community Gardens if you don't have space at home or would enjoy the social side of gardening. Plots are available to rent for six months at a time. The community garden also hosts free educational talks. Learn more at www.svcommunitygardens.com.
- Save water by learning how to make the most of this valuable resource in our high desert environment. The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Water Wise Program has tips for harvesting rainwater, using gray water, installing smart irrigation, and using plants that need less water. Learn more at waterwise.arizona.edu/save-water.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Pedro Castro Maintenance Center **401 Giulio Cesare Avenue** Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635 (520) 458-5775

# 10 Ways to Get Heart Healthy ( )

EADING INTO 2019, MANY PEOPLE LIKELY made resolutions to eat healthier, cut out bad habits, and lead a more active lifestyle. And some people may already feel their resolve slipping as cold weather and the daily grind wear down their enthusiasm for change.

February is American Heart Month and it's the perfect time to revisit those New Year's resolutions, take advantage of the warming weather as spring approaches, and keep your heart healthy with regular aerobic activity.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, accounting for one in every four deaths. Getting just 150 minutes per week of moderate aerobic activity can do wonders for preventing heart disease and maintaining overall good health. Fortunately staying heart healthy is easy in Sierra Vista, where we enjoy an ideal climate and ample opportunities to get moving. Here are some ways to spring into action and start living a more active lifestyle.



Regular, moderate-intensity aerobic activity can lower your risk of:

- Heart disease and heart attack
- High blood pressure
- High total cholesterol, high LDL (bad) cholesterol and low HDL (good) cholesterol
- Obesity
- Diabetes

And regular physical activity is associated with these benefits

- Strengthens your heart, lungs, bones and muscles.
- Gives you more energy and strength.
- Helps control your weight and blood pressure.
- Helps you handle stress.
- Helps your quality of sleep.
- Helps you feel better about how you look.

Information from the American Heart Association lifestyle and risk reduction fact sheet.



TRY THE FITNESS LOOP AT TOMPKINS PARK. The 0.75 mile path encircling the park features exercise stations that facilitate stretches and strength training. Here you can combine a brisk walk, jog, or run with a variety of other exercises, resulting in a powerful workout for free!



TAKE UP PICKLEBALL. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country and has significant multi-generational appeal. At the Oscar Yrun Community Center, the City has courts available for public play at no charge and paddles available for check out from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Learn more on page 22.



GO ON A HIKE in the Huachuca Mountains. You don't need to take on the Sky Islands Summit Challenge to get a good workout. Coronado National Memorial, Miller Canyon, Carr Canyon, Brown Canyon, and Ramsey Canyon are just some of the hiking hot spots that await with trails suited for beginners and experienced adventurers alike.



PEDAL ALONG 28 MILES of paved multi-use paths in Sierra Vista. Pick up a free pocket Bicycle and Multi-use Path Map in City facilities, then go exploring! Stop by the Sierra Vista Public Library to borrow-a-bike with your library card if you don't have a bike to dust off at home.



DIVE INTO WATER WORKOUTS at The Cove. Moving in the water provides excellent cardio and resistance for strength training, without putting stress on joints or muscles. Learn more about water workouts ranging from zumba to pilates on page 25.



RIDE THE RIDGES with the City's free pocket Bicycle Mountain Trail Map as your guide. The map outlining some of Sierra Vista's most popular rides is available for free at City facilities.



CHECK OUT A FITNESS KIT from the Sierra Vista Public Library. The library's fitness kits include instructional DVDs and basic equipment for a variety of workouts. It's a great way to try something new for free!



PLAY A ROUND OF DISC GOLF at A.V. Anderson Park Disc Golf Course, located at the northeast corner of 7th Street and Golf Links Road. It's free to play and discs are available for under \$20 each online or at local retailers.



DIG INTO GARDENING. It's a great way to enjoy regular, moderate exercise while also growing an appreciation for healthy ingredients. We've got some tips to get your spring garden started on page 7.



TRY AN ORGANIZED SPORT. Sports leagues are a fun way to stay fit while enjoying some friendly competition. Learn more about our upcoming futsal and adult basketball leagues on pages 22 and 23.

# Police Volunteers Provide Vital Support



HEN ASKED IF HE KNOWS HOW MANY hours he has volunteered with the Sierra Vista Police Department since he started in July 2003, Vern Appelt says "Oh my goodness, no. It's in the thousands."

As of December 2018, Appelt had contributed 8,143.25 hours, which may sound like a lot but still just ranks him second among the department's active volunteers. Marie Douglas, who helps out at the Nancy J. Brua Animal Care Center, has logged nearly 15,000 hours.

Douglas and Appelt are among a team of dedicated volunteers who logged 5,254 hours supporting the police department in 2018 alone. They act as a force multiplier for the department, assisting with administrative duties, conducting safe patrol activities, walking dogs and cleaning kennels at the animal shelter, and taking non-criminal fingerprints.

"This is a great place to volunteer. The way they treat their volunteers, I don't think you can beat it," Appelt says. "I'm appreciated by the people I work for and I work with."

After retiring from civil service on Fort Huachuca, Appelt started pitching in at the Sierra Vista Police Department in 2003. In 2007 he began assisting with the sex offender registry and he's continued in that role to this day. When a sex offender moves into the department's jurisdiction, Appelt interviews them, updates the database, and conducts community notifications as needed, depending on the sex offender's level.

"It's important work that I do," Appelt says. He gets satisfaction knowing that he is saving detectives many hours of paperwork, which enables them to dedicate more time to conducting investigations and other vital duties.

"Our department and our community benefit greatly from the thousands of hours of support offered by dedicated volunteers," says Lilly Perry, SVPD

volunteer coordinator. "And we're always looking for new volunteers to join our team."



Volunteer Marie Douglas, right, loves working with her team at the Nancy J. Brua Animal Care Center. She is seen here with Animal Control Officers Phaydra Adams, left, and Angela Nass.

#### **HOW TO HELP**

Volunteers with the Sierra Vista Police Department must live in the greater Sierra Vista area and be able to make a two-year commitment to the department.

This is due to the time and cost involved in conducting the background checks and training required to get volunteers started. Most positions require a 16 hour per month commitment.

To learn more about volunteering with the Sierra Vista Police Department, call (520) 452-7500, email SVPDjobs@SierraVistaAZ.gov, or go to www.SierraVistaAZ.gov and search for "volunteer program."



## **Shelter Seeks Adoptions and Foster Families**

With many lovable dogs and cats in its care, the Nancy J. Brua Animal Care Center will offer reduced adoption fees through February 28, due to its heightened need for adoptions and foster

It's an important time to place animals in their forever homes to ensure space is available at the shelter when it's needed. It also means there is a wide variety of wonderful dogs and cats to meet!

The dog adoption fee of \$75 is reduced to \$50, or \$75 for two dogs. The cat adoption fee of \$50 is reduced to \$25. These fees still include sterilization, the first set of vaccinations, a complete physical exam, City pet license (for dogs), and a microchip implant.

Dogs and cats currently up for adoption can be seen on Petfinder.com but there is no substitute for meeting them in person! The Nancy J. Brua Animal Care Center is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

In addition to adoptions, the shelter is in need of additional foster families who can take in animals needing some special care or that would benefit from being outside of the shelter environment for a period of time. Foster families must fill out an application, provide proof of rabies vaccinations for any pets in their home, and allow staff to make sure the foster will be a good match in their home. Families can be added to the shelter's list of potential foster homes, so they can be contacted when the need arises.

To learn more about the Nancy J. Brua Animal Care Center, head to www.SierraVistaAZ.gov and search for "animal care and control." To contact the shelter, call (520) 458-4151.

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## **Senior Expo**

DATE Saturday, February 9 TIME 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center ADMISSION Free (open to the public)

participating in this ever popular event. See what's new in specialty products designed for seniors and the general population. For more information, call Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300.

# **Sunday Band Concerts**



#### **DESERT SWING BAND**

DATE Sunday, February 17 TIME 2:00 PM LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center ADMISSION Free

Enjoy a Sunday afternoon listening to the Desert Swing Band which has been providing big band music to the Sierra Vista community since 1985. An 18-piece orchestra, the Desert Swing Band plays a variety of music. Member musicians come from a variety of backgrounds including Air Force and Army retirees, DOD employees at Fort Huachuca, and both current and retired music teachers. The musicians are from the Sierra Vista area and as far away as El Frida and Douglas. This concert is free and open to the public. The doors will open at 1:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300.



#### SIERRA VISTA COMMUNITY BAND

DATE Sunday, March 17 TIME 2:00 PM LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center ADMISSION Free

Come and enjoy a Sunday afternoon listening to the Sierra Vista Community Band! The only concert band in Cochise County that rehearses and performs year-round, its 30+ members ranging in age from 17 to 70 come from Sierra Vista, Hereford, Tombstone, Whetstone, and Fort Huachuca. This concert is free and open to the public. The doors will open at 1:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300.

Several companies and organizations will be



**PRESENTS** 

Six Musicians & Story Tellers Friday & Saturday, February 8 & 9

KLEIN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS



Gather around the campfire for a celebration of western culture through music and poetry. Admission to Friday night's performance enters you to win two round-trip tickets to Hawaii! Lots of other great prizes, barn dance, jam sessions, and more!

Tickets are available at Spur Western Wear, Safeway, and the Sierra Vista Visitor Center.

www.CowboyPoets.com

# Extraordinary

## **Sierra Vista Community Chorus Sweet Treats & Swingin' Sounds**



The Desert Song barbershop quartet singing "Row, Row, Row" at last year's Sweet Treats & Swingin' Sounds concert. From left to right is Sharon Selvy, Martha Conklin, Linda Gilbert, and Sharon Keene. Photo by Stacy Chitwood.

DATE Friday, March 1

TIME 6:30 PM

DATES Saturday, March 2

Sunday, March 3

TIME 2:00 PM

NOTE The dessert line starts serving 45 minutes before each show.

LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center ADMISSION \$8 per person

NOTE Tickets must be purchased from chorus members. These shows frequently sell out, so often there are no tickets at the door.

For "Sweet Treats & Swingin' Sounds" chorus members make wonderful homemade desserts. Starting 45 minutes before the show, audience members may select three desserts and a beverage to enjoy. Then soloists and ensembles of the chorus and High Desert Sound women's barbershop, along with guest performers from Buena High School Choir, perform a musical revue based on this year's theme "Imagine!" An organized fund raiser will offer the audience the opportunity to win great prizes, and all proceeds will benefit the Real Wishes Foundation.

For more information contact the Sharon Keene, Director, at (520) 417-2305 or Martha Conklin, General Manager, at (520) 378-0730.

#### **ABOUT THE SIERRA VISTA COMMUNITY CHORUS**

The chorus also offers three more yearly concerts:

- A Gospel Concert each October at Faith Presbyterian Church (free)
- A Christmas music festival (free) each December at the Klein Center for the Performing Arts (formerly known as Buena Performing Arts Center) at Buena High School
- A big spring concert every May at the Klein Center for the Performing Arts

In addition to its four concerts, The Sierra Vista Community Chorus frequently sings at the local care, rehabilitation, and assisted living facilities. Also, the chorus and its various ensembles perform for luncheons, dinners, and for community events throughout the year. Call (520) 417-2305 for more information. There is no fee, though a donation is always much appreciated to help with the expenses accrued by this all-volunteer organization.



# **Spring Bazaar**

DATE Saturday, March 9 TIME 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center ADMISSION Free (open to the public)

The City's Spring Bazaar will once again offer a wide assortment of vendors sharing their wares, many of which are handcrafted. For more information on all City bazaars, please call Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300.

To cover the majority of its expenses, the chorus relies on the sale of tickets from Sweet Treats & Swingin' Sounds and the spring concert and also from donations from its generous donors and patrons. Donations are very welcome since funds are needed to purchase music, costumes, sound equipment, and the rental of the Klein Center for the Performing Arts. There are no paid positions in the chorus. All positions from the director to the singers and all the work behind the scenes is a volunteer effort. To become a patron of the chorus or to make a donation of any size, please send checks payable to "SV Community Chorus Society, Inc." to P.O. Box 2791, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-2791.

#### **JOIN THE CHORUS**

The award winning Sierra Vista Community Chorus, under the direction of Sharon Keene, offers an opportunity for men and women of all ages to share in the joy of singing in four-part harmony. No auditions are necessary, there is no fee to join, and ability to read music is not required.



# **Celebrating Animals**

DATE Saturday, March 16 TIME 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM LOCATION Veterans Memorial Park

Join the Nancy J. Brua Animal Care Center and animal welfare organizations from throughout Cochise County for a fun-filled day where animals take center stage.

Families can enjoy rides on a horse-drawn wagon, a petting zoo, animal demonstrations, raffles, food trucks, and more! The Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club will be hosting an AKC sanctioned breed obedience and rally match.

Adoption specials will also be available at the event. Participants are encouraged to bring donations of pet supplies or monetary contributions in support of the Nancy J. Brua Animal Care Center.



# Wine Tasting in Historic Downtown Willcox

DATES Saturday, March 30

DEPART 10:00 AM RETURN 5:00 PM

FEE \$65 per person (age 21+)

Join us for a great day of wine tasting and exploration in Historic Downtown Willcox. The trip will feature wine tastings from three tasting rooms located in the heart of historic Willcox. Visit the tasting rooms at your own pace and enjoy lunch on your own at one of several local eateries. Explore the local shops and boutiques or visit one of the

four museums highlighting the unique history of Willcox. The fee includes tasting tickets, wine glass, and round trip transportation from the Ethel H. Berger Center.

Register at Eventbrite.com by Searching for "Wine Tasting in Historic Downtown Willcox." Registration closes at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, or when the trip is sold out. Please contact Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 for more information.





# **April 6 & 7** The Mall at Sierra Vista

Experience the culture, arts and crafts, and flavors of Sonora, Mexico right in Sierra Vista! A two-day extravaganza with continuous music, entertainment, and shopping!



AZSonoraFest.com

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# **Murder Mystery Comedy Show & Dinner**

Gadsden Hotel, Douglas

DATE Saturday, April 27

DEPART 4:30 PM

DINNER | SHOW 6:00 PM

RETURN 11:00 PM

FEE \$60 per person (ages 18+)

REGISTRATION February 1-April 6 (or sell out)

Join us for dinner and a show! This interactive, pirate-themed murder/mystery comedy from The Fault Line Players takes you on a journey across the seven seas with Captain Long Beard and his wacky crew! When a mysterious stranger boards their ship with a treasure map, murder and mayhem ensues! It's a who-done-it that's rated AARRRGGGHHH! Guess the killer to win a prize. Partake in other fun activities and win pirate booty.

The fee includes ticket cost for show, dinner, and roundtrip transportation from the Ethel H. Berger Center. Registration runs February 1 through close of business April 6 or until the trip is sold out. Register at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, The Cove, or online. Payment is due at time of registration. For more information, contact Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300.

### **SOUTHWEST WINGS**



#### **2019 Spring Fling** May 1-4 Registration now open!

Guided bird tours to southeast Arizona's birding hotspots.

www.SWWinas.ora

# WEST END FAIR



#### Saturday, May 4 | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Fry Boulevard**

from N. Garden Avenue to North Avenue

Mark your calendars for a free day of fun in the sun brought to you by the West End Commission. The fair will feature a variety of vendors, entertainment, and delicious food along Fry Boulevard

The West End Commission is currently seeking additional vendors and sponsors for this event. To learn how to participate, go to www.SierraVistaAZ.gov and search for "2019 West End Fair vendors." For more information, email SVWestEndFairs@gmail.com or call (520) 417-4413.

# Take a Guided Tour to Cananea, Mexico

The Sister City Association is offering an all day guided tour to Sierra Vista's sister city Cananea, Mexico, on Saturday, May 11.

Area residents are invited to explore the City of Cananea to include its copper mine, the City museum, and the Greene Mansion. The trip fee of \$85 per person covers round-trip transportation, an authentic Sonoran lunch with three meal options and a non-alcoholic drink. The Sister Cities Association will also provide a Spanish speaking tour guide.

Participants must register by 5:00 p.m. on April 19 at the Oscar Yrun Community Center or by calling (520) 458-7922. The trip requires a minimum of 10 participants by April 19 and will be capped at a maximum of 13. All participants must bring a valid U.S. Passport.

The trip departs Sierra Vista a 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, and will return by 7:00 p.m. For more information, email sysistercities@gmail.com.



# **Dine-A-Night**

If you're an adult age 55+, join us at a popular area restaurant for dinner on the second Thursday of each month and meet new friends!

Call Parmaleee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 to add your name to the guest list and please give your menu choice at that time. If you would like to sit with friends, please give their names when you call to sign up.

Meals are paid for at the restaurant. To help with planning, please sign up early. Registration for the next Dine-A-Night begins the day after the previous event ends. As this is such a popular program, the last day to sign up is Friday before the event. Cancellations must be made by telephone 24 hours prior to the dinner; any no shows are responsible to pay the restaurant. Dinner starts at 4:30 p.m.

#### LANDMARK CAFE

DATE Thursday, February 14 ADDRESS 400 W. Fry Boulevard

The menu choices are: 1) deep-fried cod with fries, cole slaw, and a corn muffin, 2) baked chicken with mashed potatoes, green beans, side garden salad with ranch dressing, and a dinner roll, or 3) pot roast with roasted potatoes and gravy, carrots, side garden salad with ranch dressing, and a dinner roll. All entrées are served with dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage. Tax and gratuity are included in the cost of \$15 per person. Registration closes February 8.

#### MANDA LÉ BAR & GRILL

DATE Thursday, March 14 ADDRESS 3455 Canyon de Flores

Choose an entrée from 1) turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, and a vegetable, 2) salmon, rice pilaf, and a vegetable, or 3) beef tri tip, mashed potatoes, and a vegetable. All dinners are served with a side salad and non-alcoholic beverage. Tax and gratuity are included in the cost of \$15 per person. Registration begins February 15 and closes March 8.

#### HIBACHI GRILL

DATE Thursday, April 11 ADDRESS 465 Hwy 90 Bypass

This is an all-you-can-eat buffet. Non-alcoholic beverages, tax, and gratuity are included in the cost of \$15 per person. Registration begins March 15 and closes April 5.

# **Adults at Play**



#### **BILLIARDS FOR LADIES!**

Ladies, bring your own cue or borrow one of ours. The fun begins at 10:00 a.m. on Fridays in the lounge at the Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC).

#### **DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

Join the bridge group Mondays starting at noon at the Oscar Yrun Community Center (OYCC). Just show up, no registration required.

#### **EUCHRE CLUB**

If you like to play euchre but can't find anyone to play with, there are plenty of people ready to play at the OYCC every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Drop by for some fun and an opportunity to meet new

#### **MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINO GAME**

Join three tables of very friendly people every Tuesday and Thursday at noon inside the EBC. No experience playing the game is necessary!



#### **PARTY BRIDGE**

Join other interested bridge players every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the EBC. No registration is required. Play with as few as four, or as many players as you'd like, Party Bridge is like contract bridge and requires a basic knowledge of the game. It is more about the personal joy of your ending score than the mechanics of card values or strategies.

#### **TABLE TENNIS**

Come try your hand at table tennis in the EBC. Tables are available for play on weekdays. Please refer to the monthly schedule for the most current dates and times. Tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Scheduled days may be cancelled due to facility space. Paddles and balls are available for use at no charge.

