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Experience a winter wonderland in Veterans Memorial Park at our annual holiday festivities, complete with an ice-skating rink available all month long!



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Learn all about the 51st Annual Christmas Toy Drive hosted by Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services.



Get Visitor Info with a Swipe! Access visitor information about the Sierra Vista area with our new smartphone app.



Recycle Christmas Trees for Free Find out how residents can recycle live Christmas trees at no cost.



Extraordinary Outings

Get ready for the holidays and then break out your 2023 calendar to save the date for some exciting activities!



Exhibit Delves into History of the West End

The Henry F. Hauser Museum's current exhibit shares the story of the West End from the early days of our community to present day revitalization efforts.



Sign up for Youth Basketball There is still time to sign up for our Coed Youth Basketball League!

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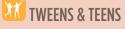
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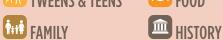














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Thankful for Great Leaders and Engaged Citizens

by Chuck Potucek, City Manager

HIS EDITION OF VISTAS WILL REACH SIERRA Vista residents at a time when many of us are reflecting on what we're grateful for as we prepare for Thanksgiving and the holiday season.

This year in particular I feel gratitude to the leaders and citizens who have helped shape our community for the better. This comes to mind in part because it is an election year and it's always invigorating to see how people's passion for their community drives them to serve it. But that's not the only reason.

Just last month we lost one of Sierra Vista's great leaders in former Mayor Bob Strain, who died on October 29. Prior to becoming mayor in 2007, Strain, a retired Air Force colonel, served about 11 years as a City Council member.

Those who worked with Bob remember him as a fair-minded leader who listened to all points of view and tried to find a constructive compromise when disputes arose. He was charming and affable but could be firm when he needed to. I'm grateful for the wise advice he offered me whenever I brought difficult situations to his attention.

Like many who seek to serve their community, Bob gave of his time and talents selflessly. That's a quality he shared with his wife Jane, who continues to serve on the Cochise College government board today.

Bob's leadership was instrumental in launching the City's strategic planning process, which has been an invaluable tool. This process enables the City Council to translate priorities identified in the City's voter-approved General Plan and any emerging needs into measurable two-year objectives. It has helped us

accomplish many significant projects, while also improving accountability.

Strain was also a champion of local water issues, acting as the first chairman of the Upper San Pedro Partnership Advisory Committee, a role he maintained for about 10 years. The work he began continues to this day, recently culminating in the landmark memorandum of understanding with Fort Huachuca, the Bureau of Land Management, and Cochise County concerning management of the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area.

Much credit also goes to our current Mayor Rick Mueller, whose leadership on water issues and countless plans and projects has been invaluable. Rick's last term will end in December after serving 12 years as mayor and about nine years prior as a council member. I'm grateful for Rick's guidance over the years.

Now the new year brings new leadership to the City Council and also marks the beginning of the process to create the City's next General Plan, Vista 2040. Stay tuned in early 2023 for news on how to help shape that plan and chart our community's future. The Vista 2040 General Plan will be on the ballot in November 2024.

Whether it's by running for office or simply by offering input, our citizens are the ones who make our community something special. I appreciate everyone who, like Bob and Jane, give their time to serve our community in big or small ways. It's one of the many reasons I am grateful to call Sierra Vista home.



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Experience Winter Magic at Holiday Festivities



HE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA CONTINUES TO expand its annual holiday festivities this year, making Veterans Memorial Park a destination for those seeking some winter magic and plenty of fun for the whole family.

Just last year the City expanded its annual tree lighting event into a two-day festivity with a holiday market. That event returns this year on Friday, December 2, from 4 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, December 3, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. It features holiday shopping, children's activities, music, food for purchase, the Old World Santas display, and visits from Mr. Claus himself each night. And that's not all!



IF YOU GO

The Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Market will take place in the center of Veterans Memorial Park on Friday, December 2, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, December 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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, followed by a performance by the Bella Madre Tribal Dancers. Then the park entrances and exits will close from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. for the chamber's Christmas Light Parade. Once the parade ends, Santa will once again visit the park as the shopping and children's activities continue until 9 p.m.



The Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Market will mark the opening of an ice-skating rink with real ice that will be available for public use from the evening of December 2 through January 2, 2023! The cost to skate is \$10 per person per 1-hour block, which includes skate rental. A detailed schedule and registration information will be available soon at SierraVistaAZ.gov/winter-magic.

"We want to make Sierra Vista's Veterans Memorial Park a destination for the holiday season, both to offer our residents an extraordinary experience and to draw in visitors from surrounding areas," City Parks, Recreation, & Library Director Laura Wilson says. "We're thrilled to build upon our holiday traditions and bring our community something new and

The City appreciates the support of its partners and sponsors who help make all the magic happen. The tree that serves as the centerpiece of the event was donated by the Kiwanis Club of Sierra Vista. The Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Light Parade is held in conjunction with the City's festivities on Saturday night, with a route that encircles the park. And the ice-skating rink is supported by sponsors COX Communications and Comfort Inn.





Christmas Light Parade

Registration for the Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Light Parade is open through November 27. This year's theme is "Super Heroes."

Veterans Memorial Park entrances will be closed from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 4, for the parade, so arrive early to get your spot! The parade will head east on Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway from Coronado Drive, go south along Avenida Escuela, then turn west on Fry Boulevard, and head north back along Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Coronado Drive will be closed from of Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway to Tacoma Drive for parade staging from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tacoma Drive and Las Brisa Way, east of Coronado Drive, will be closed starting at 3:00 p.m.

In addition to the parade, the Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce hosts its Light Up Sierra Vista and Santa Fly-In during the holiday season. Learn more about these events at syachamber.com.



Get your Old World **Santas Ornaments**

Attendees to the Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Market will not only get to view the City's Old World Santas display, they can also purchase this year's limited-edition Old World Santas ornaments for \$10 each (cash only) at the event. The Virginia's Santa Claus and Santa's Spotted Grey are featured this year. Proceeds support maintenance of the Old World Santas display. The ornaments are also available for purchase

Residents can vote on their favorite Santa to be featured next year. To vote, or to reserve ornaments for pickup at City Hall, head to SierraVistaAZ.gov/Santas. For assistance, call (520) 458-3315.

Firefighters Host 51st Annual **Christmas Toy Drive**

For over 50 years, Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services (SVF&MS) firefighters have brought joy to local homes by ensuring families in need have something to unwrap for Christmas.

The department's Christmas Toy Drive is getting ready to serve 250 to 300 area families once again. Here's how to help and how to apply for assistance.

How to Help

Donations of new, unwrapped toy and monetary contributions can be dropped off at any SVF&MS fire station until Sunday, December 18.

The department will bag and tag the toys on Saturday, December 17, starting at 1:00 p.m. at Sierra Vista Fire Station 1. Gifts will be delivered on Sunday, December 18, starting at about 8:00 a.m.

For information on how to volunteer to assist this year, contact Don Foster at (520) 417-4400.

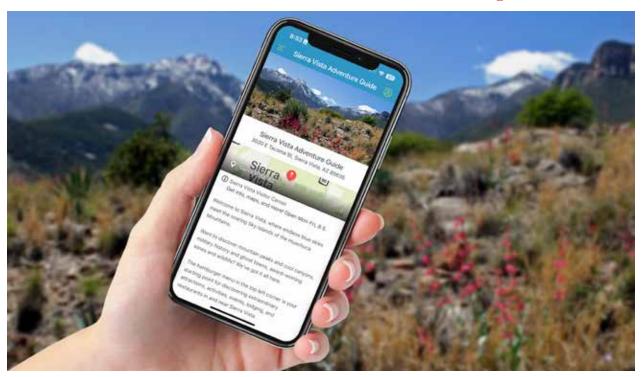
Apply for Assistance

Parents can apply for assistance from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Friday, December 2, and Saturday, December 3, at Fire Station 3, located at 675 Giulio Cesare Avenue. Children newborn to 12 years old living in the Sierra Vista area are eligible to receive assistance.

APPLICANTS MUST:

- Apply in person, not on someone else's behalf
- Present a photo ID and proof of local residency
- Present a utility bill indicating applicant's name and address
- Present documentation for parental or legal guardianship

Moving Forward Get Visitor Info with a Swipe!



