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Inside City Hall

Small Steps Lead to Big Changes

by Chuck Potucek, City Manager

IN AUGUST WE HELD OUR ANNUAL SPOTLIGHT Breakfast in the Cochise College Community Room, sharing significant City updates with many of our area leaders and residents.

It's always gratifying to be able to gather with many of the people who play key roles in moving our community forward. What we do as a City does not happen in a vacuum and so much of what we accomplish is thanks to working together with partner organizations.

Cochise College itself is a perfect example, as the college just recently celebrated the completion of a new driving track on a piece of City land just east of Fire Station 3. At first blush, this is just a large slab of concrete sitting on five acres but its completion provides law enforcement training a major boost by providing a dedicated space for a driving course.

The track supports training for the Sierra Vista Police Department, Cochise County Sheriff's Office, Southeast Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy, CDL certification, and more. It will also be available for public use when not reserved.

But the track also represents a step towards the college's development of a First Responders Academy, which will have major benefits for both SVPD and Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services. That same evening at the track ribbon cutting, Cochise College also unveiled a first-of-its-kind ambulance simulator that integrates elements of virtual reality as part of ongoing progress to boost first responder training.

So much of what we do is accomplished one step at a time, with projects that may at first seem small netting big benefits for our community. Change does not happen overnight, it takes careful planning, cooperation, and partners willing to help.

Southeastern Arizona Communications (SEACOM) is another great example of regional partnership and collaboration for the benefit of our residents. This regional dispatch center created in partnership with Cochise County and the Cochise County Sheriff's Office continues to expand by adding new subscriber agencies.

The Sierra Vista Unified School District is another key partner for the City. The district's willingness to sell the land behind former Apache Middle School has enabled the City to replace an old track and football field with a modernized sports complex that is now the envy of southeastern Arizona. This provides our youth an extraordinary place to play, while also

furthering Sierra Vista's efforts to bring more tournaments to our community.

We would not have been able to generate the millions of dollars of tax revenue sports tourism has brought to our community in recent years, without the help of our local sports clubs and organizations. They have done a tremendous job making the most of our field and facility improvements, earning Sierra Vista a reputation as a sought-after destination for tournaments.

At the Spotlight Breakfast, we also provided an update on efforts in the West End, where we're seeing major private investment along North Garden Avenue. This investment has been spurred by infrastructure work completed by the City to change the environment in the West End to foster more of a downtown atmosphere. The City's West Sierra Vista Partnership Program has also proven to be an effective way to aid businesses seeking to improve properties in the area, to include adding pieces of public art.

To learn much more about progress in the West End and what's planned next for the streetscape project, be sure to read the feature story in this edition of Vistas starting on page 4.

So much of what we've accomplished in the last several years, was informed by input from our residents that was used to create our last General Plan Vista 2030. We're now starting the process to draft our next General Plan Vista 2040 and need your help to envision what our community can become in the next 10 years.



Please help shape the future of our community by visiting SierraVistaAZ.gov/Vista2040 (or use the QR code here). You will find a link to our engagement page where you can complete a simple online survey. While it may feel like a small step, it's an important one as we develop a shared vision for our community's future.



Partners in Progress Invest in the West End



WITH SIGNIFICANT PRIVATE INVESTMENT along Garden Avenue and numerous business improvements made with aid from the City's matching grant program, revitalization efforts in the West End continue to make progress.

It will still take years of public and private investment to transform the City's historic end of town into the walkable, thriving entertainment district with a downtown atmosphere that residents have long-sought. Yet the completion of streetscape improvements along Fry Boulevard and the expansion of the City's West Sierra Vista Partnership Program, which provides grant assistance to businesses, have helped spark interest and investment in the area.

"Revitalization is happening," says Matt Brown, owner of Tombstone Brewing West End, which opened on Garden Avenue earlier this year. "It's obvious. Two-thirds of our customers are people who have never been to that part of town."

Brown turned down numerous opportunities for the expansion of his Tombstone Brewery in Tucson and the valley before landing on the location in Sierra Vista's West End. What appealed to him most was the opportunity to get in on the ground floor of the area's

downtown revitalization, while being in an excellent location next to hotels and by Fort Huachuca.

"The thing that mattered for us most is what we viewed as a change in culture in Sierra Vista," Brown says. "The idea that the City wanted to try to create something with character, not cookie cutter ... The idea of giving it some sort of soul, especially to the oldest part of town. It seems like people are thirsty for that."

He has already had some great experiences treating the area like a downtown, like getting dinner at a restaurant and then walking with his daughter to get ice cream nearby. He is excited to see a new bar like Tell Mama preparing to open on Fry Boulevard and sees potential for the type of more dense, walkable environment with multiple dining and entertainment options that give communities like Bisbee and Tombstone their nightlife.

The opportunity for Tombstone Brewing West End came about when Ponderosa Hotel Management Services purchased the old Sun Canyon Inn and renovated the property in 2018, converting it into a Best Western Plus. They also acquired the adjacent property where Daisy Mae's Steakhouse was

once located and worked with the City to find a new use for that site, while preserving pieces of history from the old building with the help of the Henry F. Hauser Museum.

Chris Blight, Ponderosa's vice president, later returned to Sierra Vista with his family to celebrate the City's completion of the new streetscape along Fry Boulevard at West Fest in 2022. He's excited to see the changes taking place in the West End and looks forward to the streetscape project extending north along Garden Avenue in the future.

"The next chapter for Sierra Vista is going to be a good one for the whole town. We're bullish on Sierra Vista and its future," Blight says. "I'm excited about the West End. It takes time for momentum to grow."

That momentum is picking up along Garden Avenue as the University of Arizona College of Applied Science and Technology (U of A CAST) announced it's moving into the building adjacent to Tombstone Brewing West End this summer. Coupled with the Cochise County Sheriff's Office purchase of an office building at the north end of Garden and other business improvements, the future in the West End is looking bright.



“Filling these office buildings will bring additional employees and students to the West End, which will support and attract more businesses in the area suited for a downtown entertainment district,” City of Sierra Vista Tourism & Economic Development Manager Tony Boone says. “Coupled with plans for more public improvements, this private investment will help build momentum as we continue work to transform the West End in the coming years.”

