With a chill in the air and warm holiday meals to enjoy, it’s easy to let your exercise and wellness routine slip during the holidays.

Fortunately, Sierra Vistans can enjoy a wide variety of outdoor activities all year long and the City of Sierra Vista also offers a variety of programs, classes, and amenities that provide residents plenty of options to stay active and healthy. That’s how the City earned gold medals for all five national Let’s Move! initiative wellness goals last year and it’s a big part of what makes this community an extraordinary place to live.

Sierra Vista was also recently designated a Bicycle Friendly Community and its 30-mile network of multi-use paths provides a great way to start stretching your wheels. Stop by the Oscar Yrun Community Center (OYCC) or Sierra Vista Public Library to snag a free pocket map of local paths, bike lanes, and popular rides. You can even borrow a bike from the library for free!

If you prefer staying on your own two feet, these paths also provide great walking and jogging routes around town that link into community parks. Tompkins Park even features a fitness loop with free exercise stations that make for a great workout.

Still need a little extra encouragement? Enjoying a group activity or a sport is a great way to boost motivation. The City offers a wide variety of affordable leisure classes that can help get residents moving. Or you can try out pickleball, a new sport combining elements of ping pong and tennis, at our courts by the OYCC.

One of Sierra Vista’s greatest assets is the wealth of outdoor activities that can be enjoyed nearby. By partnering with Outdoor Adventure Quest, the City offers residents and visitors alike a fun new way to tackle outdoor challenges this year. Flip over to page 6, to learn more about this build-your-own-adventure competition running from December 8 through 10.
FROM THE MAYOR

Buy Local, Give Local

by Rick Mueller, Mayor

While many folks may have started well before Thanksgiving, it's now time to finish our holiday shopping and I’d like to ask residents to think about where to spend those dollars.

Retail outlets in Sierra Vista and throughout the country face some added competition in the digital age. As the online shopping experience has improved, physical stores sometimes struggle to keep up. But I urge residents to consider shopping local this holiday season to support the businesses that are vital to our community.

It’s not just those businesses that benefit from shopping local. The City has a nominal property tax levy and instead relies heavily on local sales tax dollars to fund the services, programs, and amenities residents enjoy. So when you choose to buy something local, you’re not just getting a gift for a loved one, you’re giving back to your community as well.

Many online purchases do not provide the City the same benefit. Read more about the importance of shopping local in our economic development column on page 3.

There are other, more direct ways to give back during the holidays too. Sierra Vista is fortunate to have many local groups and organizations that help those who need it most. That includes local food banks like St. Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army, which see a heightened need this time of year.

Food isn’t the only thing sometimes in scarce supply over the holidays. Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services hosts its long-running annual toy drive to offer families in need something their little ones, ages newborn to 12, can celebrate. Donations of new unwrapped toys, cash, checks, or gift cards will be accepted at local fire stations through December 23 and at the Sierra Vista Community Chorus’s free Christmas benefit concert on Friday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Buena Performing Arts Center. Residents can also support the local Toys for Tots program, which benefits kids throughout Cochise County.

The holidays are the perfect time to think about your community and ensure your dollars stay local. Happy holidays!

INSIDE CITY HALL

Planting Seeds for a Bright Future

by Chuck Potucek, City Manager

As 2017 comes to a close, many residents will take time to reflect on what they’ve accomplished in the last year and make resolutions to do even better in 2018. For the City of Sierra Vista, 2017 was an exciting year and our staff is resolved to carry forward and grow several initiatives the City has recently launched.

It’s heartening to see much of our recent progress take place in the West End, where major cleanup efforts have been completed and an exciting new program aims to aid local businesses. After narrowing its scope, the Sierra Vista City Council voted to establish the West Sierra Vista Partnership Program in November. This program will provide $50,000 to help small businesses improve their buildings.

While that may not sound like a lot of money, it’s enough to help spur property owners to move forward on improvements they may have been unable to afford on their own. It will incentivize investment in local properties and improve aesthetics in the historic end of Sierra Vista.

Local businesses can also benefit from the Sierra Vista Technical Assistance Program, which is being launched through federal grant funding. Sun Corridor Inc. has been contracted to implement this program and will offer a variety of professional services to local businesses seeking to expand in areas not tied to the defense sector.

The City has seen significant progress in other areas as well in 2017. We completed the Coronado Road widening project, constructed a beautiful new welcome sign on Highway 90, won nearly $120,000 in state tourism dollars, and launched two new signature events we look forward to hosting again over Memorial Day weekend. Now called Sierra Vista Sips & Skies, this weekend in Sierra Vista will once again feature a Wine, Beer, and Spirits Festival and the Sky Islands Summit Challenge on Saturday, May 26.

These are all exciting accomplishments that hold promise to benefit our community in the years to come. As we look forward to the New Year, the City of Sierra Vista resolves to continue moving this important work forward and to constantly look for new ways to make our extraordinary community even better.
GET ACQUAINTED

by Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager

In this edition we’ll get to know two staff members who interact with the public every day, but do so in very different ways. As manager of the City’s social media accounts, Public Information Officer Adam Curtis constantly communicates with citizens electronically, while Administrative Secretary Teresa Penny gets to see a steady stream of customers in person at the Oscar Yrun Community Center’s customer service desk.

**Adam Curtis**

A college capstone project as a photo editor at the Tombstone Epitaph first introduced Adam to Sierra Vista nearly 10 years ago, when he noticed the city lights while driving between Tombstone and Bisbee. Sedona born and raised, Adam enjoyed writing, and went to the University of Arizona to study English. When he realized that finding work outside of academia might be difficult, he switched to journalism and the draw of writing and photographing real-world stories. He took a paid internship after college with Wick Communications, and was placed at the Sierra Vista Herald where he covered City business and local schools for six years. Although he did not envision staying in Sierra Vista, after getting to know the community and its people (and meeting his wife, Beatrice, a former photographer for the Herald), Adam is happy to call Sierra Vista home. In his role with the City, Adam now enjoys sharing Sierra Vista’s story with residents and visitors alike!

An avid disc golfer and outdoor enthusiast, Adam travels around Arizona to experience different courses and compete in tournaments. Photography and videography are other serious interests, and many of the City’s online and print materials feature his work. In his spare time, Adam also enjoys video games (especially his Nintendo Switch), and owns more than 50 board games.

