Since unveiling our new brand in August, the City of Sierra Vista has embraced this fresh identity. It's reflected in how we communicate with our residents, with other professionals around the country, and with prospective visitors both in Arizona and beyond. But it's still just a start and it's up to you, as much as us, to carry this momentum forward.

Our residents are now intimately familiar with the City's new logo and strapline, “Extraordinary Skies. Uncommon Ground.” Yet the brand is also a complete design style, which subtly ties together all of the City's communications, tuning each note in harmony so the story behind the brand is reinforced daily. The brand is reflected in this bi-monthly newsletter, in our weekly email newsletter, in all our social media platforms, and in an array of printed materials that share the myriad services the City provides. This rollout will continue, with the branding of our website and the use of new branded street pole banners topping a long list of next steps.

Sharing the brand with our residents ensures they can in turn share it with their family and friends. The brand is so much more than a logo and a tag line; it gets to the heart of our community and arms residents with a simple, inspiring message about their home. That's why we rolled out the #SierraVistaSelfie campaign immediately, asking residents to engage with the brand. The contest enlisted community members as brand ambassadors and gave them the tools to share Sierra Vista's story. Producing more than 100 entries and inspiring over 4,000 votes, these residents made the brand their own. Since then we've received photos showing our branded sunglasses all over the country and as far abroad as Guatemala. The first ones were unsolicited, illustrating how residents genuinely want to be part of this effort and are happy to tell fellow travelers about their great community back home.

"The role of a brand ambassador doesn't ever truly end and these residents embody the enthusiasm needed to elevate Sierra Vista's reputation," says Judy Hector, marketing and public affairs manager for the City. "By simply being knowledgeable, welcoming, and enthusiastic about our community, residents can positively influence the conversation about Sierra Vista every day."

Businesses and groups have also jumped on board, showing enthusiasm to share and adopt elements of the brand to help tell their own stories. To that end, the City has developed a brand tool-kit and is now ready to share this great resource. Businesses can find the Graphic & Brand Standards on the City’s website, www.SierraVistaAZ.gov, and can request additional information, and even the brand files, from the Marketing and Public Affairs Office.

“Our team is ready to assist any business with incorporating the Sierra Vista brand into their own marketing messages,” Hector says. “Our business community is one of Sierra Vista's greatest assets, and partnering with them will help elevate both messages.”
FROM THE MAYOR

Sharing Our Story

by Rick Mueller, Mayor

We often talk about diversifying our economy, and doing things like attracting industry and being business-friendly is a key part of that. But it’s also time to pick some more of the low hanging fruit and use our new brand to boost efforts that bring people to visit and retire in our community. Fortunately, it’s not a hard sell.

Just think about why you moved to Sierra Vista and what keeps you here. On any given day, odds are you can enjoy blue skies and sunshine on the community’s many multi-use paths, in our parks, and out on the nearby trails that wind into the Huachuca Mountains and meander along the San Pedro River. These natural assets and public amenities help make our corner of Arizona one of the most comfortable and consistently enjoyable places to live in the country.

Just recently, Sierra Vista was featured by the national Where to Retire magazine as a prized locale for soon-to-be retirees considering where to settle. Often overshadowed by a desire to get industry and bring jobs to the community, attracting retirees boosts our economy and helps support our businesses. It just so happens, some of those same extraordinary assets that bring in retirees also look appealing to new businesses.

Here you can see a wider variety of birds and wildlife than almost anywhere in the country. And each day the big, blue sky fades into a clear, starry night, offering views uncommon enough to inspire astronomers to settle here. We live in the center of Arizona’s best wine and agricultural region, with award-winning wines and fresh produce readily available. There’s authentic Old West history at every turn, great cycling and mountain biking, plus a lot of charming, locally-owned restaurants with food from all over the world.

When you live someplace for awhile, it can be easy to take it for granted. The City of Sierra Vista tells this community’s story to attract tourists and retirees, but our residents share its story too. Next time you take a trip, stop by the Visitor Center in the Oscar Yrun Community Center first and pick up a handful of brochures to share along the way. And when a friend or relative from out of town asks about where you live, don’t be afraid to brag a bit, because you happen to live in an extraordinary community!

INSIDE CITY HALL

Caring for Our Community

by Chuck Potucek, City Manager

As the City takes a leading role in economic development efforts and implements its new brand, it’s also important to remember the many other ways that the City enhances business attraction and tourism. Well-maintained streets, ample public amenities, responsive public safety capabilities, and common sense codes all play key roles in enabling a community to thrive.

Businesses want to set up shop in a community with solid infrastructure and caring for the City’s roadways has always been a top priority. While fiscal challenges mean that there are less street funds to go around, Public Works always gets the job done.

Sierra Vista boasts extraordinary public amenities as well. Just recently, the City was able to stretch some Community Development Block Grant dollars to not only dramatically improve Americans with Disability Act access at Veterans Memorial Park but also construct stretches of sidewalk in the park long-sought by the community as a whole.

With the rollout of the Community Awareness, Response, and Education Program, Sierra Vista Fire and Medical Services has taken a more proactive approach to health care. And right now, our police department is spearheading an effort to ensure they are prepared, along with the fire department and Sierra Vista Unified School District, if a major disaster were to occur at one of the schools. Both agencies routinely go beyond their daily duties, innovating initiatives that make Sierra Vista safer.

Currently open for public comment, a set of proposed code changes from the Community Development Department will open up our commercial areas to a wider variety of uses, following up on a council objective to diversify the economy. This could help spur West End redevelopment.

Every City department is continually making small adjustments to expand programs with limited budgets. All these small efforts help implement an extraordinary vision laid out in the City’s general plan, Vista 2030, and make a real difference to our visitors, residents, and businesses.
GET ACQUAINTED

by Mary Jacobs, Assistant City Manager

While their jobs are quite different, Debbie Felix and Pat Cahir have a lot in common. They both come from military families, prioritize a rich family life, and have deep roots in Sierra Vista. While Debbie’s job as a buyer is mostly conducted behind-the-scenes, it’s vital to every City department. Pat, on the other hand, is often seen by the public as he cares for one of our premiere amenities, the Sierra Vista Aquatic Center, “The Cove.”

Debbie Felix

If you enjoy variety, you might love being a City buyer like 15-year employee Debbie Felix. Debbie has been with the Procurement Division her entire career with the City, starting out as the office secretary, and gradually learning the ropes as she supported a critical function for all departments. She is quick to say that no two days are the same. One day she is buying ammunition for the police department and bandages for fire and medical services, the next … snacks for Kids W.O.R.L.D. and City-wide letterhead. Debbie also administers the City’s purchasing card program, ensuring credit limits are appropriate and keeping an eye out for fraud. She relishes the variety and loves getting the best deal for City departments. Her husband, David, certainly appreciates that too, as he is the City’s Chief Financial Officer. Born in Spain while her father was stationed there, Debbie has lived in Sierra Vista since she was a small child. She and her husband have two beautiful daughters, Isabel (13) and Adrienne (6), who are both active equestrians. The family loves to travel, with a particular fondness for Caribbean cruises when their busy schedule allows. Although her family is her first priority, she tries to take some time for herself on occasion and has had some gardening success with herbs and flowers. Next up, veggies!

Pat Cahir

Pat Cahir is the poster child for using volunteer opportunities to your advantage! At age 13, an avid swimmer, Pat started volunteering at The Cove. By age 16, he was hired as a lifeguard and eventually promoted to his current position as the Aquatics Coordinator. He even met his wife at The Cove! Pat oversees all of the operations at the City’s indoor aquatics facility. He says his most important job is training, supervising, and monitoring the lifeguard staff to make sure they are prepared and understand all safety implications of their work, striving to keep them at the peak of their skills for our community. Pat loves interacting with The Cove patrons, and has seen some of his former swim lesson students grow up and become lifeguards themselves. No detail is too small to garner Pat’s attention. With limited staff on occasion, Pat ends up being a Jack-of-all-trades. Pat even uses a scuba system to vacuum the bottom of the pools. Pat’s wife, Tiffany, is a labor and delivery nurse at Canyon Vista Medical Center. They are both from military families and have been in Sierra Vista most of their lives. Turns out, they were on the same swim team in grade school; though they had no idea Cupid had them in his sights!