# **Health Matters**

# **Stroke Support Group**

DATES Wednesday, February 27 Wednesday, March 27 Wednesday, April 24

TIME 4:00 PM

LOCATION Canvon Vista Medical Center

FEE Free

The Stroke Support Group is a free program conducted by representatives from Canyon Vista Medical Center and open to anyone who has experienced a stroke as well as their caregivers, family, or friends. The support group provides comfort during the recovery process. Guest speakers and members of the Rehabilitation Services staff target specific topics in the recovery process. No reservations are required to attend. Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Canyon Vista Medical Center. They were previously held at the Ethel H. Berger Center. For more information, call Amy at (520) 263-3700.

### What About Medicare?

DATE Wednesday, February 13

TIME 9:30 AM

LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center

FEE Free

Join Ramona MacMurtie in this continuing series as she explains monthly Medicare topics. This program has been funded in part by grants from the Administration on Aging and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. For more information, call Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300.

## **Mediterranean Style** Comes to You!

DATES March 6, 13, 20 & 27 DAY | TIME Wednesday, 1:00 PM LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center FEE **Free** (registration required)

Join Cynthia from the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, Cochise County as she presents a hands-on, four-week class that involves putting the Mediterranean lifestyle into practice in your own life. You will learn great tasting ways to do this, from food-focused segments highlighting Mediterranean food selections to preparing simple, delicious recipes, to learning how you can fuel your life for better health! You will apply the Mediterranean food and health principles to design your own healthy lifestyle, based on Pennsylvania foods. Each class offers: food demonstrations or hands-on food preparation with recipes provided, a class lesson on the Mediterranean lifestyle, useful cooking tips, tasting different types of Mediterranean foods, and discussions among class participants to share ideas. This is a free program but registration is required. Register in person at The Cove or the Oscar Yrun Community Center, or by calling (520) 458-7922. Registration closes Monday, February 25, or when the class is full. Class size is limited.



### Good Cookin' Potlucks

DATES Friday, February 8 Friday March 8 Friday, April 12

TIME NOON

LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center

FEE A dish that feeds six people

Join our staff and share good food and good conversation with good friends on the second Friday of each month at our "good cookin' potlucks" for active adults. Bring a dish and enjoy the old fashioned social hour. For more information, call Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300.

### **Arts & Crafts**

#### **CRAFT LADIES**

If you want to get inspired to pick an unfinished project and get back to work, or simply craft with a group of like-minded ladies, then you are invited to meet and socialize with the "craft ladies" while doing craft projects every Friday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. at the Ethel H. Berger

#### ADVANCED PAPER CRAFTS & SCRAPBOOKING

Join some of the ladies from the Friday craft group doing advanced paper crafts and scrapbooking. Meet at the EBC on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. There is no need to register, just drop by.

#### WOODCARVERS

Join the Thunder Mountain Woodcarvers group and put knives to wood to create beautiful and functional carved items. They meet at the EBC every Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 p.m.

# Current Exhibit



# Water Ways

#### A Smithsonian Museum on Main Street **Traveling Exhibit**

#### **Through February 25**

We are honored to have been chosen as one of 12 sites in Arizona to host this amazing exhibit. Water|Ways explores the endless motion of the water cycle, water's effect on landscape, settlement and migration, and its impact on culture and spirituality. It looks at how political and economic planning have long been affected by access to water and used to control water resources. The exhibit features interactive elements, audio/visual experiences, and jaw-dropping displays.

#### SIERRA VISTA WATER WAYS — CHANGING LANDSCAPES

The local companion exhibit, Changing Landscapes, shares the Sierra Vista area's fascinating water history. It features displays that share a myriad of stories ranging from the history of human occupancy along the San Pedro River to the old gravity-fed pipeline that to this day carries water from the Huachuca Mountains to Tombstone. It also features local artwork made for the exhibit by children and adults.

Water|Ways and the local companion exhibit, Changing Landscapes, are on display inside the Henry F. Hauser Museum, the Ethel H. Berger Center, the Oscar Yrun Community Center, and the Sierra Vista Public Library through February 25.

# Henry the Inquisitive Packrat

#### **INVITES YOU TO BECOME** A JUNIOR HISTORY DETECTIVE

Put on our detective cap and grab a magnifying glass to investigate Sierra Vista's extraordinary past! Take part in our scavenger hunt for kids and win prizes! Open to students in first through sixth grades. Homeschooled students and out-of-town visitors are welcome! Call (520) 439-2306 for more information.





#### **KIDS INTERACTIVE AREA**

Check out our Kids Interactive Retro Gadgets Area. Stop by and see if you know what they are and how they work!



EXTRAORDINARY HISTORY. UNCOMMON STORIES.

#### **MUSEUM & GIFT SHOP HOURS**

Monday & Tuesday	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Thursday-Friday	. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Saturday	. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sunday & Holidays	CLOSED

NOTE There are extended Saturday hours for special events—see the museum's web page for details.

#### MUSEUM CLOSURE

#### DATES February 26 - March 16

The Museum and Gift Shop will be closed for the deinstallation of the Smithsonian Water|Ways exhibit and the installation of the Be Water Wise! exhibit, which will open Monday, March 18. We apologize for the inconvenience. It will be well worth the wait!



We offer specialized tours for your group; children, teenagers, adults, and/or seniors. Just give us a call or send an email requesting information and to schedule your group. We tailor each tour to fit your needs!

#### CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE COLLECTIONS DATABASE!

Go to HenryHauser.PastPerfectOnline.com to take a peek into our artifact, document, and photograph collections. There's even an option for requesting information, photographs, and archival materials. Check frequently to find out what's new! Let us know which item(s) you like best by using the email link on the website!

#### **HENRY F. HAUSER MUSEUM**

**Ethel H. Berger Center** 2950 E. Tacoma Street Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635 (520) 439-2306

Nancy.Krieski@SierraVistaAZ.gov

# **Next Exhibit**



## **Be Water Wise!**

OPENING Monday, March 18

#### **GRAND OPENING CEREMONY**

DATE Saturday, March 30

POSTER CONTEST AWARDS 1:00 PM RIBBON CUTTING 1:25 PM

EXHIBIT OPENING 1:30-3:30 PM

LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center

Join Wetty the Water Drop as we continue our journey of water from Water|Ways to being Water Wise! We've partnered with the University of Arizona, Cochise County Cooperative Extension, Water Wise Program to bring you this educational and entertaining exhibit and display of unique posters in conjunction with the Water Wise Annual Student Poster Contest. Water Wise has been in existence for 25 years, educating young people and adults in water conservation strategies and fostering awareness of this precious resource.



Hurst Gyroscope, ca. 1950s

### What is It?

Visit the museum every three months to test your knowledge of a particular artifact. Do you know what it is? Correct answers will be entered into a drawing each month for a gift from the museum's gift shop. Come join the fun!

# **Programs**



# Sierra Vista Genealogy "Genie" Club

Interested in researching your family history and don't know where to begin? Attend the monthly meeting of the Sierra Vista Genealogy "Genie" Club, hosted by the Henry F. Hauser Museum.

The Sierra Vista Genealogy Club, formed in 2006, is hosted by members of the Tombstone Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. It became a project of the Sierra Vista Historical Society in 2009. The purpose of the club is to foster genealogical research.

The club meets the first Wednesday of each month, October through April, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Ethel H. Berger Center.

# THIS SEASON'S THEME: CONNECTIONS

February 6 Organ	nizational Connections
March 6	. The DNA Connection
April 3	Ethnic Connections



## **Awesome Objects**

Join Museum Curator, Nancy Krieski, for a hands-on, participatory, one-hour program exploring the awesome power of objects. An everyday object is just an object unless it was used by a prominent person or part of an important historical event. Each month, objects from the museum's collection will serve as the inspiration for storytelling, shared experiences, a little local history, and fun!

#### MONTHLY TOPICS

Transportation	Monday, March 18
Sports	. Monday, April 15

TIME 1:00 - 2:00 PM

LOCATION Sierra Vista Public Library **Public Meeting Room** 

Awesome Objects will meet the third Monday of each month through December, 2019. Please bring an object to share that relates to each month's topic. It's show 'n' tell for grownups! For details, call (520) 439-2306 or email Nancy.Krieski@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

# **Spring Quilt Documentation Event**



DATE Saturday, April 27

TIME 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center

HOSTED BY Henry F. Hauser Museum

**BROUGHT BY Sierra Vista Hummingbird Stitchers** 

**Quilt Guild** 

Would you like your quilt to be part of the National Quilt Index? The Quilt Index aims to be a central resource incorporating a wide variety of sources and information on quilts, quilt makers, and quilt making. The website features images and information on thousands of quilts from documentation projects, museums, libraries, and private collections in the United States and internationally.

Our local quilt guild has been expertly trained and looks forward to adding your quilt to the growing number of documented quilts. The only criterion is that the quilt must currently reside in Arizona. Both vintage and new quilts are welcome.

Documentation is by appointment only. Please contact Jane Bourne at (520) 508-4558 to schedule your appointment.

# Amazing Arizona 2018-2019 Season



# **Changing Landscapes**

The Smithsonian has come to Sierra Vista! As part of the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street Water Ways traveling exhibit, we're pleased to offer this remarkable speaker series.

Sierra Vista Water|Ways—Changing Landscapes explores the relationships between people and water and asks us to reflect on the significance of this vital element and our connections to it. How has water shaped our local history and traditions? How does water affect the way we live, work, create, and play? How do we care for our local water sources and sustain it for the future?

Amazing Arizona, hosted by the Henry F. Hauser Museum and the Sierra Vista Public Library, is a series of presentations seeking to educate and entertain the community regarding unique historical aspects of our state. Please join us either at the Ethel H. Berger Center or the Sierra Vista Public Library and discover "Amazing Arizona!"

All presentations are free and open to the public. For additional information, please contact Nancy Krieski, Museum Curator, at (520) 439-2306 or Nancy.Krieski@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Amazing Arizona programs are made possible through Arizona Humanities Speakers Bureau grants and funds provided by the Sierra Vista Historical Society and Friends of the Sierra Vista Public Library.