**Teresa Penny**

When meeting Teresa at the front desk in the Oscar Yrun Community Center, most people are immediately struck by her smile, efficiency, and true pleasure in helping people with their recreational needs and activities. But hiding behind her pleasant smile and helpful attitude are a gleefully devious mind, a love of pranking, and a passion for all things bacon. Teresa instituted an annual BaconFest potluck much loved by many City employees, and enjoys creating opportunities for staff development whenever possible.

Teresa has deep roots in Sierra Vista; born on Fort Huachuca, her first two sons were even delivered by the same doctor who delivered her! Not only that, her family lives in the same house she was raised in. Teresa’s husband Chris also works for the City in the IT division, and they met in Sierra Vista while both worked at Target. Chris enlisted in the Army and the young family got ready to see the world, but their traveling plans were short-lived when Chris was stationed at Fort Huachuca. Chris and Teresa went on to raise their three boys Anthony, Charles, and Nathan here. As an avid user of many City leisure programs, Teresa was a natural fit when a job opened up where she could put her knowledge as a patron to work.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Local Shopping

**Buys More than Just Stuff**

Online shopping might be convenient—a couple of clicks and your heart’s desire is on its way—but the reality is that clicking into the vast virtual stores of non-Arizona merchants saps millions of tax dollars from our state, counties, and cities each year.

While purchases from online businesses that do have a legal nexus in Arizona tap buyers for Arizona transaction privilege tax (a.k.a. sales tax), when those dollars are divvied up at the state level Sierra Vista doesn’t necessarily get a share equal to the purchases made by residents.

Sales tax accounts for 21.78 percent of Sierra Vista’s FY2017-18 budget, the largest percentage of all revenue sources. This $18 million revenue source is utilized (along with other funds) for City services, like maintaining our parks and library, providing community programs, and ensuring a safe and well maintained City infrastructure.

Spending your dollars locally not only helps keep Sierra Vista a great place to live, it also helps keep local businesses open. While the reason for all those vacant storefronts can’t be blamed directly on online sales, it’s likely that online and out-of-town shopping is a contributing factor. When Sierra Vista businesses close, there are fewer shopping choices for residents and visitors. And worse, those employees who worked there no longer have an income stream. That means fewer dollars going around our economy, less spending, more stores closing, and deferred City projects that add to our quality of life.

Take some time to shop locally—both independent retailers and chains. You might be surprised at the variety and uniqueness of items available right here. Spending dollars locally is an easy way to invest in your own community.
Celebrate the Holidays Responsibly

Visitors to City Hall, and even some motorists passing by, may have noticed this black SUV covered in 262 white crosses parked out front for the holiday season.

Created several years ago using a donated vehicle that had been in a collision, this DUI Memorial serves as a reminder of the 262 Arizona lives lost to impaired driving crashes back in 2013. In 2015, that total increased to 272 in Arizona, while 10,265 people were killed in alcohol-related collisions nationwide, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The risk is particularly high during the holidays when there are an increased number of impaired drivers on the roads. The DUI crash vehicle is one of the tools used by the Sierra Vista Police Department as part of its ongoing education and enforcement efforts.

“Through persistent outreach and enforcement, we hope to see DUI arrests and alcohol-related collisions decrease over time, as more drivers make the responsible choice and find a safe means of transportation,” says Cpl. Tim Wachtel, SVPD DUI task force coordinator.

The Sierra Vista Police Department urges everyone to remember that the safest driver is always a sober one. So, as you celebrate Christmas and ring in the New Year, remember to get a designated driver, not a DUI.

Holiday Safety Tips

The holidays are a time to deck out your home in decorations, cook a delicious meal, and gather together with friends and family. But these same activities and decorations that bring festive cheer can also pose some added fire danger or injury risk. The following tips will help you enjoy the holidays safely.

- Never leave candles unattended. According to the National Fire Protection Association, about half of home decoration fires in December are started by candles. They most commonly occur on Christmas, Christmas Eve, and New Year’s Eve.
- Keep decorations away from heat sources. About one-fifth of home decoration fires start in the kitchen, so be mindful of any decorations placed near the stove, light fixtures, or any heat sources.
- Mind the stove and oven. Christmas is second only to Thanksgiving when it comes to home cooking fires. With many guests in the home, it’s important to not get distracted and always keep an eye on what’s cooking.
- Keep pets and kids out of the kitchen. With so much to prepare, the kitchen can become a frantic place. A dog or young child underfoot can be a recipe for injuries and accidents.
- Use caution with fireworks and sparklers. Even just a sparkler can cause serious burns if mishandled. If you choose to ring in the New Year with legal fireworks, keep a fire extinguisher handy and take common sense precautions. Remember, fireworks can only be used on private property and no aerial fireworks that explode are allowed in Sierra Vista.
- Take care of your Christmas tree. Although uncommon, Christmas tree fires are likely to be serious. Keep live trees away from heat sources, make sure to water the tree, and always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.
HOLIDAY EVENTS (continued on next page)

Yuletide Market Holiday Bazaar

**DATE** Saturday, December 2  
**TIME** 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
**LOCATION** Ethel H. Berger Center

As the busy time of the year approaches once more, artisans across Cochise County have been busy working on their wares to sell at this fantastic bazaar! This year’s bazaar will feature assorted gifts to choose from including glassware, jewelry, holiday decorations, scarves, photography, oils and soaps, and much, much more. Food will be available for purchase in the dining area. This date is a must for your calendar! For more information, contact Chris Swan at (520) 439-2300.

Christmas Benefit Concert

**DATE** Friday, December 8  
**TIME** 7:00 PM  
**LOCATION** Buena Performing Arts Center | 5225 Buena School Boulevard  
**ADMISSION** Free (no ticket required)

Each year during the Christmas season the chorus, under the direction of Sharon Keene, offers the community a gift from the heart by sharing their love of music. This concert, “Christmas Joy,” which features a guest performance by a Buena High School choir ensemble, is free and no tickets are necessary. It is a chorus tradition to perform this concert as a benefit for those less fortunate. In the true spirit of the Christmas season the chorus is not only collecting toys for the Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services annual toy drive, but is also supporting a local holiday food bank drive. The chorus suggests, and would appreciate, a donation of a non-perishable food item or a new unwrapped toy. The fire department is collecting toys for children ages 1 through 12. They will also accept cash, checks, or gift cards that would greatly help their collection of toys to be distributed and help to make a truly merry Christmas for children in need. Checks can be made out to the Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services Toy Drive. However, it is not necessary to donate to the toy drive or bring a non-perishable food item to attend the concert. All the family will delight in this evening of familiar and new Christmas music. Santa and Mrs. Claus and their hard working elves sent the chorus a message from the North Pole that they will be visiting with a little treat for the children. The chorus, as always, is ready to sing joyously with music that will bring you the essence of what Christmas is really about.

