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Inside City Hall

Consistent (and Constant) Responsible Resource Management

by Chuck Potucek, City Manager

AS WE ENJOY THE FINAL WEEKS OF A remarkably productive monsoon in Sierra Vista, it may be easy to forget just how precious a resource water is here and how much work goes into managing it responsibly.

The same could be said of taxpayer dollars. As the City moves forward with major public investments and highly visible projects, what you don't see are the numerous grant applications and years of patience that ensure the City gets the most bang for its buck without adding new costs to our taxpayers.

The City's energy initiative with Schneider Electric speaks to both. Its first phase brought significant improvements to the City's sports fields and facilities that has helped attract new tournaments, dollars, and people to Sierra Vista, while generating major energy and water savings. Now its second phase will build on that success.

The second phase of the initiative is underway and will bring dramatic improvements to the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex, without adding additional burden on local taxpayers. It will also enable the City to save more than six million gallons of water each year through improvements at The Cove and the installation of smart irrigation technology at City fields and parks. That's not even accounting for the savings of using artificial turf to offer a safer, easier to maintain surface for football and soccer.

The City issued \$24 million of bonds for the initiative, which is also funded by a \$1.5 million Land Water Conservation Fund grant. The City is in a favorable position to issue these bonds after celebrating the early repayment of \$38 million of past bonds in January this year. The bonds, secured at a rate of 3.15%, will be repaid with a portion of the City's sales tax reserved for capital improvements.

The initiative also helps the City avoid maintenance costs down the road and generates significant energy savings. You can read more about that initiative in the article about our recent Spotlight Breakfast on page 6.

The six million-plus gallons of water saved in phase II of this initiative are the latest drops in the City's bucket of water management accomplishments made in concert with its regional partners.

Work to balance our local water budget to support the future of both the river and Fort Huachuca spans several decades and has made Sierra Vista a national leader in water management.

Sierra Vista became the first community in the nation to adopt EPA WaterSense standards for new construction in 2013 and has recharged more than 10 billion gallons of treated effluent at the Environmental Operations Park (EOP) since 2002. And numerous projects, efforts, and initiatives go back even further.

In 2021, the City joined the Bureau of Land Management, Fort Huachuca, and Cochise County in signing an agreement reaffirming our commitment to the cooperative monitoring and management of San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area. That agreement now provides the overarching framework for the work being done by partner agencies through the Cochise Conservation and Recharge Network, Upper San Pedro Partnership, and federal Sentinel Landscapes Partnership.

As a member of the Cochise Conservation and Recharge Network, the City is supporting efforts to add near-river stormwater recharge sites. One such site, the Coyote Wash Stormwater Management Project, is located near the EOP and has secured funding through the Department of Defense via the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership.

The City is also a member of the Upper San Pedro Partnership, which recently received some welcome news from the U.S. Geological Survey. In its latest update, the USGS estimated the Sierra Vista's sub-watershed groundwater deficit to be the smallest it has been since the agency began tracking it in 2002.

But we cannot rest on our laurels. With the low hanging fruit picked, we must continue to keep responsible water management top-of-mind to squeeze the most of out of every drop to protect the future of Fort Huachuca, our community, and the San Pedro River.

We are in a strong position both fiscally and environmentally today because we never forget the value of the resources we manage.



New Substation Enhances EMS Response



THE NEW EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES substation constructed on the northeast corner of Buffalo Soldier Trail and 7th Street started operations in August, improving the response of Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services in that area and throughout the community.

The substation was funded in part by a \$1.4 million Defense Community Infrastructure Program grant from the Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation. The location offers rapid access to Fort Huachuca, enabling the EMS crew there to respond if the one located on post is already on a call. It will also improve EMS service to the many soldiers and military families living off post.

Manned 24/7 by an EMT and paramedic with one ambulance, the new station will also benefit all

Sierra Vista residents by reducing response times to areas that were previously underserved and helping SVF&MS keep pace of an increasing call load.

“More than 90 percent of the calls we receive are medical, and this new station will greatly enhance our EMS coverage on the southern end of Sierra Vista while improving our capacity to respond Citywide,” SVF&MS Chief Brian Jones says.

While firefighters train year-round to be ready for fire incidents, the frequency of fire calls has trended down nationwide as safety practices improved. Medical calls are on the increase, however, and the call load has been on the uptick in Sierra Vista. In 2021 the department responded to about 8,800 calls, which is about 850 more than the year prior.

While the aesthetics of the new station have been

made to blend with the nearby neighborhood, it is a state-of-the-art facility. Its automated climate control reduces energy costs, while the crew stationed there will have a full kitchen for meals, weight room, and a bunk area for resting between calls. The facility meets all the latest standards for decontamination of any hazardous materials the crew encounters.

“Every second counts when it comes to emergency medical response, so this new station offers a tremendous benefit to our community,” Jones says.

The department is planning an open house in late September or early October when community members will be invited to check out the new station in-person. Stay tuned for more news as details are confirmed. Follow the Sierra Vista Police, Fire, & EMS Facebook page for the latest updates.

What Else is New at SVF&MS?

Aside from opening its new station, Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services has some other exciting news to share!

SVF&MS Offers Secure Lockbox Program

Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services has partnered with the West and SouthEast REALTORS of the Valley (WeSERV) to offer Sierra Vista residents a Secure Lockbox Program.

Announced on August 23, the program is designed to allow emergency services personnel to access a home in emergency situations where forced entry may be necessary. It is primarily intended for residents who live alone and have a heightened chance of needing emergency care due to age or a medical condition.

Once installed, the lockbox can only be used by emergency services personnel in the event emergency help may be needed. Emergency services personnel includes law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical personnel.

To learn more or apply for a secure lockbox, head to SierraVistaAZ.gov and search for “secure lockbox.”



Knodle Becomes Department's First Female Engineer

WHEN MICHELLE KNODLE JOINED SIERRA Vista Fire & Medical Services nearly eight years ago, she looked up to the engineers who were charged with getting crews to and from scenes safely.

“To be able to move into that role is really exciting,” Knodle says.

Following her recent promotion, Knodle became the department's first female engineer and is now responsible for knowing all the ins and outs of her crew's fire engine. As the first level officer, Knodle also serves as a liaison between the captain and crew, ensuring communication flows and everyone stays on the same page.

Knodle quickly decided this was the career and department for her once she got exposure through an EMT course at Cochise College. She did her ride-alongs with SVF&MS, which gave her a good glimpse of the whole life of the profession.

“I really enjoyed everything about it,” Knodle says. She joined because she liked being able to help people, so it's no surprise she looks for opportunities to offer extra assistance while on medical calls.

Offering that little extra education and care can

help prevent subsequent calls and is a hallmark of the department's philosophy. The SVF&MS mission statement speaks to that culture, stating “We, the members of Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services, will passionately serve our community by being helpful and kind. Always.”