#### WATER IN ARIZONA

Past, Present, Future

DATE | TIME Tuesday, February 5, 1:00 pm LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center

Water is Arizona's most precious resource, yet few people know where their water comes from, who provides it, how its quality is assured, or how secure future water supplies are for the state's six million residents. A billboard near Roosevelt Dam on the Salt River proclaimed in the 1960s, "Arizona Grows Where Water Flows." However, growth and the control of water to support it have never been simple uncontested endeavors. There are the haves and have nots, conflicts between farmers, cities, and industry over who gets how much and who pays how much. Federal, tribal, state, and local governments are involved in developing and distributing water to serve diverse constituents with often competing interests. And what about nature? Who is looking out for Arizona's native fish and amphibians, and the birds and insects that thrive in the cottonwood and willow forests along our most rare and valuable streamside ecosystems? We face very serious water supply sustainability challenges in the coming decades. Who makes decisions about our water future? ASU Professor of History and Sustainability Paul Hirt takes us on a bird's eye view of the past, present, and future of water in Arizona.



#### **HUACHUCA WATER COMPANY**

**An Engineering Success** 

DATE | TIME Tuesday, March 5, 1:00 pm LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center

Join historian and professional researcher, Nancy Sosa, for an educational and entertaining look into a rather unique regional water story—the Tombstone pipeline. The Huachuca Water Company was established in 1880 to bring water to Tombstone, Arizona. The investors of the Huachuca Water Company claimed and developed 23 springs in Miller and Carr Canyons of the Huachuca Mountains, and built an approximate 27 mile long iron pipeline to deliver the water. Once the longest gravity fed pipeline in America, this line is still in use today, bringing much needed water to the citizens and visitors of Tombstone.



#### **EXPERIENCING THE SAN PEDRO RIVER**

A Fragile Oasis in the Desert

DATE | TIME Tuesday, April 2, 1:00 PM LOCATION Sierra Vista Public Library **Meeting Room** 2600 E. Tacoma Street

Wildlife biologist, writer, and photographer, Bob Luce, will present images of the spectacular scenery along the San Pedro River during monsoon, winter, and fall seasons; share some of the many native birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians that inhabit the riparian area along the river; and discuss the impacts of human influences on the river.



#### WATER CONSERVATION CODE EFFORTS AND AMENDMENTS

A City of Sierra Vista Panel Discussion

DATE | TIME Tuesday. May 7. 1:00 PM LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center

Join City Community Development Director Matt McLachlan and three other panel members for an insightful look into the many water conservation initiatives enacted by the City of Sierra Vista over the past two decades. The panel will showcase how site design standards, such as water harvesting, and recent amendments to building code requirements, have played a pivotal role in reducing water usage for new development. Multiple perspectives will be offered as Matt is joined by Senior City Planner Jeff Pregler, City Building Official Bruce Alarie, and City and Community Volunteer and author Dave Grieshop.

# **Water Ways Programs**

# Programs for Adults Programs for Kids, Teens, and Adults



#### A HISTORY AND OVERVIEW OF WATER TREATMENT AT THE CITY'S ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATIONS PARK (EOP)

Presentation and Tour

DATE Saturday, February 16 TIME 1:00 - 2:00 PM LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center

Wastewater treatment isn't something most people like to think about, but it is vital to protect public health. Did you know that buildings from the City's first wastewater treatment facility are still standing in Sierra Vista's historic West End? Did you know that the City once used treated effluent to grow alfalfa? What does the City do with its effluent today? From the West End, to harvesting alfalfa, to the single-most important recharge project in our region, come hear about the history and future of wastewater treatment operations from the City of Sierra Vista Public Works Director Sharon Flissar. Then meet her at the EOP for a tour, following the presentation.





#### SLOW THE H<sub>2</sub>O — RAIN CHAINS WORKSHOP

DATE Saturday, February 2 ADULTS 10:00-11:30 AM (ages 18+) YOUTH 1:00 - 2:30 PM (ages 10 - 17) NOTE A parent or guardian is encouraged to participate. LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center FEE Free

Help us create unique and artistic rain chains to channel water from the Ethel H. Berger Center roof into the vegetation. The adult class will construct one chain and the kids workshop will make two. We'll be using various metal items such as spoons, forks, funnels, and bells, and we'll add some beads for color! Once you've learned the basics, you can create your own at home from your own recycled treasures.

Space is limited to 10 adult participants in the morning and 20 youth participants in the afternoon class. To reserve your place, call (520) 439-2307 or email Debra.Block@SierraVistaAZ.gov. Register today!

We thank the University of Arizona's WaterWise Program for facilitating these workshops.

#### WATERCOLOR MAGIC SQUIRT GUN ART

DATE Saturday, February 16

TIME 11:00 AM - NOON

LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center Dining Room

FEE Free (ages 5-17)

Stop by the museum, take a peek at the Smithsonian Exhibit, and create a one-of-a-kind design using squirt guns and paint! No registration is required.



#### WATERCOLOR MAGIC HOOPS

DATE Saturday, February 23 TIME 10:00-11:00 AM LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center FEE Free

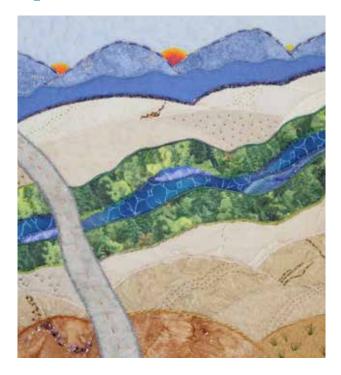
Children ages 7 through 13 will use their imaginations to create a water scene depicting an aspect of water found in the San Pedro Valley. Using markers and colored pencils, participants will draw their water scene on fabric or choose from available templated prints. Magic happens when a watercolor solution is added. Each masterpiece is then framed in an embroidery hoop.

Class size is limited to 30 participants per session. Registration is required. To reserve your space, call (520) 439-2307 or email Debra.Block@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

We thank the Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild for sponsoring and conducting these classes.

# Water Ways Programs

# **Special Partner Events**



#### SPECIAL WATER WAYS QUILT EXHIBIT

DATE Saturday, February 2 TIME 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

DATE Sunday, February 3 TIME 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION Buena High School

ADMISSION Free for the Water Wavs exhibit hall \$7 for the "Quilts of the Huachucas"

exhibit

The Henry F. Hauser Museum has partnered with our local Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild in bringing this special water-inspired quilt exhibit to the public, as part of its annual quilt show and sale. There is a small fee for entrance into their regular exhibit area, but the Water|Ways quilt exhibit space is free. Stop by and take a peek. We have some incredibly talented quilters right here in the greater Sierra Vista area!



#### WATER STORIES STORYTIMES AT THE LIBRARY

#### **Baby Time**

DATE Tuesday, February 5, TIME 10:20-10:55 AM

#### **Preschool Storytime**

DATE Wednesday, February 6 TIME 10:20-10:55 AM

#### Pajama Storytime

DATE Thursday, February 7 TIME 6:30 - 7:15 PM

#### **Toddler Storytime**

DATE Friday, February 8 TIME 10:20-10:55 AM

LOCATION Sierra Vista Public Library **Public Meeting Room** 

FEE Free

The Henry F. Hauser Museum has partnered with the Sierra Vista Public Library in celebrating the many faces of water from rivers and waterfalls, to ice and steam. Join Youth Services Librarian Erica Merritt for a fun and educational week. For more information, call (520) 458-4225.



#### YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL

DATE Saturday, February 23 TIME 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM LOCATION Cochise College Sierra Vista Campus

ADMISSION Free

The Henry F. Hauser Museum is pleased to partner with the annual Youth Arts Festival this year in celebrating the Smithsonian Water|Ways exhibit! This family-friendly event serves students in kindergarten through eighth grade with dynamic "make and take" activities and live performances on the theme of water. This collaboration between the Sierra Vista Arts and Humanities Commission and the Cochise College Art Department invites local artists and performers to run stations where local youth can explore a variety of activities in the creative and performing arts. For more information about attending or volunteering for this event, send an email to thompsonpfauv@cochise.edu.



Water|Ways has been made possible in Sierra Vista by Arizona Humanities and the Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiatives and School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies at Arizona State University.

Water|Ways is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils nationwide. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

Water|Ways was adapted from an exhibition organized by the American Museum of Natural History, New York (www.amnh.org), and the Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul (www.smm.org), in collaboration with Great Lakes Science Center, Cleveland; The Field Museum, Chicago; Instituto Sangari, Sao Paulo, Brazil; National Museum of Australia, Canberra; Royal Ontario Museum,

Toronto, Canada; San Diego Natural History Museum; and Science Centre Singapore with PUB Singapore.



**Smithsonian Institution** 





# Kid's Wonderful Opportunities \. in Recreation & Leisure Development

Kid's W.O.R.L.D. is a group recreation-focused program for children enrolled in kindergarten through sixth grade.



# Kid's W.O.R.L.D. **Spring Break Recreation Program**

For children enrolled in grades K-6

DATES Monday - Friday, March 18 - 22

TIME 6:40 AM - 5:45 PM

**LOCATION Bella Vista Elementary School** 801 N. Lenzner Avenue

(in the cafeteria)

FEE \$95 per child (for the week)

Plus \$5 registration fee

NOTE The fee includes healthy morning and afternoon snacks and daily field trips.

Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to join us for fun times and handson activities. Parents need to provide lunches. Open enrollment begins Tuesday, February 19, on a space-available basis. Register at the Oscar Yrun Community Center or The Cove (no onsite registration will be accepted). Enrollment forms are available online at the City's website (www.SierraVistaAZ.gov) on the Kid's W.O.R.L.D. page. Enrollment is limited, so register early!