Children’s Holiday Party

**DATE** Saturday, December 9  
**TIME** 10:00 AM – NOON  
**LOCATION** Buena High School  
**ADMISSION** Free

Join Sierra Vista Leisure Services at Buena High School for holiday favorites and family fun. There will be games, holiday crafts, face painting, cookie decorating, stage entertainment, and plenty of excitement for little ones to enjoy. Santa and Frosty will be there too, so don’t forget to bring a camera. For more information, contact Ken James at Ken.James@SierraVistaAZ.gov or (520) 458-7922.

Thanks to First Things First and all our other community sponsors for their support!
Senior Holiday Dinner

DATE  Tuesday, December 19
TIME   4:00 PM
LOCATION  Windemere Hotel and Conference Center
FEE  $16 per person (55+)

This beloved annual event will once again return to the Windemere in December! All active adults (55+) are invited for a delicious dinner prepared by the Windemere and served by the Leisure Services staff and volunteers. Entertainment and door prizes will add to the fun. Tickets are on sale through December 8 at the Oscar Yrun Community Center. All tickets must be purchased in advance, and the choice of apple or pumpkin pie should be given when purchasing your ticket. Table reservations are available; tickets for each seat at the reserved table must be paid in full at the time of the table reservation and individual names must be submitted.

Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 4:00 p.m. Please call Chris Swan at (520) 439-2300 for more information.

EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURE. UNCOMMON CHALLENGES.

BE A LOCAL TOURIST

Area residents can tackle a variety of local challenges as part of a statewide competition hosted by Outdoor Adventure Quest on December 8 through 10.

Adventurers can join the challenge by gathering a team of two to six adults and using the Outdoor Adventure Quest app to discover and accomplish unique challenges worth points based on difficulty. The list of challenges will be released two days before the adventure begins on December 8. Participants will then have three days to rack up points.

With about 60 challenges planned in Cochise County, including about 20 in and around Sierra Vista, teams will have plenty to discover in this corner of Arizona. The challenges involve rock climbing, hiking, camping, mountain biking, and much more.

Some challenges offer participants uncommon experiences, like pumping water from a spring-fed bathtub in the Huachuca Mountains, while others put an outdoor spin on discovering the rich history of the Old West. To register or learn more, go to outdooradventurequest.com/local-events/arizona/.
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 Chris Swan 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 provide their names.

Meals are paid for at the restaurant. To help with planning, please sign up early. Dinner starts at 4:15 p.m.

MANDA LÉ
DATE Thursday, December 14
ADDRESS 3455 Canyon De Flores
The menu choices are: 1) shrimp with rice pilaf, 2) traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, or 3) pot roast with mashed potatoes. All entrées are served with a side salad and non-alcoholic beverages. Tax and gratuity are included in the fee of $14 per person. Registration began November 10, and closes December 8.

NATIVE GRILL & WINGS
DATE Thursday, January 11
ADDRESS 3950 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway
Choose from the following entrées: 1) chicken apple walnut salad, 2) French dip and fries, or 3) fish and chips. Entrées two and three are served with a side salad. Non-alcoholic beverages, tax, and gratuity are included in the fee of $14 per person. Registration begins December 15, and closes January 5.

Sunday Concert
SIERRA VISTA COMMUNITY BAND
DATE Sunday, December 10
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 rehearse 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.

Rehearsals Begin for Sierra Vista Community Chorus
DATE Monday, January 8
TIME 9:30 AM
LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center
The Sierra Vista Community Chorus, under the direction of Sharon Keene, is looking forward to another exciting concert season. The chorus welcomes new members — adult men and women of all ages — and welcomes back all those members who helped make past concerts a success. The choral music is arranged in four-part harmony. No auditions are necessary and there are no dues or charges to join the chorus. Rehearsals will focus on music for the annual spring show, “A Salute to an American Treasure, Irving Berlin.”

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Keene, director, at (520) 417-2305 or Martha Conklin, general manager, at (520) 378-0730. See you on January 8 to work on the timeless and wonderful music of Irving Berlin.
Check Out our Current Exhibit!

HISTORIC TREASURE HUNT
Extraordinary People, Places, and Pastimes
It's a scavenger hunt for children of all ages!

Pop Quiz
- Sierra Vista had the first ever ____________________________ in the world.
- Margaret Carmichael donated land for our town's first A) homes, B) churches, or C) businesses.
- True or False: The Oliver Fry family came to what is now Sierra Vista in 1892.

Discover the answers to these questions within the newest exhibit based on the Sierra Vista Historical Society's Historic Plaque Program. Visit the Museum, pick up a plaque sites booklet and map—or geocache the sites—and start your journey!

Check Out Our Online Collections Database!
Visit https://henryhauser.pastperfectonline.com/ to take a peek into the museum’s artifact, document, and photograph collections. There’s even an option for requesting information, photographs, and archival materials. The online collection began with a small collection of photographs and will be increased monthly. Check frequently to find out what’s new!

Sierra Vista Genealogy “Genie” Club
Interested in researching your family history and don’t know where to begin? Attend the monthly meetings of the Sierra Vista Genealogy “Genie” Club hosted by the Henry F. Hauser Museum.

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

The Sierra Vista Genealogy Club meets the first Wednesday of each month October through April, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

This season's theme is “Mapping Your Family’s Past.”
- December 6 .................... Holiday Heritage
- January 3 ....................... Land Records
- February 7 ........................ Mapping Methods to Message

For more information, call (520) 803-7906 or go to www.sierravistagenie.wordpress.com.

“Henry” the Inquisitive Packrat
INVITES YOU TO BECOME A JUNIOR HISTORY DETECTIVE!
Put on your detective cap and grab a magnifying glass to investigate Sierra Vista’s extraordinary past! Take part in the Scavenger Hunt for Kids and win prizes! Open to students in grades one through six. Home-schooled students and out-of-town visitors are welcome! Call (520) 439-2306 for information.