While Knodle is smaller in stature than many of her fellow firefighters, she never felt unwelcome. Everyone was supportive from day one and allowed her to think things through her own way, sometimes figuring out a smarter way of going about it.

Still, she understands fire and medical service may be intimidating for some, especially for women thinking of it as a male-dominated field. But she admits to having a bit of a stubborn side too, which may have helped her take the leap.

When someone tells her she can't do something, her default response is, “Uh huh, watch me!”

Do you want to be like Michelle and begin a career that enables you to help people when they need it most? SVF&MS is hiring! Head to SierraVistaAZ.gov and search for “fire & medical employment” to learn more. You can also contact our recruitment team at (520) 417-4400 or SVFMSJobs@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

New Fire Engine Now in Service

SVF&MS recently replaced its old 75-foot aerial apparatus at Fire Station 2 with a 107-foot Ascendant ladder truck that residents may now see out around town.

The old fire engine was a 2004 model with more than 150,000 miles on it. The new one not only serves as a needed replacement, but it also adds additional height, enhanced maneuverability, and the ability to use foam as a fire suppressant, which will conserve water.

Moving Forward

City Spotlights Plans & Projects

MORE THAN 120 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE City's annual Spotlight Breakfast in August to hear about the City's recent progress with key strategic objectives, upcoming projects, and outlook for the future.

Assistant City Manager Victoria Yarbrough highlighted how everything City staff does is orchestrated by plans established by the public and the City Council. It all starts with the City's voter-approved General Plan, which is updated and adopted every 10 years. The next one will be placed on the ballot in November 2024 and the extensive public input process informing the plan will begin next year.



The General Plan is a major component of the City Council's strategic planning process, which takes place every two years and identifies objectives for staff to tackle in the next two years. The City's new Parks and Recreation Master Plan was developed in response to a Strategic Plan objective and then adopted by the City Council. The parks and recreation plan lays out about \$40 million in maintenance and improvements the Council has set a goal to accomplish in about 10 years.

Yarbrough detailed how the second phase of an energy initiative with Schneider Electric will make significant progress in implementing that plan and tackling specific Strategic Plan objectives set by the City Council. It was developed following the success of the first Schneider initiative, which resulted in major energy and water savings for the City. It also generated about \$3.3 million in economic impact for the community over three years thanks to improved fields that helped draw in tournaments and visitors.

Now getting underway, phase two of the initiative

will tackle redevelopment of the Veterans Memorial Park Sports Complex to include replacing the old Apache Middle School football field and track. The new field and track will be a modernized facility with artificial turf and efficient LED lights suitable for both soccer and football. It will also feature bleachers with a capacity for more than 2,000 people.

Other sports-related improvements include the installation of two new lighted basketball courts, lights at the tennis courts and future sand volleyball courts, plus the inversion and improvement of the softball field. ADA accessible pathways between parking and facilities will also be constructed.

This initiative will advance Sierra Vista's commitment to responsible energy and water use with the installation of a smart irrigation system Citywide, significant renovations at The Cove, solar covered parking spaces, numerous facility renovations and building envelope upgrades, the installation of LED lighting at multiple facilities, the addition of EV charging stations in public parking lots, and more. The smart irrigation system and Cove improvements will save more than six million gallons of water each year.

The project is estimated to generate more than \$37 million in savings, cost avoidance, and direct revenue in its 25-year lifecycle. In that time, it will have an estimated economic impact of \$101 million by drawing additional tournaments, people, and dollars to the community.

"This will be a great injection of dollars into the community and will be paid for without any additional dollars coming from local taxpayers," Yarbrough says.

The \$26 million initiative is being paid for with municipal revenue bonds paid back with a portion of the City's sales tax revenue dedicated for capital improvements. About \$1.5 million of the cost is covered by a Land Water Conservation Fund grant.

Economic Opportunities and Challenges

City Manager Chuck Potucek gave Spotlight attendees a snapshot of the City's economic outlook and outlined some of the significant issues the City is focused on.

The local economy has been on a positive trend for the last several years, helped by a rebound in population. Between 2012 and 2017, amid federal cutbacks, Sierra Vista's population declined from nearly 46,000



to 44,000. In the last four years that trend reversed and Sierra Vista's population is once again climbing near 46,000 people.

"People are moving to Sierra Vista. We really try to position and market Sierra Vista as a great place to come," Potucek says. "You can work from home, you can retire here, you can bring a family here and there are plenty of job opportunities."

Speaking of job opportunities, Potucek shared how Sierra Vista, like much of the country, has a low unemployment rate of 3.9%. Yet there are about 780 available jobs in Sierra Vista. Many of these jobs require technical skills with defense contracting, healthcare, and education having the most openings, followed by retail and restaurants. Potucek explained that means the City must focus on assisting local partners to train the workforce for available jobs needed now and in the future.

Hiring and retention has emerged as a significant issue for employers nationwide and the City is no exception. It has been an especially difficult environment for hiring police officers and dispatchers, which will continue to be a major focus area for the City.

Other significant issues Potucek highlighted include partnering with Fort Huachuca to balance the local water budget, managing the City's Public Safety Personnel Retirement System liability, maintaining neighborhood streets despite declining funds from the state, and helping people in difficult circumstances.

VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

To watch a video presentation shared at the Spotlight Breakfast and view the presentation slide decks, head to SierraVistaAZ.gov/our-city/departments/city-manager/spotlight-breakfast. The video details recent major accomplishments to include significant progress in the revitalization of the West End and the completion of the Avenida Escuela extension.

Community Development

Apply for Emergency Home Repair Program



KEEP OVERGROWTH IN CHECK

Sierra Vista has been fortunate to enjoy above average rainfall this summer, but that also means lots of growth for grass and weeds.

Please remember to cut or spray any grass and weeds on your property before they reach 12 inches or more in height. At that point it becomes classified as overgrowth in the City code, which is the most common complaint the City's code enforcement officers receive in the summer and fall.

Homeowners and renters are responsible not only for the growth in their front and back yards but also in the right-of-way surrounding their properties. That means it is the residents' responsibility to keep the sidewalk and alleyway adjacent to their property clear of overgrowth too!

Keeping overgrowth in check helps prevent pests. Together we can keep our neighborhoods safe and looking great!

For assistance or more information, call (520) 417-4413.

HOMEOWNERS LIVING IN SUBSTANDARD housing conditions can apply for emergency repairs under a City of Sierra Vista program funded by Community Development Block Grant dollars.

The Emergency Home Repair Program is open to owner-occupied Sierra Vista households that meet Department of Housing and Urban Development low and moderate-income qualifications. Eligible repairs are limited to issues affecting habitability of the home such as: a lack of running water, electricity, or heating/cooling; leaking water lines, gas lines, or fixtures; or other deficiencies that pose an immediate safety risk. Accessibility modifications for the elderly or disabled are also eligible.