# **Before & After School Recreation Program**



#### **PROGRAM HOURS**

Before school6	S:40-7:50 AM
After school	2:15 - 5:45 PM

#### LOCATIONS

Kid's W.O.R.L.D. is offered for children in kindergarten through sixth grade at the following elementary schools:

Bella Vista	. 801 N. Lenzner Avenue
Carmichael	at Bella Vista
Huachuca Mountain	3228 St. Andrews Drive
Pueblo Del Sol	. 5130 Paseo Las Palmas
Town & Country	1313 S. Lenzner Avenue
Village Meadows	at Town & Country

NOTE Transportation is provided by Sierra Vista Unified School District (SVUSD) from Carmichael to Bella Vista and from Village Meadows to Town and Country.

#### **SCHEDULE OPTIONS & FEES**

Weekly, Monday - Friday	
Before school only	\$22
After school* only	\$44
Both before & after school*	\$55
*Includes a healthy afternoon snack	

Program attendance fees can be paid with a Visa or MasterCard online, by phone, or in person at any Leisure Services facility. Cash and checks are also accepted at all Leisure Services facilities. Parents may enroll their child(ren) on a weekly basis in one or both programs. Registration packets are available at SVUSD elementary sites, The Cove, the Oscar Yrun Community Center, and

online at the City's website (www.SierraVistaAZ.gov) on the Kid's W.O.R.L.D. page. A \$10 nonrefundable enrollment fee plus the first week's program fee are due at time of registration. Program fees for the current week are due by 1:00 p.m. the first day of attendance that week.

#### SVUSD EARLY RELEASE DAYS

The SVUSD will dismiss school early on several days throughout the school year. The After School Program will open early on those days to accommodate participants already enrolled.

#### **CLOSURES**

Program will be closed on days schools are closed for any reason—holidays, weather, etc.

NOTE Kid's W.O.R.L.D. strives to serve children with disabilities where reasonable accommodations can be made. If you have a child who requires ADA accommodations, please call the Oscar Yrun Community Center to receive a "Request for Accommodation" packet and submit it prior to enrollment. For more information, call (520) 458-7922.

#### LEISURE SERVICES

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# Pickleball Picks Up the Pace in Sierra Vista



OASTING A MULTI-GENERATIONAL APPEAL, fast-paced play that is fun and easy to learn, and less running than tennis, pickleball is growing rapidly in Sierra Vista and across the country.

Pickleball combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis to create a game that can be played indoors or outdoors by two or four players at a time. Players use composite or wooden paddles about twice as large as table tennis paddles to hit a perforated waffle ball back and forth over a net on a badminton-size court, which is about one-fourth the size of a tennis court.

A former basketball and tennis player, Doug Stephens was attracted to pickleball because he needed a sport he could still play despite developing bad knees. When he started playing in Sierra Vista about two and a half years ago it was with portable nets that players would set up on the basketball courts behind the Oscar Yrun Community Center (OYCC).

Then, in May 2017, the City converted one of the two tennis courts by the OYCC into four pickleball courts. Since then, the local player base has blossomed with the "Sierra Vista Pickleball" Facebook group Stephens helps administer, boasting more than 156 members. The City recently began converting the second tennis court and opened two additional pickleball courts in January. The final two courts are expected to be ready in mid-March when the conversion is complete.

"We've seen the enthusiasm for this sport build quickly and are excited to offer a set of courts that both support casual play and can serve as a venue for tournament play in the future," says John Healy, the City's sports coordinator.

The courts were converted with the support of Bisbee Vogue, Inc., which pitched in \$12,000. The courts now include fencing to keep balls from interfering with play in other courts. The courts also feature lights for nighttime play.

The City is currently working with local players to support a small tournament in the spring.

#### PICK UP A PADDLE

Beginners interested in trying out the sport can check out wooden paddles from the OYCC free of charge from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Composite paddles are available to check out for \$5.

Turning to the Sierra Vista Pickleball Facebook group is another great way to get started. There are many local players happy to help beginners.

"We were all beginners at one time, so please don't let that discourage you from giving it a try. We have many levels of players," says Stephens, one of the group's administrators.

And there are more players starting all the time. According to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association's 2017 Pickleball Participant Report, there are 2,815 million players in the United States, which is an increase of 12.3 percent over the prior year. Learn more about this growing sport at www.usapa.org/what-is-pickleball.



# **Co-Sponsored Futsal League**

The City of Sierra Vista has partnered with the Coronado Sports Club, a nonprofit sports organization, to offer a futsal league.

Futsal is an exciting, fast-paced, small-sided, indoor soccer game that is played across the world and is officially recognized by both FIFA and UEFA. It is a five vs. five game played on a hardsurfaced, basketball-sized court with a smaller, low bounce ball. Futsal is played with touchline boundaries and without walls.

Futsal places an emphasis on technical skill in high pressure situations, which can be translated into the outdoor game. The sport is a great skill developer as it demands quick reflexes, fast thinking, and pinpoint passing.

SEASON End of March-May LOCATION Rothery Educational Service Center Gymnasium (games and FEE \$85 per person (for the season)

NOTE Players must be born between 2000 and 2014.

For more information, please call (520) 458-7922 or email sports@sierravistaaz.gov. Or email the league contact, Coronado Sports Club, at coronadoacleagueops@gmail.com.



# **Spring Start Smart Sports Camp**

For Boys and Girls Ages 3-5

DATES Saturdays, March 30-May 4

TIME 9:00-10:00 AM

LOCATION Rothery Educational Service Center

Gvmnasium

FEE \$50 per child (includes camp T-shirt)

REGISTRATION Now at all Leisure Services facilities

This fun camp offers participants 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.



## **Adult Softball**

#### SPRING MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

BEGINS Monday, April 1

DAYS Monday & Wednesday

TIMES 6:30 & 7:30 PM

LOCATION Domingo Paiz Softball Complex

ENTRY FEE \$400 per team

A coaches meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, at the Sports Unit, located at 3401 E. Fry Boulevard. Please call (520) 458-7922 for additional information. Register by March 15 for the Spring League.

#### SPRING MIXED SOFTBALL LEAGUE

BEGINS Tuesday, April 2

DAYS Tuesday & Thursday

TIMES 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30 PM

LOCATION Domingo Paiz Softball Complex

ENTRY FEE \$425 per team

A coaches meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 22, at the Sports Unit, located at 3401 E. Fry Boulevard. Please call (520) 458-7922 for additional information. Register by March 15 for the Spring League.



### **Firebolt Triathlon**

Bolt Multisport, in partnership with the City of Sierra Vista, presents an exciting activity for youth ages 5 through 17. If you like to bike, run, or swim this is the event for you. Challenge yourself, or form a team, and get in on the action! Sign up early for discounted rates.

DATE Saturday, April 6

TIME 9:00 AM

LOCATION The Cove

2900 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway

INDIVIDUAL FEES **\$45 per person** (January 31-March 6)

**\$50 per person** (March 7-29)

\$55.12 per person (March 30 - April 4)

NOTE Prices include a registration fee.

RELAY TEAM FEES **\$26.50 per person** (January 31-March 6)

**\$29.50 per person** (March 7-29)

\$34 per person (March 30-April 4)

NOTE Prices include a registration fee.

Register online at:

https://runsignup.com/Race/AZ/SierraVista/Firebolt.

Attention moms and dads, do your children like to swim, bike, or run? Would you like them to meet other kids who enjoy outside activities? Now is the time to sign them up for the Firebolt Youth Triathlon. This event is open to children 5 to 17 years old and benefits the Tsunami Swim team, Kawasaki Disease Foundation, and the Buena Mountain Bike Club. For more information, please call Brandon at (520) 249-1599 or visit runsignup.com and search for "Firebolt Youth Triathlon."



# **Summer Adult Basketball League**

STARTS Friday, May 10

TIME 6:00-9:00 PM

LOCATION Rothery Educational Service Center

Gymnasium

FEE \$450 per team

Come play five-on-five basketball on Friday nights at the Rothery Educational Service Center. The league will consist of eight games with a single elimination tournament. The first-place team will receive a trophy. Players 16 and 17 years old can play with signed waiver from parents. Register by March 23 to be included in this exciting league.

NOTES Some games may be on Thursday, depending on the number of teams registered. A coaches meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Friday, May 3, at the Sports Unit, located at 3401 E. Fry Boulevard.

### THERAPEUTIC RECREATION **SERVICES** (T-RecS)



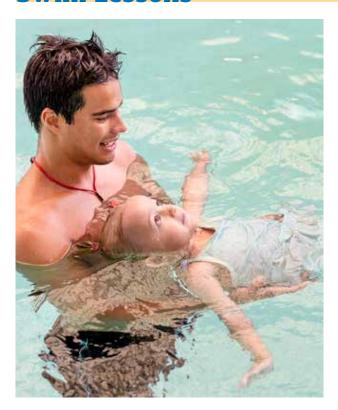
This program provides recreation opportunities to adults with developmental disabilities. It is funded through the Arizona Department of Economic Security—Division of Developmental Disabilities (DES-DDD). Activities include, but are not limited to: monthly dances, bowling on Fort Huachuca, game night, arts and crafts, and more.

For more information, contact your DDD Support Coordinator or call Marita Helbig at (520) 458-7922.

# **Extraordinary Water Recreation for All Ages!**

The Cove features the coolest indoor water fun in southeast Arizona! We have a huge pool with a beach style entry, a water play area with a slide for kids under 5, a warm water pool for you to sit in and unwind, and two large water slides. For more information, stop by or call (520) 417-4800.

### Swim Lessons



### **Spring Youth Swim Lessons**

DATES April 13 - May 18 DAYS Saturday TIMES 8:00-8:40 AM 8:45-9:25 AM 9:30-10:10 AM FEE \$55 per child (for six lessons)

Registration for spring youth swim lessons opens on Thursday, March 7. Registration will be accepted at The Cove starting at 7:30 a.m. and at the Oscar Yrun Community Center starting at 8:00 a.m. Some levels have the option of registering online starting

at midnight.

NOTE For details on swim lesson levels and specific times classes are offered, please call Mary Stryker at (520) 417-4800 or send an email to Mary.Stryker@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

#### **Private Swim Lessons**

The Cove offers private swim lessons. These are completely customized to the needs of the student. They are available to everyone from infants to adults, as well as those with special needs. Please contact Mary Stryker at The Cove for more information and to get started.