Henry invites you to check out the children’s interactive area During the holiday break!
Have you ever used a typewriter or old-fashioned adding machine? Do you know what a rotary telephone is? Stop by the museum and try your hand at some vintage technology.
Document & Photograph Preservation Workshop

DATE | TIME Saturday, January 27 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center
FEE Free (registration required)

If you’ve ever wanted to learn how to protect your precious family documents and photographs, then this workshop is for you!

Discover the difference between lamination and encapsulation in protecting and sealing your documents and photographs. Learn what “museum quality” really means. And, find out how to make a humidity chamber to flatten folded and rolled items.

Taught by Henry F. Hauser Museum Curator, Nancy Krieski. Lunch and materials provided by the Sierra Vista Historical Society.

We Need Your Help!

Another Smithsonian Museum on Main Street Exhibit, Water/Ways, is coming to Sierra Vista in January 2019!

We’re honored to have been chosen as one of twelve sites throughout the state to host this exciting traveling exhibit. In preparation for this monumental event, Arizona Humanities will be producing a Take-Away Adult/Child coloring book with a page from each site. We have chosen a beautiful hand crafted wall quilt from our collection, titled “San Pedro River,” as the image representing a local “water story.” Please refer to the item on page 18 for information on how you can contribute by entering our Water/Ways poetry contest.

Register at the Oscar Yrun Community Center or The Cove. Participants limited to a maximum of 25, so register early. For information, call (520) 439-2306 or email Nancy.Krieski@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Save the Date!

YEAR OF THE DOG
A Chinese New Year Celebration!
DATE Saturday, February 17
TIME 4:00 - 6:30 PM
LOCATIONS Sierra Vista Public Library
Henry F. Hauser Museum

Celebrate our community’s rich cultural heritage!

Join us at the Sierra Vista Public Library from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. to make a lantern, walking dog, or streamer dog. At 5:00 p.m. participate in our short Year of the Dog parade to the museum where we’ll have a variety of activities and entertainment!

“What is It?”

Visit the museum each month to test your knowledge of a particular artifact. Do you know what it is? Correct answers will be entered into a drawing each month for a gift from the museum gift shop. A new artifact will be displayed the first day of each month. Come join the fun!

Amazing Arizona 2017–2018 SEASON
EXTRAORDINARY QUILTS. UNCOMMON BORDER STORIES.

In 2015, our local Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild was offered the opportunity to partner with the Henry F. Hauser Museum in creating small wall quilts depicting the nature, culture, and history of life along the border for donation to the museum’s permanent collection and for use in creating a local border stories traveling exhibit. This partnership inspired our 2017–2018 series. We are delighted to present to the public this “amazing” array of beautiful quilts and top notch speakers!

Amazing Arizona, hosted by the Henry F. Hauser Museum and the Sierra Vista Public Library, is a series of educational presentations seeking to educate and entertain the community regarding unique historical aspects of our state. Please join the program either at the Henry F. Hauser Museum, or the Sierra Vista Public Library, and discover “Amazing Arizona!”

All presentations are free and open to the public. For additional information, please contact Nancy Krieski, Museum Curator, at (520) 439-2306 or Nancy.Krieski@SierraVistaAZ.gov. The following programs are made possible through Speakers Bureau grants from Arizona Humanities, with funding provided by the Sierra Vista Historical Society, Friends of the Sierra Vista Public Library, and the Henry F. Hauser Museum.
Activity Schedule

These activities are conducted regularly at our community centers.

ETHEL H. BERGER CENTER

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

Table Tennis
Tue & Thu ................. 8:00 – 11:00 AM

Mexican Train Dominos
Tue & Thu ..................... 12:15 PM

Canasta
Wednesday ..................... 1:00 PM

Paper Crafts and Scrapbooking
Wednesday ..................... 1:00 PM

Party Bridge
Wednesday ................. 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Thunder Mountain Woodcarvers
Wed & Fri ..................... 1:00 – 3:00 PM

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

Billiards for Ladies
Friday ...................... 10:00 AM

Craft Ladies
Friday ..................... 1:00 – 2:00 PM

OSCAR YRUN COMMUNITY CENTER

Shuffleboard
Monday ......................... 9:30 AM

Duplicate Bridge
Monday ..................... Noon

Euchre Club
Wednesday ................... 12:30 – 3:00 PM

NOTE Schedule is subject to change without notice. For the latest information, call Chris Swan at (520) 439-2300.

Health Matters

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

DATES Wednesday, December 20
           Wednesday, January 24
TIME 4:00 PM
LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center

Stoke 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.

NOTE Due to the Christmas holiday, December’s support group meeting is on the third Wednesday.

Good Cookin’ Potlucks

DATES Friday, December 8
           Friday, January 12
TIME Noon
LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center
FEE A dish for six people

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.

NOTE The December potluck will be our annual holiday potluck.

STRIKING BRIDGE

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

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.

LEISURE & LIBRARY SERVICES

Ethel H. Berger Center
2950 East Tacoma Street
Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635

Customer Service Hours
FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE, PLEASE CALL
THE OSCAR YRUN COMMUNITY CENTER
AT (520) 458-7922.
**THE WETTEST, WILDEST FUN UNDER ONE ROOF**

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

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

| Lap Swim        | Mon – Fri ............ 5:30 – 8:00 AM  | Mon – Fri ............ 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM  | Mon – Thu ............ 6:00 – 7:30 PM  | Saturday ............ 9:30 – 11:30 AM  |
| Open Swim       | Saturday ............. NOON – 5:30 PM  | December 18 – 22 ....... 1:30 – 5:30 PM |
| 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 – 11:30 AM  |

**CLOSURES & HOLIDAYS**

Annual Maintenance Shutdown
Through December 10 ........ CLOSED
Mon, Dec 11 ......... NORMAL HOURS RESUME

Winter Break Open Swim
December 18 – 22 ....... 1:30 – 5:30 PM

Christmas Day
Monday, December 25 ......... CLOSED

New Year’s Day
Monday, January 1, 2018 ....... CLOSED

**ADMISSION**

Open Swim
- Youth (5 – 17 years) ............ $2.50
- Adult (18 – 54 years) ............ $4.00
- Senior (55+ years) ............ $3.25
Children under 5 are always free when accompanied in the water by a paid adult (18+ years).