City Partnership Grant Boosts Businesses

Since launching in 2018, the City’s West Sierra Vista Partnership Program has awarded more than \$313,701 to over two dozen businesses in the West End, which have in turn invested more than \$4.46 million of private money into the area.

To take advantage of the program, a business must be located in the redevelopment area, which was expanded once in 2019 and again in 2021 to now include 111 acres west of N. 5th Street. The grants can be used to improve business sites inside and out, assisting with needed renovations and the addition of aesthetic improvements to include public art.

“Public, private partnerships are a proven, effective approach to community and economic development,” City of Sierra Vista Community Development Director Matt McLachlan says. “We’re thrilled to see businesses take advantage of the program and to also see it spark interest in adding public art to their sites.”



Next to the future site of U of A CAST, Advanced IT Concepts (AITC) opened on Garden Avenue in August 2022. The company completed interior and exterior

renovations, to include adding bright accent colors on the exterior of their building, with support from the grant program.

“It’s phenomenal. I think the West End has benefited from the City’s program,” says Larry Singer, AITC’s chief business development officer. “We’re very proud of the building and can’t thank the City enough.”

Singer says Sierra Vista needs more culture and nightlife, with things for people to do in a safe environment, without going to somewhere like Tucson.

At the southern end of Garden Avenue, Dr. Ramsey Edwards moved Cochise Dental, Sierra Vista’s oldest dental practice, into a large office space. While the City’s grant program assisted with needed renovation work, it also inspired him to add a piece of public art to the site.



Edwards changed the entrance into the building but still had some customers showing up to the old front entrance. After seeing that the grant could assist with art, he decided to add a statue of Chief Cochise both to block that past entrance and pay tribute to the county’s history. Paired with large saguaro cacti, the office now has a unique look, adding artistic and historic elements that add interest to the area.

Over on Fry Boulevard, in the former location of International Karaoke, Vanessa Laurin is in the final stages of opening her new cocktail lounge Tell Mama, which she improved with the help of matching City grant funds.

“Wanting to be on the West End has a lot to do with the City’s revitalization efforts,” Laurin says. She already has seen more pedestrian traffic along Fry Boulevard this summer, as people take advantage of the new streetscape.

She plans to open in the middle of September and looks forward to hosting live music and other performers several nights a week.

Not all the businesses benefitting from the West Sierra Vista Partnership Program are along Fry Boulevard or Garden Avenue. Juan’s Barber Shop, located on the corner of Wilcox Drive and Carmichael Avenue, recently expanded with help from the program.

“It gave us more ways to succeed, to keep moving forward and making the business bigger,” says Ramon Vasquez, who co-owns the longstanding family

barbershop with Margarita Murrieta. By expanding into the adjacent suite, they were able to hire five more people.

Vasquez is encouraged by the changes he sees on the West End. “In the last couple years, it’s been great. It’s looking really nice with the remodeling on Fry Boulevard. Businesses look better too,” he says.

Garden Avenue Streetscape Project Planned for 2024

Originally planned for 2023, the extension of streetscape improvements from Fry to along North Garden Avenue is now slated for summer or fall of 2024.

Once design was completed, the project came in over the expected budget. At the same time, the City got some encouraging news on the possibility for future grant funding for the project.

While the City’s federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application was not successful this year, it was identified as a project of merit and the City was encouraged to apply again. If successful, the grant would cover not only Garden Avenue but also the extension of the streetscape east along Fry Boulevard to 7th Street, taking care of all future phases as once.

If the City does not receive the RAISE grant next year, a one-year delay will allow it to apply additional budget dollars to the project to still be able to complete Garden Avenue in 2024.



TAKE SELF-GUIDED WEST END MURAL TOUR

Sierra Vista’s digital adventure guide offers a Walking Mural Tour that features many of the sites of public art in the West End. The tour features audio descriptions of each mural, while providing a 30-minute walking route to see them all.

To download the free adventure guide app, search for “Sierra Vista Adventure Guide” in your app store. The app is published by Guidebook Inc.

Moving Forward

Offering a Hand up Out of Homelessness



their start of a second chance,” Dickerson says. It provides Better Bucks board members the chance to see that participants show up on time, are reliable, and work hard, providing potential employers some assurance that they will make good employees.

To date 45 people have participated in the Better Work details. Three people were able to secure full time employment based on direct recommendations from Better Work and another five participants got employment on their own.

Many people in the program did not choose to be homeless but fell on hard times or made mistakes. They are often articulate and motivated but need help to find a way back into employment and housing. Better Work offers a conduit to make that happen.

“We just need to give them the opportunity, show a little compassion, and let them work to the next level so they can succeed.” Borgstadt says. “We’re giving them their dignity back and they’re showing that they really want to improve their situation.”



How to Help

Better Bucks vouchers can be purchased at Sierra Vista City Hall, the Sierra Vista Police Department, the Sierra Vista Public Library, Sierra Vista Gives, and the Sierra Vista Food Co-op. They can be provided to anyone in need and are not limited to people currently experiencing homelessness.

Learn more at [BetterBucksSierraVista.org](https://www.betterbucks.org).

Sierra Vista Community Connect

Better Bucks Sierra Vista sponsors a monthly event where community organizations gather in one location to serve people in need. Sierra Vista Community Connect occurs on the first Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ethel H. Berger Center.

WHEN YOU SEE SOMEONE DOWN ON their luck, it’s natural to want to help but it can be difficult to find a way to do it that will really make a difference.

Launched in October, 2021, Better Bucks Sierra Vista offers a way to help people in need, while also knowing the money given to them cannot be used on items like alcohol, tobacco, or drug paraphernalia. Starting in January this year, the local nonprofit expanded with its Better Work Program, providing people experiencing homelessness a real path toward finding housing and permanent employment.

Better Bucks Sierra Vista was launched thanks to Sierra Vista Police Department Cpl. Scott Borgstadt, who discovered the Better Bucks program in Flagstaff as he researched how to accomplish a Sierra Vista City Council strategic objective seeking to find new ways to help the homeless. The results have been remarkable.