HANKS TO A NEW SMARTPHONE APP, IT'S never been easier to access information about what makes the Sierra Vista area an extraordinary place to visit.

The City has launched a free digital Sierra Vista Adventure Guide using the Guide Builder platform. Now visitors and residents alike can access all the info, photos, maps, and fun facts about our beautiful area with a swipe of their finger!

Many residents have family members coming from near and far for the holidays, which makes this the perfect time to have this visitor resource at the ready. And even longtime Sierra Vista residents may find inspirations for new adventures in their own backyard.

DOWNLOAD THE APP!

Head to your smartphone app store and search for "Sierra Vista Adventure Guide." The app is free to download and use. Once you install and open the app, you will be prompted to complete one more download of files needed to launch the Adventure Guide. Then you're off and running! Just use the menu tab on the top left to start exploring the guide.

"Our digital Adventure Guide can help you rediscover what makes the Sierra Vista area so special, while making it easier than ever to introduce friends and family to our extraordinary corner of Arizona," City Marketing and Communications Manager Judy Jones says. "Moving to a digital app ensures we can keep the Adventure Guide filled with the most current information, while also enabling us to offer more interactive experiences."

One such experience invites residents to take a tour through the history of our early community.

Take a Tour of the **Historic West End**

The Sierra Vista Adventure Guide app features a "Historic Downtown Walking Tour" that invites users to take a walk through local history while listening to information about each of the community's his-

Since it's where our community began, it's no surprise many of these historic plaques are located in the West End. With significant progress being made to transform the West End into a walkable, bikeable, downtown environment, this is a great time to revisit the area and learn about its history. It also pairs well

with the Henry F. Hauser's current exhibit telling the story of the West End from our community's first days to the revitalization efforts now underway.

The Historical Site Plaque Project was introduced by the Sierra Vista Historical Society in 2007 and these plagues serve as the stops on the Historic Downtown Walking Tour. While many of the community's early structures were destroyed by fires and replaced over time, this tour tells the story of the sites with historic images and an audio narrative.

One site on the tour located on Garden Avenue was once home to the first structure ever built outside the gates of Fort Huachuca. Now Tombstone Brew Pub is preparing to open its doors at that same location, while working with the Henry F. Hauser Museum to incorporate the site's history into the new facility.

If you're short on data, be sure to download the tour's audio files ahead of time to ensure you're ready to take the tour.

What's Next for the West End?

After celebrating the completion of streetscape improvements along Fry Boulevard in the West End this year, residents may be wondering "what's the next step in the West End?"

Phase two of this streetscape project will take the improvements now in place along Fry west of Carmichael Avenue and extend them along North Garden Avenue from Fry to Buffalo Soldier Trail. This phase is currently under design and the City expects to begin construction in the summer of 2023.

FUN FACTS QUIZ

Do you know these fun facts about Sierra Vista? Find answers to the following questions on the Sierra Vista Adventure Guide app under "Fun Facts."

- Where was the first McDonald's Drive-thru window located?
- What two words did the Old West add to the English language?
- How did Ramsey Canyon get its name?
- What is the Arizona Trail?
- What does Huachuca mean?

Public Works

Recycle Christmas Trees for Free



IVE PINE TREES CAN FILL HOMES WITH THE scent and spirit of the holiday season but too often Christmas trees end up in the landfill once the new year comes. This year, why not resolve to make Christmas a little greener by recycling that tree instead?

Starting Tuesday, December 27, Christmas trees without decorations can be recycled free of charge by dropping them off at the City's Compost Facility on Highway 90. The trees will be turned into high quality compost available for purchase by the truck load at the Compost Facility.

Please remember to remove all tinsel, lights, and ornaments. Only live trees can be recycled, so do not drop off artificial trees. Christmas tree recycling will be available through Saturday, January 28, 2023. This free drop off service is available to all Cochise County residents.