Lap Swim
- Per Session ............ $3

Splash Time
- Per Child with Adult ............ $3
- Extra Adult ............ 50¢

**Swim Passes**

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**Water Workouts**

**AQUA CARDIO**
- D A Y S: M – F
- T I M E: 8:00 – 8:50 AM
- PLACE: Beach

**BODIES IN MOTION**
- D A Y S: M & F
- T I M E: 9:00 – 9:50 AM
- PLACE: Beach

**PILATES H2O**
- D A Y S: M & F
- T I M E: 10:00 – 10:50 AM
- PLACE: Beach

**JOINTS IN MOTION**
- D A Y S: M & F
- T I M E: 11:00 – 11:50 AM
- PLACE: Beach & Warm Pool

**AQUA ZUMBA**
- D A Y S: M & W
- T I M E: 6:00 – 6:50 PM
- PLACE: Beach

**DEEP WATER**
- D A Y S: T & Th
- T I M E: 6:00 – 6:50 PM
- PLACE: Lap Pool

**Adult Swim Lessons**

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**Private Swim Lessons**

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

**WATER WORKOUT FEES**

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Prices are monthly — no rollovers!

**KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**

- Visits are issued to a single person. Discounted prices must be used for one class and are not interchangeable.
- All visits must be used during the month. Unused visits will not carry over to the following 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.

**LEISURE & LIBRARY SERVICES**

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

**SPLASH TIME**

For children 5 years and younger. Child must be accompanied in the water by an adult (18+ years).

**DEEP WATER**

D A Y S: T & Th
T I M E: 6:00 – 6:50 PM
L A C K E R: Lap Pool

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**DATES**
January 8 – 31

**DAY**
Mondays & Wednesdays

**TIME**
6:00 – 6:45 PM

**LOCATION**
Beach

**FEE**
$50 per person (for 8 lessons)
## DECEMBER 2017

### TREECYCLE AND GREEN WASTE PICKUP
Approximately 33 million real Christmas trees are sold in North America every year, according to the U.S. EPA. Luckily 93% of those trees are recycled through more than 4,000 available recycling programs. After the holidays, consider recycling your Christmas tree. Arrange to have your tree picked up at the curb on a Wednesday free of charge by calling (520) 458-7530. Please remove all ornaments and tinsel. Or you can drop your tree off at the City of Sierra Vista’s Compost Facility located at 7201 E. Highway 90, Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free yard (green) waste pickups are available throughout the year. Visit our website for more information.

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**EOP = Environmental Operations Park**

**EBC = Ethel H. Berger Center**

**CCSV = Cochise College Sierra Vista Campus**

**CCP&MG = Cochise Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering**

**BVES = Bella Vista Elementary School**

**BPF = Brown Parade Field, Ft. Huachuca**

**BPAC = Buena Performing Arts Center**

**AFP = Arizona Folklore Preserve**

**SPH = San Pedro House**

**RCP = Ramsey Canyon Preserve**

**RESC = Rothery Educational Services Center**

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Winter Break
Coed Youth Basketball Camp

Dates: December 18 – 20
Days: Monday – Wednesday
Times: 8:00 – 9:00 AM (ages 5 – 8)
9:15 – 10:30 AM (ages 9 – 15)
Location: Rothery Educational Service Center Gymnasium
Entry Fee: $35 per person

This camp for girls and boys ages 5 through 15 will provide basic instruction and higher level fundamentals to get participants ready for the 2018 Coed Youth Recreational Basketball League Program. Register at the Oscar Yrun Community Center or The Cove beginning December 1. Registrations will also be taken the first day of camp. Don’t forget to bring your running shoes and bottled water. For more information, please call (520) 439-2302 or email Sports@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

2018 Coed Youth Recreational Basketball League Program

Girls and boys, ages 5 – 15, get ready for a fun season! The tipoff for the 2018 Coed Youth Recreational Basketball League Program is set for January 24, 2018. Registration is ongoing at the Oscar Yrun Community Center and The Cove. Registration ends at noon on Friday, December 8. League divisions are determined by participants’ ages as of December 31, and through a skill evaluation for certain age divisions. League divisions and fees are as follows:

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1 Includes jersey or T-shirt
2 Held at Rothery Educational Service Center Gymnasium

Note: Make-up skills evaluation will be held on Saturday, December 16, at 1:00 p.m.

Participants must be registered by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 8, and attend the scheduled mandatory make-up skill evaluation the following week. Once a player is registered, and has attended the mandatory skill evaluation, he or she is eligible to be selected or drafted on a team. Should the number of registrants exceed the number of available slots, individuals will be placed in the draft or on a team (not requiring a draft) based on date of registration, earliest to latest. A wait list will be maintained if slots should become available. High School (AIA) players, upon registering, are not to attend the skills evaluation in order to be selected or drafted on a team. A copy of each participant’s birth certificate is required at registration, if not on file already. Please call (520) 458-7922 for detailed information.
Kid’s Wonderful Opportunities in Recreation and Leisure Development (Kid’s W.O.R.L.D.) is a group recreation-focused program for children enrolled in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Before & After School Recreation Program

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 SVUSD elementary sites, The Cove, and the 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.

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE OPTIONS & FEES
Weekly, Monday – Friday

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

Winter Break Recreation Program
For children enrolled in grades K–6

MONDAY–THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18–21
TUESDAY–FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26–29
6:40 AM – 5:45 PM

BELLA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
801 N. Lenzner Avenue (in the cafeteria)

$85 PER CHILD (per week)
Plus $5 registration fee
Includes morning and afternoon snacks and 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 on a space-available basis at the Oscar Yrun Community Center and The Cove (no on-site registrations will be accepted). Enrollment is limited, so register early!
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’m so bored. Is there anything to do in this town?”

The response: “Hey, we’ve got you covered!”

The library has a great new space for youth ages 12 through 18 to hang out—The Vault—open from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Teens will recognize a couple of familiar faces from the former Teen Center, who will staff The Vault and keep the fun times rolling.

Teens can play video games, watch movies, get free online homework help through Tutor.com, or just hang out and chat. Role playing games and other tabletop games will be regular events. Light snacks and sodas will be available for purchase, but BYO is welcome!