Marketing Sierra Vista

Great infrastructure, quality of life amenities, and public safety all help make Sierra Vista an attractive community for residents and visitors alike. As the mayor says in his column, our community isn’t a hard sell. And the City leverages all of these positive attributes, plus its natural assets, when marketing Sierra Vista to its top target markets.

With a steady stream of winter visitors, and amenities that appeal to retired individuals, targeting these two groups makes sense. To that end, the City is working closely with the marketing arm of Retire Sierra Vista Project (RSVP), a grassroots coalition of local business owners and the Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce. RSVP’s mission is to attract retirees to relocate here and introduce them to our community. Following a feature article in January’s issue of Where to Retire, the City quickly set up a website geared to retirees so we wouldn’t miss any leads. When RSVP has its official site up, the City’s site will redirect to it.

And the City’s marketing team has already begun to develop a strategy targeting winter visitors. By throwing out the welcome mat, we can turn winter visitors into full-time residents. Because when you feel at home, why would want to leave?
Too often people only get the medical care they need in times of crisis, when the problem is acute and treatment is urgent.

Launched in September, the Sierra Vista Fire and Medical Service’s CARE Program endeavors to change that. Providing Community Awareness, Resources, and Education, this program takes a proactive approach to health care that will improve quality of life in the community.

By partnering with Canyon Vista Medical Center, Sierra Vista Fire and Medical Services can follow up with patients after they are discharged from the hospital. A community paramedic will visit them at home to ensure they understand their condition, check their use of medications, assess their environment, and evaluate the patient. This service aims to reduce costly repeat calls for emergency medical care and readmissions to the hospital.

To date, community paramedics have visited more than a dozen patients at home and have recently expanded the program to start generating referrals from the field, not just from the hospital. One of the first home visits illustrated how effective a little personal attention can be.

A patient with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease noted that they constantly have trouble breathing at home and the paramedic noticed how the patient would lie down with their head and chest flat, which makes it harder to breathe. She recommended elevating the patient’s headrest, a simple tip that often makes it much easier to breath.

“The patient said it made a world of difference,” Sierra Vista Fire and Medical Services Chief Ron York says. “By taking the time to visit patients at home, looking at their prescriptions and assessing their environment, our paramedics can often find simple ways to make them feel a lot better. It may help us reduce costs tied to repeated 911 calls but it’s also just about giving our folks another opportunity to make a difference in people’s lives.”

For more information on the CARE Program, contact Battalion Chief Brian Jones at Sierra Vista Fire Station 363 at (520) 417-4400 or email Brian.Jones@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Crushed Cans Aid
Nancy J. Brua Animal Care Center

Donations and volunteers make a tremendous difference in how the Nancy J. Brua Animal Care Center can serve our community and a recently reestablished program makes it easier than ever to make a contribution.

The shelter can once again accept aluminum cans to help raise funds. It receives 50 cents per pound of cans and 60 cents per pound of crushed cans with tabs removed. But don’t throw those tabs away! The shelter will take those separately and donate them to a company that puts them to use.

The funds raised from these cans will help purchase equipment and organize events at the shelter but they represent just a small fraction of the incredible contributions made by the community on a regular basis.

“On food donations alone, people provide about $10,000 worth each year,” says Arleen Garcia, animal control supervisor.

“Donations and volunteers help us stretch our resources and ensure our animals remain happy and healthy, while our adoption rates stay affordable.”

The Nancy J. Brua Animal Care Center is typically in need of dog and cat food, cat litter, blankets, towels, peanut butter, and bleach. It can always use additional volunteer dog walkers and “cat petters.”

Donations can be dropped off at the Nancy J. Brua Animal Care Center during normal business hours; Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call (520) 458-4151.
Recycling Challenges

WHAT’S IN THE BIN?

It’s easy to recycle in Sierra Vista, just place your unsorted recycling materials in your 95 gallon blue bin and the City will pick them up once each week. What isn’t so easy is figuring out what you can put in the blue container.

“When we get materials in the blue bin that are not accepted in our program, we end up with contamination, and that is a costly problem,” says Brenda Footé, the City’s recycling coordinator.

Sierra Vista is seeing an increase in yard (green) waste, plastic bags, glass, Styrofoam, and even trash, to include air filters and dirty diapers. When contamination mixes with clean recyclables, it can ruin the load and it has to be dumped in the landfill, which is expensive.

To keep contamination rates low, the City of Sierra Vista works hard to educate residents on what can and can’t be recycled. Soon, City staff will be placing large container labels on blue recycling bins as a reminder of the items that they currently collect. City staff will also leave information on how to properly dispose of items that don’t go in the blue bin, like yard waste.

“We have a very successful compost program and residents can schedule a free special pickup for yard waste each week,” says Darrin Stensby, refuse supervisor.

When in doubt, residents can use the City’s free My Waste app to check if an item can go in their blue bin. It’s available for both Apple and Android devices, just check your app store.

City staff will continue to inspect recycling cans and leave tags behind explaining why a bin wasn’t collected. But for every contamination tag left by the City, there are many customers who are recycling responsibly and the City wants to thank them for a job well done.

“Starting in 2016, we will leave ‘Wow!’ tickets on recycling containers that are free of contamination,” Footé says.

As a reminder, here is the list of materials currently accepted in the blue recycling container:

- Plastic containers with the #1 and #2 symbols on the bottom
- Metal cans
- Aluminum beverage cans
- Corrugated cardboard (packing materials removed and flattened)
- Paperboard (cereal, food, and shoe)
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Office Paper

Visit www.SierraVistaAZ.gov to learn more.

Crews Tackle Yearly Wash Maintenance

Though it may seem surprising to residents who request weeds to be cut right after the monsoon rains, late winter and early spring is the best time for the City to trim the weeds and clear brush in washes throughout Sierra Vista. This timing helps ensure the weeds are completely dry, so they’re less likely to grow back and it means there will be the least fuel when it matters most, during fire season.

Many residents may not be aware that the City has a Wash Maintenance Policy, available at www.SierraVistaAZ.gov. Each wash in the City is maintained once per year. Although residents may like the maintenance done more regularly, an enhanced schedule isn’t possible given other work priorities and reduced staffing levels. However, the City does keep a log of when each wash is maintained so that residents can find out approximately when crews will be back in their area.

A concrete-lined channel looks much different than a naturally vegetated wash, so the City’s maintenance activities end up being specific to the situation. Some people want the wash to be kept as natural as possible to preserve habitat for native animals. Other residents want the wash to be cleared to the greatest extent possible to reduce fire risk and habitat for some nuisance animals.

“We try to strike a balance between all interests while also preserving the characteristics that help to channel storm water and prevent flooding,” Public Works Director Sharon Flissar says.

For questions regarding wash maintenance, please contact the streets section of Public Works at (520) 458-5775.
TOUR & TRAVEL

Let Us Do the Driving to...

WILD HORSE PASS HOTEL & CASINO

DATE  Wednesday, February 10
DEPART  7:00 AM
RETURN  7:00 PM
FEE  $22 per person (21+)

Indulge yourself in Las Vegas-style casino entertainment without the hassle of Vegas crowds. The Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino features a 100,000 square foot Vegas style casino floor to enjoy. Eat at one of the many dining facilities, and visit the outlet mall with your winnings. Upon arrival, you will also receive $10 free play. Travel will be on a coach sent by the casino, and the fee includes round trip transportation from the Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC). For more information, contact Chris Swan at (520) 439-2300 or Laura Killberg at (520) 439-2310.