City refuse customers also have the option to schedule a free curbside pickup for their tree by calling (520) 458-7530 by Monday at 5:00 p.m. for a Wednesday pickup. The next Wednesday when green waste pickups may be arranged is on January 11, 2023. These special Christmas tree pickups can also be scheduled by filling out a green waste pickup request form available at SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Prevent a **Plumbing Coronary**

Whether featuring turkey, ham, or both, holiday meals produce a lot of leftovers, including some used cooking grease that all too often makes its way down

In your pipes, this fat, oil, and grease cools and solidifies, creating blockages that can be costly for homeowners and for the City if they form in public pipes. Thankfully there's a way to put all that cooking fat, oil, and grease to good use!

The City enables residents to greasecycle by dropping off used cooking fat, oil, and grease in dry, sealed containers with secure lids at the Compost Facility located at 7201 E. Highway 90. Be sure to use a coffee filter and paper towel to remove the solid bits and residue. It will then be turned into biodiesel fuel!

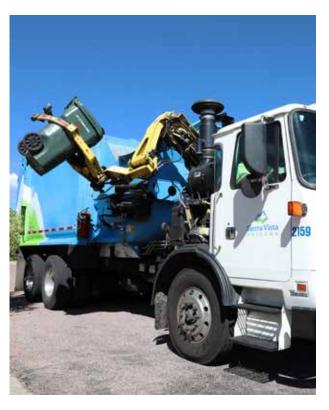
The Compost Facility is located at 7201 E. Highway 90 (at mile marker 325, near the Cochise County Transfer Station). The Compost Facility is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Compost Facility will be closed for Thanksgiving week starting Monday, November 21. It will reopen on Monday, November 28.

Holiday Trash Pickup Changes

The trash pickup on Thursday, November 24, will shift to Wednesday, November 23, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no change to the Friday, November 25, pickup.

The trash pickups for Monday, December 26, and Tuesday, December 27, will be shifted one day later due to the observed Christmas holiday. The trash pickups for Monday, January 2, 2023, and Tuesday, January 3, 2023, will also shift one day later due to the observed New Year's Day holiday.

No special Wednesday pickups will be available these weeks.



Route Changes will Impact Over 3,000 Residents

The City is adjusting its trash pickup routes to improve efficiency starting January 1, 2023.

Customers impacted by the change will receive a postcard and a door hanger notifying them of their new pickup days. The schedule will remain the same for most refuse customers.



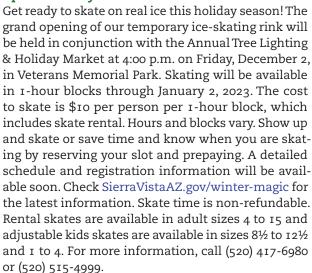
Annual Tree Lighting & Holiday Market

Welcome the holiday season with this longstanding Sierra Vista tradition! The tree lighting ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, December 2, setting Veterans Memorial Park aglow with holiday cheer. Enjoy music by the Sierra Vista Community Band, children's activities, holiday shopping with local vendors, and a special appearance by Santa Claus on both nights!

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



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Dec. 2 – Jan. 2, 2023 | Hours vary | \$10 per person, per hour Veterans Memorial Park



YULETIDE MARKET & HOLIDAY BAZAAR

This is the ideal opportunity to find that "something special" for those on your holiday gift list. Many local artisans (as well as winter visitors) will be showing their wares such as candles, glassware, jewelry, quilts, woodwork, holiday decorations, and much more! The bazaar will feature unique and oneof-a-kind items in addition to commercial vendors. For more information, contact Parmalee Mitchell at Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov or call (520) 439-2300.

Saturday, Dec. 10 | 9 AM - 3 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC)



SENSORY SCIENCE FUN!

Do you like science you can play with? Kids ages 5 to 10 are invited to join us for Sensory Science Fun! We will provide supplies and instructions to complete hands-on science experiments with a new theme each month. One adult per family is required to help. Sign up by calling the Oscar Yrun Community Center (OYCC) at (520) 458-7922 or online at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov. Space is limited and registration is required. Secure your spot early. For more information, call (520) 458-7922 or email LeisureServices@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Tuesdays | Dec. 13, Jan. 10 & Feb. 14, 2023 | Drop in between 3:30 – 5:30 PM The Art Studio (inside the OYCC) | 3020 E. Tacoma St. Free for ages 5 – 10 (pre-registration is required)

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. The fee includes round-trip transportation from the 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 is open and will run through close of business December 23 or until trip sells out.