The Vault is not the only regular service for teens the library offers. The Teen Anime Club and Library After Dark program, which generally feature a rousing game of laser tag, are very popular.

Staff want The Vault to be a safe, fun environment for youth to hang out and suggestions are encouraged. Come check it out, but be warned: you just might have more fun than you can handle!

There will be a one-time registration required, just to make sure everyone stays safe and so staff can contact a parental unit if necessary.

BOOK DISCUSSION
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See
DATE Wednesday, January 17
TIME 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
LOCATION Conference Room

Book discussions are open to anyone who loves to read and discuss books.

NOTE There will be no Book Discussion in December.

FICTIONS WRITERS CLUB
DATES Saturday, December 16
Saturday, January 20
TIME 2:30 PM
LOCATION Meeting Room

In this workshop-style meeting we’ll discuss different writing processes. After discussion we’ll have a 20-minute writing period, and follow that up by sharing some of our work. It occurs on the third Saturday of the month.

SOCRATES CAFÉ
DATES Friday, December 8 & 22
Friday, January 12 & 26
TIME 10:30 AM
LOCATION Meeting Room

Exchange useful ideas, analysis, and experiences to gain a better understanding of human nature and the world.

TUESDAY TALKS

Afghanistan
DATE Tuesday, December 12
TIME 1:00 PM
LOCATION Meeting Room

We will hear about the people, culture, and some history of what is now Afghanistan. Then we’ll hear about previous efforts to subjugate the Afghan tribes by the Greeks, British, and Soviets before the U.S. came on the scene in 2001. Finally we’ll hear about some options for how we move forward or withdraw and have a straw vote on them.

Kim Jong Un and North Korea
DATE Tuesday, January 9
TIME 1:00 PM
LOCATION Meeting Room

How dangerous is he—and is he bluffing? We will learn more about this bizarre Swiss educated, third-generation dictator and the hermit kingdom he rules.
Learning at the Library

BEGINNERS SPANISH
DAY | TIME Wednesdays, 5:30 PM
LOCATION Meeting Room
A series of practical, easy to follow shortcuts and tips in place of the traditional memorization and lessons. This is an orientation to Spanish typically spoken in the United States of America and northern Mexico.

BOOK-A-LIBRARIAN
Need one-on-one personal reference assistance, help downloading an ebook or digital audiobook, help with your tablet, help with finding business, government, or other information, or need an in-depth demonstration of how to use the library’s databases? We are here to help you. Please check the City’s website and library Facebook page for dates.

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

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES
Learn about U.S. government, history, and the Constitution in preparation for the Citizenship Exam. The classes are free and students can register and start attending at any time during the session. Classes are taught in English. Please note that parents are asked to make their own childcare arrangements. Please contact the library for dates, times, and to register.

EXERCISE BODY AND MIND: FITNESS KITS
Enjoy some non-traditional items provided at your local library. Body kits contain workout DVDs and appropriate equipment. Mind kits contain games to stimulate memory and cognition. Check out is two weeks for these items.

FREE PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL COACHING
DATES Monday, December 11
Monday, January 15
TIME 5:30 – 6:30 PM
LOCATION Conference Room
Have questions about managing money? Ready to take steps towards a financial goal? Transitioning from the military or retiring? A financial coach will work with you to identify your financial goals, create a plan, and guide your progress.

Fun at the Library

PUZZLE EXCHANGE
DATES Friday, December 8
Friday, January 12
TIME 3:30 – 3:50 PM
LOCATION Meeting Room
Love doing jigsaw puzzles but need ones new to you? Bring your puzzles to trade with other enthusiasts at this fast and furious event.

MOVIE MATINÉES
DATES Wednesday, December 6 & 20
Wednesday, January 3 & 17
TIME 1:00 PM
LOCATION Meeting Room
Enjoy indie favorites, major studio releases and even oldies but goodies; you can see them all at the library. Movie Matinees are free and popcorn is available while supplies last. To get a list of upcoming titles call the library or pick up a Movie Matinee bookmark the next time you stop by the library.

STAR WARS CELEBRATION
DATE Saturday, December 9
TIME 1:00 – 3:00 PM
LOCATION Meeting Room
Join us at the library to celebrate everything Star Wars with games, an obstacle course, displays, snacks (while supplies last), costume contests, and photo ops. Costume contests start at 2:00 p.m. Find more details on the City’s website and library Facebook page.
Children at the Library

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**
**DATES** Friday, December 1
**Thursday, January 4**
**TIME** 4:00 PM
Starting January, we’re switching our Family Movie Night from the first Friday of the month to the first Thursday of the month. Join us at 4:00 p.m. for a family-friendly movie and free popcorn!

**COOKIE DECORATING**
**DATE** Saturday, December 16
**TIME** 11:00 AM - NOON
Bring the kids for free family fun! The library provides cookies and frosting as long as supplies last.

**MOBILE MAKERSPACE: CODING CLUB**
**DATES** Saturdays, December 2 & 16
Saturday, January 6 & 20
**TIME** 2:30 - 3:30 PM
Kids learn to code with fun software and games. Every Coding Club brings new learning goals! Recommended for ages 8 and older.

**MOBILE MAKERSPACE: TEXTILE ARTS**
**DATES** Thursday, December 21
**Thursday, January 11**
**TIME** 1:30 - 3:00 PM
Using our brand new sewing and knitting equipment from our Mobile Makerspace, we will lead textile art workshops. Recommended for youth ages 10 and older.

**STORYTIMES RETURN TUESDAY, JANUARY 2**
Storytimes at the Sierra Vista Public Library are on hiatus through the holiday season. These free weekly group storytimes for ages newborn to 5 years old will return to their regular schedule starting Tuesday, January 2.

**Baby Time**
**DAY | TIME** Tuesdays,
10:20 - 10:55 AM
This program is recommended for children birth to 18 months. Babies will enjoy songs, movement activities, rhymes, board books, and playtime. Adult participation is encouraged.

**Toddler Storytime**
**DAY | TIME** Fridays, 10:20 - 10:55 AM
This program is recommended for children 18 months to 3 years of age. Children listen to short stories and music, and we offer playtime at the end. Adult participation is encouraged.

**Preschool Storytime**
**DAY | TIME** Tuesdays, 11:00 AM - NOON
This program is recommended for children 3 to 5 years of age. Children listen to stories and music and create a craft at the end of storytime. Adult participation is encouraged.