TUBAC 57TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

DATE  Friday, February 12
DEPART  8:30 AM
RETURN  3:30 PM
FEE  $30 per person (21+)

Visit Arizona's longest running outdoor festival featuring many local artists as well as artists from all over the country. You won't want to miss this trip! Dinner is on your own, and please wear comfortable shoes for lots of walking. Sign up now as trips are sometimes canceled for lack of registration. For more information, call Chris Swan at (520) 439-2300 or Laura Killberg at (520) 439-2310.

TUCSON 4TH AVENUE STREET FAIR

DATE  Friday, April 1
DEPART  8:30 AM
RETURN  3:00 PM
FEE  $30 per person (21+)

More than 400 arts and crafts artisans, local musicians, and food vendors participate in this three-day community celebration. Artists’ booths are positioned back-to-back down the middle of 4th Avenue, and the choices are spectacular! Many antique and eclectic shops and restaurants also line 4th Avenue for your shopping and dining pleasure. Lunch will be on your own and please wear comfortable shoes for all the walking you'll do. For more information, please call Chris Swan at (520) 439-2300 or Laura Killberg at (520) 439-2310.

EXTRAORDINARY MUSIC.

UNCOMMON HERITAGE.

Perched above a small stream in Ramsey Canyon, the Arizona Folklore Preserve invites visitors to step into the heart of Arizona’s western music scene. Here you’ll not only learn about the rich history of the state’s western heritage and music, you’ll experience it. Just pull up a chair in the charming, cozy concert theater and listen.

Featuring live performances every weekend, this Arizona treasure is one man’s love note to the state he calls home and the genre of music that made him famous. Arizona’s Official State Balladeer Dolan Ellis founded the Arizona Folklore Preserve and started performing in the old ranch house there in June, 1996. Then, in 2000, he partnered with the University of Arizona South to construct the current Folklore Center, complete with its impressive concert theater.

Along with many acclaimed artists, Ellis, a Grammy winner himself, still performs at the preserve regularly, sharing breathtaking photos that illustrate his songs and narratives. He’ll next take the stage on Saturday and Sunday, February 20 and 21.

To learn more about upcoming shows or the preserve itself, head to www.arizonafolklore.com or call (520) 378-6166. To make reservations, call (520) 378-6165 or email reservations@arizonafolklore.com.

IF YOU GO

The Arizona Folklore Preserve hosts shows every Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m., though it’s best to arrive at least 15 minutes early and reservations are recommended.

The cost for these matinee shows is $15 for adults and $6 for children 17 and under. The preserve is located at 56 E. Folklore Trail, about 3.5 miles up Ramsey Canyon Road heading west from South Highway 92. For a list of upcoming performances, head to www.arizonafolklore.com.
AROUND TOWN

Concerts

SUNDAY CONCERT
Sierra Vista Community Band

**DATE** Sunday, February 28  
**TIME** 2:00 PM  
**LOCATION** Ethel H. Berger Center

Come and enjoy a Sunday afternoon listening to the Sierra Vista Community Band! The only concert band in Cochise County that rehearses and performs year-round, its 30+ members ranging in age from 17 to 70 come from Sierra Vista, Hereford, Tombstone, Whetstone, and Fort Huachuca. This concert is free and open to the public. The doors will open at 1:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Chris Swan at (520) 439-2300 or Laura Killberg at (520) 439-2310.

SWEET TREATS & SWINGIN’ SOUNDS

**Timeless Treasures**  
Sierra Vista Community Chorus

**DATE** Saturday, March 5  
**TIMES** 2:00 PM & 6:30 PM  
**DATE** Sunday, March 6  
**TIME** 2:00 PM  
**LOCATION** Ethel H. Berger Center

The Sierra Vista Community Chorus will proudly present three performances of its 13th annual Sweet Treats & Swingin’ Sounds spring show, entitled “Timeless Treasures.” Enjoy great music with the theme “time” and how we treasure our moments. Homemade desserts — baked lovingly by chorus members — and beverages will be served.

Tickets are $8 per person. This year the chorus is sponsoring Border Animal Rescue, a non-profit all volunteer organization that helps to save the lives of countless dogs and cats. In the past, this show has been very popular and tickets sell out quickly. Because there are only a limited number of tickets available they will only be sold at the Oscar Yrun Community Center from Monday, February 1, through Friday, February 19. Tickets will also be available from chorus members. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Spring Bazaar

**DATE** Saturday, March 19  
**TIME** 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
**LOCATIONS** Ethel H. Berger Center  
Oscar Yrun  
Community Center

The popular spring bazaar will return once again with a great assortment of vendors showing off their wares, many of which are handcrafted. For more information on all bazaars, please call Chris Swan at (520) 439-2300 or Laura Killberg at (520) 439-2310.

Easter Eggstravaganza!

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19 | 9:00 – 11:00 AM**  
**INSIDE THE MALL AT SIERRA VISTA**  
2200 El Mercado Loop

**Free egg hunts for kids 10 and under (bring your Easter basket).**

9:00 – 11:00 AM  
**Ages 4 & under,** ongoing at the play area near Dillard’s
9:10 AM **Age 5,** at the Food Court
9:15 AM **Age 6,** at the Food Court
9:20 AM **Age 7,** at the Food Court
9:25 AM **Age 8,** at the Food Court
9:30 AM **Age 9 & 10,** at the Food Court

Hop on down for an “eggsciting” good time! Kids will also enjoy face painting, jumping castles, cookie decorating, arts and crafts, carnival games, and so much more. All activities are free. Don’t forget to say “hi” to Mrs. Bunny or get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny (bring a camera, or professional photos will be available for a fee). The fun starts at 9:00 a.m.—don’t be late!

Thanks to Guild Mortgage Company and all the participating sponsors for their community support!

For more information, contact Ken James at (520) 458-7922 or Ken.James@SierraVistaAZ.gov.
**Activity Schedule**

Here's a list of activities that are conducted regularly at our community centers.

**ETHEL H. BERGER CENTER**

- Billiards | Table & Card Games
  
  Mon – Fri .................... 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM

- Canasta
  
  Mon & Wed .................... 1:00 PM

- Horseshoe Pitch
  
  Mon, Wed, & Fri ..........................9:00 AM

- Mexican Train Dominoes
  
  Tue & Thu ................................ 12:15 PM

- Table Tennis
  
  Tue, Thu, & Fri .......................... 8:00 AM

- Wednesday Whittlers
  
  Wednesday.......................... 1:00 PM

- Scrabble Club
  
  Wednesday ...................... 4:00 – 8:00 PM

- Blood Pressure Screening
  
  4th Thursday ..................... 9:30 AM – NOON

- Artist & Friends
  
  Friday ......................... 10:00 AM

- Craft Ladies
  
  Friday ......................... 1:00 PM

- Thunder Mt. Woodcarvers
  
  Friday ......................... 1:00 PM

**OSCAR YRUN COMMUNITY CENTER**

- Bridge
  
  Monday .............................. 12:15 PM

- Euchre
  
  Wednesday ....................... NOON – 3:00 PM

**NOTE** Schedule is subject to change without notice. For the latest information, call (520) 439-2310.

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**Arts & Crafts**

**CRAFT LADIES**

Do you have a craft project just sitting around unfinished? Want to get inspired to pick it back up and get to work? Then you are invited to meet and socialize with the “Craft Ladies” while doing craft projects every Friday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in the Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC).

**ADVANCED PAPER CRAFTS & SCRAPBOOKING.**

Join some of the ladies from the Friday craft group in this new group that will be doing advanced paper crafts and scrapbooking. The group meets at the EBC each Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. No need to register, just drop by.

**WOODCARVERS**

Are you a closet whittler who thinks you’re the only one? Are you a frustrated woodcarver, needing the support and camaraderie of others of your ilk? Perhaps you’re an expert and wish to pass on your knowledge to other “wood”-be carvers? Well then come down to the EBC every Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 p.m. to join the Thunder Mountain Woodcarvers group who put knives to wood to create beautiful and functional carved items.

**Adults at Play**

**BILLIARDS FOR LADIES!**

Ladies, come join us for fun and learn to play pool (also known as billiards). Bring your own cue or borrow one of ours. The fun begins at 10:00 a.m. on Fridays in the lounge at the Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC).