Register at the 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 | \$80 per person (18+)

Extraordinary Outin



FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT: POTTERY PIECES

The whole family is invited to come play with clay! Guests will each design and glaze a custom pottery tile. Space is limited, sign up to secure your spot. Register by calling the OYCC at (520) 458-7922 or online at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Friday, Jan. 27, 2023 | 6 - 7:30 PM Art Studio (inside the OYCC) | 3020 E. Tacoma St. \$5 per participant, ages 5+ (registration is required)



TUBAC FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS TRIP

Held in the historic art colony of Tubac, the annual Festival of the Arts is the Southwest's longest running arts festival. Highlights of the Festival include more than 250 fine artists and craftsmen, a large assortment of festival eateries, live entertainment, and a wine and beer garden. The artists are integrated throughout the village, along the roadways, plazas' and among more than 125 art galleries, boutiques, specialty shops, and restaurants! We will arrive in Tubac at about 10:00 a.m. and head back to Sierra Vista at 3:30 p.m. Registration starts December 6 and will run through close of business January 27, 2023, or until the trip sells out. Round trip transportation from the EBC is included.

Register at the 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 on pickup if required. For more information, contact Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 or Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023 | 8:30 AM - 5 PM | \$30 per person (18+)



ii Dinner Murder Mystery Comedy Show

This Dinner Murder Mystery Comedy Show will feature Italian food from the Book Nook Café located in the Sierra Vista Public Library and a cash bar. The Murder Mystery Comedy will be I Love You to Death. Registration will start December 1 and run through close of business February 20, 2023, or until sold out. Register online at Webtrac. Sierra Vista AZ. gov, over the phone, or in-person at the EBC or the OYCC. Payment is due at time of registration. For more information, contact Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 or Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023 | 1 – 3 pm | EBC | \$45 per person (18+)





WILLCOX WINE TOUR

Join us as we explore the Willcox wine region. Our first stop will be at the Bodega Pierce tasting room for five wine tastings. Then we will head over to Zarpara Vineyard for five more wines tastings. Our last wine tasting will be at 1764 Vineyards in the Pearce area. We will stop at Sandy's Restaurant & RV Park for supper, which is not included in the tour price.

Registration will start on December 19 and run through close of business March 10, 2023, or until trip is sold out. Register online at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov, over the phone, or in person at the EBC or OYCC. A designated pick up/drop-off point in Whetstone or Benson will be available. Please call to arrange for designated Whetstone or Benson pickup if needed. Payment is due at time of registration. For more information, contact Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 or Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Saturday, March 18, 2023 | 9 AM - 5 PM | \$85 per person (21+)











WALENTINE'S DAY CANDY JARS

Join us to make a clay pot candy jar. Give one as a unique gift for someone you care about or make a fun new decoration just for you! Bring your ideas and we'll provide the rest.

Don't have time to complete the project with us? Purchase a take-and-make set for \$5 to complete on your own. Take-and-make sets will include a clay pot, saucer, glass bowl, and wooden knob. Project completion will require paint and glue not provided.

Sign up by calling the OYCC at (520) 458-7922 or online at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov. Space is limited. For more information, call (520) 458-7922 or email LeisureServices@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023 | 10 AM - NOON | OYCC | \$8 per participant, ages 5+ (registration is required)

SPRING BAZAAR

Our annual Spring Bazaar will feature local artisans from the Cochise County area showcasing their many fares for the spring season. Mark your calendars for this bazaar so you can find fun items to spruce up the house for spring and summer. The bazaar will feature unique and one-of-a-kind items in addition to commercial vendors. For more information, contact Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 or Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Saturday, Mar. 25, 2023 | 9 AM - 3 PM | EBC

TUCSON FOURTH AVENUE SPRING STREET FAIR

This 52-year-old, family-friendly tradition brings over 350,000 people to the heart of the Old Pueblo every year. The Fourth Avenue Spring Street Fair hosts artists from around the world, decadent food, and local entertainment.

We will arrive in Tucson around 10:00 a.m. and head back to Sierra Vista at 3:30 p.m. Registration opens February 7. Register at the OYCC or the EBC. Payment is due at time of registration. Round-trip transportation from the EBC is included in the fee. 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.