**Calling All Local Poets**
The Smithsonian is coming back to Sierra Vista with the Water/Ways Museum on Main Street exhibit in January, 2019! Be a part of this exciting event by contributing a poem to the traveling exhibits Take-Away Adult/Child coloring book being produced by Arizona Humanities. We have chosen a beautiful hand crafted wall quilt from our collection, titled “San Pedro River,” as the image representing our “water story.” The contest will run until 4:00 p.m. on December 30. Stop by the library for entry forms and more details.
TEEN EVENTS

BOARD GAME NIGHT

**Day** | **Time** Tuesdays | 4:00 PM
**Location** Sierra Vista Public Library
At this drop-in event, come play board games with staff and friends. For ages 12 through 18.

TEEN TABLETOP ROLE-PLAYING NIGHT

**Day** | **Time** Wednesdays | 4:00 PM
**Location** Sierra Vista Public Library
Join staff and friends at the library every Wednesday for a weekly Dungeons and Dragons campaign. It’s suitable for all skill levels, so join us for an adventure! For ages 12 through 18.

THE VAULT

**Days** | **Time** Tue & Wed | 3:00 – 6:00 PM
**Day** | **Time** Thursdays | 1:00 – 6:00 PM
**Location** Sierra Vista Public Library
Come hang out with the youth services staff in the Teen Room! Play videogames and relax after school, for ages 12 through 18.

LIBRARY AFTER DARK: LASER TAG

**Date** Friday, December 15
**Time** 7:00 – 8:30 PM
**Location** Sierra Vista Public Library
Play laser tag with your friends after the library closes. The library provides snacks and drinks as long as supplies last. This event is for ages 12 through 18. *Registration is required.*

TEEN ANIME CLUB

**Dates** Thursday, December 28
Thursday, January 25
**Time** 4:30 – 6:00 PM
**Location** Sierra Vista Public Library
Participants vote on what they want to watch next, and eat fun Asian snacks (as long as they last). Ages 12 through 18 welcome.

TEEN MAKER SPACE

**Dates** Thursday, December 7
Thursday, January 4
**Time** 4:00 – 5:00 PM
**Location** Sierra Vista Public Library
At these drop-in events teens get to use the library’s new maker space equipment while supervised by staff. Ages 12 through 18 welcome.

TEEN MUSIC CLUB

**Date** Friday, January 12
**Time** 4:00 – 5:30 PM
**Location** Sierra Vista Public Library
Teens can bring musical instruments to group up together to make music and form relationships. This is a recurring event to support collaboration between musicians. Ages 12 through 18 welcome.

TEEN MUSIC CLUB

**Date** Friday, January 26
**Time** 3:00 PM
**Location** Sierra Vista Public Library
Using official Smash Brothers rules, compete to see who is the ruler of all things Nintendo. Food and drinks are provided as long as supplies last. Prizes will be awarded to first and second place. Ages 12 through 18 are welcome. *Registration is required.*

LIBRARY AFTER DARK: HOLIDAY COOKIE BAKE-OFF

**Date** Friday, December 1
**Time** 6:30 – 8:00 PM
**Location** Sierra Vista Public Library
At this teen event, bring three dozen of your best cookies and the recipe to share. Participants will vote for their favorite cookie. Prizes awarded. For ages 12 through 18. *Registration is required.*

HOLIDAY TEEN CRAFTERNOON

**Date** Friday, December 15
**Time** 4:00 – 5:30 PM
**Location** Sierra Vista Public Library
At this drop-in event teens get to make gifts for friends and loved ones. This year we will be making coasters, microwavable heat packs, and bath bombs. All project supplies provided as long as supplies last. This event is for youth ages 12 through 18.

LIBRARY AFTER DARK: MINI GOLF

**Date** Friday, January 5
**Time** 7:00 – 8:30 PM
**Location** Sierra Vista Public Library
After the library closes, play mini golf in the stacks with obstacles made out of library materials. Eat snacks or play videogames while waiting for your round. This event is for ages 12 through 18.

SUPER SMASH BROTHERS WII-U TOURNAMENT

**Date** Friday, January 26
**Time** 3:00 PM
**Location** Sierra Vista Public Library
Using official Smash Brothers rules, compete to see who is the ruler of all things Nintendo. Food and drinks are provided as long as supplies last. Prizes will be awarded to first and second place. Ages 12 through 18 are welcome. *Registration is required.*

The Sierra Vista Public Library is located at 2600 E. Tacoma Street and the Teen Center is located at 3405 E. Fry Boulevard. Both are on or near Vista Transit bus routes.

For more information on teen events, contact Library Manager Emily Scherrer at (520) 458-4225.
BUSY FINGERS
The "yarn babes" have combined knitting and crocheting into one class. Come on down and join the fun! For knitting, please bring plastic or bamboo knitting needles, size 10. For crocheting, please bring crochet hooks, sizes J or K. Also bring one skein of yarn or your current work in progress. Extra help will be available for half an hour after each class.

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

OPEN LAB
Explore, experiment, and improve your pottery skills through self-directed work during open lab sessions for potters at any level. The fee includes use of studio equipment, bisque firing, glazes, and glaze firing. Participants may also bring their own tools. Punch Pass is good for eight hours of studio time. Raku firings are available on occasion for an extra fee, inquire at the studio for details. Please note, Open Lab is not an instruction class.

DAYS | TIMES Thursdays, 5:00 – 8:00 PM
Fridays, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturdays, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
LOCATION Oscar Yrun Community Center
FEES $25 Punch Pass
(good for eight hours)
$12 (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 pickup the next week. Available during any pottery studio open lab session.

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

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

CODE 120902
DATES December 12 – January 16

CODE 190902
DATES January 23 – February 27

DAY | TIME Tuesday, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
LOCATION Oscar Yrun Community Center
INSTRUCTOR Glenda Harper
FEES $95 per person

NOTE The fee includes all supplies and an eight-hour punch pass to the Pottery Studio Open Lab (a $25 value).
**RICKETY ROCKETTES**

*Who are the Rickety Rockettes?*

The Rickety Rockettes are a group of active adults (ages 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 (520) 458-7922.