“I think we have definitely seen a reduction in the professional panhandlers in the City. The people who really need the help are extremely appreciative of getting Better Bucks,” says Borgstadt, president of Better Bucks Sierra Vista.

Better Bucks are vouchers that can be purchased and then given out in lieu of cash. They can be redeemed at participating vendors for items like clothing, food, and hygiene items.

Borgstadt recalls giving them to one man soon after the program launched and the person told him how glad they were to be able to buy a razor so they could shave. “Something like that, helping someone out really gives you a great sense of satisfaction,” Borgstadt says.

Since launching in October 2021, Better Bucks Sierra Vista has provided 23,371 vouchers that were redeemed at merchants, resulting in \$25,429.35 in sales at those merchants. Individuals sometimes supplement their Better Bucks purchases with what cash they have available.

“What a giving community we have. It enriches your soul because you’re doing good things for people,” Better Bucks Sierra Vista Vice President Eva Dickerson says.

Better Work Makes a Difference

Seeking to expand on the Better Bucks voucher program, Borgstadt got approval from the nonprofit board and from City management to move forward with a homeless work program last year.

Not even a week later, the Arizona Department of Housing announced a new grant for municipalities to help launch just that type of program. The City applied and was awarded \$52,250 to launch the Better Work Program.

“It was like it was meant to happen,” Borgstadt says.

Launched in January, the Better Work Program allows people experiencing homeless, who must be registered in the Homeless Management Information System, a chance to work and be paid in cash. The participants are tasked with major cleanup efforts on City and state land, clearing up waste and debris left by homeless camps and illegal dumping.

From January through August, the Better Work Program has conducted 14 details and removed 29,540 pounds of trash. Participants receive \$14 per hour worked, a meal, and an opportunity to shower.

“This is their chance to prove themselves. This is

SVPD Leaders Rise Up the Ranks



IN FRONT OF A LARGE CROWD OF OFFICIALS, peers, friends, and family, 13 members of the Sierra Vista Police Department were honored in August at what may have been the department's largest ever promotional ceremony.

The changes started from the top down, with Police Chief Chris Hiser and Deputy Police Chief Lawrence Boutte recently replacing Police Chief Adam Thrasher and Deputy Police Chief Jon Kosmider, who retired this summer. Speaking to those gathered in the SVPD auditorium in August, Hiser reminded those rising through the ranks that much of SVPD's future success falls on their shoulders as leaders.

City Manager Chuck Potucek congratulated those who were promoted, noting that it is a highly competitive process since the department has a lot of good people capable and ready to take on new responsibilities. "We have the best police department in the state," Potucek said.

Hiser himself rose through SVPD's ranks as a 20-year veteran of the department. He has served as detective sergeant, patrol lieutenant, tactical unit commander, and administrative services division commander, while also stepping in as interim director of Southeastern Arizona Communications on two occasions.

With a 25-year tenure with SVPD, Boutte was already a leader and mentor by the time Hiser arrived at SVPD. Boutte was a founding member of the department's tactical unit and has served as an instructor in numerous disciplines over the years.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve this outstanding department in a new capacity and I look forward to supporting Chief Hiser and the great leaders we have moving up the ranks," Boutte said, after being named deputy chief in July.

Once everyone had their badges pinned at the ceremony in August, Hiser congratulated them on their promotions and reminded them that a cohesive leadership team is the cornerstone of any successful police department.

"As leaders, please don't forget what it's like to be a line employee. Good leaders are approachable and available to employees. No matter how busy you may be, always carve out some time to sit and talk to your troops on a daily basis. During those conversations listening is sometimes more important than talking," Hiser said.

He encouraged them to be servant leaders who embrace mentorship and prepare others to follow in their footsteps. And he reminded them that leaders have great influence on an organization's culture.

"Let's work together to strengthen our culture in the areas of service, compassion, teamwork, and professionalism," Hiser said. "I have full confidence in all of you. I promise you as your chief, I hold myself to the same standards. I look forward to working with all of you."

Congratulations to the following SVPD leaders taking on new roles:

Police Chief Chris Hiser
Deputy Police Chief Lawrence Boutte
Police Division Commander Cmdr. Sean Brownson
Administrative Services Division Commander Cmdr. Armin Lewis
Administrative Services Bureau Commander Lt. Lis Chatham
Patrol Bureau Commander Lt. Bill Heiple
Major Crimes Unit Sergeant Paul Youman
Patrol Sergeant Justin Dannels
Patrol Corporal Jenè Stewart
Patrol Corporal Ethan Slusser
Patrol Corporal John Andela
Records Supervisor Megan Sariñana
Senior Records Clerk Trisha Clark

SIERRA VISTA FAITH & BLUE

You're invited to National Faith & Blue Weekend.

Join your local law enforcement and members of your community for a weekend of resolution and reconciliation. National Faith & Blue Weekend is a collaborative effort to build bridges and break biases. Learn more at FaithAndBlue.org.

Sierra Vista's Faith & Blue event is hosted by Lori's Place, the Interdenominational Christian Ministry of Sierra Vista, and the Sierra Vista Police Department.

Friday, October 6 | 1 - 5 PM
Lori's Place | 214 E. Taylor Drive

17th Annual

BEARCAT PULL FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Each year teams fielded by local law enforcement agencies, businesses, and community members tackle an extraordinary challenge to help the Sierra Vista Police Department raise money for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Arizona. 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 September 14 to receive free T-shirts for team members. For more information, call Officer Tracy Grady at (520) 452-7500. Access the registration by scanning this QR code:



Sunday, October 1 | 9 AM | Veterans Memorial Park

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services, in conjunction with several other agencies, will host a brief ceremony in remembrance of those who were lost on September 11, 2001. The public is invited to this tribute to the men and women whose lives were cut short by an act of terror, and those who gave their lives trying to save others. For more information, call Fire Station 3 at (520) 417-4400.

Monday, September 11 | 6 - 7 PM
Fire Station 3 | 675 Giulio Cesare Avenue

Extraordinary Outings

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT: *Dinosaur Cookies (Prehistoric Passport Program)*

Join us at the Ethel H. Berger Center to bake and decorate these dino-mite cookies. Don't wait to sink your teeth into this one, sign up now. Space is limited. Register by calling the Oscar Yrun Community Center at (520) 458-7922 or visiting WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Friday, September 8 | 6 – 7 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center
\$10 per participant (all ages)



OKTOBERFEST 2023

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! Please keep your personal pets at home. No animals except for ADA-approved assistance animals will be permitted.

