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For many community members, May is significant because it marks the end of the school year and the start of summer vacation. It’s a time to travel together as a family and take a step back from the hectic daily routine.

But for the City, May is peak budget season and it’s been far from a vacation in recent years as we’ve faced shrinking revenues and increasing expenses. The good news is that one side of that equation has finally shifted.

We’re conservatively forecasting increased revenues at both the state and local level for next fiscal year, starting on July 1. This coincides with other economic indicators and population growth that show how Sierra Vista is rising out of a down economy.

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But there’s a catch, at least for next year’s budget. While revenues are up, we’re also faced with increased expenses as the City adapts to scheduled statewide increases to the minimum wage.

This puts pressure on our classification and compensation plan, requiring adjustments to keep pace with the minimum wage and avoid compression, meaning when the salaries of new employees become too close to those of longer tenured, more experienced peers. There is also an increase in the City’s Public Safety Personnel Retirement System contribution, although thankfully the steps we’ve taken in prior years have made this piece more manageable.

And there’s more good news. Over the last decade, the City of Sierra Vista has become an expert in finding creative solutions to accomplish key priorities despite major budget constraints. And you’ll see evidence of that in this issue of Vistas.

Finding creative ways to use the resources we have and constantly seeking grants and partnerships is ingrained in the culture of the City. It’s what made the local implementation of the PulsePoint Respond app possible, it has boosted economic development efforts to aid local businesses, and it’s how we’re making major improvements to sports facilities throughout the community.

I want to thank our partners in these efforts, to include the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona and the Sierra Vista Unified School District. As organizations of all types deal with budgetary constraints, partnering to leverage our combined resources has become a fundamental part of doing business.

And that’s part of what makes Sierra Vista an extraordinary place to live and work. When we face a challenge we cannot tackle alone, our partners are there to help get the job done.

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Finding a Pulse

SVF&MS Empowers Citizens to Save Lives with PulsePoint App

The PulsePoint Respond app was launched to notify cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)-trained bystanders to do just that when they are near the right place at the right time in a public space. And now this life-saving smartphone app is live in Sierra Vista thanks to an initiative by Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services (SVF&MS) and the support of the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona. The foundation awarded the department a $26,000 grant to fund its implementation and cover the first two years of maintenance fees.

Since its local launch at the end of February, PulsePoint Respond has been downloaded by 552 local residents (as of April 26). And that’s just the start, as SVF&MS continues to promote the app and provide hands-only CPR and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training to groups, including City staff members who work with the public, and the community at large.

“Sudden cardiac arrest is not just a job of emergency responders, but rather a community-based issue that requires a community-based response,” says Brian Jones, interim fire chief of SVF&MS. “Just last year in the City of Sierra Vista, we had 48 people who went into sudden cardiac arrest.”

Nationally, sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is a leading cause of death, killing about 1,000 people every day in the U.S. And with each minute that passes before aid is initiated, the odds of survival drop by 7% to 10%. But only about one third of the people who suffer SCA receive CPR or early defibrillation from a bystander before professional help arrives.

“About 57 percent of the adult population has some sort of training in CPR, yet only 11 percent of those have actually ever used CPR,” Jones says. “With PulsePoint, we’re expanding efforts to get people trained and educate them that now they have a tool to help put that training into action.”

PulsePoint Extends to Fry Fire District

Thanks to the launch of the Southeastern Arizona Communications Center (SEACOM), PulsePoint Respond was integrated into the regional dispatch service, which opens it up for use beyond Sierra Vista’s jurisdiction.

Since Fry Fire District has also joined SEACOM, PulsePoint Respond has been live in the district’s service area since it was launched. And Tom Tucker, Fry Fire District Governing Board member, knows first-hand just how effective PulsePoint can be.

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Tom Tucker speaks at the PulsePoint Community Kickoff.

Tucker is the Tucson Airport Authority Fire Chief and last year he received a PulsePoint Respond alert during a break while serving on an interview board. It indicated there was a cardiac arrest victim downstairs, so he grabbed the nearest AED and started running. The app also displays the locations of nearby AEDs and at Tucson International Airport there are many.

Tucker found a cab driver without a pulse and a bystander who had just begun compression-only CPR. As Tucker took over CPR, several law enforcement officers arrived, also carrying AEDs. One of the officers applied an AED and initiated one shock. The patient regained a spontaneous pulse and was talking by the time the medical transport arrived.
Did you know?

- Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is a leading cause of death in the United States, accounting for an estimated 356,000 deaths each year (it kills nearly 1,000 people each day in the U.S.).
- Only about a third of sudden cardiac arrest victims receive bystander CPR.
- 13 million Americans are CPR trained and certified annually.
- The U.S survival rate for sudden cardiac arrest is 11% and we can do better!
- For each minute that passes before help arrives, sudden cardiac arrest survival decreases by 7% to 10%.
- The American Heart Association estimates that effective bystander CPR, provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest, can double or triple a person’s chance of survival.
- In April 2008, the American Heart Association revised its recommendations and encouraged lay bystanders to use compression-only CPR as an alternative to the combined rescue breathing and chest compression method. It is believed that this change will significantly increase the willingness of bystanders to perform CPR.
- SCA is not the same as a heart attack. A heart attack occurs when blood vessels in the heart get clogged, preventing blood flow to sections of heart muscle. A heart attack, however, can lead to SCA by triggering an abnormal heart rhythm. SCA may be compared to an electrical problem in the heart, in contrast to a heart attack, which is more of a plumbing problem.
- SCA can happen to anyone at any time. Many victims appear healthy with no known heart disease or other risk factors.

This information is compiled from a PulsePoint Foundation Fact Sheet and includes statistics from the American Heart Association.

At the community kickoff event, Buena High School Athletic Trainer Wesley Wood shared her story of performing CPR on a 14-year-old student who collapsed on the school track in November, 2012. Doctors later said that early compressions and defibrillation saved that student’s life. That student, who had an undiagnosed heart condition, has since gone on to graduate from the University of Arizona and perform humanitarian work in Peru.

Learning Hands-Only CPR

When Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services hosted a free Hands-Only CPR and AED Class in early April, more than 100 people showed up.

“We’ve been thrilled with the response and are planning to host more hands-only CPR classes this fall,” SVF&MS Interim Deputy Chief Jodie Ryan says. “We’re integrating PulsePoint and hands-only CPR information into our regular community outreach and are expanding efforts to get out to more events, schools, and groups. Hands-only CPR can be less intimidating since rescue breaths are not required, which helps empower more bystanders to offer aid when called upon.”

Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services also offers full CPR classes on the third Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Fire Station 3. The classes cost $75 per person and participants earn American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR/First Aid/AED certification. To register, call Fire Station 3 at (520) 417-4400 or stop by the station, located at 675 Giulio Cesare Avenue, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

How PulsePoint Works

The PulsePoint Respond and PulsePoint AED apps are free to download and available for iOS and Android devices.

PulsePoint Respond app users who have indicated they are trained in CPR and are willing to assist in case of an emergency will receive a notification if someone nearby is experiencing a cardiac arrest. If the cardiac arrest occurs in a public place, the app will alert nearby users as the dispatch for emergency medical personnel goes out.

PulsePoint Respond also directs users to the location of the closest AED. The location of area AEDs can be reported via the PulsePoint AED app, although they will not appear on the PulsePoint apps until fire and medical personnel verify the location.

PulsePoint has been implemented in more than 3,400 communities. Learn more at www.pulsepoint.org.

It was a terrible situation, one of the worst days of my life. But it ended up being a good day too.” — Wesley Wood

Wesley Wood shares her story at the PulsePoint Community Kickoff.
Technical Assistance Program Boosts Local Businesses

When you’re running a small business, it’s easy to get caught up in the day-to-day grind and lose sight of opportunities to grow and to evolve with the times.

Danielle Sheppard has owned Huachuca Shuttle for 17 years, often working long hours as a driver and dispatcher. Improving the overall business took a back seat. She had her way of doing things and it worked. Why change?

Sheppard learned to think differently when she was selected as one of six businesses participating in the City’s Sierra Vista Technical Assistance Program (SVTAP). The City’s economic development team and experts with Sun Corridor Inc., the Tucson-based group selected to implement this grant-funded program, opened Sheppard’s eyes to what her business could be. Sheppard hired two additional people to her team of 25 part time employees.

“That way I could do the research, do the contract proposals, and move forward with making more money for the business,” Sheppard says.

She is finding ways to get her fleet of vans in action more during the week, instead of relying so heavily on the weekend business from Fort Huachuca. Sheppard is exploring contracts in neighboring communities and ways to reach other markets, like citizens in need of rides for shopping and medical appointments during the week.

“I was content,” Sheppard says. The Sierra Vista Technical Assistance Program gave her the spark she needed to reorganize and see the potential her own business has to diversify and expand.

“That’s what the program is all about,” City of Sierra Vista Economic Development Manager Tony Boone says. “We want to empower local businesses to reach their full potential, discover new markets, and add jobs to Sierra Vista’s economy.”

Building Relationships

The City obtained funding for the program through a grant from the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment in the spring of 2017 and contracted with Sun Corridor Inc. that fall. The two-year program will run through August, but the connections it has fostered will live on.

That’s a given with the City’s economic development staff who oversee the program, but Yvette Rambo, who co-owns the M&M Team automotive businesses in Huachuca City and Sierra Vista with her husband Tim Montoya, says she has been impressed with the responsiveness of Sun Corridor Inc. Executive Vice President David Welsh and Program Manager Steve Eggen as well.

“I’m hoping to keep the relationships I’ve built,” Rambo says. Welsh and Eggen helped her see how to work smarter instead of harder and gave her the tools needed to pursue contract work, whether it’s on post or not.

“Now it’s my job to execute,” Rambo says.