Each household can receive a general maximum of \$10,000 in assistance under the program currently

authorized for this round of federal funding, which ends when all \$50,000 of the allotted grant funds have been spent

"This program aids homeowners who are struggling with serious issues with their house and may not have the resources to cover repairs on their own," Community Development Director Matt McLachlan says. "We hope to provide improved safety and quality of life for homeowners who need it most."

Applications will be considered based on eligibility under the program and priority of the emergency repairs. Application forms are available online at SierraVistaAZ.gov by searching for "emergency home repair" or in-person at City Hall. For more information, call the Community Development Department at (520) 417-4413.

Do I Need a Permit?

IF YOU'RE PLANNING SIGNIFICANT WORK ON your home, there is a good chance you need a building permit from the City before moving forward.

Building permits ensure projects are completed safely and meet current standards. Even if your contractor suggests a permit may not be required, it's best to do your own due diligence. This ensures your insurance is valid in the event of a mishap and prevents any unwelcome surprises down the road, like when you sell your home.

It's not uncommon for homeowners to think a minor do-it-yourself project does not need a permit. Some common examples are the construction of sheds, new or replacement water heaters, new or

replacement HVAC systems, demolition of any kind, and the construction of fencing. Permits can even help guide you through your DIY project.

The following list includes the most common home projects that require permits:

- Accessory structure
- Addition
- Attached/detached garages
- Demolition of any kind (interior or exterior)
- Electrical (residential or commercial)
- Fencing of any kind
- Fireplace
- Gas conversion
- Gas pressure test
- HVAC (new or replacement)
- Patio/carport
- Plumbing
- Remodeling
- Reroof (full tear off)
- Service upgrade
- Sewer repair
- Sewer connection
- Sheds of any size
- Solar (install or replacement)
- Spa (new or replacement)
- Swimming pool
- Water heater (new or replacement)

To apply for a permit or inquire whether one is needed, call the City Community Development Department at (520) 417-4413 or stop by City Hall at 1011 North Coronado Drive.

Extraordinary Outings



KIDS' NIGHT OUT

While mom and dad are away, the kids can stay to play! Drop off your child(ren) for an evening to yourself. Child(ren) must be potty-trained, and preregistration is required. Sign up by calling the Oscar Yrun Community Center at (520) 458-7922 or by visiting WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov. For more information, call (520) 458-7922 or email LeisureServices@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Pizza Party!

The kids will make their own personal pizzas for dinner (or a post dinner snack!) and enjoy a night of activities just for them in a safe environment with supervision.

Friday, Oct. 21 | 6 – 10 PM | EBC | \$30 per person (ages 5 – 12)

Pajama Party!

The kids can come in their pajamas and bring their favorite “stuffie” for a night of fun activities in a safe environment with supervision.

Friday, Nov. 18 | 6 – 10 PM | OYCC | \$30 per person (ages 5 – 12)

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT: PUZZLE PICTURES

Join us at Friday Family Fun Night to create a puzzle picture. We will supply the canvas and puzzle pieces to create your own work of art. Feel free to bring puzzle pieces if you have your own to use too! Sign up by calling the Oscar Yrun Community Center at (520) 458-7922 or by visiting WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov. Space is limited. Register now!

Friday, Nov. 4 | 6 – 7:30 PM | The Art Studio (OYCC) | \$5 per person (ages 5+)

SPOOKY SATURDAY

Calling all boys and ghouls! Join us for creepy crafts, ghostly games, and a haunted hunt in the botanical gardens. Come dressed in a Halloween costume for added fun! First come, first served, while supplies last. For more information, call (520) 458-7922 or email LeisureServices@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Saturday, Oct. 29 | 10 AM – NOON | Sierra Vista Public Library Meeting Room
Free for children 10 and under

SENSORY SCIENCE FUN!

Do you like science you can play with? Join us for Sensory Science Fun! We will provide supplies and instructions to complete a couple hands-on science experiments. At least one adult per family is required to participate. Sign up by calling the Oscar Yrun Community Center at (520) 458-7922 or by visiting WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov. Space is limited! Register early. For more information, call (520) 458-7922 or email LeisureServices@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Tuesdays | Sept. 20, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 | Drop in between 3:30 – 5:30 PM
The Art Studio (at the OYCC) | 3020 E. Tacoma St.
Free for ages 5 – 10 (preregistration is required)



Oktoberfest 2022

Sierra Vista's largest and best fall festival is coming! Enjoy two days of family fun and entertainment. It is the perfect time to enjoy delicious cuisine available from a variety of food vendors. Live entertainment will enthrall you at Der Biergarten and excitement abounds with the Sun Valley Rides Carnival. Make your plans now to come out and fill your weekend with great entertainment!

Friday, Sept. 16 | 5 – 11 PM | Veterans Memorial Park
Saturday, Sept. 17 | 11 AM – 11 PM | Veterans Memorial Park
Sunday, Sept. 18 (carnival only) | 11 AM – 7 PM

Entertainment Schedule

Friday, Sept. 16
5 – 7 PM | Sauerkrauten Glockenspielen Oompah-pah Band | Main Tent
7 – 11 PM | The Hamptons | Pavilion Stage

Saturday Sept. 17
1 – 4 PM | Sauerkrauten Glockenspielen Oompah-pah Band | Main Tent
7 – 11 PM | The Hamptons | Pavilion Stage



Vineyards in the Park

Sample Arizona's best vintages while you relax in the park. This festival coincides with the Huachuca Art Association's Art in the Park so you can find your favorite artists and wines in one place! Bottle and glass sales available at each vineyard booth.

Get two extra tastings when you purchase advance tickets for \$25 (includes wine glass and 12 tasting tickets). Tickets on the day of the event will be \$30 (includes wine glass and 10 tasting tickets). Additional wine sampling tickets will be available for purchase at the event.

Tickets are available on Eventbrite.com by searching for “Vineyards in the Park 2022” or by scanning the QR code on the back page ad of this issue of VISTAS. Admission to the park is free. Please keep your personal pets at home. No animals except for ADA approved assistance animals will be permitted.

Saturday, Oct. 1 | 11 AM – 6 PM | Veterans Memorial Park

REC & ROLL

You are invited to join us for Rec & Roll! These events feature fun, family-friendly activities for all to enjoy. They are available to kids of all ages at no cost. Come enjoy our local parks with backyard games, crafts, and more!

Saturday, Sept. 3 | 10 AM – NOON | Tompkins Park
Saturday, Oct. 8 | 10 AM – NOON | Len Roberts Park

Extraordinary Outings



SIXTH ANNUAL SKY ISLAND TOUR

Pick your distance from a 5-mile fun ride to a 62-mile adventure and enjoy a scenic bicycle tour of Sierra Vista and surrounding areas.