Saturday, April TBD, 2023 | 8:30 AM - 5 PM | \$30 per person (18 +)



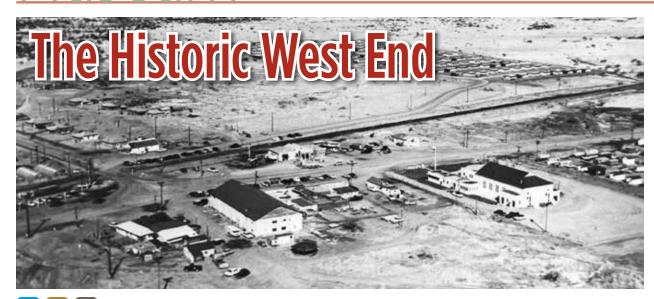


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Registration starts February 6 and will run through close of business March 31, 2023, or until the trip is sold out. Register at the OYCC or the EBC. Payment is due at time of registration. There will be a designated pickup/drop-off point in Whetstone 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, April 16, 2023 | 12:30 – 7 PM | \$80 per person (18+)



THE HISTORIC WEST END EXHIBIT explores the early development of Sierra Vista directly outside the gates of Fort Huachuca. Beginning with the movement and meeting of cultures, it emphasizes the Buffalo Soldiers, Apache scouts, people of Mexican and/or indigenous descent, and settlers who formed most of our nascent community. It also highlights the growth and development of the West End and how much of that was dependent on the influx of soldiers on Fort Huachuca at different times. The exhibit wraps up talking about the movement of goods and services further out and the push for downtown revitalization.

Arizona & Beyond

A collaboration between the Henry F. Hauser Museum and the Sierra Vista Public Library, Arizona & Beyond 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.



Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023 | 1 pm | Sierra Vista Public Library Meeting Room



Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023 | 1 PM | Sierra Vista Public Library Meeting Room

IF YOU GO

Explore The Historic West End during the Henry F. Hauser's regular hours Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The museum is located inside the Ethel H. Berger Center at 2950 E. Tacoma Street.

MAKING MEETINGS MOVE PARLIAMENTARY WORKSHOPS

Join Registered Parliamentarian Saundra Engle for two free workshops that will help you run better meetings. Registration is required for these workshops. For more information or to register, contact the Henry F. Hauser Museum at (520) 439-2306 or via email at Museum@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Part 1: Introductory Course

This workshop provides the basics of running a meeting and includes valuable time-saving tips. Learn what the rules are, how to set an agenda, how to make or handle a motion, and how to manage debate.

Saturday, Jan. 28 | 10 AM – 1 PM | Sierra Vista Public Library Meeting Room

Part 2: Advanced Course

This workshop enables participants to develop effective participatory decision-making skills, learn to handle subsidiary, privileged and incidental motions, learn the rules of elections and voting, and develop skills to be able to serve as an elected officer or chair.

Saturday, Feb. 4 | 10 AM - 1 PM | Sierra Vista Public Library Meeting Room



🙀 🔐 🗈 LUNAR NEW YEAR **CELEBRATION**

Join the Henry F. Hauser Museum as we celebrate the Lunar New Year! This program will explore diverse traditions from a variety of Asian cultures providing interesting background and hands-on activities.

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023 | 1 - 3 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center



Do you have what it takes to escape the museum before time runs out and you become part of its permanent collection? If so, immerse yourself in this West End-themed adventure filled with hidden objects and clues at the Henry F. Hauser Museum! This limited-time escape room challenges teams to test their problem-solving skills and complete a series of challenges to escape to freedom before their 60 minutes expires.

This free escape room will be available throughout February on Friday and Saturday nights at 5:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. It is geared for adults but is open to groups with children of all ages. Reserve a spot today! Call (520) 439-2306 or email Museum@SierraVistaAZ.gov to sign up.

GENIE CLUB MEETINGS

Explore your ancestry and learn about genealogical resources! The Genie Club meets the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Sierra Vista Public Library Meeting Room.

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



Youth & Family Programs

Storytimes

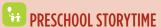
Morning Storytimes Return in the New Year!