She has also added two staff members and now has a team of 12 full-time employees. It’s freed her up to implement a new digital estimating tool for the collision shop and to focus on using more online marketing.

“The Sierra Vista Technical Assistance Program has seen great success this year,” Welsh says. “Companies are already seeing increased revenue and employee growth to support new contracts being pursued and won.”

Rambo also loved the opportunity to attend the Government Procurement Outlook Summit, hosted by the Diversity Business Development Center, along with fellow Sierra Vista Technical Assistance Program participants in January. Their attendance was sponsored through the program and the experts there gave them individual attention.

“That was a big bonus,” Rambo says. She appreciated the chance to network with both the host organization and the summit’s speaker, Omni2Max President and CEO Allen Maxwell. Maxwell, who boasts 20 plus years of contracting and personal business experience, even offered to continue mentoring Sierra Vista Technical Assistance Program businesses after the summit.

“This program has given these companies a foundation on which to successfully navigate an ever-changing business landscape,” says Eggen, Sun Corridor Inc.’s program manager. “These firms epitomize the strong business spirit in Sierra Vista and the economic success found across Southern Arizona.”

Final Steps

Once the Sierra Vista Technical Assistance Program wraps up, Sun Corridor Inc. will make a final report to City staff and council regarding new contracts that were pursued, employees that were added, and growth that was achieved as a result of the program.

But that’s far from the end of the City’s role in helping local businesses achieve their potential. Its economic development team regularly works with local business owners and entrepreneurs, whether they are just hoping to start up or poised for expansion.

“We’re always here to help provide the guidance and make the connections needed to make the most of opportunities in Sierra Vista,” Boone says.

To reach the City’s economic development team, call (520) 439-2212 or email Tony.Boone@SierraVistaAZ.gov or Michael.Cline@SierraVistaAZ.gov.
**Drain Pools Responsibly**

As temperatures rise, many residents are looking forward to spending a summer by the pool but people rarely think about where that pool water goes if it needs to be drained.

Pool water is heavily treated with chemicals, which can be harmful to plant and aquatic life if they enter the stormwater system. And discharging in the public right-of-way without a permit is illegal! Here’s how to avoid a code violation and help keep our stormwater clean.

**REUSE WATER FOR LANDSCAPING**

The City recommends reusing pool water for landscape irrigation if possible. Just be sure to remove chlorine sources for 48 hours for use on sensitive plants. Depending on space, this may require discharging over several days to prevent runoff leaving the property.

**GET A POOL DRAIN PERMIT**

Discharging pool water into the right-of-way or street requires a permit, which can be applied for on the City’s website [www.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://www.SierraVistaAZ.gov).

Before discharging, ensure the water is clear and free of any debris or pollutants. It also must be dechlorinated/debrominated, and measured on a pool test kit at “0.” Drainage must be monitored to avoid flooding, property damage, and traffic hazards. Discharging to unpaved alleys is prohibited and discharge of filter backwash into the right-of-way is also not allowed.

For more information, call (520) 458-5775 or go to [www.SierraVistaAZ.gov/draining-your-pool](http://www.SierraVistaAZ.gov/draining-your-pool).

**PUBLIC WORKS**

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**IN SERVICE FOR ABOUT FOUR YEARS, TWO pedestrian-activated crosswalk beacons in Sierra Vista have proven effective in improving safety but their lights can still be confusing to some motorists and are sometimes not activated by pedestrians.**

Known as Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons or HAWK (High-intensity Activated crossWalk) beacons, these systems were installed on Highway 90 west of Giulio Cesare Avenue and on 7th Street at North Railroad Avenue in 2015. The Highway 90 project also included the installation of street lights and addressed a stretch of roadway that was the site of multiple pedestrian fatalities in recent years.

“First employed in Tucson about 19 years ago, these HAWK crossings have a track record of reducing dangerous vehicle on pedestrian collisions throughout the country,” Public Works Department Director Sharon Flissar says.

However, the City still receives occasional questions from motorists regarding how to react to an activated HAWK, particularly when the lights shift from solid red to flashing red. Sierra Vista Police Department officers have also observed pedestrians crossing the street without using the HAWK beacon.

A Sierra Vista woman was fatally struck crossing Highway 90 in March and witnesses reported that the nearby HAWK crossing had not been used. The woman crossed about 50 feet east of the HAWK crosswalk.

While the HAWK beacons have been shown to improve safety, they are only effective when used properly.

**How HAWK Beacons Work**

- **ACTIVATION:** Pedestrians begin the sequence by pushing a button.
- **FLASHING YELLOW LIGHTS:** All motorists must prepare to stop. A pedestrian has activated the system.
- **SOLID YELLOW LIGHTS:** All motorists must prepare to stop.
- **SOLID RED LIGHT:** All motorists must stop. Pedestrians may start crossing when all vehicles have stopped.
- **FLASHING RED LIGHT:** A flashing red light has the same meaning as a stop sign and all motorists must come to a full stop, then proceed when it is safe to do so.