The popular 20-mile ride has a new route, and everyone starts and ends at The Mall at Sierra Vista this year. The rest of this favorite annual event is still the same, with proceeds from this casual cycling tour benefiting the National Alliance on Mental Illness Southeastern Arizona.

For route maps, registration, and more information, head to SkyIslandTour.com.

Saturday, Oct. 1 | 7 AM – 2 PM | Mall at Sierra Vista | Price varies



National Night Out

Enjoy a free evening of family-friendly fun while learning about area law enforcement agencies and programs at the local National Night Out event hosted by the Sierra Vista Police Department.

A wide variety of area public safety agencies, community groups, and organizations will share information, offer demonstrations, and host activities at the event. Sales of hot dogs, chips, and drinks will benefit local Christmas with a Cop programs.

Tuesday, Oct. 4 | 5 – 8 PM | Veterans Memorial Park



MURDER MYSTERY COMEDY SHOW

Enjoy dinner, wine, and a show as the Fault Line Players present *The Sock Hop Homicides*, a spoof of *Happy Days*, set in the 1950s.

This event will showcase food from the Book Nook Café, located in the Sierra Vista Public Library, and wine from Sonoita Vineyards. A four-course meal will be provided. **FIRST COURSE:** Autumn salad with pears, apples, pecans, goat cheese, dried cranberries, and sunflower seeds paired with Baja Booz. **SECOND COURSE:** Roasted butternut squash soup topped with coconut cream, maple syrup and pumpkin seeds paired with Arizona Sunset. **THIRD COURSE:** Meatloaf, potato salad, and sweet peas with pearl onions paired with Petite Sirah. **FOURTH COURSE:** Brownie paired with Desert Nectar.

Registration will run through close of business October 7 or until the event is sold out. Register online at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov, over the phone, or in person at the Ethel H. Berger Center or Oscar Yrun Community Center. Payment of \$80 per person is due at time of registration. Bring some cash to tip the performers and caterers!

For more information, contact Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 or Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Saturday, Oct. 15 | 1 – 3 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center
\$80 per person (ages 21+) | Tickets available until Oct. 7



16th Annual Bearcat Pull for Special Olympics

Teams will compete in four categories by pulling the Sierra Vista Police Department's 17,500 pound Lenco Bearcat 25 feet as fast as they can! Registration fees are \$175 or \$200 depending on the team's category. Teams are encouraged to raise funds to support the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Arizona. Register by October 1 to receive free T-shirts for team members.

Registration forms are available online at SierraVistaAZ.gov (search for "Bearcat Pull") or at the police department. For more information, call Officer Tracy Grady at (520) 452-7500.

Sunday, Oct. 23 | 9 AM | Veterans Memorial Park

SONOITA WINE AND BEER TASTING TOUR

Let us do the driving to Sonoita as we venture out to Rune Wines for five tastings of wine and then head over to Arizona Hops & Vines for another five tastings of wine, along with the complimentary Cheetos they say are the perfect pairing with their wine. Our final stop will be Copper Brothel where you can enjoy a beer flight, or if you want to stick with wine, you can have a glass of the Copper Brothel house wine. All of this is included in the price of the tour. Copper Brothel has a food menu for you to order supper, which is not included in the price of the tour. Registration will run through close of business October 28 or until the trip is sold out, whichever comes first.

Register online at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov, over the phone, or in person at the Ethel H. Berger Center or Oscar Yrun Community Center. Designated pick up/drop-off point in Whetstone will be available. Please call to arrange for designated Whetstone pickup if needed. Payment is due at time of registration. For more information, call Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 or email Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Saturday, Nov. 5 | 11 AM – 5 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center
\$85 per person (ages 21+) | Registration closes Oct. 28

Extraordinary Outings

27TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE

The City is making plans for its Annual Veterans Day Parade. If your group would like to take part, you may email Leslie.Bryant@SierraVistaAZ.gov. Stay tuned for more news on event details.

Friday, Nov. 11 | 9 – 10 AM | Fry Blvd.



ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING & HOLIDAY MARKET

Mark your calendar for the City's Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Market! On Friday, the Sierra Vista Community Band will perform at 5:00 p.m. and the Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. Santa will arrive after the ceremony to meet local children and take their letters, while the holiday market and children's activities will remain open throughout the event. On Saturday, the Desert Swing Band will perform a Christmas Concert at noon. Then the park entrances and exits will close from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. for the chamber's Christmas Light Parade. Once the parade ends, the shopping and children's activities continue until 9:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 2 | 4 – 9 PM | Veterans Memorial Park
Saturday, Dec. 3 | 11 AM – 9 PM | Veterans Memorial Park



SENIOR HOLIDAY DINNER

The holiday season is around the corner and our popular Senior Holiday Dinner event will again be hosted at the Ethel H. Berger Center this November! All active adults (55+) are invited for a delicious traditional holiday dinner. Entertainment and door prizes will add to the fun. Tickets will be on sale at the Ethel H. Berger Center from September 12 to November 4 or until sold out. All tickets must be purchased in advance, and the choice of apple or pumpkin pie must be given when purchasing your ticket.

Limited table reservations of eight are available and will be filled on a first-come first-served basis; tickets for each seat at the reserved table must be paid in full at the time of the table reservation and all individuals names must be submitted at time of ticket purchase. Seating is very limited for this year's event so get your tickets early! Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 4 p.m. Please call Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 for more information.

Tuesday, Nov. 15 | 4 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center | \$16 per person



YULETIDE MARKET HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Artisans across Cochise County have been busy working on their wares to sell at this favorite annual bazaar! This bazaar will feature assorted gifts to choose from including glassware, jewelry, holiday decorations, oils and soaps, and much, much more. This date is a must for your calendar! For more information, contact Leslie Bryant at (520) 439-2312 or email Leslie.Bryant@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Saturday, Dec. 10 | 9 AM – 3 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center

GASLIGHT THEATER *TWO-GUN MCGRAW* TRIP

Join us as we travel to the Gaslight Theatre in Tucson and enjoy the laughter of *Two-Gun McGraw*. Package includes round-trip transportation from the Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC), show ticket, and popcorn. A limited menu from Little Anthony's Diner will be available for purchase at the theater, as well as your favorite beer or soft drinks. Registration starts November 7 and will run through close of business December 23 or until the trip is sold out. Register at the Oscar Yrun Community Center (OYCC) or the EBC. Payment is due at time of registration.