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

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

**EUCHRE CLUB**

Do you like to play euchre but can’t find anyone to play with? Plenty of people ready to play euchre meet every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at the OYCC. Drop by for some fun and an opportunity to meet new friends while enjoying this pastime from America’s heartland.

**MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES**

We have three tables of very friendly people to help you learn every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at the EBC. The object of the game is to play all your dominoes. You play off your own train, onto the Mexican train, and onto other players’ marked trains.

**SHUFFLEBOARD**

Join other interested players every Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the shuffleboard courts behind the OYCC. No need to know how to play! Call Janet Kempf at (520) 459-0522 for more information.

**TABLE TENNIS**

Come try your hand at table tennis at the EBC. Multiple tables are available for play on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please refer to our monthly schedule located on our website at www.SierraVistaAZ.gov for specific dates and times. Tables are first-come, first-served. Scheduled days may be cancelled due to facility space. Paddles and balls are available for use.
Good Cookin’ Potlucks

DATES  Friday, February 12  
        Friday, March 11  
TIME      Noon  
LOCATION  Ethel H. Berger Center  
ADMISSION  A Dish for Six

Join our staff and share good food, good conversation, and good friends on the second Friday of each month at our “good cookin’ potlucks” for active adults. Bring a dish and enjoy the old fashioned social hour. For more information, call Chris Swan at (520) 439-2300 or Laura Killberg at (520) 439-2310.

Seniors Helping Seniors

Trying to find a senior citizen to help with certain projects? Maybe you need some gardening advice? Looking for a house sitter, or someone to watch the fish? Perhaps you need help with grocery shopping or with trips to the doctor? Then take advantage of our area-wide service: the Senior Citizen Job Referral Program.

Seniors who want to register for the program to assist others should go to the Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC) or call and ask to have a job referral form faxed, mailed, or emailed to them.

Persons looking for assistance from seniors should call to be matched with a prospective senior. For more information, call Chris Swan at (520) 439-2300 or Laura Killberg at (520) 439-2310.

MEDICARE 101

DATE  Wednesday, February 17  
TIME      10:00 AM – NOON  
LOCATION  Ethel H. Berger Center

Plan on attending this free presentation and learn the answers to some of the most asked Medicare questions such as whether one qualifies for Medicare, if being on it is a requirement, the difference with a Medicare supplement, and how to enroll. For more information, please call Chris Swan at (520) 439-2300 or Laura Killberg at (520) 439-2310.

CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS

All caregivers are invited to attend this series of free caregiver training sessions. These informative classes are simple, practical, positive, empowering, and designed to “take the fear out of caregiving.” This class is presented by Cochise County Health & Social Services and Area Agency on Aging Caregiver Training Program. Classes will be held the third Thursday of each month. For more information, call Chris Swan at (520) 439-2300 or Laura Killberg at (520) 439-2310.

Diet and Nutrition, Special Diets, Understanding Weight Loss with Illnesses, Foods for the Homebound, and Optimizing Bladder and Bowel Function.

DATE  Thursday, February 18  
TIME      1:00 – 3:00 PM  
LOCATION  Ethel H. Berger Center

Emergencies, When to Call 911, and What to Do in an Emergency Until Help Arrives.

DATE  Thursday, March 17  
TIME      1:00 – 3:00 PM  
LOCATION  Ethel H. Berger Center

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

DATES  Wednesday, February 24  
        Wednesday, March 23  
TIME      4:00 PM  
LOCATION  Ethel H. Berger Center

Stroke survivors, recently diagnosed patients, family, friends, and caregivers are encouraged to join Amy from Canyon Vista Medical Center and help support this much needed program. For more information, call Chris Swan at (520) 439-2300 or Laura Killberg at (520) 439-2310.
The City of Sierra Vista is Turning 60 Years Old!

In celebration of this milestone, the Henry F. Hauser staff and volunteers have been developing an exciting exhibit titled, “Sierra Vista Celebrates Sixty!” showcasing our community’s evolution from incorporation in May 1956 to the present through an interesting array of “extraordinary thingamajigs” and “uncommon snapshots!”

Exhibit open house is scheduled for Saturday, May 21. Visit the museum’s web page at www.SierraVistaAZ.gov for more details.

BECOME A PART OF HISTORY!

Video Contest: “Our Sierra Vista Sixty”
You are invited to join the celebration by submitting a short six-second video highlighting what Sierra Vista means to you. The top ten videos will be edited together to create the 60 second “Our Sierra Vista Sixty” video. Please submit your six-second video to Adam.Curtis@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Deadline for both contests is March 15. For contest details regarding age restrictions, formatting information, and submission instructions, visit the library or museum web pages at www.SierraVistaAZ.gov or stop by the library or museum.

Historic Treasure Hunt

SIERRA VISTA’S UNIQUE STORY

Did you know that Sierra Vista had the first ever McDonald’s drive-through window in the world? It’s true. Discover this and other little known truths about the history of Sierra Vista through the many historic plaques located around town.

Stop by, pick up a Historic Plaque Site booklet and map, or geocache the sites to explore the history in your own backyard!

Sierra Vista Genealogy “Genie” Club

The Sierra Vista Genealogy Club is a project of the Sierra Vista Historical Society. The purpose of the club is to foster genealogical research. The club meets the first Wednesday of each month, October through May, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information, call (520) 803-7906 or go to www.sierravistagenie.wordpress.com.

UPCOMING THEMES
“How Do I Know What I Know?”
February 3: Public Records
March 2: Becoming an American
Spring Quilt Documentation Event

DATE | TIME  Saturday, April 16 | 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM  
LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center  
2950 East Tacoma Street  
HOSTED BY Henry F. Hauser Museum

Brought to you by the Sierra Vista Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild

Get your precious quilts documented at no charge as part of the National Quilt Index!

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

The Quilt Index represents years of research and development to bring together quilt information in a centralized online tool for education, research, and public access. The Quilt Index is a joint project of The Alliance for American Quilts, MATRIX: The Center for Humane Arts, Letters and Social Sciences Online at Michigan State University, and the Michigan State University Museum.

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

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

B Troop 4th Cavalry Regiment

A MOST DISTINGUISHED PAST
Tuesday, February 2 | 1:00 PM | Sierra Vista Public Library Meeting Room

B Troop is a U.S. Army mounted ceremonial unit whose mission is to promote the heritage and traditions of the U.S. Army in the Southwest during the period of the Indian Wars. Volunteer members are drawn from active duty, reserve, and retired military personnel, Department of Defense civilians employed at Fort Huachuca, and military dependents 18 years and older. Members of the unit are uniformed, equipped, and armed in accordance with U.S. Cavalry standards of the 1880s. Join a distinguished member of B Troop for an informative and insightful afternoon.

Cochise County Sheriff’s Office

TERRITORIAL DAYS TO MODERN LAW ENFORCEMENT
Tuesday, March 1 | 1:00 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center

From Sheriff Johnny Behan’s “Wild West” days of cattle rustlers, train robbers, and drunken miners to the “Bicycling Sheriff” and the Bisbee Deportation, the formation of Cochise County’s modern professional sheriff’s office has been a long and at times rocky road. Join Sheriff Mark Dannels for an entertaining stroll through his agency’s infamous past.

“Henry” the Inquisitive Packrat

INVITES YOU TO BECOME A JUNIOR HISTORY DETECTIVE!