To learn more and to see a video showing one of these crosswalks in action, go to [www.azdot.gov/about/transportation-safety/pedestrian-hybrid-beacon](http://www.azdot.gov/about/transportation-safety/pedestrian-hybrid-beacon).
Learning to rely on public transportation can be tough but it’s a whole lot easier with a buddy by your side.

That’s something Judy Marcheski knows from personal experience and it’s why she worked with the City of Sierra Vista to launch Vista Transit’s free, new Bus Buddy Travel Training Program. The lifelong volunteer is eager to ride along with anyone who needs help learning to use the local bus system. She knows how scary it can be at first, especially for someone who is disabled.

Marcheski lived in this area for 17 years before moving to Vancouver, Washington in 2014. At the time her vision was getting worse and worse due to macular degeneration but she was still driving. Then, on June 23, 2016, a driver slammed into the back of her vehicle while she was waiting at a red light.

Marcheski was not at fault for the collision but it still provided her the wakeup call she needed to give up driving for good. That was a tough pill to swallow for a woman who thrives on spontaneity and independence.

“For me that was really hard. I felt like I was trapped,” Marcheski says. She learned the bus system with the help of an ambassador program, but the ambassadors were not disabled and did not really understand her issues.

Sick of high crime, high cost of living, and too much red-tape associated with volunteer opportunities in Washington, Marcheski recently moved back to Sierra Vista. Soon she met someone in her low vision support group who wanted to ride the bus but was scared of doing it on their own.

“I said, ‘You know what? I’ll be your bus buddy,’” Marcheski says. After just one day with Marcheski, her new buddy decided she was ready to board the Cochise Connection on her own to visit Naco the very next day.

“It was amazing … She was the perfect candidate,” Marcheski says.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

Riding the bus provides independence and opportunity, but that’s not all. It also opens the door into a whole new community of people as fellow riders and drivers on your route become familiar.

“Each bus is a community,” Judy says. And a bus buddy is like a helpful neighbor reaching out to welcome you to the neighborhood.

“In my 25 years working in public transit, I’ve seen how it builds that sense of community,” City Transportation Administrator Mike Normand says. “I’m pleased that Judy brought this idea forward because it meshes so well with what our transit system is all about. It’s not just about finding connections to get you where you need to go. It’s about connecting with fellow riders and transit workers too.”

Get a Buddy or Be a Buddy

Whether you’re interested in becoming a volunteer bus buddy yourself or would like to request one to teach you how to use Vista Transit, you can call the Vista Transit Center at (520) 417-4888 to learn more.
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Proposed Route Changes seeking to improve the efficiency of the Vista Transit system are currently open for public comment before coming back to the City Council for further discussion in late May.

The proposed changes were developed based on the findings of the Vista Transit Operational Efficiency Study, which was completed last year in coordination with the Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization to meet a strategic objective set by the City Council. The changes would enable Vista Transit to expand in some underserved areas, eliminate areas of low-ridership, and reduce operating costs.

Under the proposal, Vista Transit’s route system would realize efficiencies by changing from the current model in which five routes operate on 30-minute intervals from the Vista Transit Center with minimal overlap. Instead, three interlined routes would run on one-hour intervals from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

This would offer riders more direct routes, increase transfer opportunities outside of the transit center, and reduce Vista Transit’s operational costs. Some less used stops would be eliminated, while new routes would better reach areas that are currently not served, including Canyon Vista Medical Center and Buena High School.

About 40 people attended an Open House regarding the changes on April 18 and several users of Vista Transit addressed the City Council with their input at a public hearing on April 25 and additional comments are being accepted.

“We’re making changes that do the most good for the most the riders, while also ensuring our transit system operates as efficiently as possible,” City Transportation Administrator Mike Normand says. “Public input is a vital part of this process and we encourage all transit users to review the changes and provide feedback.”

The proposal, with all public comments that have been received, is scheduled to return to the City Council at a work session on Tuesday, May 21, at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall.

For more information on the proposed route changes and how to submit comments, go to www.SierraVistaAZ.gov and search for “Proposed Vista Transit Route Changes.”
LATE SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER IS AN extraordinary season to enjoy the great outdoors in Sierra Vista. With the fourth of July on the way, it’s the season for barbecues, camping, and fireworks, but it’s also the season for wildfires.

Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services has already suspended the issuance of open burn permits and urges area residents to be mindful of the extreme fire danger often present before the summer rains arrive. As anyone who remembers the Monument Fire in 2011 can attest, wildfires pose a significant risk to our community and it’s everyone’s responsibility to keep it safe.

Follow these tips to help protect our community this fire season.

Protect Your Home
Create a defensible area around your home by clearing away any vegetation and flammable materials, cleaning out gutters, and pruning low-hanging tree branches. Learn more at www.NFPA.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Wildfire.

Use Green Waste Pickups, Not Burns
The City offers free curbside pickup of green waste for residential sanitation customers each Wednesday. This is an eco-friendly alternative to open burns—which are currently suspended—as the yard waste is turned into high quality compost.