Friday, September 15 | 5 – 11 PM
Saturday, September 16 | 11 AM – 11 PM
Sunday, September 17 (carnival only) | 11 AM – 5:30 PM
Veterans Memorial Park

Entertainment Schedule

Friday, September 15
5 – 7 PM | Sauerkrauten Glockenspielen Oompah-pah Band | Main Tent
7 – 11 PM | The Hamptons | Pavilion Stage
Saturday, September 16
1 – 4 PM | Sauerkrauten Glockenspielen Oompah-pah Band | Main Tent
7 – 11 PM | The Hamptons | Pavilion Stage



PARENT & CHILD NIGHT OUT: *Charcuterie & Movie*

This special program for kids and their caregivers will introduce children to the joy of making their own charcuterie spreads using everyday kitchen staples such as cheeses, meats, nuts, and dried fruits. An instructor will demonstrate step-by-step directions on how to make visually appealing and tasty boards for home, school, or work. After designing their own board, participants will settle in to watch the new live-action version of Disney's *The Little Mermaid* while enjoying their creations. Light refreshments such as drinks and popcorn will be available during the movie. The cost of this program includes all instruction, supplies, and light additional refreshments. Children ages 8 and up are expected to attend this event with an adult, please. Register at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov. Due to the perishable nature of the supplies, there will be no refunds a week prior to event.

Saturday, September 23 | 5 – 8 PM
Sierra Vista Public Library Mona Bishop Room
\$25 per person (ages 8 and up)

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT: *Dinosaur Clay Fossils (Prehistoric Passport Program)*

Create your own dinosaur fossils with clay! Guests will each design and glaze their own dinosaur fossil. We will provide everything you need to complete your fossil. Space is limited, sign up to secure your spot. Register by calling the Oscar Yrun Community Center (OYCC) at (520) 458-7922 or by visiting WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Friday, September 29 | 6 – 7 PM | Art Studio inside the OYCC
\$6 per participant (all ages)

THURSDAY NIGHT FALL CONCERT SERIES

Join us Thursdays in October at 5 p.m. in Veterans Memorial Park at the Centennial Pavilion for a musical treat as we present our Fall Concert Series. All concerts are free and open to the public. For more information call Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300. Check out the event calendar at SierraVistaAZ.gov or the "City of Sierra Vista" Facebook page to see what band will be playing.



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, October 3 | 5 – 8 PM | Veterans Memorial Park

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT: *Personalized Sensory Bottle*

Come make your own sensory bottle! We will supply a variety of materials so the kids can design their bottle to their liking. Their customized bottle can help them make a break from the chaos and get mesmerized by the contents. Best of all, they are so much fun! To register call the Oscar Yrun Community Center at (520) 458-7922 or visit WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Friday, October 6 | 6 – 7 PM | Oscar Yrun Community Center
\$6 per participant (all ages)

Extraordinary Outings

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 are 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. Advance tickets are available on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) by searching for "Vineyards in the Park 2023." 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, October 7 | 11 AM – 6 PM | Veterans Memorial Park



DINE-A-NIGHT

If you're an adult age 55+, join us at a popular area restaurant for dinner on the second Thursday of each month and meet new friends! Call Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 to add your name to the guest list and please give your menu choice at that time. If you would like to sit with friends, please give their names when you call to sign up.

Meals are paid for at the restaurant. To help with planning, please sign up early. Dinner starts at 4 p.m. Prices will vary depending on dining location. Parmalee will have information about the next Dine-a-Night at Hibachi Grill on October 12. Hibachi Grill is an all-you-can-eat buffet. Tax and gratuity is included in the cost.

Thursday, October 13 | Hibachi Grill, 465 N. Highway 90
\$15 per person | Register by October 6

SAND TERRARIUM

Join us to design your own sand art terrarium. Use a variety of brightly colored sands, pebbles, and rocks to create your own unique habitat. Top it off with live, low maintenance air plants. Register now by calling the Oscar Yrun Community Center at (520) 458-7922 or visiting [WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](https://www.webtrac.sierravistaaz.gov).

Saturday, October 14 | 10 – 11 AM | Oscar Yrun Community Center
\$20 per participant (ages 8 and up)

DUSK WITH THE DEAD

Immerse yourself in arts, culture, and history at the City of Sierra Vista's first annual Dusk with the Dead cemetery tour!

Traverse the historic Fry Pioneer Cemetery where actors, on site at the graves of those they are portraying, share the untold stories of people—primarily of Mexican descent—who helped to build and shape our early community. The event will feature a 20- to 30-minute walking tour of the cemetery, traditional champurrado con conchas, and live Mexican music.

IF YOU GO: The cemetery is located at 112 N. 7th Street, with parking directly north of the cemetery on the 7th Street side. The first tour will begin at 5:30 p.m., with new tour groups leaving every 10 minutes afterwards. The last group will depart at 8:40 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. No reservations are required. For more information, call (520) 439-2306.

Saturday, October 14 | 5:30 – 9 PM | Fry Pioneer Cemetery, 112 N. 7th Street

ELGIN/SONOITA WINE TASTING TOUR

Let us do the driving to Sonoita as we venture to Autumn Sage Vineyard for five tastings of wine, and then over to Callaghan Vineyards for five more wine tastings. Our final stop will be Sonoita Vineyards for five more wine tastings. Snacks will be provided during your tour experience and cold fried chicken and potato salad will be available to eat at Sonoita Vineyards. Registration will run through close of business October 13 or until the trip is sold out. Register at [WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](https://www.webtrac.sierravistaaz.gov), over the phone, or in person at the EBC or OYCC. 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, contact Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 or Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Saturday, October 21 | 10:30 AM – 4 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center
\$85 per person (ages 21+)



PARENT & CHILD NIGHT OUT: *Spooky Snacks & Interactive Movie*

This spooktacular event is for youth and their parents/caregivers to attend together. It will begin with an instructor-led demonstration on how to make your own Halloween-inspired snack mix, using everyday treats from the grocery store. Participants will then make their own mix to their liking, followed by the classic Halloween movie *Hocus Pocus*. Participants can enjoy their Halloween treat, as well as other light refreshments, while watching the movie in an interactive fashion (glowsticks and plastic eyeballs will be provided)! Register by calling the Oscar Yrun Community Center at (520) 458-7922 or by visiting [WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](https://www.webtrac.sierravistaaz.gov). Due to the perishable nature of the supplies, there will be no refunds a week prior to the event.