There will be a designated pickup/drop-off point in Whetstone and Benson available if needed. Please call to arrange for the designated Whetstone or Benson pickup, if required. For more information, contact Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 or Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023 | 12:30 – 7 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center
\$80 per person (ages 18+) | Registration Nov. 7 – Dec. 23



FALL HOURS

Customer Service Hours

Monday – Thursday | 5:30 AM – 8 PM
Friday | 8 AM – 5:30 PM
Saturday & Sunday | 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Lap Swim Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday | 5:30 AM – NOON
Tuesday | 5:30 – 9 AM
Saturday & Sunday | 8 – 11:30 AM
Monday – Thursday | 6 – 8 PM

Water Walking Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Friday | 5:30 – 9 AM
Wednesday & Thursday | 5:30 AM – NOON
Saturday & Sunday | 8 – 11:30 AM
Monday & Wednesday | 6:30 – 8 PM
Tuesday & Thursday | 6 – 8 PM

Splash Time Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday | 9 AM – NOON
Saturday & Sunday | 8 – 11:30 AM

Open Swim Hours

Through Aug. 31: Saturday & Sunday | NOON – 5:30 PM
Starting Sept. 1: Saturday & Sunday | 1 – 5:30 PM

Shallow Water Open Swim Hours

Wednesday | NOON – 3 PM

CLOSURES

Buena High School Swim Meets

Thursday, Sept. 1 | NO EVENING ACTIVITIES
Thursday, Sept. 15 | NO EVENING ACTIVITIES
Thursday, Sept. 29 | NO EVENING ACTIVITIES
Thursday, Oct. 13 | NO EVENING ACTIVITIES

Fall Break

Monday – Friday, Oct. 10 – 14
Check the website or call The Cove for schedule details.

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, Nov. 24 | CLOSED

ADMISSION & ACTIVITY PASSES

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



At a pleasant 80° to 85°, Sierra Vista's indoor aquatic center, The Cove, features a zero-depth beach style entry at one end, two enclosed tube slides, a warm water pool with jets, sunning decks, a shallow water kids' lagoon with a water slide, a snack bar, a diving pool, and eight 25-yard lap lanes for competitions or exercise. This 36,500-square-foot facility includes locker rooms for men, women, and families.



Fall Swim Lessons

We will be offering fall swim lessons soon. Please head to SierraVistaAZ.gov for the latest information.

Water Workouts

Exercise in the water reduces stress on bones and muscles, provides resistance for strength training, and is a great way to build cardiovascular health. The Cove hosts a variety of regular water workout classes ranging from Aqua Zumba to Pilates H₂O. Water workout class fees are \$48 per 4-week/8-class block. Learn more at SierraVistaAZ.gov or by calling (520) 417-4800.

Winter Closure

The Cove will be closed from December 5 through February 24 for a major renovation that will enable the facility to operate more efficiently and save about 1.4 million gallons of water each year.

Museum

The Historic West End

New Exhibit Coming Soon!



Fry, Arizona c.1939 (photo courtesy of Fort Huachuca Museum)



Fry, Arizona c.1955 (property of the Hauser Museum, photo originally from U.S. Army)

THIS EXHIBIT WILL EXPLORE THE EARLY development of Sierra Vista directly outside the gates of Fort Huachuca. Beginning with the movement and meeting of cultures, it will emphasize the Buffalo Soldiers, people of Mexican and/or Yaqui descent, and settlers who formed most of our nascent community. It will also highlight the growth and

development of the West End, the later movement of goods and services further out, and the push for downtown revitalization.

The exhibit is expected to open in mid- to late-September. Follow the City of Sierra Vista Library, Recreation, and Cultural Services Facebook page for the latest updates.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

We are hosting new Saturday youth programs at the Henry F. Hauser Museum for children ages 5 to 11 years old! Space is limited, so please email Museum@SierraVistaAZ.gov or call (520) 439-2306 to reserve your spot today.

Chocolate Chip Excavation

Saturday, September 10 | 11 AM – 1 PM

Tin Foil Hojalata

Saturday, September 24 | 11 AM – 1 PM

Exploding Ghosts

Saturday, October 8 | 11 AM – 1 PM

Tissue Paper Marigolds

Saturday, October 22 | 11 AM – 1 PM

Mola Art

Saturday, November 5 | 11 AM – 1 PM

Apache Woven Bowls

Saturday, November 19 | 11 AM – 1 PM



GENIE CLUB MEETINGS

Explore your ancestry and learn about genealogical resources! The Genie Club meets the first Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Sierra Vista Public Library Meeting Room.

- Oct. 5 | In the Beginning — In Pursuit of Vital Records
- Nov. 2 | The Importance of Citations
- Dec. 7 | Sharing Your Family Lore & Traditions
- Jan. 4, 2023 | Navigating Extensive Search Sites
- Feb. 1 | How to Find and Search CLUSTERS
- Mar. 1 | Brick Walls — Back to the Beginning
- Apr. 5 | DNA, Your Questions Answered
- May 3 | Leadership Planning for 2023 – 2024 Season

Fall at the Fry Cemetery!

COMMUNITY OFFRENDA

The City of Sierra Vista and Sierra Vista Historical Society are honoring the deceased by creating a community offrenda at the Fry Pioneer Cemetery. The public is invited to bring copies of pictures of their loved ones to the Henry F. Hauser Museum throughout September to be laminated and then to join us on Saturday, October 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the cemetery to place their pictures. The offrenda will be on display until November 3.

Saturday, Oct. 3 | 10 AM – 1 PM | Fry Pioneer Cemetery | 112 N. 7th St.

DUSK WITH THE DEAD

The City of Sierra Vista, working closely with the Arts & Humanities and Cultural Diversity Commissions, is hosting an evening cemetery tour with a twist this fall.

Participants will walk amongst the graves on a guided tour to learn about and interact with Sierra Vista's historical figures buried in the cemetery. Actors will be in period costume, enthralling those who attend with their diverse stories based on real people including early settlers, Fort Huachuca icons, and Yaqui descendants from nearby Mexico. Docents will be on hand to guide visitors from story to story. Apple cider will be served outside the gates to help warm everyone up, sponsored by the two commissions.

This is a free event that lasts approximately 20 to 30 minutes to complete the full circuit. The last guided tour will take place at 8:30 p.m. Please bring warm clothing, comfortable shoes, and a flashlight.

Saturday, Oct. 29 | 6 – 9 PM (guided tours each 30 minutes)

Fry Pioneer Cemetery | 112 N. 7th St.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE CEMETERY

This All Souls Day, we invite you to join us for Father Adolf's annual blessing of the Fry Pioneer Cemetery. The blessing will be accompanied by the St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church choir and a Knights of Columbus honor guard.

Wednesday, Nov. 2 | 4:30 PM | Fry Pioneer Cemetery | 112 N. 7th St.

Library Adds New Resources for Parents



THE SIERRA VISTA PUBLIC LIBRARY RECENTLY installed two new family workstations so parents can use a computer while their little ones enjoy a safe, engaging play area right next to them.

Located in the back of the library near the study rooms, these new workstations reflect how workplaces have adapted better meet the needs of parents and families. The library followed suit with the help of funding from the Little Library Bookstore.

And that's not all! Using grant funds, the library also recently acquired several early literacy and Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math tablets pre-loaded with brain-stimulating games, stories, and videos for children. Called PlayAway Launchpads, each one offers different content and has its own age range recommendation. They do not connect to the internet.