Just bag, bundle, box, or place your green waste in a barrel and set it by the curb before 7:00 a.m. on your pickup date. Pickups must be scheduled by 5:00 p.m. the Monday prior. They can be scheduled online at www.SierraVistaAZ.gov or by calling (520) 458-7530.

Watch the Weather
The National Weather Service will issue Red Flag Warnings on days that pose particularly high fire danger due to high winds and dry conditions. Residents are urged to use extreme caution on these days and consider postponing any outdoor activities that could spark a fire like barbecuing, target shooting, discarding cigarette butts, and using heavy equipment.

Heed Camping Restrictions
Camping without a campfire may dampen the fun but starting one is not worth risking the consequences. Violating fire restrictions can result in steep fines, possible imprisonment, and personal responsibility to reimburse fire suppression costs.

Always heed any camping restrictions in National Parks and other public lands.

Forgo the Fireworks
Thanks to the Sierra Vista Rotary Club, our community enjoys an extraordinary public fireworks show on Independence Day. Residents are urged to enjoy this public display and not to set off any fireworks on their own.

The use of fireworks within the City limits is strictly regulated and only certain types of consumer fireworks are legal in Arizona. Bottle rockets, sky rockets, roman candles, helicopters, and jumping jacks are common examples of fireworks that remain illegal statewide. Permitted fireworks include cylindrical and cone fountains, ground spinners, illuminating torches, and other types designed to be hand held or to remain on the ground.

In Sierra Vista, fireworks can only be used on private property with the permission of the property owner. That means any public areas, to include parks, schools, streets, and public rights-of-way, are off limits for fireworks. It’s also illegal for anyone under 16 to purchase fireworks and for anyone under 18 to use them unless supervised by an adult.

Ready, Set, Go!
The 15 Arizona sheriffs have adopted a nationwide disaster-preparedness program known as “Ready, Set, Go!” This program encourages Arizonans to prepare now for threats like wildfires or flash floods, be alert when there is an active threat nearby, and evacuate when advised to do so.

The program also encourages residents to sign up for emergency alerts. To register for Cochise County alerts, go to www.cochise.az.gov/emergency. To learn more about “Ready, Set, Go!” go to ein.az.gov/ready-set-go.
Drivers Urged to Heed New Hands-Free Law

I MAGINE BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH of a classmate just because you decided a text message could not wait and it took your eyes off the road for just an instant too long.

That’s precisely what happens in a video created by the Buena High School Film and TV Production class in partnership with Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services and the Sierra Vista Police Department. The video was shot at a mock crash scene with student actors and local emergency responders acting much as they would in a real-life incident.

The video was shown to the Buena High School juniors and seniors on Wednesday, April 24, just two days after Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey signed HB 2318 into law, which prohibits hand-held cell phone use while driving. That law took effect immediately, although officers will not begin issuing citations until penalties take effect on Jan. 1, 2021. For now, drivers will receive warnings and education on the new law.

“We urge local drivers to change their behavior now. The repercussions of distracted driving can be much worse than a citation,” SVPD Public Information Officer Cpl. Tim Wachtel says. “This is now considered a primary offense, meaning officers will pull motorists over solely for using a cell phone in-hand while driving.”

In 2017 alone, 3,166 people were killed due to distracted driving in the United States, including 229 people between the ages of 15 and 19, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Teen drivers made up about 9 percent of distracted drivers involved in a fatal crash in 2017.

“We’re grateful to Buena High School and especially its film and TV production class for helping us share this vital public safety message with local teens. And also to AirEvac Services and Barnett’s Towing for assisting,” Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services Fire Captain Justin Wright says. Wright coordinated the video shoot, which involved a realistic mock collision scene and simulated response. It even included air transport from Buena to Canyon Vista Medical Center.

“Being proactive to educate our citizens about the hazards of distracted driving and other dangerous behaviors is a key part of our mission and helps ensure we maintain and healthy and safe community,” Wright says.

The video can be viewed online via the “Buena Film&TV” YouTube channel and the “Sierra Vista Police, Fire, and EMS” Facebook page.

Facts About Texting While Driving*

- Drivers who text and drive increase their crash risk 23 times.
- 9% of fatal crashes in the U.S. were attributed to distraction.
- Impairment from texting and driving is similar to drunk driving.
- 3,166 people were killed by distracted driving in 2017.

- 47 states also ban texting and driving, with 43 making it a primary offense.
- Arizona’s new statewide ban replaces 26 different local ordinances.
- States passing hands-free laws experienced a 16% reduction in fatalities.

Hands-Free Arizona Law At a Glance*

PROHIBITS

- Holding or supporting a wireless device while driving.
- Writing or reading any text-based communication while driving.
- Watching, recording, or broadcasting video while driving.

EXEMPTIONS

- Hands-free voice-to-text
- Stopped at a traffic light
- Reporting an emergency

HB 2318 took effect immediately; however penalties begin on January 1, 2021.