Saturday, October 21 | 5 – 8 PM
Sierra Vista Public Library Mona Bishop Room
\$25 per person (ages 8 and up)

SKATE COURT PARTY

Come get some air or show off your best boardslide! Experience our first-ever Skate Court Party! The party starts at 6 p.m. A DJ will be on site to crank up the music. Pizza and soda will be available while supplies last. Grab your board and roll on over!

Get advanced tickets by calling the Oscar Yrun Community Center at (520) 458-7922 or by visiting [WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](https://www.webtrac.sierravistaaz.gov). Payment will also be accepted at the Skate Park. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a paid adult.

Friday, November 3 | 6 – 10 PM | Skate Court in Veterans Memorial Park
\$10 per person

Extraordinary Outings



28TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE

The City is making plans for its Annual Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 11. Applications to participate in the parade will be available at the Ethel H. Berger Center and the Oscar Yrun Community Center beginning in mid-September. This year the parade will follow the same route as in previous years: along Fry Boulevard from 7th Street to Jean Randle Way. Fry Boulevard will be closed from 7th Street to Avenida Escuela from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. A ceremony will be held in Veterans Memorial Park following the parade. To access the park for the ceremony, use the north entrance. If your group would like to take part, call the Ethel Berger Center at (520) 417-6980.

Saturday, November 11 | 9 – 10 AM

SENIOR HOLIDAY DINNER

The holiday season is around the corner and this beloved annual dinner 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 from September 12 to November 3 or until sold out at the Ethel H. Berger Center. 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, November 14 | 4 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center
\$16 per person | Ticket sales end November 3

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT: *Glaze a Sweet Treat*

Join us for Friday Family Fun Night with sweet ceramic pieces! Choose your favorite from our selection, then use a variety of glazes to make your piece resemble your favorite dessert! No need to wait until after dinner for these sweets, sign up today! Call the Oscar Yrun Community Center at (520) 458-7922 or visit WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Friday, November 17 | 6 – 7 PM | Oscar Yrun Community Center
\$6 per piece (all ages welcome)

WIRE TREE

Fashion your own wire tree and design to your liking. Handcrafting wire trees is fun for kids and adults alike! We will provide all of the supplies and offer a step by step demonstration of the process. Register by calling the Oscar Yrun Community Center at (520) 458-7922 or by visiting WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Saturday, November 18 | 10 – 11:30 AM | Oscar Yrun Community Center
\$20 per person (ages 8 and up)



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 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. The park entrances and exits will close from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday for the Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Light Parade. Once the parade ends, the shopping and children's activities continue until 9 p.m.

Friday, December 1 | 4 – 9 PM | Veterans Memorial Park
Saturday, December 2 | 11 AM – 9 PM | Veterans Memorial Park



YULETIDE MARKET & HOLIDAY BAZAAR

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

Saturday, December 9 | 9 AM – 3 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center | Free

MURDER MYSTERY COMEDY SHOW *Dinner Theatre*

We will showcase food from the Book Nook Café located in the Sierra Vista Library and a cash bar will be available. The show will be *Elfcide—Murder at the North Pole*, a Christmas show by The Fault Line Players. The menu is a garden salad as first course; the entrée meal is meatloaf, potato salad and green beans; and dessert is a brownie. Registration starts October 23 and will run through close of business, December 8, or until the event sells out. Register online at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov, over the phone, or in person at the Ethel Berger Center or Oscar Yrun Community Center. Payment is due at the time of registration. For more information, contact Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 or Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Saturday, December 16 | 1 – 3 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center
\$45 per person (ages 18+ only) | No refunds unless the event is canceled

Henry F. Hauser Museum

Museum to Close for Renovations

THE HENRY F. HAUSER MUSEUM WILL CLOSE beginning September 30 to prep for renovations expected to begin in November. The museum received a \$100,000 donation last November from the Sierra Vista Historical Society towards remodeling and equipping the current museum space.

The Tohono O'odham Nation has also just selected the Henry F. Hauser Museum as a recipient of one of its 12% Distribution Grants in the amount of \$65,000!

Of this new grant money, \$40,000 is earmarked for expanding the capability of the original remodel plans and \$25,000 is allocated to infrastructure, capacity, and furnishment of a permanent children's area.

With this new funding and increased scope of work, staff does not have a firm timeline for how long the renovation project will take. For continued updates on the project and timeline, follow the City of Sierra Vista Library, Recreation, & Cultural Services Facebook page.



Fry Pioneer Cemetery

COMMUNITY OFRENDA

Join us in honoring the deceased and celebrating our Hispanic heritage by adding your loved ones' picture to the community ofrenda. Just bring a copy of the picture to the Fry Pioneer Cemetery where we will laminate it on site so you can add it in remembrance. The ofrenda will be displayed at the cemetery until after All Souls Day. Pictures will not be returned afterwards, so please remember to bring a copy and not the original.

Saturday, September 30 | 10 AM – NOON | Fry Pioneer Cemetery

DUSK WITH THE DEAD

Immerse yourself in arts, culture, and history at the City of Sierra Vista's first annual Dusk with the Dead cemetery tour on Saturday, October 14, from 5:30 to 9 p.m.! Learn more on page 9.

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.

Thursday, November 2 | 4:30 PM
Fry Pioneer Cemetery | 112 N. 7th Street



MAKING MEETINGS MOVE: *Introductory Parliamentary Workshop*

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, September 23 | 10 AM – 1 PM
Sierra Vista Public Library Meeting Room

MAKING MEETINGS MOVE: *Advanced Parliamentary Workshop*

This workshop expands on part one and 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.

Register at WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov.