**WINTER HOLIDAYS**

**DANCE**

**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**: 120705-B
- **DATES**: December 6 – January 10
- **CODE**: 190705-B
- **DATES**: January 17 – February 21

**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**: 121200-A
- **DATES**: December 1 – 29
- **CODE**: 191200-A
- **DATES**: January 3 – 31

**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**: 121219-C
- **DATES**: December 26 – January 16
- **CODE**: 191219-C
- **DATES**: January 23 – February 13

**INTRODUCTION TO BELLY DANCE BASICS**

This dance form is a fun, non-impact exercise that invigorates and promotes the body’s health and the mind’s outlook.

- **CODE**: 190715
- **DATES**: January 2 – 25

**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**: 120708
- **DATES**: December 5 – 26

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- **DATES**: January 2 – 25

**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**: 121219-A
- **DATES**: December 21 – January 11
- **CODE**: 191219-A
- **DATES**: January 18 – February 8

**INTRODUCTION TO BELLY DANCE BASICS**

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KID’S STUFF

KIDS DRAMA
This class will offer different dynamics of the theater acting warm ups, prop and costume design, and fun for your child’s creative side. This program is designed to mold the next generation in the performing arts and offer a glimpse into all the magic that happens in front of and behind the stage curtains. This class is for children ages 6 to 12.

  CODE 190810
  DATES January 6 – 27
  DAY | TIME Saturday, 10:00 AM – NOON
  LOCATION Oscar Yrun Community Center
  INSTRUCTOR Ilene Axtell
  FEE $25 per person

  NOTE Supply costs are separate and payable directly to the instructor.

HAPPY TAPPERS I
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 190700-A
  DATES January 3 – 24
  CODE 200700-A
  DATES January 31 – February 21
  DAY | TIME Wednesday, 5:15 – 6:00 PM
  LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center
  INSTRUCTOR Benjamin Caron
  FEE $25 per person (per session)

HAPPY TAPPERS II
A Combination of Tap, Jazz & Ballet
This class is a continuation of Happy Tappers I, geared for ages 6 to 8 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 190700-B
  DATES January 4 – 25
  DAY | TIME Thursday, 5:15 – 6:00 PM
  LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center
  INSTRUCTOR Benjamin Caron
  FEE $25 per person

HAPPY TAPPERS III
A Combination of Tap, Jazz & Ballet
This class is geared for ages 9+ or students with some dance experience. Students will learn the elements of tap, jazz, and ballet. Students should wear jazz, ballet, or tap shoes.

  CODE 190700-C
  DATES January 25 – 26
  DAY | TIME Thursday, 5:15 – 6:00 PM
  LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center
  INSTRUCTOR Benjamin Caron
  FEE $25 per person

MARTIAL ARTS

SIERRA VISTA MARTIAL ARTS
Sierra Vista Martial Arts is a blend of Chinese, Okinawan, and Western martial arts developed by the instructors. With different experience backgrounds, they 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, extensive 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 concepts taught by other systems. As such, cross training and the study of other systems is encouraged. The focus is on civilian self defense, not on the modern sporting versions of martial arts.

  AGES 4 – 7
  CODE 121102-A
  DATES December 15 – January 19
  CODE 191102-A
  DATES January 22 – February 16
  TIME 5:00 – 5:45 PM

  AGES 8 – 13
  CODE 121102-B
  DATES December 15 – January 19
  CODE 191102-B
  DATES January 22 – February 16
  TIME 6:00 – 7:00 PM

  AGES 14+
  CODE 121102-C
  DATES December 15 – January 19
  CODE 191102-C
  DATES January 22 – February 16
  TIME 7:00 – 8:00 PM

  DAYS Monday & Friday
  LOCATION Sierra Vista Activity Center
  INSTRUCTORS Victor Martinez
  Pete Achaval
  FEE $46 per person (per session)

  NOTE There will be no classes on Monday, December 25 and January 1 & 15.

JUJITSU
Fering Cruz 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 121103-A
  DATES December 22 – January 17
  CODE 191103-B
  DATES January 19 – February 14
  DAYS Wednesday & Friday
  TIME 5:30 – 7:00 PM
  LOCATION Sierra Vista Activity Center
  INSTRUCTOR Pete Achaval
  FEE $46 per person (per session)
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.

GROUP UKULELE INSTRUCTION
This will be 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 class uses the Hal Leonard Ukulele Method, Book 1, by Lil' Rev, which can be found on-line, or purchased from the instructor for $7 or the current market cost. Loner Instruments are available for $10 on a limited bases with a refundable deposit between $30 and $50 depending on instrument replacement cost. The ultimate goal is to form an active and thriving ukulele "orchestra" in Sierra Vista.

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.

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.

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.
HOLIDAY EVENTS

HOLIDAY COOKIE BAKE-OFF
Friday, December 1 | 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Sierra Vista Public Library

OLD WORLD SANTA DISPLAY
Begins Friday, December 1
Veterans Memorial Park

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
Friday, December 1 | 5:30 – 7:00 PM
Veterans Memorial Park

THE NUTCRACKER SUITE
Friday, December 1 | 7:00 PM
Sunday, December 3 | 3:00 PM
Buena Performing Arts Center

YULETIDE MARKET
& HOLIDAY BAZAAR
Saturday, December 2 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Ethel H. Berger Center

59TH ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS LIGHT PARADE
Saturday, December 2 | 5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fry Boulevard

N.O.E.L. NIGHT OF
EXTRAORDINARY LIGHTS
Friday & Saturday, December 8 & 9 | 5:00 – 9:00 PM
Brown Parade Field

SIERRA VISTA COMMUNITY CHORUS
CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT
Friday, December 8 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Buena Performing Arts Center

CHILDREN’S HOLIDAY PARTY
Saturday, December 9 | 10:00 AM – NOON
Buena High School

ANNUAL TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES
Saturday, December 9 | NOON – 4:00 PM
Fort Huachuca

HOLIDAY TEEN CRAFTERNOON
Friday, December 15 | 4:00 – 5:30 PM
Sierra Vista Public Library

HOLIDAY COOKIE DECORATING
Saturday, December 16 | 11:00 AM – NOON
Sierra Vista Public Library

DESERT SWING’S
SWINGING HOLIDAY
DINNER & DANCE
Saturday, December 16 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Ethel H. Berger Center

SENIOR HOLIDAY DINNER
Tuesday, December 19 | 4:00 – 5:30 PM
Windemere Hotel