*Information compiled from state Hands-Free Arizona Fact Sheet.
Extraordinary Outings

Summer Concerts & Movies in the Park

Summer Concerts

6:30 PM | Centennial Pavilion | Veterans Memorial Park | Free Admission

Leisure & Library Services will host free live concerts Thursday nights in May and June. Grab the family, a few lawn chairs or blankets, and enjoy the sights and sounds of some of Cochise County’s most popular musicians at the Centennial Pavilion in Veterans Memorial Park. The concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and the bands will play until about 7:30 p.m. Plan ahead to make an event out of your evening!

MAY 9: SIERRA VISTA COMMUNITY BAND
The Sierra Vista Community Band is 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.

MAY 16: DESERT SWING BAND
Desert Swing has been providing Big Band music to the Sierra Vista community since 1985 with its 18-piece orchestra playing a variety of music. They range from the old standard swing songs such as “In the Mood” to more contemporary charts made famous by the likes of Maynard Ferguson. Desert Swing musicians come from a variety of backgrounds to include Air Force, Army retirees, Department of Defense employees at Fort Huachuca, and both current and retired music teachers. Musicians are from the Sierra Vista area and as far away as Elfrida and Douglas.

MAY 23: BILL CASSIDY
Come and enjoy Bill Cassidy and his music. Bill is a very versatile musician. He plays country and folk music, Irish and Celtic, and much more. These concerts are very popular, so come early and get a good spot!

MAY 30: FORGED BY FIRE
Forged by Fire arose from the chaos of the 2011 Monument Fire in Hereford, Arizona. Forged by Fire is a local Hereford/Sierra Vista band that plays an eclectic variety of mostly original bluegrass, blues, rock, and folk music. The members of the band are Ken Packer (vocals, guitar), Mark Gibson (guitar, banjo, vocals), Steve Donaldson (vocals), Bill Cassidy (drums, vocals), Susan Dominguez (keyboard, vocals), and Chuck Burrows (bass guitar, vocals).

JUNE 6: PARTNERS
The band Partners was named because the duo truly are Partners. Partners is a husband and wife team who love to play music and make people feel special. They have been playing country music in Arizona for many years.

JUNE 13: DESERT SWING JAZZTET
The Desert Swing Jazztet is a small ensemble from the Desert Swing Band. The group consists of four horns and four rhythm section members, plus vocalists. Formed in December 2014, the smaller more intimate swing sound of the Jazztet has been entertaining local audiences with a blend of music from the 1940s on.

JUNE 20: DESERT SWING BAND
Enjoy another performance of the Desert Swing Band before the summer concert series concludes.

JUNE 27: THE SIERRA VISTA COMMUNITY BAND
Join the Sierra Vista Community Band for the final Thursday night concert of the summer!

Summer Movies

Presented by Leisure & Library Services and Cox Communications

SATURDAY, MAY 11: SOLO: A STAR WARS STORY [PG-13]
Young Han Solo teams up with Chewbacca and Lando Calrissian for his first smuggling mission. 135 minutes.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1: INCREDIBLES 2 [PG]
Mr. Incredible is left home with the kids when Elastigirl becomes the new face of superheroes. 118 minutes.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15: HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3: SUMMER VACATION [PG]
The monster family embarks on a vacation on a luxury monster cruise ship and indulges in all of the shipboard fun the cruise has to offer. 97 minutes.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29: CHRISTOPHER ROBIN [PG]
Winnie the Pooh ventures to London to turn a middle-aged Christopher Robin’s life around with the help of Piglet, Eeyore, and Tigger. 104 minutes.

Movies start At Dusk (around 7:00 pm)
Location Veterans Memorial Park
Admission Free

Bring your own lawn chair or blanket, dinner or a snack, and enjoy a great evening.

Notes: Titles are subject to change without notice. The schedule is subject to change or cancellation due to inclement weather. For more information, call (520) 439-2300.

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The Sierra Vista Community Chorus

Proudly presents

A SALUTE TO THE BEATLES

DATE Saturday, May 11
TIME 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:15 PM)
LOCATION Klein Center for the Performing Arts
ADMISSION $12 per person (children 12 and under admitted free with paid adult)

NOTE Tickets are available from chorus members, at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, Safeway, and at the door.

Enjoy a wide selection of classic Beatles songs at this extraordinary concert presented by the Sierra Vista Community Chorus. Featured songs include “Yesterday,” “Michelle,” “When I’m 64,” “Good Day Sunshine,” “Yellow Submarine,” “Hey Jude,” “When I Saw Her Standing There,” and John Lennon’s solo hit “Imagine.”

Attendees will also be treated to a special guest performance by the Rhythmix ensemble from the Buena Choral Union of Buena High School.

Join the Chorus

The award-winning Sierra Vista Community Chorus, under the direction of Sharon Keene, offers an opportunity for men and women of all ages to share in the joy of singing in four-part harmony. No auditions are necessary, there is no fee to join, and the ability to read music is not required.