Put on your detective cap and grab your magnifying glass to investigate the story of Sierra Vista and Cochise County. Take part in our scavenger hunt for kids and win prizes! Open to students in kindergarten through sixth grades. Home school students and out-of-town visitors are also welcome! Call (520) 439-2306 for more information.
### FEBRUARY – MARCH 2016

**Arizona Folklore Preserve Event**

- **Sierra Vista Community Band Concert**
- **Guided Bird Walk, EOP**
- **& Music Gathering: Headline Performance, BPAC**

#### Groundhog Day

- 7:30 am Monday & Tuesday Hikers
- 10:10 am Baby Time, SVPL
- 11 am Preschool Storytime, SVPL
- 1 pm Amazing Arizona: B Troop 4th Cavalry Regiment — A Most Distinguished Past, SVPL

#### Valentine’s Day

- 6 – 11 am Sierra Vista Historical Society fund raiser, Landmark Cafe

#### Presidents Day

- All City Facilities Closed

#### Washington’s Birthday

- 7 am Monday & Tuesday Hikers

#### Leap Day

- 7 am Monday & Tuesday Hikers

#### Leap Year

- 1 am Monday & Tuesday Hikers
- 2 am Arizona Folklore Preserve Event
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**1:30 – 5:30 pm Spring Break Open Swim, Sierra Vista Aquatic Center “The Cove”**
The Sierra Vista Aquatic Center “The Cove” features the coolest indoor water fun ever! We have a huge wave pool with a beach style entry, a water play area with a slide for kids under five, a warm water pool for you to sit and unwind, and two large water slides. For more information, stop by or call (520) 417-4800.

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

**Open Swim**
- Saturday: Noon – 5:30 PM
- Sunday: Closed
- Mon – Fri: 5:30 AM – 8:00 AM
- Mon – Fri: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Tue – Thu: 6:00 AM – 7:30 PM
- Saturday: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
- Sunday: Closed

**Lap Swim**
- Mon – Fri: 5:30 AM – 8:00 AM
- Mon – Fri: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Tue – Thu: 6:00 AM – 7:30 PM
- Saturday: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
- Sunday: Closed

**Splash Time**
- Splash Time is for children 5 years and younger. Child must be accompanied in the water by an adult (18+ years).
  - Mon – Fri: 10:00 AM – Noon
  - Saturday: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
  - Sunday: Closed

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Tsunami Night**
- Friday, March 11 | 7:00 – 10:00 PM
- THE COVE CRANKS UP THE WAVES!
  - Celebrate spring break by riding the BIG waves at “The Cove.” The fee is $10 per person (swimming or not). Pizza and soda will be served with paid admission. DJ Tech FX will be on site cranking up the music along with the waves. Beat the crowds and get in the door first! Advance tickets now on sale.

**Lifeguard Training**

**CERTIFICATION CLASS**

**DATES | TIME**
- Monday, February 22 | 4:00 – 8:00 PM
- Wednesday, February 24 | 4:00 – 8:00 PM
- Friday, February 26 | 4:00 – 8:00 PM
- Saturday, February 27 | 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Sunday, February 28 | 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Monday, February 29 | 4:00 – 8:00 PM
- Wednesday, March 2 | 4:00 – 8:00 PM
- Friday, March 4 | 4:00 – 8:00 PM

**LOCATION**
- The Sierra Vista Aquatic Center “The Cove”

**FEE**
- $95 per student

**Prerequisites:** Must successfully pass a swim pretest prior to registering for the class. To schedule a pretest appointment call (520) 417-4800.

**Swim Pretest Requirements:** Participants must be able to swim 300 yards of front crawl or breaststroke in correct form with endurance; swim to and retrieve a 10 pound weight from a water depth of eight feet water, return to starting point on back with weight in one minute, 40 seconds, and be able to tread water for two minutes without using arms.

Certificates earned include American Red Cross Lifeguard/Waterpark and First Aid, and CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer. Any individual that successfully completes the course and seeks employment as a lifeguard with the City of Sierra Vista is eligible for reimbursement of the cost of the course. Please call (520) 417-4800 for further information.

**ADMISSION**

**Open Swim**

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*After 4:00 p.m. every day we’re open.

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

**Lap Swim**

Per Session: $3

**Splash Time**

Per Child with Adult: $3

Extra Adult: 50¢

**Swim Passes**

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**LEISURE & LIBRARY SERVICES**
Sierra Vista Aquatic Center “The Cove”
2900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway
Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635
(520) 417-4800

**School Year Customer Service Hours**
- MONDAY – THURSDAY: 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM
- FRIDAY: 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM
- SATURDAY: 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM
- SUNDAY: CLOSED
Water Workouts

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

AQUA CARDIO
High energy aqua aerobic classes are geared to anyone looking for a powerful workout.

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

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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.

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|      |            | & Warm Pool       |

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

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

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WATER WORKOUT
CLASS FEES

8 visits ..............................................$44
6 visits ...............................................$33
4 visits ...............................................$22
1 visit ....................................................$6
Prices are monthly — no rollovers!

NOTE There will be no water exercise classes May 20 through July 31. Classes will resume August 1.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

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

SIERRA VISTA TEEN CENTER

Easy to Get to, Lots of Fun!

3405 E. FRY BOULEVARD

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If you’ve stopped by the Teen Center lately, or looked at the Facebook page, you’ve noticed a brand new program line up. The Teen Center staff is working hard to bring you creative, educational, and fun offerings every night. In the past few months, teens have had the opportunity to participate in programs such as outdoor leadership classes and group guitar lessons! Stop by the Teen Center or Sierra Vista Public Library for an upcoming event calendar, or follow our Facebook page to stay informed.

This coming spring, watch for a dance, a teen leadership conference, more outdoor activities, and video game tournaments. If you have suggestions for programs or events, please let staff know. Staff is excited to try new things and offer programs that teens of Sierra Vista want to participate in.

An ID is required to sign-in and be admitted to the Teen Center and youth must be at least 12 years old. Staff is on hand at all times to supervise activities.

For more information on the Teen Center, contact Emily Scherrer at (520) 439-2252.
SPORTS

Start Smart Sports Camp

For Boys and Girls Ages 3 – 5

DATES Saturdays, March 5 - April 9
TIME 8:00 - 9:00 AM
LOCATION Rothery Educational Services Center
(formedly Apache Middle School)
Gymnasium
FEE $50 per child
(includes camp T-shirt)

Registration begins on February 1 at the Oscar Yrun Community Center and The Cove.

This fun camp offers participants the opportunity to develop essential motor skills and help prepare them with tools they need for fun and successful experiences in an organized program. The program builds confidence and self-esteem during impressionable years, when children need it most. Parents are encouraged to get involved in all features of the camp. Featured sports include softball/baseball, basketball, and soccer. A birth certificate is required at registration. Please call (520) 439-2302 or (520) 439-2275 for additional information.

LEISURE & LIBRARY SERVICES
Ethel H. Berger Center
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Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635

Customer Service Hours
FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE, PLEASE CALL
THE OSCAR YRUN COMMUNITY CENTER
AT (520) 458-7922.

SPORTS

Masters Coed Softball League

Beginning: Sunday, March 6
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Domingo Paiz Softball Complex
FEE: $200 per team

This league is open to males ages 45 and over and females ages 26 and over. Games are played on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. The league president is Dave Raber, who can be reached at (520) 249-0223 for any questions. Teams must be register by March 2. Please call (520) 439-2302 or (520) 439-2275 for additional information.

Tennis Anyone?

Spring Adult Softball

Adult Softball League

MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

BEGINs Monday, April 4
DAYS Monday, Wednesday & Friday
TIMES 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30 PM
LOCATION Domingo Paiz Softball Complex
ENTRY FEE $525 per team

A coaches meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, at the Ethel H. Berger Center. Please call (520) 439-2302 or (520) 439-2275 for additional information.

YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS

SESSION I March 2 – 28
SESSION II April 4 – 27
SESSION III May 2 – 23
DAYS Monday & Wednesday
BEGINNER 4:30 – 5:30 PM (ages 6 –10)
ADV BKG | INTER 5:30 – 6:30 PM (ages 11 – 17)
LOCATION OYCC Tennis Courts
FEE $55 per person
(per session)

MIXED SOFTBALL LEAGUE

BEGINs Tuesday, April 5
DAYS Tuesday & Thursday
TIMES 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30 PM
LOCATION Domingo Paiz Softball Complex
ENTRY FEE $550 per team

A coaches meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, at the Ethel H. Berger Center. Please call (520) 439-2302 or (520) 439-2275 for additional information.
KID’S W.O.R.L.D.