The Launchpads are available to Sierra Vista Public Library card holders and can be checked out for 14 days. They can also be placed on hold.

The library also offers mobile hotspots, which are high demand items now that school is back in session. These are also available for Sierra Vista library card holders and can be checked out for 14 days. There is a limit of one per household and patrons can also put these on hold.

While these are the latest additions at the library for children and students, the library has plenty more to offer too, including a variety of online resources. These resources are free with a Sierra Vista library card, to include [Tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com), and you can learn more about what's available at SierraVistaAZ.gov/our-city/departments/library/learning.

Youth & Family Programming



Morning Storytimes are Back!

The library's weekly baby, preschool, and toddler storytimes return September 6 through December 2. Parents are encouraged to enjoy our weekly storytimes together with their children. Storytimes last about 30 minutes.

BABY STORYTIME

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

Tuesdays | 10:30 AM

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

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.

Wednesdays | 10:30 AM

TODDLER STORYTIME

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.

Fridays | 10:30 AM

Evening Storytime

MUSIC & MOVEMENT STORYTIME

Join us for an evening storytime full of moving, singing, and talking. There will be interactive songs, stories, and activities. This program is recommended for children ages 5 and under and their families.

Thursdays | Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 | 6:30 PM

ART FOR LITTLE HANDS

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

Monday, Sept. 12 | 11:30 AM – NOON

Thursday, Oct. 13 | 11:30 AM – NOON

Saturday, Nov. 19 | 10:30 – 11 AM

EXPLORE AN ARTIST: ED EMBERLEY

Discover Ed Emberley through his books and drawing style. Create a scene filled with people and animals all made with your fingerprints! All supplies are provided. This program is for youth ages 5 to 11.

Monday, Sept. 12 | 4:30 – 5:15 PM



LEGO CLUB

Are you ready to build your dream home? Or a spaceship to blast off into the galaxy? Look no further because we have a pile of LEGO just waiting to be used! Each month we will explore a new STEAM topic using our LEGO engineering skills. This program is recommended for youth ages 5 through 12.

Thursdays | Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 | 4 PM

Library Programs

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

Library

Youth & Family Programming

KIDS CODE

Using a modified [Code.org](https://code.org) curriculum youth learn to code at this fun, free program! This program is recommended for youth ages 7 through 11 and participants must be independent readers.

Fridays | Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 | 4:30 – 5:15 PM

READ! BUILD! PLAY!

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

Saturdays | Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 5 | 10:30 – 11 AM



HALLOWEEN BINGO

Get the whole family together and come play Halloween-themed bingo at the library. This fun, kid-friendly version of bingo has players finding Halloween pictures instead of numbers. Players are welcome to come dressed in costume. This program is for kids of all ages.

Friday, Oct. 28 | 4:30 – 5 PM

WILD ABOUT WEATHER

Calling future meteorologists! We're exploring all different kinds of weather through books and different science experiments. This program is for youth ages 5 to 11.

Thursday, Nov. 10 | 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Tween/Teen Programs

TEXTILE ARTS

Learn different textile art forms from sewing to cross stitch to weaving. A great way to channel your creativity and create something interesting. Check at the library for each month's project. These programs are drop-in, with all supplies provided. This program is for youth ages 10 and up.

Tuesdays | Sept 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 | 4:30 – 6 PM

CARDS AGAINST HUMANITY

Play Cards Against Humanity: Family Edition at this relaxing teen program. This program is for youth ages 12 and up.

Thursday, Sept. 22 | 6 – 7 PM

TEEN CRAFTERNOON

Try your hand at a different craft every month, from hand-made gifts to décor and more! Check at the library for each month's project. These programs are drop-in, with all supplies provided. This program is for youth ages 12 and up.

Tuesday, Sept. 27 | 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Thursday, Oct. 20 | 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Saturday, Nov. 12 | 2 – 3 PM



TEEN PAINT NIGHT

Show off your creativity this harvest season with an offbeat take on pumpkin décor! We'll spend an evening painting on pumpkins. You can follow along with the instructor, or branch off and create your own works of art. This program is for youth ages 12 and up. All supplies provided while they last.

Friday, Oct. 14 | 4 – 5:30 PM

Adult Programs

It's About the Books

AN HOUR TO KILL: MYSTERY & CRIME BOOK CLUB

Swing by the library with your bagged lunch for a lively discussion on popular mystery and crime titles, make new friends, and engage your brain—if you dare! The fun starts at 1 p.m. in the Sierra Vista Public Library Meeting Room on the first Friday of each month, unless otherwise noted. No registration required. You can reserve your copy of the books online at CochiseLibrary.org or pick up one of the copies kept at the circulation desk.

Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley
Friday, Sept. 9 | 1 PM

Quiet in Her Bones by Nalini Singh
Friday, Oct. 14 (shifted to second Friday) | 1 PM

Arsenic and Adobo by Mia P. Manasala
Friday, Nov. 4 | 1 PM

WRITERS CLUB

Are you an experienced or budding author and want support? Then join the Writers Club. This volunteer-led group's purpose is to help each other learn in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Monthly themes covered can range from character development to plot structure and more.

2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month | 5 – 6:30 PM

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Do you enjoy delving deeply into books and discussing them with others? Then check out our monthly title and come talk about it on the third Thursday of the month! Book discussions are open to anyone who loves to read and discuss books. Reserve your copy online at CochiseLibrary.org or pick up one of the copies kept at the circulation desk.

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah
Thursday, Sept. 15 | 11 AM – NOON

The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles
Thursday, Oct. 20 | 11 AM – NOON

These are My Words by Nancy Turner
Thursday, Nov. 17 | 11 AM – NOON

Fun at the Library

BOOK/PAPER PROJECTS

Join us in creating some fabulous paper, folios, mini books, and other literary and paper projects. Stop by the library's meeting room to craft and socialize at this event.

Folio Making

Thursday, Sept. 8 | 1 PM

3D Letters & More

Thursday, Nov. 3 | 1 PM

Greeting Cards

Thursday, Oct. 13 | 1 PM

WEAVING 101

Are you interested in learning how to weave? Join us for some textile fun. We will make our looms and begin basic weaves. Stop by the library's meeting room to create, socialize, and have fun at this event.

Rounds

Monday, Sept. 19 | 4:30 PM

Knots

Monday, Nov. 21 | 4:30 PM

Braiding

Monday, Oct. 17 | 4:30 PM



SPICE IT UP! A MONTHLY CULINARY EXPERIENCE

Beginning the first day of the new month, pick up the new monthly spice selection at the reference desk along with a list of suggested recipes to create masterpieces in your home kitchen. Use one of the recipes provided, find one on your own online, or use one of the many cookbooks at the library to experience a new culinary flavor. Pick up of kits is optional: you may also use the same spice located in your own cabinet. Show up for a discussion at the end of the month to chat about recipes used, celebrations and setbacks encountered, and swap ideas with your fellow budding Master Chefs. There is no registration to attend, but attendees should have participated in the challenge to take part in the discussion.