The library's weekly baby, preschool, and toddler storytimes return January 3! Parents are encouraged to enjoy our weekly storytimes together with their children. Storvtimes last about 30 minutes.



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



This program is geared for children 3 to 5 years of age. Children listen to stories, dance to 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

Special Storytimes



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 | Dec. 1, Jan. 5 & Feb. 2, 2023 | 6:30 PM

SNOWMAN STORYTIME

We may not get a lot of snow in Sierra Vista, but that doesn't mean there can't be snowmen! Join us for this wintery storytime celebrating snowmen with books, crafts, games, and more. This program is for youth ages 5 and under.

Tuesday, Dec. 6 | 4:30 - 5:15 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, Dec. 19 | 11:30 AM - NOON Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023 | 11:30 AM - NOON Saturday, Feb. 25 | 10:30 - 11 AM

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 | Dec. 15, Jan. 19 & Feb. 16, 2023 | 4 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 | Dec. 17, Jan. 14 & Feb. 11, 2023 | 10:30 - 11 AM

FAIRY GARDENS

Chase the winter blues away and create a garden for fairies, gnomes, or other little creatures. We will provide the basic instructions and supplies, you bring the creative ideas to make your fairy garden come to life! This program is for youth ages 5 through 11.

Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023 | 4 – 5 pm

KIDS PAINT NIGHT

Let's explore the works of American Street Art pioneer Jean-Michel Basquiat! We'll look at different examples of Basquiat's work and then create our own masterpiece mimicking his unique style. This program is for youth ages 7 through 12.

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023 | 2 - 3 PM

Tween & Teen Programs

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.

Saturday, Dec. 10 | 2 - 3 PM Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023 | 4:30 - 5:30 PM Saturday, Feb. 18 | 2 - 3 pm

TEXTILE ARTS

Learn different textile art forms from sewing, to cross stitch, to weaving. This is 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 | Dec. 13, Jan. 10 & Feb. 14, 2023 | 4:30 – 6 PM

MANGA MANIA

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

Wednesdays | Jan. 18 & Feb. 15, 2023 | 3:30 - 4:30 PM

LIBRARY AFTER DARK: LASER TAG

Teens can play laser tag games in the library after it closes. Please register for only one of the sessions. This program is for teens ages 12 through 18. Completed waivers and registration are required before the program. Register online at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Friday, Dec. 9 | 6:15 - 6:45 pm or 6:45 - 7:15 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.

Adult Programs

It's About the Books



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 1:00 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.

The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave Friday, Dec. 2 | 1 pm

The Truth & Other Lies by Sascha Arango Friday, Jan. 6, 2023 | 1 pm

The Great Mistake by Jonathan Lee Friday, Feb. 3 | 1 pm

Paradox Hotel by Rob Hart Friday, Mar. 3 | 1 pm





WRITERS CLUB

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

2nd & 4th 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.

Breakfast with Buddha by Roland Merullo Thursday, Dec. 15 | 11 AM - NOON

Caste by Isabel Wilkerson Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023 | 11 AM - NOON

Thursday, Feb. 11 | 11 AM - NOON

Fun at the Library

HANDMADE CRAFTS & GIFTS

Join us for some relaxing fun on the second Thursday of the month, as we create and explore ideas about fabulous handmade crafts and gifts. For details about specific monthly projects pick up a flyer at the library.

Thursdays | Dec. 8, Jan. 12 & Feb. 9, 2023 | 1 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}

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

PAINT NIGHT

Like to try new things, meet new people, get out and do something creative? Join us for paint night as we let loose with our imaginations. We'll supply the paint and brushes—all you need to bring is a canvas to create your masterpiece.

Wednesday, Dec. 21 | 6 PM Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023 | 6 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.

Spice Club Roundup | Thursday, Dec. 29 | 4 PM Nutmeg | Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023 | 4 PM Cumin | Thursday, Feb. 23 | 4 PM



DISCOVER A WORLD OF FLOURS

This presentation will explore different ways to make flour for cooking and baking. There are traditional flours from corn and wheat, as well as chickpeas, oat, and rice, to name a few. Join us in exploring these novel ingredients and how we can incorporate them into our cooking.