#### **Adult Swim Lessons**

The Cove is excited to be offering adult swim lessons for those over the age of 18! It is the perfect time to take the "plunge" with some amazing instructors and get started on learning to swim or getting fit in time for summer!

#### LEARNING THE BASICS

DATES March 5-28 DAYS Tuesday & Thursday TIME 6:00-6:45 PM FEE **\$65 per person** (for 8 lessons)

For those who are new to the water or are just not comfortable in the water. This class will teach you the skills you need to be comfortable and safe in the water, while having fun. It will also prepare you to become active in the water.

#### IMPROVING SKILLS

DATES March 4-27

DAYS Monday & Wednesday

TIME 6:00-6:45 PM

FEE \$65 per person (for 8 lessons)

For those that have an understanding of the basic strokes, but would like to build upon that knowledge to improve their skills and swimming strokes.

For more information about Adult Swim Lessons, please call (520) 417-4800 or email Mary Stryker at Mary.Stryker@SierraVistaAZ.gov.



#### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

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Monday - Thursday	7:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday	7:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Saturday	9:30 AM - 5:30 PM

#### **Open Swim Hours**

Saturd	lay	Noon - 5:30 PM

#### **Lap Swim Hours**

Monday - Friday	5:30-8:00 AM
Monday - Friday	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Monday - Thursday	6:00-7:30 рм
Saturday	9:30 – 11:30 ам

#### Splash Time Hours

Monday - Friday	10:00 AM - NOON
Saturday	9:30 - 11:30 AM

NOTE Splash Time is for children 5 years and younger. Children must be accompanied in the water by an adult (18+ years).

#### **HOLIDAYS & CLOSURES**

#### Presidents' Day Open Swim

Sierra Vista Unified School District (SVUSD) holiday weekend-no school.

Friday, February 15 ...... 1:30 - 5:30 PM

#### Presidents' Day

Monday, February 18 ...... CLOSED

#### **SVUSD Spring Break Open Swim**

Mon-Fri, March 18-22......1:30-5:30 PM

#### **Spring Break Bash**

Friday, March 22 ..... 7:00 - 10:00 PM

#### LEISURE SERVICES

Sierra Vista Aquatic Center "The Cove" 2900 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635 (520) 417-4800



# **Spring Break Bash**

DATE Friday, March 22 TIME 7:00-10:00 PM LOCATION The Cove

ADMISSION \$10 per person (all ages)

NOTE Advance tickets are on sale now!

Come celebrate Spring Break at The Cove's Spring Break Bash! We'll have a DJ cranking up the music and the new and expanded Wibit inflatable obstacle course setup to test your skills. We've added a balance beam to check your ability to stay dry and a flip play piece to see how high you can fly. Free pizza and beverages while supplies last. There will be fun for all ages!

#### **ADMISSION**

#### **Open Swim**

Youth (5-17 years)	\$2.50
Adult (18-54 years)	\$4.00
Senior (55+ years)	. \$3.25

Children 5 and under are always free when accompanied in the water by a paid adult (18+ years).

Per	Session	 	 \$3
Splas	sh Time		

Per Child with	Adult\$3	
Extra Adult	50¢	

#### **Swim Passes**

	10 VISITS	20 VISITS	30 VISITS
Youth		\$70	\$100
Adult		\$110	\$165
Senior		\$90	\$135
Lap		\$50	\$70
Splash Time	\$25	\$50	\$70

# AUUatics

### Water Workouts

Exercise in water reduces stress on bones and muscles, provides resistance for strength training, and is a great way to build cardiovascular health.



#### **AQUA CARDIO**

High energy aqua aerobic classes are geared toward anyone looking for a powerful workout.

M&F	8:00-8:50 AM	Beach
DAYS	TIME	PLACE

#### **BODIFS IN MOTION**

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

DAYS	TIME	PLACE
M & F	9:00-9:50 AM	Beach

#### PILATES H<sub>2</sub>O

Target your core and improve flexibility with this unique water fitness class. Using Pilates exercises, with the natural resistance of water, you will tone abdominals, strengthen your back, and improve your balance and coordination. Participants may wear flotation belts and should be comfortable in chest-deep water.

M & F	10:00-10:50 AM	Beach
DAYS	TIME	PLACE

#### **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.

PLACE	TIME	DAYS
Beach	11:00-11:50 AM	M & F
& Warm Pool		

#### **AQUA ZUMBA**

Join the Zumba pool party! Integrate the Zumba formula and philosophy with traditional aqua fitness disciplines.

DAYS	TIME	PLACE
M & W	6:00-6:50 PM	Beach

#### **DEEP WATER**

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

DAYS	TIME	PLACE
T & Th	6:00-6:50 PM	Lap Pool

#### WATER WORKOUT CLASS FEES

8 visits\$	44
6 visits	33
4 visits \$	22
1 visit	\$6

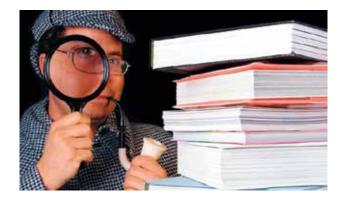
Prices are monthly—no rollovers!

#### KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Visits are issued to a single person. Discounted prices must be used for one class and are not interchangeable.
- All visits must be used during the month. Unused visits will not carry over to the following
- Activities can be purchased at The Cove or the Oscar Yrun Community Center. All activities are nonrefundable, nontransferable, and will expire at the end of each month.
- Participants are not permitted to enter the water prior to being instructed to do so.
- Instructors are subject to change without notice and may be substituted occasionally.
- Classes are subject to cancellation due to insufficient registration/enrollment.

# Adults at the Library

## It's About the Books



#### AN HOUR TO KILL — MYSTERY AND CRIME BOOK CLUB

DATES Friday, February 1 Friday, March 1 Friday, April 5 TIME 1:00-2:00 PM LOCATION Meeting Room

Swing by with your bagged lunch for a lively discussion on popular mystery titles, make new friends, and engage if your brain—if you dare!



#### FICTION WRITERS CLUB

DATES Saturday, February 16 Saturday, March 16 Saturday, April 20 TIME 2:30 - 3:30 PM LOCATION Conference Room

In this workshop-style meeting we'll discuss different writing processes. After discussion we'll have a 20-minute writing period, and follow that up by sharing some of our work.

#### LIBRARY SERVICES

Sierra Vista Public Library 2600 E. Tacoma Street Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635 (520) 458-4225

Library@SierraVistaAZ.gov



#### **BOOK DISCUSSION**

DATES Wednesday, February 20 Wednesday, March 20 TIME 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM LOCATION Conference Room

Book discussions are open to anyone who loves to read and discuss books. The titles for each month are as follows: February: Native Son by Richard Wright, March: I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou, and May: As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner.

# **Technology** at the Library



#### **DIGITAL LIBRARIAN**

DATES Tuesday, February 19 Tuesday, March 19 Tuesday, April 16 TIME 4:00-5:00 PM LOCATION Reference Desk

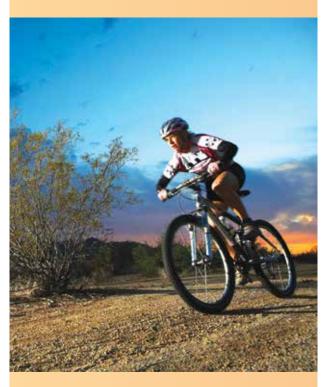
Do you need help downloading an electronic book or audiobook, making the most of your tablet, or accessing the library's online databases? We are here to help you navigate life's many digital challenges.

#### COMPUTING MADE EASY

These computer classes cover basic keyboard and mouse instruction, Microsoft Word, email and file management, basic home computer care, and more. Classes are held on the first and second Tuesday of the month in the programming conference room from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Please call or stop by the circulation desk to register.

## **Tuesday Talks**

Talks and presentations discussing a wide range of subjects, including history, politics, human origin, science, motivation, the arts, travel, food, and the environment. Admission is free and no registration is required!



#### **BIKES & BOOTS**

Adventures on the Arizona Trail

LOCATION Meeting Room

DATE Tuesday, February 12 TIME 1:00 PM

Three adventurers tell their tales of hiking and biking the entire trail. Our adventurers are dedicated preservationists and recreationists of the Arizona Trail and will share stories and poetry that address what motivates them to hike and bike the trail, as well as some of the challenges, rewards, and a bit of the bizarre and unexpected.

Sarah Ruth Jansen won the Arizona Trail Race 750, a mountain bike race from Mexico to Utah along the Arizona Trail in 2016. Heidi Blankenship is a wilderness ranger, artist, and wanderer. Steve Chaffee is a retired national park ranger, who completed a solo backpacking journey along the 800 mile length of the Arizona Trail.

#### HEALERS, QUACKS, AND ELIXIRS Medicine Men and Men of Medicine

in Old Cochise DATE Tuesday, March 12

TIME 1:00 PM LOCATION Meeting Room

#### **FANNY AND ME**

The Story of a Geezer, a Yard Sale Bike, and a 4,000-mile Trip Across America

DATE Tuesday, April 9 TIME 1:00 PM LOCATION Meeting Room

# Adults at the Library

### **Stacks After Sunset**

Adults ages 18 and up are invited to visit the library after hours to enjoy our special Stacks After Sunset programs! Registration is required for all of these events except Chinese New Year. Call (520) 458-4225, stop by the library, or email Susan.Abend@SierraVistaAZ.gov to sign up.



#### **CHINESE NEW YEAR**

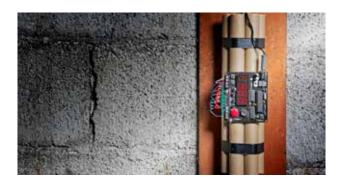
DATE Friday, February 15 TIME 5:30-6:30 PM LOCATION Meeting Room

Celebrate the year of the Pig! Make up fortune cookie sayings, play Chinese dominoes, decorate New Year red envelopes, and play a fun Chinese new year celebration trivia game! No registration is required.