Before & After School Recreation Program

Wonderful Opportunities in Recreation and Leisure Development

Kid’s W.O.R.L.D. is a group recreation focused program for children enrolled in grades K–6.

We strive to serve children with disabilities where reasonable accommodations can be made. If you have a child who requires ADA accommodations, please call the Oscar Yrun Community Center to receive a “Request for Accommodation” packet and submit it prior to enrollment. For more information, call (520) 458-7922.

PROGRAM HOURS

Before school ................. 6:40 – 7:50 AM
After school ................... 2:15 – 5:45 PM

LOCATIONS

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

Bella Vista: N. Lenzer & Las Brisas Way
Carmichael: at Bella Vista
Huachuca Mountain: 3228 St. Andrew Drive
Pueblo Del Sol: 5130 Paseo Las Palmas
Town & Country: 1313 S. Lenzer Avenue
Village Meadows: at Town & Country

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

SCHEDULE OPTIONS & FEES

Weekly, Monday – Friday

Before school only .......................$20
After school* only .........................$41
Both before & after school* ..........$51
*includes afternoon snack

Program attendance fees can be paid with a Visa or MasterCard online, by phone, or in person at any Leisure Services facility. Cash and checks are also accepted at all Leisure Service facilities. Parents may enroll their child(ren) on a weekly basis in one or both programs. Registration packets are available at Sierra Vista Public Schools elementary sites, Sierra Vista Aquatic Center “The Cove,” and Oscar Yrun Community Center. A $10 nonrefundable enrollment fee plus the first week’s program fee are due at time of registration. Program fees for the current week are due by 1:00 p.m. the first day of attendance that week.

SVUSD EARLY RELEASE DAYS

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

CLOSURES

The Kid’s W.O.R.L.D. Before & After School Recreation Program will be closed on days schools are closed for any reason—holidays, weather, etc.

Spring Break Recreation Program

For children enrolled in grades K–6

MONDAY – FRIDAY | MARCH 7–11
6:40 AM – 5:45 PM

BELLA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
N. Lenzer & Las Brisas Way (in the cafeteria)

HUACHUCA MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3228 St. Andrews Drive (in the cafeteria)

$85 PLUS $5 REGISTRATION FEE (per child for the week)

Includes morning and afternoon snacks, plus daily field trips.

Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to join us for fun times and great activities. Parents need to provide lunches. Enrollment is currently open at the Oscar Yrun Community Center and The Cove on a space available basis (no on-site registrations will be accepted). Enrollment per site is limited, so register early!
MORE THAN JUST BOOKS

“What’s Up With That?!?”

This series features responses to some of your questions and comments received at the Sierra Vista Public Library.

The comment: “I have difficulty reading books. Are there any other options?”

The response: There are some terrific options for those who are unable to read standard print materials.

The Sierra Vista Public Library offers a large collection of books on CD and downloadable eBooks. Anyone with a library card can check these out or download them. One-on-one help is offered to those who need assistance with their digital devices during the library’s bimonthly Digital Device Drop-Ins. See the next page under “classes,” or call (520) 458-4225 for more information.

The Arizona Talking Book Library (ATBL) is another great service available to those who are unable to read traditional print material due to vision loss or physical disabilities. The ATBL provides books, movies, magazines, and newspaper reading services. The service is entirely free and all materials are shipped directly to the patron’s home.

Interested individuals can visit the library, or contact Debra Chatham at (520) 439-2255 or Debra.Chatham@SierraVistaAZ.gov for more information.

Tuesday Talks

DATES Tuesday, February 9
Tuesday, March 8
TIME 1:00 PM
LOCATION Meeting Room

In February, our speaker will discuss the Battle of Wounded Knee. Located on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southwestern South Dakota, this site of an 1890 massacre leaving some 150 Native Americans dead, became the final clash between federal troops and the Sioux.

Post-war Germany will be discussed in March. After Germany’s unconditional surrender in May 1945, its industry, infrastructure, and cities were destroyed and all of its surviving top leaders were imprisoned for war crimes and later executed. Germany was divided. Slowly both East and West Germany rebuilt.

Book Discussion Group

Book discussions are open to anyone who loves to read and discuss books. The group will meet the third Wednesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the library’s Conference Room. The library supplies four books for borrowing by group members.

Fun at the Library

MOVIE MATINÉES

The library shows movies the first and third Wednesday of the month in the Meeting Room. Indie favorites, major studio releases, and even oldies but goodies—you can see them all at the library. Movie Matinées are free and popcorn is available while supplies last.

To get a list of upcoming titles call the library or pick up a Movie Matinée bookmark.

PUZZLE EXCHANGE

DATES Saturday, February 6
Saturday, March 5
TIME 1:30 PM
LOCATION Meeting Room

Join us for an even exchange of puzzles. Bring one, two, or three puzzles and take one, two, or three puzzles. Please make sure your puzzle has all of its pieces.
**Children’s Programming**

**BABY TIME**
**DAY | TIME** Tuesdays, 10:10 – 10:55 AM

This program is aimed at children birth to 18 months. Babies will enjoy songs, movement activities, rhymes, board books, and playtime. Adult participation is encouraged. Beginning in February, we’ll be starting ten minutes earlier to allow more time for babies to play.

**TODDLER STORYTIME**
**DAY | TIME** Fridays, 10:20 – 10:45 AM

This program is aimed at children 18 months to 3 years of age. Children listen to short stories, music, and more. Adult participation is encouraged. Starting in February, storytime will be starting ten minutes earlier to allow for a longer program.

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**
**DAY | TIME** Tuesdays, 11:00 AM – Noon

This program is aimed at children 3 to 5 years of age. Children listen to stories, music, and more. Adult participation is encouraged.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**
**DATES** Friday, February 5
**DATES** Friday, March 4
**TIME** 4:30 PM

Back by popular demand ... it’s Family Movie Night at the Sierra Vista Public Library! Join us the first Friday of every month at 4:00 p.m. Popcorn will be provided as long as supplies last.

**STEAM SATURDAYS**
**DATES** Saturday, February 6 & 20
**DATES** Saturday, March 5 & 19
**TIME** 11:00 – 12:00 PM

Every first and third Saturday of the month, kids ages 5 to 12 can visit the library and learn about STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) concepts through play and creative expression. *Registration required.* Call (520) 458-4225 to register.

**DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP FOR TEENS**
**Using Your Camera, Part 2**
**DATE** Saturday, February 13
**TIME** 1:00 – 3:00 PM

This class, taught by John Buono, is open only to attendees of the previous workshop, “Using Your Camera, Part 1.” John will deliver hands-on instruction to participants and show them how to properly use their digital cameras. Registration is required; call (520) 458-4225.

**NOTE** See the back page for teen tech week (spring break) activities.

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**Classes at the Library**

**DIGITAL DEVICE DROP-IN**
**DATES** Thursday, February 4
**DATES** Thursday, March 8
**TIME** 2:00 PM
**LOCATION** Main Library

If you need help accessing the library’s popular digital resources and materials, come in on the first Thursday of each month for a Digital Device Drop-in to get one-on-one instruction. Just remember to bring your reader, laptop, or other digital device.

**BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES**
Our basic computer classes cover basic keyboard and mouse instruction, file management, email, word processing, and basic home computer care. These classes are held the first and second Tuesday of the month in the programming room from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please call or stop by the circulation desk to register.

**CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH**
Brush up or perfect your Spanish through discussion and conversations in a group setting, with a library facilitator. This casual group meets most Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Room. Call 458-4225 to verify.

**REDUCE STRESS & BRING BALANCE TO YOUR LIFE**
**DATES** Monday, February 1
**DATES** Monday, March 7
**TIME** 5:30 – 6:30 PM
**LOCATION** Meeting Room

Join us for a series of classes on alternative therapies to help reduce stress and bring balance to your body and life. A new topic is covered each month. Upcoming topics will include essential oils, acupressure, auras, and more. Please call or stop by the circulation desk to register.