For more information, contact the Henry F. Hauser Museum at (520) 439-2306 or via email at Museum@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Saturday, September 30 | 10 AM – 1 PM
Sierra Vista Public Library Meeting Room



SECRET CODES & CIPHERS

Delve into the world of secret communication in this exciting new program! Codes and ciphers have been used to conceal information for thousands of years and people have found thousands of ways to pass secret messages. This program touches on some of history's most common codes and ciphers and teaches kids ages 9+ what they are and how to use them.

Registration is required for each individual date. Sign up today by visiting Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov. For more information, call (520) 439-2306 or email Museum@SierraVistaAZ.gov. This free program is held inside the Sierra Vista Public Library Meeting Room.

Caesar, Mexican, & Pigpen Ciphers

Saturday, November 4 | 3 – 4 PM

Transposition Ciphers

Saturday, November 18 | 3 – 4 PM

Book Ciphers

Saturday, November 25 | 3 – 4 PM

Morse Code & Steganography

Saturday, December 2 | 3 – 4 PM

Library

Library Shifts Hours to Better Serve Patrons



YOUTH CHESS CLUB

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

Tuesdays | September 12, October 10 & November 14 | 5 – 6:30 PM

INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY

The Dot by Peter Reynolds is a celebration of creativity, courage, and collaboration. We'll celebrate International Dot Day by reading the story and then wearing, making, eating, and playing with dots. This program is for all ages.

Thursday, September 14 | 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 pieces just waiting to be used! Each month we will explore a new STEAM topic using our LEGO engineering skills. This program is recommended for youth ages 5 and up.

Thursdays | September 21, October 19 & November 16 | 4 PM

THE SIERRA VISTA PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL shift its operating hours to open and close one hour earlier starting September 5 to better serve patrons by reflecting the times the library is most used.

The library had shifted to stay open until 8 p.m. two years ago based on requests from patrons. However, staff did not see much foot traffic in the later hours. Staff used the library's door count software and found that early in the day was the most in-demand time for library services.

"By far our busiest hours at the library are between 10 a.m. and noon. With the library's café opening at 9 a.m., it just made sense to shift that 7 to 8 p.m. hour to 9 to 10 a.m. instead," Library, Recreation, & Cultural

Services Manager Emily Duchon says. "This way our patrons can enjoy some breakfast and go to a storytime bright and early."

Library staff will begin hosting an additional storytime on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m., hosting two preschool and toddler story times back-to-back. These storytimes are very popular and adding the extra session will help offer a more engaging, hands-on story time experience.

Starting September 5, the Sierra Vista Public Library will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The library is closed on Sunday.

Youth & Family Programs

MAKER LAB

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

Thursday, October 12 | 4 PM
Monday, November 6 | 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 imaginations and engineering skills. This program is recommended for ages 4 and under.

Saturdays | September 9, October 7 & November 4 | 10:30 – 11 AM

AROUND THE WORLD WE GO!

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

Wednesday, September 27 | 5:30 – 6:15 PM

Friday, October 27 | 5:30 – 6:15 PM

Thursday, November 30 | 5:30 – 6:15 PM

ART FOR LITTLE HANDS

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

Thursday, September 28 | 11:30 AM – NOON

Monday, October 30 | 11:30 AM – NOON

Saturday, November 18 | 2 – 2:30 PM



BOO! IT'S A GOOSEBUMPS PARTY!

It's spooky season and what better way to celebrate than with the *Goosebumps* book series by R.L. Stine. Kids can play games, do crafts, and more, all based on this long running and very popular series. This program is recommended for youth ages 5 and up.

Saturday, October 28 | 1 – 1:45 PM

FAMILY MOVIE MONDAY

Join us at the library with your family and friends for an evening movie screening and themed crafts! Check the library flyer and calendar for this month's movie title. Light refreshments provided while supplies last. This family program is for all ages.

Monday, November 27 | 5 – 6:30 PM



Storytimes

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

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, dance to music, and create a craft at the end of storytime. The 10:30 a.m. session will be streamed on Facebook.

Wednesdays | 9:30 & 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 more.

Fridays | 9:30 & 10:30 AM

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT STORYTIME

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

Thursdays | September 7, October 5 & November 2 | 6:30 PM

STORIES IN THE ROUND

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

Mondays | September 18, October 16 & November 20 | 10 AM
The Mall at Sierra Vista | 2200 El Mercado Loop

SPLISHY SPLASHY STORYTIME

Join us at The Cove for stories, songs, and movement designed especially for the water during this special Splash Time event. Interact with some classics, as well as new favorites, in this "splashy" version of storytime—right on the "beach" at The Cove. Our themes will be Boats in September, Spooky Splishy Splashy in October, and Fall Animals in November. This program is for ages 5 and under and regular Splash Time fees apply.

Mondays | September 11, October 2 & November 6 | 10 AM
Sierra Vista Aquatic Center "The Cove"
2900 Martin Luther King Jr Parkway

Library

Teen/Tween Programs

TEEN TABLETOP

The monthly adventure continues, now with a week-day option! Experienced players and newbies are all welcome as we embark on short campaigns and one-offs with pre-made characters or original creations. D&D, Kids on Bikes, and cooperative boardgames will be explored. This program is for teens ages 12 and up.

Saturdays | October 14 & November 4 | 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Tuesdays | September 19, October 24 & November 21 | 5 – 6:30 PM

MOVIES AFTER HOURS

Drop your teens off at the library for an after-hours movie screening. Light refreshments provided while they last. Check the flyers and calendars at the library for each month's title. This program is for teens ages 12 and up.

Fridays | September 8 & October 13 | 6 PM



MANGA MANIA

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

Wednesdays | September 20, October 18 & November 15 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM

TEEN CRAFTERNOON

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

Thursday, September 21 | 4:30 PM

Monday, October 23 | 4:30 PM

Tuesday, November 28 | 4:30 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! This is a drop-in book club. 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. We meet inside the library Meet Room.

The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett (watch the 1941 film at 11 AM)

Friday, September 8 | 1 – 2 PM

The Searcher by Tana French

Friday, October 6 | 1 – 2 PM

The Spellman Files by Lisa Lutz

Friday, November 16 | 1 – 2 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. We meet inside the library Meeting Room.