#### TRIVIA NIGHT

DATE Thursday, February 21 TIME 6:00-7:30 PM LOCATION Meeting Room

Have a hilarious good time and loosen those social inhibitions at our '80s Trivia Night.



#### **BOND NIGHT**

with Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes

DATE Thursday, March 21 TIME 6:00-7:30 PM LOCATION Meeting Room

It's all fun and games until someone blows up! One player is trapped in a virtual room with a ticking time bomb they must defuse. The other players are the "experts" who must give the instructions to defuse the bomb by deciphering the information found in the bomb defusal manual. But there's a catch: the experts can't see the bomb, so everyone will need to talk it out—fast!

DATE Friday, March 15 TIME 5:30-6:30 PM LOCATION Meeting Room

Upcycle a Library Rocks T-shirt Tote into a fun tote bag that's perfect for the park, beach, or going to the mall—no sewing required! All you need for this project is a T-shirt, scissors and a ruler. Easy peasy, lemon squeezy!



#### SILHOUETTE PAINTING

DATE Thursday, April 18 TIME 6:00 - 7:30 PM LOCATION Meeting Room

Whether you're hoping to create some simple, cost effective decor for your home or just hoping for fun crafts, silhouette painting is an awesome option. It's also easy to do! Bring your creativity and a canvas, while we provide the instruction and other supplies! The only thing left to get is a little inspiration.

#### POM POM KEY CHAIN

DATE Friday, April 19 TIME 5:30-6:30 PM LOCATION Meeting Room

These fun and colorful key chains are easy to do yourself. You can try your hand at making solid or multicolored poms. We'll show you how!

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### **Job Skills Labs**



#### SOFT SKILLS FOR THE WORKPLACE

DATE Friday, February 1 TIME 5:30 - 7:00 PM LOCATION Meeting Room

Some of the most important professional skills for workers and employers alike simply cannot be taught in a classroom or measured on paper. These traits are called soft skills and they're more crucial to your job search and overall career than you think. Registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225, stop by the library, or email Susan.Abend@SierraVistaAZ.gov to sign up!

#### **ONLINE JOB SEARCHING**

DATE Thursday, March 14 TIME 10:30 - 11:30 AM LOCATION Meeting Room

Job seekers today have a plethora of online career placement services from which to choose. It's easy to feel overwhelmed when trying to narrow down all the ads and bring the process into focus. Learn how to navigate this online world. Registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225, stop by the library, or email Susan.Abend@SierraVistaAZ.gov to sign up!



#### **RÉSUMÉ BUILDING**

DATE Thursday, April 4 TIME 5:30 - 7:00 PM LOCATION Meeting Room

Using provided software, we will help build your résumé, save it, and show you how to upload it online. Registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225, stop by the library, or email Susan.Abend@SierraVistaAZ.gov to sign up!

# Adults at the Library

# Spanish at the Library

When you hear two people speaking rapid, fluent Spanish, it's almost as if they're doing some kind of complex, secret handshake. Are you longing to become a card-carrying member of the top secret Spanish conversation club? Are you ready to break into some basic conversational Spanish? Just try our conversational Spanish sessions that are starting up again at the library.



#### **SPANISH I**

DATES April 3-June 26

DAY | TIME Wednesday, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

LOCATION Meeting Room

A 12-week course to help you get started with basic conversational Spanish.

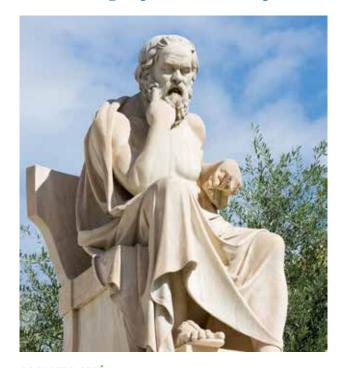
#### SPANISH II

DATES April 1-June 24 DAY | TIME Monday, NOON-1:00 PM

LOCATION Meeting Room

This 12-week conversational Spanish course is a continuation of the Spanish I.

# Philosophy & History at the Library



#### **SOCRATES CAFÉ**

DATES Fridays, February 8 & 22 Fridays, March 8 & 22 Fridays, April 12 & 26 TIME 10:30 - 11:30 AM

**LOCATION Conference Room** 

Socrates Cafés are held globally, where people from different backgrounds assemble to exchange useful ideas, analysis, and experiences while embracing the Socratic



#### **AWESOME OBJECTS**

DATES Monday, March 18 Monday, April 15 TIME 1:00 - 2:00 PM LOCATION Meeting Room

Join Museum Curator Nancy Krieski for a hands-on program exploring the awesome power of objects. The museum's collection will serve as inspiration for a little local history and fun! See page 17 for more details.

## Fun at the Library



#### **PUZZLE EXCHANGE**

DATES Friday, February 8 Friday, March 8 Friday, April 12 TIME 3:30 - 3:50 PM LOCATION Meeting Room

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.



#### **MOVIE MATINÉES**

The library shows movies on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Indie favorites, major studio releases, and even oldies but goodies—you can see them all at the library. Movie Matinées are free and popcorn is available while supplies last. To get a list of upcoming titles, call the library or pick up a Movie Matinée bookmark the next time you stop by the library.



# **Computer Coding**

#### **LEARN TO CODE**

DATES Fridays, February 8 Fridays, March 8 Fridays, April 12 TIME 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Kids learn to code by following Code.org curriculum. The ability to read and follow directions is required. This event is recommended for youth in grades three through five. Registration is required and space is limited. Call (520) 458-4225 to sign up.

#### HOUR OF CODE

DATES Fridays, February 22 Fridays, March 22 Fridays, April 26 TIME 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Youth practice their coding skills at this program that pulls from Code.Org and other online resources at this staff-led event. This event is for youth in grades six and up. Call (520) 458-4225 to sign up.

## **Makerspace**

#### **TEXTILE ARTS**

DATES Friday, February 15 Friday, March 29 Friday, April 12 TIME 4:00-5:30 PM

Using our textile arts materials from the Mobile Makerspace, youth learn different techniques and use those skills to complete projects. In February make a heart-shaped tote bag, in March we'll create wall hangings, and in April we'll construct tic-tac-toe travel bags! This program is recommended for youth in fifth grade and higher. Space is extremely limited. Please call (520) 458-4225 to register!

# **Library After Dark**

#### LIBRARY HIDE-AND-SEEK

DATE Tuesday, March 19 TIME 7:15-8:45 PM

Celebrate Spring Break by playing hide-and-seek in the library! Play variations like Manhunt and Sardines. This event is for youth in grades eight through 12 only. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 to sign up.

#### LASER TAG

DATE Saturday, April 13 TIME 5:00-6:30 PM

Play laser tag in the stacks after the library has closed. Play a board game or make a provided craft while waiting for your round. This event is for youth in grades eight through 12 only. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 to sign up.

# Tweens & Teens at the Library

# Library at Twilight

#### **GEARS OF NERF**

DATE Friday, February 8 TIME 7:00-8:00 PM

In this STEM-based Nerf program, tweens will use STEM concepts and shoot Nerf guns in the library after it closes! Please bring your own Nerf gun if possible. This event is for youth in grades five through seven. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 to sign up.

#### **SLIME & LASER TAG**

DATE Friday, March 15 TIME 6:30-8:00 PM

Play laser tag and make slime in the library after it closes! This event is for youth in grades five through seven only. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 to sign up.

#### LIFE-SIZED PAC-MAN

DATE Saturday, April 27 TIME 4:30-6:00 PM

Play a life-sized version of the classic arcade game Pac-Man! Maneuver through a maze and escape the ghosts Blinky, Pinky, and Clyde! This event is for youth in grades five through seven only. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 to sign up.

## **Celebrate Black History**

#### PORTRAITS OF FREEDOM AND EQUALITY

DATE Saturday, February 2 TIME 10:00-11:45 AM

In celebration of Black History Month, listen to Langston Hughes' poem "I, Too, Sing America" and explore the themes of freedom and equality in American art. Then participants have a chance to create their own painting! All finished paintings will be hung in the library gallery. This event is for kids in fifth through seventh grades. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call to (520) 458-4225 to sign up.

#### FREEDOM FOR ALL

DATE Saturday, February 2 TIME 1:00 - 2:45 PM

Listen to music that discusses freedom and equality in America while exploring black history in American art. Participants can create their own work of art inspired by the provided media. All finished paintings will be hung in the library gallery. This event celebrating Black History Month is for youth in grades eight through 12. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 to sign up.

## **Just for Fun**

#### ANTI-VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

DATE Thursday, February 14 TIME 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Make duct-tape roses, "unValentines," and other fun crafts at this Anti-Valentine's Day fest! Participate in the cookie decoration contest and try to bring home a prize. All teens are welcome and no boyfriend or girlfriend is required! This is for youth in grades eight through 12 only. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 to sign up.

#### TEEN ANIME CLUB

DATES Thursday, February 28 Thursday, March 28 Thursday, April 25 TIME 4:30-6:00 PM

Watch anime episodes and films ranging from all-time classics to new favorites. This is a drop-in program for youth in grades eight through 12.

#### MARIO DAY

DATE Saturday, March 9 TIME 1:30-3:00 PM

Teens get to celebrate Mario Day one day early and create crafts inspired by our favorite Italian plumber, while playing classic Super Mario! All supplies are provided. This event is for youth in grades eight through 12 only. Registration is required. Call (520) 458-4225 to sign up.



### **Art & Craft**

#### ODD OBJECT PAINTING

DATE Monday, March 18 TIME 4:00-5:15 PM

Paint with odd objects such as cotton balls, Slinkies, and water guns! This event is for kids in grades five through seven only. Space is limited and registration is required Please call (520) 458-4225 to sign up.