**SIERRA VISTA COMMUNITY GARDEN**
**DATES** Saturday, February 13
**DATES** Saturday, March 12
**TIME** 10:30 AM
**LOCATION** Meeting Room

In February, the Community Garden will be discussing soil preparation for gardening with the topic, “Will anything grow now?” In March, learn about seed propagation and the right tools for the season and care of your garden.
BUSY FINGERS
The “yarn babes” have combined knitting and crocheting into one class. Come on down and join the fun! For knitting, please bring plastic or bamboo knitting needles, size 10. For crocheting, please bring crochet hooks, sizes J or K. Also bring one skein of yarn or your current work in progress. Extra help will be available for half an hour after each class.

GROUP UKULELE INSTRUCTION
This is a beginning-level, performance-based class with the goal of learning a simple, fun instrument, while providing a social outlet and public performance opportunities. The instructor will provide all of the written materials, and good, basic instruments at a fair market price (fancier/more expensive instruments will be available if a student desires). Instruments are also available on a rent-with-option-to-buy basis for a weekly cost of $7.50, payable directly to the instructor. The ultimate goal is to form an active and thriving ukulele “orchestra” in Sierra Vista.

DAYS Mondays & Wednesdays
TIME 1:00 – 2:30 PM
LOCATION Oscar Yrun Community Center
INSTRUCTOR Nancy Wigmore
FEE $30 Punch Pass (good for 8 classes)

CODE 191332-C
DATES March 1 – April 5
DAY | TIME Tuesday, 5:30 – 6:30 PM
LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center
INSTRUCTOR Ron Hinkle
FEE $25

OPEN POTTERY LAB
Explore, experiment, and learn through clay play and self-motivated experimentation in these open lab sessions for students at any level. The fee includes use of equipment, bisque firing, glazes, and glaze firing. Participants are encouraged to bring their own tools, though studio tools are available. Punch Pass is good for eight hours in the studio. There will often be a Raku firing on the second Friday of each month (extra fees apply).

DAYS | TIMES Thursday, 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Friday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
LOCATION Oscar Yrun Community Center
LEADER Tracy Mills
FEES $25 Punch Pass (good for 8 hours)
$12 per 25 lb. bag of clay

GLAZE-A-PIECE
Come to The Pottery Studio @ Sierra Vista and enjoy glazing a pottery mug, bowl, or choose from an assortment of whimsical characters, animals, and fun pieces. No experience is required. Wide assortments of food safe colors are furnished for you to apply your own design and make the piece unique. Fee includes the bisqued piece, glazes, tools, clear glaze dip, studio time, and firing. Your finished piece will generally be ready for pick-up the next week. Available during any pottery studio open lab session.

DAYS | TIME During Open Lab
LOCATION Oscar Yrun Community Center
LEADER Tracy Mills
FEE $10 per piece

Pottery continued on next page
BEGINNING CLAY SCULPTING
In this class, you will learn how to use clay to sculpt three dimensional art forms. No experience is required.

**CODE** 300901  
**DATES** March 8 – April 12  
**DAY | TIME** Tuesday, 1:30 – 4:00 PM  
**LOCATION** Oscar Yrun  
Community Center  
**INSTRUCTOR** Barry Midgorden  
**FEE** $115

CENTERING TO CYLINDER
An Introduction to Wheel Thrown Pottery
Have you always wanted to learn how to make pottery on the potter’s wheel? Join this six-week class and explore the wonderful process of throwing pottery, from centering to cylinder. Some basic hand-building techniques will also be taught. The class is geared to the beginning student (or if you need a fundamentals refresher). The fee includes all supplies and an eight-hour punch pass to The Pottery Studio @ Sierra Vista open lab ($25 value). Class size is limited, so register early!

**CODE** 300901  
**DATES** March 16 – April 20  
**DAY | TIME** Wednesday, 6:00 – 9:00 PM  
**LOCATION** Oscar Yrun  
Community Center  
**INSTRUCTOR** Barry Midgorden  
**FEE** $125

BALLROOM DANCING
This class is for both beginners and those with some dance experience. Bring your partner and a desire to look great and have fun while dancing the night away. No sneakers please.

**CODE** 200705-B  
**DATES** February 18 – March 24  
**DAY | TIME** Thursday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM  
**LOCATION** Ethel H. Berger Center  
**INSTRUCTOR** Mary Scerbo  
**FEE** $36 (per session)

INTRODUCTION TO BELLY DANCE BASICS
This dance form is a fun, nonimpact exercise that invigorates and promotes the body’s health and the mind’s outlook.

**CODE** 200715  
**DATES** February 11 – March 10  
**DAYS** Tuesday & Thursday  
**TIME** 6:00 – 9:00 PM  
**LOCATION** Oscar Yrun  
Community Center  
**INSTRUCTOR** Ellen Bolduc  
**FEE** $30 (per session)

NOTE There will be no class on Thursday, February 25.

RICKETY ROCKETTES
Who are the Rickety Rockettes?
The Rickety Rockettes are a group of active adults (50+) committed to displaying the benefits of dance and performance. The Rockettes teach audiences and other adults about the benefits of keeping active and healthy, no matter your age. The group performs a variety of tap and jazz numbers for community organizations, care centers, churches, fairs, and festivals. They also perform for special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, dinners, and retirement parties. They display their talents locally and travel to events throughout Cochise County and Tucson. The instructor of the group is Benjamin Caron. If you would like to join this fun dance group, or if you would like a performance at your next event, please call Benjamin at (520) 458-7922 or Sandy Brown at (520) 417-2002.
GOOD HEALTH

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

- **Code**: 201200-A
- **Dates**: February 12 – March 11
- **Code**: 301200-A
- **Dates**: March 14 – April 8
- **Day | Time**: Tuesday, 6:45 – 7:45 PM
- **Location**: Ethel H. Berger Center
- **Instructor**: Carol Smith
- **Fee**: $36 (per session)

**NOTE**: Please bring your own yoga mat.

GENTLE VINYASA FLOW YOGA FOR STRESS RELIEF
Let go of stress and experience a serene space where you can rejuvenate your mind, body, and soul. This slow flowing yoga class is perfect for the Vinyasa Flow beginner or to bring a peaceful balance to an active lifestyle.

- **Code**: 201219-C
- **Dates**: February 2 – March 2
- **Code**: 301219-C
- **Dates**: March 3 – April 21
- **Day | Time**: Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
- **Location**: Ethel H. Berger Center
- **Instructor**: Carol Smith
- **Fee**: $36 (per session)

**NOTE**: Please bring your own yoga mat.

VINYASA FLOW YOGA FOR FITNESS
Experience increased overall health, energy, vitality, and a sense of peace with sequenced yoga poses that flow with the breath (Vinyasa Flow). This flowing yoga class can be a challenge for the beginner or a refreshing experience for the seasoned practitioner.

- **Code**: 201219-A
- **Dates**: February 4 – March 4
- **Code**: 301219-A
- **Dates**: March 5 – April 22
- **Day | Time**: Tuesday, 6:15 – 7:15 PM
- **Location**: Ethel H. Berger Center
- **Instructor**: Benjamin Caron
- **Fee**: $25 (per session)

**NOTE**: Please bring your own yoga mat.

KID’S STUFF

HAPPY TAPPERS
A Combination of Tap, Jazz & Ballet
This class is geared for tiny toes and happy tappers ages 3 to 5. Children will be taught the basic elements of jazz, tap, and ballet. Students should wear jazz, ballet, or tap shoes.

- **Code**: 200700-A
- **Dates**: February 10 – March 2
- **Code**: 300700-A
- **Dates**: March 9 – 30
- **Day | Time**: Wednesday, 5:15 – 6:00 PM
- **Location**: Ethel H. Berger Center
- **Instructor**: Benjamin Caron
- **Fee**: $25 (per session)

HAPPY TAPPERS 2
A Combination of Tap, Jazz & Ballet
This class is a continuation of Happy Tappers, geared for ages 6 and older or students with some dance experience. Children will learn the elements of tap, jazz, and ballet. Students should wear jazz, ballet, or tap shoes.