After the Beatles concert, the chorus will break for the summer. Rehearsals for the fall/winter season begin at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, August 19, at the Ethel H. Berger Center in preparation for a Gospel Concert to be held at Faith Presbyterian Church on October 18 and 19, and for a Christmas festival of songs planned for December at Klein Center for the Performing Arts.

For more information, contact Chorus Director Sharon Keene at (520) 417-2305 or General Manager Martha Conklin at (520) 378-0730.

Christmas in July Bazaar

DATE Saturday, July 13
TIME 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
LOCATION Ethel H. Berger Center
ADMISSION Free (open to the public)

Get an early start on your Christmas shopping at this popular bazaar featuring a wide variety of local artisans. There will be something for everyone on your list! For more information, call Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300.

Wine Tasting Tour to Sonoita and Elgin

DATE Sunday, May 26
DEPART 10:00 AM
RETURN 5:30 PM
LOCATION Hoppin’ Grapes
409 W. Fry Boulevard, Suite B
FEE $65 per person (ages 21+)

Join us as we experience the Sonoita/Elgin wine region. We’ll meet at Hoppin’ Grapes in Sierra Vista for a brief lesson all about wine. From Hoppin’ Grapes, our bus tour will begin via scenic State Route 83, traveling through one of the most beautiful areas in southern Arizona. Our first stop will be the Deep Sky Vineyard, a wine tasting room, where we’ll sample delicious vintages and drink in mountain views on the wrap-around patio. Then we’ll head to Sonoita Vineyards to enjoy sips inside a spacious tasting room, take-home treats at the gift shop, and picturesque views of the hillside vineyard. Our last stop is the Village of Elgin Winery, which also boasts an on-site distillery.

The fee includes a souvenir tasting glass, snacks during the tour, tastings, and round trip transportation from Hoppin’ Grapes. We will stop at the Steak Out for dinner (cost is not included in registration fee). Registration is open now and will run through November 22 or until the trip is sold out. Register at Eventbrite.com by searching for “Wine Tasting Tour to Sonoita-Elgin.” Payment is due at time of registration. For more information, contact Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300.

Willcox Wine Country Excursion

DATE Saturday, August 10
DEPART 9:00 AM
RETURN 6:00 PM
LOCATION Ethel H Berger Center
2950 E. Tacoma Street
FEE $80 per person (ages 21+)

This all-inclusive tasting tour of the Willcox Wine Country includes round-trip transportation from the Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC) and a souvenir glass. Relax and take in the beautiful countryside as you travel to three area wineries: Golden Rule Vineyard, Lawrence Dunham Vineyards (LDV) Winery (which is rarely open to the public), and Zarpara Vineyard.

At Golden Rule, enjoy tastings in a relaxing atmosphere with indoor and outdoor seating. Don’t forget to sample pistachios grown in their connecting orchard!

From there, it’s on to the award-winning LDV Winery for a delicious BBQ lunch, which includes mesquite-grilled beef or chicken, two sides, dessert, and a glass of wine. Play cowboy games such as roping and archery and tour the vineyard. LDV Winery specializes in Rhone varietal wines like viognier, grenache, syrah, and petite sirah.

Our last stop is the Zarpara Vineyard. Savor handcrafted wines while relishing the view from the covered outdoor terrace nestled beneath the Dos Cabezas Mountains on the Willcox Bench.

Snacks and bottled water provided. Each winery also offers additional wine for purchase to enjoy on site or to take home.

Registration is open now through 11:59 p.m. on August 2 or until the trip is sold out. Register online at Eventbrite.com by searching for “Willcox Wine Excursion.” Payment is due at time of registration. For more information, contact Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300.

WINE, BEER & SPIRITS Festival

DATE Saturday, May 25
TIME Noon - 7:00 PM
LOCATION Veterans Memorial Park
TICKETS $20 per person (advance)
$25 per person (at the gate day of)

Sample Arizona’s best vintages, craft brews, and micro-distilled spirits. Live music will be featured throughout the festival. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

Tickets will be available at the gate and are available in advance at Eventbrite.com by searching for “Sierra Vista Wine, Beer, & Spirits Festival.”

Tickets include a souvenir wine glass and 10 wine sampling tickets. Additional wine sampling tickets will be available for purchase at the event. Beer will be sold by the glass.

Admission to the park is free. Please keep your pets at home. No animals, except for ADA approved assistance animals, will be permitted.

SKY ISLANDS SUMMIT CHALLENGE

DATE Saturday, May 25
TIMES 5:00, 6:15 & 7:30 AM
LOCATION Huachuca Mountains

Challenge yourself with one, two, or three peaks in the Sky Islands Summit Challenge. All participants get a swag bag, event shirt, bragging rights, and extraordinary views from the top of the majestic Huachuca Mountains!

Registration is limited to the first 250 challengers, so sign up before it’s too late! To register, visit Active.com and search for “Sky Islands Summit Challenge.”
Dine-A-Night
If you’re an adult age 55+, join us at a popular area restaurant for dinner on the second Thursday of each month and meet new friends!