#### TEEN CRAFT DAY

DATE Friday, March 22 TIME 1:00 PM

Teens get to make a dream catcher or magnets at this free event. All supplies are provided. This event is for youth in grades eight through 12 only. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 to

# Children & Families at the Library



# **Storytimes**

All morning storytimes will be on a break from April 9 through April 30. They will resume on Wednesday, May 1.

#### **BABY TIME**

DAY | TIME Tuesdays, 10:20 - 10:55 AM

This program is geared for children birth to 18 months. Babies will enjoy songs, movement activities, rhymes, board books, and playtime. Adult participation is encouraged.

#### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

DAY | TIME Wednesdays, 10:20 - 10:55 AM

This program is geared for children 3 to 5 years of age. Children listen to stories and music and create a craft at the end of storytime. Adult participation is encouraged.

#### TODDLER STORYTIME

DAY | TIME Fridays, 10:20 - 10:55 AM

This program is geared for children 18 months to 3 years of age. Children listen to short stories and music, and we offer playtime at the end. Adult participation is encouraged.

#### PAJAMA STORYTIME

DATES Thursday, February 7 Thursday, March 7 Thursday, April 4

TIME 6:30 - 7:15 PM

Kids can get into their pajamas and come to the library for a nighttime storytime! There will be stories, songs, rhymes, and more. This program is for children 5 and under.

# **Something for Everyone**

#### ANANSI THE SPIDER TALES

DATE Saturday, February 9

TIME 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Kids of all ages are invited to join us for tales of Anansi the Spider. These classic trickster tales from West Africa and the Caribbean are full of slapstick humor. We will read some Anansi books and do activities and a craft. This program is for all ages.

#### STEAM SATURDAYS

DATE Saturday, February 16 Saturday, March 2 Saturday, April 13 TIME 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Are you a kid who loves Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics? Then STEAM Saturdays are for you! In February we'll celebrate Jell-O Week with Jiggly Jell-O STEAM, in March challenge yourself with STEAM cards, and join us in April for Peeps Science! This program is recommended for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade and registration is required. Call (520) 458-4225 to register.

#### **LEGO CLUB**

DATES Monday, February 25 Monday, March 25 Monday, April 29 TIME 3:30-4:30 PM

We provide the Legos, you provide the creativity at this fun, free, drop-in event! Each month we explore a different theme to challenge the imagination of our creators! This program is recommended for children in kindergarten through fifth grades.

#### CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION FOR FAMILIES

DATE Thursday, February 21 TIME 3:00-4:00 PM

It's the Year of the Pig! We are celebrating the Chinese New Year with a story, crafts, and activities. This program is for families and children of all ages.

#### LITTLE KID LEGO BUILDERS

DATES Tuesday, February 26 Tuesday, March 26 Tuesday, April 30 TIME 5:30-6:15 PM

Does your little one like to build with Duplos® and other blocks? Bring your child to this fun drop-in event and let them explore the joy of building with different types of blocks. This program is recommended for children ages 1 through 4.



#### **FAMILIES UNPLUGGED**

DATE Friday, March 1 TIME 4:30 - 5:30 PM

It's time to put away your electronic devices and get your family unplugged. The whole family is invited to come and play lots of different games with us and do some bonding. Play with one of our games or bring your family's favorite. This program is for all ages.

#### K-9 VETERANS DAY

DATE Wednesday, March 13 TIME 4:00-4:45 PM

We're honoring some special members of the Sierra Vista Police Department—the K-9 officers! Kids can come to the library to meet and learn all about a K-9 unit here in Sierra Vista. This program is for all ages.

#### FAMILY MOVIE SING-A-LONG

DATE Wednesday, March 20 TIME 4:00-6:00 PM

At this family and sensory-friendly movie, we want you to make noise as we keep the lights on and sing-along to a family favorite film. A themed activity will be available to keep little hands busy!

#### **UNDER THE SEA**

DATE Saturday, March 23 TIME 1:30 - 2:30 PM

We're going under the sea for this special Saturday storytime. We will be reading stories and doing activities and crafts all about life in the ocean. This program is for children ages 5 and under and their families.

#### KITE MAKING

DATE Monday, April 15 TIME 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Let's go fly a kite! We're celebrating National Kite Month with kite building and decorating. If there is a good breeze we'll even test them out. This program is for kids in third through sixth grade—the ability to read and follow directions is required. Space is limited and registration is required. Call (520) 458-4225 to sign up.

#### KIDS KARAOKE

DATE Tuesday, April 23 TIME 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Are you a kid who loves to sing? Even if you don't sound like Beyoncé, come to the library and try out your karaoke skills. This program is for kids of all ages with a love of singing!

#### TEACH A LEISURE CLASS OR CAMP

The City of Sierra Vista is accepting proposals from businesses and individuals seeking to conduct leisure classes or camps. Areas of interest include adult fitness, sports, special interests, arts and crafts, and the fine arts. Proposals will be accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis. Final class schedules and locations are subject to availability of City facilities. Proposals will be kept on file for a period of one year. For more information, or to submit a proposal, contact Recreation Supervisor Zach Moss at (520) 417-4800 or Zachary.Moss@SierraVistaAZ.gov.



#### **BASIC ARCHERY**

Learn the fundamentals of archery and become a better archer with NFAA Master Coach and US Archery Level 4 coach Gerald T. Busha. You will learn the correct form and technique using supplied equipment or bring your own. You will learn the parts that make up the bow and the arrow, how to use the equipment safely, correct arrow release, aiming, and shot sequence. Family enrollment is encouraged; archery is a great family activity.

SESSION CODE 301332-A

DATES March 2-April 6

SESSION CODE 401332-A

DATES April 20 - May 25

DAY | TIME Saturday, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

LOCATION Brown Field

INSTRUCTOR Master Coach Jerry Busha

FEE \$55 per person (per session)

#### **ADVANCED ARCHERY**

This archery class is for students who have completed basic archery and anyone currently shooting archery. Gerald T. Busha is certified NFAA Master Coach and US Archery Level 4 Coach. He will teach advanced archery skills and continue to improve on basic archery skills. Use the supplied equipment or bring your own. You will learn what to expect when competing in local, state, and national competitions. Family enrollment is always encouraged.

SESSION CODE 301332-C

DATES March 2-April 6

DAY | TIME Saturday, 11:00 AM - NOON

SESSION CODE 101332-C

DATES March 20 - May 25

DAY | TIME Saturday, 9:00-10:00 AM

LOCATION Brown Field

INSTRUCTOR Master Coach Jerry Busha

FEE \$55 per person (per session)

# Learn Something New



#### **BASIC CANINE EDUCATION**

This class will teach you to earn respect from your pushy and out-of-control best friend. Dog owners learn the fundamentals of being a truly responsible pet owner and become aware of how great this best friend can be. Education for owners, socialization for your puppy, and gentle, positive training helps your dog develop good manners and learn basic commands. Puppies 8 weeks and older may enroll.

SESSION CODE 201304

START DATE February 9

DAY | TIME Saturday, 8:00 AM

SESSION CODE 401304

START DATE April 2

DAY | TIME Tuesday, 6:15 PM

LOCATION Tompkins Park

**INSTRUCTOR Rocky Boatman** 

FEE \$70 per dog (per session)

NOTE Class end dates may vary due to weather.



#### **BUSY FINGERS**

The "yarn babes" have combined knitting and crocheting into one class. Come on down and join the fun! For knitting, please bring plastic or bamboo knitting needles, size 10. For crocheting, please bring crochet hooks, sizes J or K. Also bring one skein of yarn or your current work in progress. Extra help will be available for half an hour after each class.

DAYS Monday & Wednesday

TIME 1:00 - 2:30 PM

LOCATION Oscar Yrun Community Center

INSTRUCTOR Nancy Wigmore

FFF Free

#### **FIT & FABULOUS**

Looking for a way to improve the quality of your life? This fun class, taught by certified senior exercise instructors, helps maintain your strength, fitness, and flexibility. Wear comfortable clothing—we provide all the equipment.

SESSION CODE 201200-A

DATES February 1-27

SESSION CODE 301200-A

DATES March 1-29

SESSION CODE 401200-A DATES April 1-29

DAYS Monday, Wednesday & Friday

TIMES 9:00-10:00 AM or 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center

INSTRUCTOR Seongok Chang

FEE \$25 per person (per session)



#### WRITING YOUR LIFE STORY

Are you writing your life story for yourself, your family, or for publication? If you are, then this course will get you on track so you can reach your goal. It's for those who have already started on their life story and those who don't even know where or how to begin. Each week there is a new assignment, with group participation and feedback. You'll break through all the barriers so you can tell your story the way you want to. Come join in this fun and challenging class with Frena Gray-Davidson who brings her extensive experience and good humor.

SESSION CODE 200914-A

DATES February 1-March 22

SESSION CODE 300914-A

DATES March 29 - May 17

DAY | TIME Friday, 1:30 - 3:00 PM LOCATION Oscar Yrun Community Center

INSTRUCTOR Frena Gray-Davidson

FEE \$60 per person (per session)

#### LEISURE SERVICES

**Oscar Yrun Community Center** 3020 E. Tacoma Street Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635 (520) 458-7922

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# EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA! SATURDAY, APRIL 13 | 9:00–11:00 AM

Inside THE MALL AT SIERRA VISTA | 2200 El Mercado Loop For kids 10 and under (bring your Easter basket).

Join Leisure & Library Services and The Mall at Sierra Vista for free egg hunts and activities for kids!

### **O** EASTER EGG HUNTS

- At the Food Court

9:10 AM	Age 5
9:15 AM	Age 6
9:20 AM	Age 7
9:25 AM	Age 8
9:30 AM	Age 9
9:35 AM	Age 10

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Ken.James@SierraVistaAZ.gov (520) 458-7922

### **FREE ACTIVITIES**

- Cookie Decorating
- Carnival Games
- Arts & Crafts
- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting
- More!

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