- **Code**: 200700-B
- **Dates**: February 10 – March 2
- **Code**: 300700-B
- **Dates**: March 9 – 30
- **Day | Time**: Wednesday, 6:15 – 7:15 PM
- **Location**: Ethel H. Berger Center
- **Instructor**: Benjamin Caron
- **Fee**: $25 (per session)
SIERRA VISTA MARTIAL ARTS

Sierra Vista Martial Arts is a blend of Chinese, Okinawan, and western martial arts. With different experience backgrounds, the instructors pooled their knowledge to develop a comprehensive martial arts program containing elements of Kung Fu, Okinawa Te, and Combat Judo as well as western methods like boxing. Instruction is based on forms (kata) and their analysis, partner training, individual and small group study, and exploration of presented material. The goal is to train thinking, analytical martial artists who can see beyond the confines of the course material and integrate them with other systems’ concepts. Cross training and the study of other systems is encouraged. The focus is on civilian self defense, not on sporting versions of martial arts.

Ages 4 – 7

CODE 201102-A  
DATES February 5 – March 7  
CODE 301102-A  
DATES March 11 – April 8  
TIME 5:00 – 5:45 PM

Ages 8 – 13

CODE 201102-B  
DATES February 5 – March 7  
CODE 301102-B  
DATES March 11 – April 8  
TIME 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Ages 14+

CODE 201102-C  
DATES February 5 – March 7  
CODE 301102-C  
DATES March 11 – April 8  
TIME 7:00 – 8:00 PM

DAYS Monday & Friday  
LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center  
INSTRUCTORS Victor Martinez, Pete Achaval  
FEE $40 (per session)

NOTE There will be no class Friday, February 15; Friday, February 19; and Friday, March 18.

JUJITSU

DanZanRyu Jujitsu is a Japanese art form of self-defense. The art emphasizes the principles of life’s values, discipline, respect, fitness, coordination, and leadership. Safety and awareness is of great importance in this class. Younger students will learn the fundamentals of self-defense. Older students will study the art with the emphasis of mind and body awareness. This is not a “grappling” class.

Ages 6 +

CODE 201103-A  
DATES February 3 – 26  
CODE 201103-A  
DATES March 2 – 30  
DAYS Wednesday & Friday  
TIME 6:00 – 7:30 PM  
LOCATION Oscar Yrun  
Community Center  
INSTRUCTOR Pete Achaval  
FEE $40 (per session)

NOTE There will be no class Friday, March 18.

ADVANCED ARCHERY

This archery class is for students who have completed other archery classes. Master Coach Jerry Busha will teach advanced archery skills and advanced equipment setup and maintenance. You will learn what to expect when competing, and you will shoot using NFAA and FITA scoring. This class is for ages 10 and older.

CODE 301332-C  
DATES February 27 – April 2  
DAY | TIME Saturday, 10:00 – 11:00 AM  
LOCATION Brown Field  
INSTRUCTOR Master Coach Jerry Busha  
FEE $53

BASIC ARCHERY

Learn the fundamentals of archery and become a better archer with proper instruction. Master Coach Jerry Busha will teach you the correct form and technique using supplied equipment. You will learn the parts that make up the bow and the arrow, how to use the equipment safely, correct arrow release, aiming, and shot sequence. This class is open to beginner and current archers ages 10 and older.

CODE 301332-A  
DATES February 27 – April 2  
DAY | TIME Saturday, 10:00 – 11:00 AM  
LOCATION Brown Field  
INSTRUCTOR Master Coach Jerry Busha  
FEE $53

BASIC CANINE EDUCATION

Do you and your best friend need help? Look no further for the answer: training! Instructor Rocky Boatman is well known in the “canine community” both locally and nationally.

CODE 301304  
DATES March 19 – April 23  
DAY | TIME Saturday, 8:00 AM  
LOCATION Tompkins Park  
INSTRUCTOR Rocky Boatman  
FEE $70 per dog

NOTE Class end dates may vary due to weather.

WRITING YOUR LIFE STORY

Are you writing your life story for yourself, your family, or for publication? If you are, then this course will get you on track so you can reach your goal. It’s for those who have already started on their life story and those who don’t even know where or how to begin. Each week there is a new assignment, with group participation and feedback. Come join this fun and challenging course.

CODE 300914-A  
DATES March 4 – April 22  
DAY | TIME Friday, 1:00 – 3:00 PM  
LOCATION Oscar Yrun  
Community Center  
INSTRUCTOR Frena Gray-Davidson  
FEE $58
Teen Tech Week
MONDAY-SATURDAY, MARCH 7-12

This year, the theme of Teen Tech Week is “Create It at Your Library.” Tweens and teens ages 12 to 18 will be provided with lots of opportunities to create tech projects. The library will be displaying books with a DIY or tech theme and drawing attention to digital resources that teens can use to succeed.

As part of Teen Tech Week, the library will offer the following events:

CREATE YOUR OWN PHONE CHARGER
DATE | TIME Monday, March 7 | 4:00 – 7:00 PM
Drop in the programming room at some point during these three hours, and learn how to make a phone charger from an Altoids tin. Portable phone chargers can cost $20 to $30, whereas this one will only cost $3 to make! No registration required. Teens are free to arrive at any point during the program.

CREATE YOUR OWN LIGHT-UP T-SHIRT
DATE | TIME Thursday, March 10 | 4:00 – 7:00 PM
Did you know it’s possible to make circuits with electrically conductive thread? We’re going to be making light-up T-shirts in the programming room. No registration is required, and T-shirts will be provided. Teens are free to arrive at any point during the program.

LIBRARY AFTER DARK:
LASER TAG & BLOCK PRINTING
DATE | TIME Saturday, March 12 | 5:30 – 8:00 PM
While waiting for a turn at laser tag, teens can make block prints with a printmaker. Registration is required and is limited to 30 teens. Teens are required to sign a permission form to participate in both the laser tag and the block printing because of the use of sharp utensils.

ELECTIONS & VOTER INFORMATION

Cochise County Vote Centers Make Voting Easy!
The Cochise County Elections Department has implemented a new process for voting at Vote Centers set up around the county. The Vote Centers are like large polling places, but with more assistance and more equipment to help voters cast their ballots.

The Vote Centers will have state-of-the-art equipment, much like an ATM, where voters will use touch-screens to select choices for each race. Prior to printing the completed ballot, voters can review all of their choices for accuracy. With the printed ballot in hand, voters will feed it into the tabulator, which reads and saves their selections.

The Vote Center equipment is fully ADA-compliant and has many features to assist voters who have difficulty reading, are blind, or have low vision. Ballots can also be presented in English or Spanish.

Any questions about the Vote Center, voting, or running for office can find most answers on the Elections Department website at www.cochise.az.gov/elections-special-districts/home.

WHEN TO VOTE
There are four elections coming up in 2016. Mark your calendars and plan to visit one of the Vote Center polling places.

Tuesday, May 17. Governor Ducey called for this special statewide election to consider the K-12 funding proposed in Proposition 123. All registered voters may vote in this election. The last day to register to vote in this election is February 22. Early voting begins on February 24.

Tuesday, August 30. Primary Election, in which any registered Cochise County voter may vote. However, those registered at Independent or Party Not Designated must respond to the 90-day notice sent by the recorder in order to select which party ballot they would like to vote on. The last day to register to vote in this election is August 1. Early voting begins on August 3.

Tuesday, November 8. General Election, in which any registered Cochise County voter may vote. The last day to register to vote in this election is October 10. Early voting begins on October 12.

WHERE TO VOTE
There will be 18 Vote Centers around Cochise County, and any registered voter can vote at any Vote Center. You can find an interactive Vote Center map online at www.cochise.az.gov/elections-special-districts/home.