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023 | 1 PM

Technology at the Library

ii Digital Librarian

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

Arizona & Beyond

A collaboration between the Sierra Vista Public Library and the Henry F. Hauser Museum, Arizona & Beyond is a speaker series that explores various historical and educational topics relating primarily to Arizona while extending past our borders. It's 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.



Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023 | 1 pm | Sierra Vista Public Library Meeting Room



Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023 | 1 pm | Sierra Vista Public Library Meeting Room



Spanish at the Library





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 | Jan. 4 - Feb. 22, 2023 | 5:30 - 6:30 PM





iii 📨 CONVERSACIÓNES 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

2023 Youth Coed Recreational Basketball League

Girls and boys, ages 5 to 15, get ready for a fun season! Registration is open 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 and registration will end at close of business on December 7.

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 a 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 Veterans Sports Complex 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.



ii 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 facilities or at SierraVistaAZ.gov. Please submit volunteer applications directly to the Sports Division at 3401 E. Fry Boulevard by close of business 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.



😘 SPRING 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 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. Register at the City of Sierra Vista Sports Division. Call (520) 515-4999 for more information.

Saturdays, Mar. 25 - Apr. 29, 2023 | 8 - 9 AM \$50 per child by March 17 | \$60 after | Registration closes March 24



Arts & Crafts





CRAFT LADIES

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





Mondays & Wednesdays | 1 - 3 PM | EBC





WOODCARVERS

Wednesdays & Fridays | 1 – 3 PM | EBC



Games





ii 👪 BILLIARDS FOR LADIES

Fridays | 10 AM - Noon | EBC



DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Mondays | Noon – 4 PM | EBC



ii 👪 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**

Art Studio

The Sierra Vista Art Studio is an open studio for all kinds of creative projects like sculpting, painting, and just about anything else you can dream up! The studio is completely self-directed, although questions will be gladly addressed. While studio tools are available, participants are encouraged to bring their own tools if possible. So come on down and make some friends! For questions or more information email LeisureServices@SierraVistaAZ.gov or call (520) 458-7922.

Open Studio Hours

Wednesday - Thursday | 1 - 8 pm Friday & Saturday | 10 AM - 5 PM

Fees

Art Studio Day Pass: \$3 Art Studio 10-Visit Pass: \$30 25 lbs. of Speckled Buff, Dover White, or B-mix clay: \$23 5 lbs. B-mix clay: \$5 Locker Rental: \$10 per month



Trif 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**





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

[Hol] November: Santa Plate [Hol] December: Snowman Candy Dish January: Cupcake Box February: Bud Vase



SPEEDBALL ARTISTA TABLETOP WHEEL RENTAL

Practice wheel throwing in the comfort of your own home! You can now rent a Speedball Artista tabletop pottery wheel from the Art Studio for a week or a weekend. Bats, tools, and a tarp to protect your floors are included in your rental.

One week rental (Monday - Monday): \$50* Weekend rental (Friday - Monday): \$30*

*Clay must be purchased separately



KILN SPACE RENTAL

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

One small item (about the size of a mug): Bisque \$3 | Glaze \$6 Full shelf (up to 6 inches tall): Bisque \$12 | Glaze \$15 Half kiln: Bisque \$24 | Glaze \$27 Full kiln: Bisque \$48 | Glaze \$51



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.

Sparks Recreation Program



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 school year 2022-2023.

WINTER BREAK RECREATION PROGRAM

Registration closes December 9. Program is unavailable on Monday, December 26, due to the observed Christmas holiday.

Weekdays | Dec. 21 - 30 (no program Dec. 26) | 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. 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 OYCC or over the phone. For more information, call (520) 458-7922.



Leisure Classes







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 | \$80 per person

Thursdays, Jan. 5 – Feb. 23, 2023 | 5:30 – 7 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center

Intermediate Class* | \$80 per person

Wednesdays, Jan. 4 – Feb. 22 | 5:30 – 7 pm | Ethel H. Berger Center

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







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 | 9 – 10 AM or 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Dec. 2 – 30 (no class Dec. 26)

Jan. 4 – 31, 2023 (no classes Jan. 2 & 16)

Feb. 1 – 27 (no class Feb. 20)

Ethel H. Berger Center | Fee: \$30 per person, per month

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