Saffron | Thursday, Sept. 29 | 4 PM

Star Anise | Thursday, Oct. 27 | 4 PM



PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Love doing jigsaw puzzles but need new ones? Bring your puzzles to trade during this fast-paced and free event!

3rd Friday of the month | 3:30 – 3:45 PM

MOVIE MATINÉES

Enjoy an Indie favorite, major studio release, or even an oldie but goody. Call or stop by the library to check out the monthly calendar or get a Movie Matinée bookmark for titles. Popcorn provided while supplies last.

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month | 1 PM

Spanish at the Library

BASIC SPANISH CLASS

When you hear two people speaking rapid, fluent Spanish, it is almost as if they are doing some complex, secret handshake. Are you longing to become a card-carrying member of the top-secret Spanish conversation club? Are you ready to practice some basic conversational Spanish? We will introduce you to pronunciation, essential words and phrases that apply to social situations, business transactions, emergencies, and more.

Wednesdays | 5:30 – 6:30 PM

CONVERSACIONES CONTINUA

Join us for our more advanced off-the-cuff conversational Spanish classes. Participation is highly encouraged so that attendees use and become more familiar with the Spanish language.

Mondays | 1 – 2 PM | Meeting Room



Arizona & Beyond

Arizona & Beyond, a collaboration between the Sierra Vista Public Library and Henry F. Hauser Museum, is a speaker series that explores various historical and educational topics relating primarily to Arizona while extending past our borders. Its diverse subject matter appeals to people of all ages and backgrounds, inspiring thoughtful discussion. Join us to explore our state's multi-faceted social, cultural, and environmental landscape and what lies beyond.

MY LIFE IN RUINS

Becky Orozco has spent much of the last 50 years in pursuit of archaeology. How did a girl from Wilcox end up traveling the world (62 countries and counting) and digging up the past? Join us and discover her journey.

Tuesday, Sept. 6 | 1 PM | Library Meeting Room

Technology at the Library

DIGITAL LIBRARIAN

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

BASIC COMPUTER CLASS

This computer class is free form as we concentrate on each student's basic computer requests like how to cut and paste, email, surf the Internet, create folders and move files, etc.

Tuesday, Nov. 15 | 1 PM

Sports



VMPSC Tennis Court Closure Starts September 12

The Veterans Memorial Park Sports Complex (VMPSC) tennis courts will be closed starting September 12 while construction of improvements at the sports complex begins. The courts will remain closed into spring 2023. In the meantime, the tennis courts at Buena High School will be available for public use until dusk on Wednesdays after noon and on Saturdays and Sundays starting at 7 a.m.



FALL PEE WEE SPORTS CAMP

This fun camp offers girls and boys ages 3 to 5 the opportunity to develop essential motor skills and help prepare them with tools they need for fun and successful experiences in an organized program. The camp 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. Register at the City of Sierra Vista Sports Division. Call (520) 515-4999 for more information.

Saturdays, Oct. 1 – Nov. 5 | 8 – 9 AM | Location
\$50 per child | by Sept. 21
\$60 per child | Sept. 22 – 28



FALL 2022 ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Come play 5-on-5 basketball on Friday nights (some games may be on Thursday, depending on the number of teams registered) at the VMPSC Gym. The league will consist of eight games with a single elimination tournament. Players 16 and 17 years old can play with signed waiver from parents.

Registration is currently open and runs until the coaches meeting September 9. The coaches meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the Sports Division.

League starts Sept. 15 | 6 – 10 PM | VMPSC Gym | \$450 per team



Archery Classes

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 you're welcome to bring your own. You will learn the parts that make up the bow and arrow, how to use the equipment safely, correct arrow release, aiming, and shot sequence. Family enrollment is encouraged—archery is a wonderful family activity. The class is open to beginners and current archers ages 10 and older.

Session 5: Saturdays, Sept. 17 – Oct. 22 | 9 – 10 AM

Session 6: Saturdays, Nov. 12 – Dec. 17 | 10 – 11 AM

Brown Field | \$55 per person, per session

ADVANCED ARCHERY

This archery class is for students ages 10 and up who have completed basic archery and anyone currently shooting archery. Gerald T. Busha is a certified NFAA Master Coach and US Archery Level 4 Coach. Use the supplied equipment or bring your own. Learn what to expect when competing in archery competitions and build your existing skill set. This class is for ages 10 and older.

Session 5: Saturdays, Sept. 17 – Oct. 22 | 10 – 11 AM

Session 6: Saturdays, Nov. 12 – Dec. 17 | 11 AM – NOON

Brown Field | \$55 per person, per session



THUNDERBOLT YOUTH TRIATHLON

This USAT-sanctioned swim, bike, and run event is for kids ages 5 to 17 years old and their parents. For the 5- to 10-year-olds it will consist of a 50-yard swim, 3-mile bike ride, and 0.5-mile run. For the 11- to 17-year-olds it will consist of a 200-yard swim, a 6-mile bike ride, and a 1-mile run. Kids can compete as an individual or as part of a relay team.

There will also be wave (or waves) for parents of participants who want to join the fun. There will be awards for the fastest combined time of mom plus child and dad plus child. Parents will race the same course as the 11- to 17-year-olds.

Register early to save some money! Registration is available at <https://runsignup.com/Race/AZ/SierraVista/ThunderboltYouthTriathlon>.

Saturday, Oct. 29 | 9 AM – Noon | The Cove | Price varies



2023 Youth Coed Recreational Basketball League

Girls and boys, ages 5 to 15, get ready for a fun season! Registration begins Monday, September 12, at the Sports Division, located at 3401 E. Fry Boulevard, next to the Rothery Educational Service Center. This is the only location that will accept basketball registrations. Participants will need to try on a jersey or T-shirt to enable staff to order the correct sizes. A \$10 late fee will be charged for registration after November 18.

The tip-off for the 2023 Youth Coed Recreational Basketball Program is tentatively set for the middle of January. Practices will begin early January 2023. League divisions are determined by participants' ages as of December 31, and through a mandatory skill evaluation for certain age divisions.

All participants in the Bantam, Junior, and Senior

divisions must attend the mandatory skills evaluations for their division to be selected or drafted on a team. Slots are limited. Should registration exceed available slots, participants will be placed in the draft based on registration date from earliest to latest until all slots are filled. Please call (520) 515-4999 for detailed information.

ALL SKILLS EVALUATIONS TAKE PLACE AT THE VMPSG GYM, LOCATED AT 3305 E. FRY BOULEVARD.