One, Two, Three by Laurie Frankel

Thursday, September 21 | 11 AM – NOON

The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatrama

Thursday, October 19 | 11 AM – NOON

Sin, Shame, & Secrets by David Yonke

Thursday, November 16 | 11 AM – NOON

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.

Wednesday, June 15 | 5 – 6:30 PM | Library Conference Room

Be Creative at the Library

PAPER ARTS

Let's take your creativity to a whole new level with paper. Grab a sheet, hold it, fold it, crumple it, tear it, paint it, or weave it. Discover new projects or bring your own each month. Ages 14 to 140 are welcome.

Third Tuesday of the month | 4 – 5 PM | Library Meeting Room



PERCUSSION CIRCLE

Do you enjoy music, rhythm or tapping? Ever wanted to join a drum circle? Well, join our percussion circle and have fun making music and friends. No rhythm, no worries! Ages 14 to 140 are welcome.

First Saturday of the month | NOON – 1 PM | Library Meeting Room

WEAVE IT, STITCH IT, KNIT IT

The worst has happened! Okay, maybe not the worst, but a bad thing has happened: your beloved book is damaged from a moment of carelessness or the ravages of time. Now, you're left to pick up the pieces and try your hand at some book repair. We will show you some quick, easy ways to repair damaged books. Ages 14 to 140 are welcome.

Fourth Monday of the month | NOON – 1:30 PM | Library Meeting Room

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.



SPICE IT UP! A MONTHLY CULINARY EXPERIENCE

Beginning the first day of the new month, pick up the monthly spice selection at the reference desk, along with a list of suggested recipes for your home kitchen. Use one of the recipes provided, find one online, or use one of the many cookbooks at the library to experience a new culinary flavor. Show up to the library meeting room 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. Ages 14 to 140 are welcome.

LAVENDER: Thursday, September 28 | 4 PM

SAGE: Thursday, October 26 | 4 PM

CORIANDER: Thursday, November 30 | 4 PM

CREATE A BOOK NICHE

Turn an old book or two into a sneaky place to hide money or treasures. You could also use it for letterboxing or geocaching in an indoor space. It is easy and you only need a few supplies! We will demonstrate techniques and talk about all the possibilities of creating different types of niches. Ages 14 to 140 welcome.

Saturday, September 30 | 2 PM | Library Meeting Room

ARTS & CRAFT MATERIALS EXCHANGE

Do you have arts & crafts supplies hanging around? Now is a good time to look at your supplies and part ways with items you no longer need. Bring that pile to the library and swap them at this free-for-all exchange.

Saturday, October 21 | 2 PM | Library Meeting Room

Fun at the Library

PUZZLE EXCHANGE

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

Third Friday of the month | 3:30 – 3:45 PM | Library Meeting Room



MOVIE MATINÉES

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

Second & Fourth Wednesday of the month | 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 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.



Arizona & Beyond

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 in the library's meeting room to explore our state's multi-faceted social, cultural, and environmental landscape and what lies beyond — a collaboration between the Sierra Vista Public Library and Henry F. Hauser Museum.



NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN

with Carolyn Niethammer

For more details, call (520) 458-4225 or send an email to the Sierra Vista Public Library at Library@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Tuesday, October 3 | 1 PM

TBD

Speaker to be determined

For more information, call (520) 439-2306 or send an email to the Henry F. Hauser Museum at Museum@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Tuesday, November 7 | 1 PM

Aquatics



FALL HOURS

Customer Service Hours

When there is no program, the front desk will be closed.

Monday | 5:30 AM – NOON | 5 – 8 PM
Tuesday – Thursday | 5:30 AM – 2:30 PM | 5 – 8 PM
Friday | 5:30 AM – 5 PM
Saturday | 8 AM – 5 PM
Sunday | 12:30 – 5 PM

Open Swim Hours

The last day of Open Swim this year is Saturday, Nov. 4.
Saturday & Sunday | 12:30 – 5 PM

Splash Time Hours

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

Water Walking Hours

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

Lap Swim Hours

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

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/our-city/departments/aquatics or call (520) 417-4800.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fall Break Open Swim

Monday – Friday, October 9 – 13 | 12:30 – 5 PM

Doggie Dip

Sunday, November 5 | Times TBD
Call The Cove at (520) 417-4800 for details.

CLOSURES AND SPECIAL HOURS

Annual Maintenance Closure

November 6 – mid-January, 2024

Water Workouts



Exercise in the water reduces stress on bones and muscles, provides resistance for strength training, and is a great way to build cardiovascular health. Water workout class fees vary by month depending on the number of classes provided. Each class has a maximum capacity and once those are reached, the class is full for that session. All classes are held at The Cove. Learn more on the City's website or by calling The Cove at 520-417-4800.

BODIES IN MOTION

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

Monday & Friday | 9 – 9:50 AM

PILATES H₂O

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

Monday & Friday | 10 – 10:50 AM

JOINTS IN MOTION

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

Monday & Friday | 11 – 11:50 AM

DEEP WATER

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

Tuesday & Thursday | 6 – 6:50 PM



Doggie Dip

Prior to The Cove closing for annual maintenance there will be one last hurrah—for the pooches! The event will feature an early session for dogs under 35 pounds, and the remainder of the day dogs 35 pounds+ will join the fun! Dog owners may enter the water to their knees with their pets, but can't swim. Children are allowed, but can't be handlers. Handlers must be 18+ years of age. Only two dogs per handler allowed. Dogs must be vaccinated and kept on a leash when not in the water. Drinking water, tennis balls, and waste cleanup bags will be provided. Call The Cove at (520) 417-4800 for more information.

Sunday, November 5 | Times TBD | \$5 per dog

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 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, October 14 – November 18 | 8 – 9 AM | Location TBD
 \$50 per child (by October 7)
 \$60 per child (October 8 – 13)

Archery Classes

BASIC ARCHERY

Learn the fundamentals of archery and become a better archer with USA Archery Level 3 National Training System (NTS) coach Matthew Irlmeier and his team of certified instructors. You will learn correct form and technique using supplied equipment or you may bring your own. You will learn the parts that make up the bow and arrow, how to use the equipment safely, aiming, correct arrow release, shot sequence, and more. Archery is a great family activity and family enrollment is encouraged. Please show up 15 minutes early to your first class for equipment fitting. Open to ages 10 and up.