Division*	Ages	Fee	Skills Evaluation
Pee Wee	5 & 6	\$75	Not required
Mighty Mite	7 & 8	\$75	Not required
Bantam	9 & 10	\$85	Dec. 7 at 6 PM
Junior	11 & 12	\$85	Dec. 8 at 6 PM
Senior	13 - 15	\$85	Dec. 9 at 6 PM

*Divisions might change due to enrollment numbers.



YOUTH BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED

Are you interested in coaching in the 2023 Coed Youth Basketball Program? The Sports Division is looking for more than a few good men and women volunteers (18 and older) who would like to pass on their knowledge, skills, and abilities to community youth, ages 5 to 15.

Volunteer applications are available at all Leisure Activities facilities or at SierraVistaAZ.gov. Please submit volunteer applications directly to the Sports Division at 3401 E. Fry Boulevard by close of business on December 3. Applications will be reviewed and team slots assigned based on need as determined by participant enrollment. Please call (520) 515-4999 for more information.

Uncommon Recreation



Arts & Crafts

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

  **BUSY FINGERS**
Mondays & Wednesdays | 1 – 3 PM | EBC

  **WOODCARVERS**
Wednesdays & Fridays | 1 – 3 PM | EBC





Games

  **BILLIARDS FOR LADIES!**
Fridays | 10 AM – NOON | EBC

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

  **EUCHRE CLUB**
Wednesdays | 11:30 AM – 3 PM | EBC

  **PARTY BRIDGE**
Wednesdays | 1 – 4 PM | Sierra Vista Sports Division

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

Sparks Recreation Programs

Sparks provides opportunities for kids enrolled in kindergarten through sixth grade to have fun in a safe environment. It is a group-based recreation program featuring on-site activities such as arts & crafts, games, and sports for a safe, fun-filled break. For children enrolled in grades K–6 for the 2022–2023 school year.



FALL BREAK RECREATION PROGRAM

Registration closes September 30. Program is unavailable on Monday, October 10, due to the Columbus Day holiday.

Tuesday – Friday | Oct. 11 – 14 | 6:40 AM – 5:30 PM
Bella Vista Elementary School | 801 N. Lenzner Ave.

Schedule Options & Fees

1 day: \$30
2 days: \$60
3 days: \$85
4 days: \$100

Program attendance fees can be paid with a Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover online, by phone, or in person at The Oscar Yrun Community Center (OYCC). Cash and checks are also accepted at the OYCC. A registration form will be required for children that are not currently registered for the Sparks program. Information can be found at

THANKSGIVING BREAK RECREATION PROGRAM

Registration closes November 11. Program is unavailable on Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Monday – Wednesday | Nov. 21 – 23 | 6:40 AM – 5:30 PM
Bella Vista Elementary School | 801 N. Lenzner Ave.

Schedule Options & Fees

1 day: \$30
2 days: \$60
3 days: \$85

SierraVistaAZ.gov. Program fees for the week must be paid prior to attendance. Spaces are limited, pay early to secure your spot.

Parents, please note that there will be no on-site registration. Register at the Oscar Yrun Community Center or over the phone. For more information call (520) 458-7922.

Uncommon Recreation

Leisure Classes



T'AI CHI CHIH

T'ai Chi Chih is a set of movements completely focused on the development of an intrinsic energy called Chi. It's easy to learn and usually takes about two months (or eight classes) to learn. T'ai Chi Chih consists of 19 movements and one pose. T'ai Chi Chih does not require a particular level of physical fitness or coordination. Movements may be done standing or sitting. No special clothing or equipment is required. The class is taught by certified T'ai Chi Chih instructor, Colleen Knight, and benefits may include peace of mind, improved health, and simple joy. Wear comfortable clothing and bring water.

Beginner Class

Thursdays, Sept. 8 – Oct. 27 | 5:30 – 7 PM | EBC | \$80 per person

Intermediate Class

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

Wednesdays, Sept. 7 – Oct. 26 | 5:30 – 7 PM | EBC | \$80 per person



FIT & FABULOUS

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

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays: Oct. 3 – 31 (no class Oct. 10)

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays: Nov. 2 – 30 (no class Nov. 11 or 25)

9 – 10 AM or 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC)

Fee: \$30 per person, per month

Art Studio

The Sierra Vista Art Studio is an open studio for all kind of creative projects from sculpting to painting to anything else you can dream up! The studio is completely self-directed, with staff available to address questions. Participants are encouraged to bring their own tools, although studio tools are available. Come on down and make some friends!

Open Studio Hours

Wednesday – Thursday | 1 – 8 PM

Friday | 10 AM – 5 PM

Saturday | 10 AM – 5 PM

Fees

25 lbs. of Speckled Buff, Dover White, or B-mix clay: \$23

5 lbs. B-mix clay: \$5

Art Studio Day Pass: \$3

Art Studio Pass: \$10

Locker Rental: \$10 per month



FEATURED PROJECTS

Featured projects are great for kids and adults who would like to make a ceramic project but don't have any experience. The projects change every month and include one pound of clay, two visits to the studio (one to make and one to glaze), and instructions to complete your projects. Only \$10 per project.

Upcoming Featured Projects

🎃 September: Pinch Pot Monsters

🎃 October: Spooky Cat Bowl

🎄 November: Santa Plate

🎄 December: Snowman Candy Dish



GLAZE-A-PIECE

Glaze your choice of bowl, mug, figurine, etc. Available during Open Studio. \$10 per piece.



GLAZE-A-PIECE PARTY

Have a birthday or other special event to celebrate? The Art Studio now offers Glaze-a-Piece Parties held in a private room. Parties can be booked for Saturdays during normal open studio hours.

Room Rental (2 hours): \$60

Additional Hours: \$20 per hour

Discounted Bisque Pieces: \$8



CRICUT TIME RENTAL

If you've ever wanted to use a Cricut but haven't wanted to buy one you can now reserve time on the Art Studio Cricut. Rental includes use of the Cricut, cutting mats, weeding tools, blade, scoring tools and access to Cricut Design Space. Just bring your materials that you would like to cut and an idea! The fee is only \$10 per hour.

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Vineyards in the Park



Enjoy the autumn weather, art, and wine all at one event!

Saturday, October 1 | 11 AM – 6 PM

Veterans Memorial Park | 3105 E. Fry Boulevard

Tickets: \$25 in advance | \$30 day of event

Sample Arizona's best vintages while you relax in the park. This festival coincides with Huachuca Art Association's Art in the Park so you can find your favorite artists and wines in one place! Bottle and glass sales available at each vineyard booth.

Tickets are available on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) by searching for "Vineyards in the Park 2022" or by scanning the QR code at right. Please keep your personal pets at home. No animals; except for ADA approved assistance animals will be permitted.

 Advance tickets include wine glass and 12 wine sampling tickets

 Day-of tickets include wine glass and 10 wine sampling tickets

 Additional wine sampling tickets will be available for purchase at the event

 Admission to the park is free

For more information:

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