SESSION 5: Saturdays, September 30 – November 4 | 9 – 10 AM
 Brown Field | \$55 per person (per session)

ADVANCED ARCHERY

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

SESSION 5: Saturdays, September 30 – November 4 | 10 – 11 AM
 Brown Field | \$55 per person (per session)



2024 Youth Coed Recreational Basketball League

Girls and boys, ages 5 to 15, get ready for a fun season! Registration begins Friday, September 15, 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 Saturday, November 18. Registration closes on Tuesday, December 5.

The tip-off for the 2024 Youth Coed Recreational Basketball Program is tentatively set for the middle of January. Practices will begin early January 2024. 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 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK 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	Tuesday, December 5 at 6 PM
Junior	11 & 12	\$85	Wednesday, December 6 at 6 PM
Senior	13 – 15	\$85	Thursday, December 7 at 6 PM

*Divisions might change due to enrollment numbers.



YOUTH BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED

Are you interested in coaching in the 2024 Youth Coed 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 1. 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**
Friday | 1–3 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC)

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

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




Games

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

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

  **DOUBLE DECK PINOCHLE**
Tuesday | 2 – 4:30 PM | Sierra Vista Sports Division

  **TEXAS CANASTA (starting October 10)**
2nd & 4th Tuesday | 1–3:30 PM | EBC

  **PARTY BRIDGE**
Want to learn? Call Diana Wilcox at (520) 249-1137 for lessons.
Wednesday | 1–4 PM | Sierra Vista Sports Division

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

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; however, questions will be gladly addressed. Participants are encouraged to bring their own tools, although studio tools are available. 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

Tuesday | 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesday – Thursday | 1 – 8 PM
Friday | 10 AM – 5 PM
Saturday | 10 AM – 5 PM

Fees

ART STUDIO DAY PASS: \$4
ART STUDIO 10-VISIT PASS (valid for one year): \$40
MONTHLY PASS (unlimited for only one person): \$55 per month
25 LBS. OF CLAY (Speckled Buff, Dover White, or B-mix): \$23
5 LBS. OF CLAY (Speckled Buff, Dover White, or B-mix): \$5
1 OZ. MAYCO STROKE & COAT: \$4
5 OZ. MAYCO STROKE & COAT: \$8
LOCKER RENTAL: \$10 per month
PLAY WITH CLAY (includes 1 lb. of clay & two visits to the studio): \$12

GLAZE-A-PIECE:

Glaze your choice of bowl, mug, figurine, etc. Available during Open Studio

FEE: \$10 a piece

FEATURED PROJECTS

Featured projects are great for kids as well as adults who would like to make a ceramic project but don't have any experience. The projects change every month and include 1 pound of clay, two visits to the studio (one to make and one to glaze) as well as instructions to complete your projects.

SEPTEMBER: Bat Plate
OCTOBER: Turkey Cup
NOVEMBER: Slab-built Christmas Trees
FEE: \$12 per project

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



CENTERING TO CYLINDERS CLASS

During this three-week course students will learn how to make and trim basic forms like cylinders, bowls and plates on a potters wheel with potter of 17 years Kasia Russell. The fee includes a 25-pound bag of clay. For more information please call: (520) 458-7922 or email: LeisureServices@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Monday & Tuesday | September 11 – 26 | 5 – 8 PM
OYCC Art Studio | \$175 per person (ages 18+)

SPEEDBALL ARTISTA TABLETOP WHEEL RENTAL

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

CALENDAR WEEK (Monday – Monday): \$50
FOUR-DAY WEEKEND (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
HALF SHELF: Bisque \$9 | Glaze \$12
FULL SHELF (up to 6 inches tall): Bisque \$12 | Glaze \$15
HALF KILN: Bisque \$24 | Glaze \$27
FULL KILN: Bisque \$48 | Glaze \$51

Uncommon Recreation

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 pick up 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

Thursday | 9 – 10:30 AM or 5:30 – 7 PM
October 5 – November 30 (no class Nov. 23) | Ethel H. Berger Center
\$80 per person

Intermediate Class*

Wednesday | 5:30 – 7 PM | October 4 – November 8 | Ethel H. Berger Center
\$60 per person

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

FIT & FABULOUS

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

Monday, Wednesday & Friday | 9 – 10 AM or 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
October 2 – 30 (no class Oct. 9)
November 1 – 29 (no classes Nov. 10 or 24)
Ethel H. Berger Center | \$37 per person (per month)

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 kindergarten through sixth grade for the 2023–24 school year.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The 2023–24 after school program will open early on Sierra Vista Unified School District early release days. It will be closed on days schools are closed for any reason. SVUSD will provide transportation for children attending Carmichael, Huachuca Mountain, Pueblo Del Sol, Town & Country, and Village Meadows elementary schools.

Monday – Friday | 2:55 – 6 PM | Bella Vista Elementary School
\$45 per week (snack included)



FALL BREAK RECREATION PROGRAM

Registration closes September 29. Program is unavailable on Monday, October 9, due to the Columbus Day holiday.

Tuesday – Friday | October 10 – 13 | 6:40 AM – 5:30 PM
Sierra Vista Sports Division | 3401 E. Fry Boulevard

Schedule Options & Fees

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



THANKSGIVING BREAK RECREATION PROGRAM

Registration closes November 13. Program is unavailable on Thursday and Friday, November 23 & 24, due to the Thanksgiving holidays.

Monday – Wednesday | October 10 – 13 | 6:40 AM – 5:30 PM
Sierra Vista Sports Division | 3401 E. Fry Boulevard

Schedule Options & Fees

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

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. Parents may enroll their child(ren) in the program on a weekly basis. A registration form will be required for children that are not currently registered for the Sparks program. Information and the registration form can be found at 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.

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Vineyards in the Park



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

Saturday, October 7 | 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 2023" 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:

ETHEL H. BERGER CENTER (EBC)

Monday – Friday | 8 AM – 5 PM

2950 E. Tacoma Street

(520) 417-6980

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Scan this QR code
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