Call Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300 to add your name to the guest list and please give your menu choice at that time. If you would like to sit with friends, please give their names when you call to sign up.

Meals are paid for at the restaurant. To help with planning, please sign up early. Registration for the next Dine-A-Night begins the day after the previous event ends. As this is such a popular program, the last day to sign up is Friday before the event.

Cancellations must be made by telephone 24 hours prior to the dinner; any no shows are responsible to pay the restaurant.

Dinner starts at 4:30 p.m.

**INDOCHINE**
**date** Thursday, May 9
**address** 1299 E. Fry Boulevard

The menu choices are: 1) chicken Lagu (Vietnamese style), 2) Vietnamese beef stew, or 3) grilled pork w/eggroll noodles bowl. All entrées are served with a salad, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverages. Tax and gratuity are included in the cost of $15 per person. Registration closes May 3.

**NATIVE GRILL & WINGS**
**date** Thursday, June 13
**address** 3950 Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy

Your choice of entrées is: 1) apple walnut salad with soup, 2) hamburger sliders with fries, or 3) grilled pork w/eggroll noodles bowl. All entrées are served with a salad, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverages. Tax and gratuity are included in the cost of $15 per person. Registration begins May 10 and closes June 7.

**MANDA LÉ BAR & GRILL**
**date** Thursday, July 11
**address** 3455 Canyon De Flores

Choose an entrée from 1) turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, and a vegetable, 2) salmon, rice pilaf, and a vegetable, or 3) beef tri tip, mashed potatoes, and a vegetable. All dinners are served with a salad and non-alcoholic beverage. Tax and gratuity are included in the cost of $15 per person. Registration begins June 14 and closes July 5.
Health Matters

WHAT ABOUT MEDICARE?

DATE  Wednesday, June 19
TIME  9:30 AM
LOCATION  Ethel H. Berger Center
FEE  Free

Join Ramona MacMurtie in this continuing series as she explains monthly Medicare topics. This program has been funded in part by grants from the Administration on Aging and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. For more information, call Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300.

Good Cookin’ Potlucks

DATES  Friday, May 10
        Friday, June 14
        Friday, July 12
TIME  Noon
LOCATION  Ethel H. Berger Center
FEE  A dish that feeds 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 Parmalee Mitchell at (520) 439-2300.

Arts & Crafts

ADVANCED PAPER CRAFTS & SCRAPBOOKING

Join some of the ladies from the Friday craft group doing advanced paper crafts and scrapbooking. Meet at the Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC) on the second Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. There is no need to register, just drop by.

BUSY FINGERS

Join the “yarn babes” Mondays and Wednesdays at the Oscar Yrun Community Center from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Socialize with like-minded folks who knit and crochet. Come on down and join the fun!

CRAFT LADIES

If you want to get inspired to pick an unfinished project and get back to work, or simply craft with a group of like-minded ladies, then you are invited to meet and socialize with the “craft ladies” while doing craft projects every Friday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the EBC.

WOODCARVERS

Join the Thunder Mountain Woodcarvers at the EBC every Wednesday and Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and put knives to wood to create beautiful and functional carved items.

Adults at Play

BILLIARDS FOR LADIES!

Ladies, bring your own cue or borrow one of ours. The fun runs from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Fridays in the lounge at the Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC).

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Join the bridge group Mondays from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Oscar Yrun Community Center (OYCC). Just show up, no registration required.

EUCHRE CLUB

If you like to play euchre but can’t find anyone to play with, there are plenty of people ready to play at the OYCC every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Drop by for some fun and an opportunity to meet new friends.

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINO GAME

Join three tables of very friendly people every Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the EBC. No experience playing the game is necessary!

PARTY BRIDGE

Join other interested bridge players every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. 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.

TABLE TENNIS

Come try your hand at table tennis in the EBC. One or more tables are available for play on weekdays, subject to facility space availability. Please refer to the monthly schedule located in the EBC for the most up-to-date date and time availability. Tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Scheduled days may be cancelled due to facility programming space needs. Paddles and balls are available for use at no charge.
Be Water Wise!

**THROUGH September 30**

Visit Wettie the Water Drop! We’ve partnered with the University of Arizona, Cochise County Cooperative Extension, Water Wise program in bringing you this educational and entertaining exhibt along with a colorful display of unique posters in conjunction with the Water Wise Annual student poster contest. Did you know the Water Wise program is celebrating its 25th anniversary? It’s true! Learn of its humble beginnings and innovative ideas as it continues to educate young people and adults in water conservation strategies and fosters awareness of this precious resource.

Henry the Inquisitive Packrat

**INVITES YOU TO BECOME A JUNIOR HISTORY DETECTIVE**

Put on your detective cap and grab your magnifying glass to investigate Sierra Vista’s extraordinary past! Take part in our scavenger hunt for kids and win prizes! Open to students in first through sixth grades. Home-schooled students and out-of-town visitors are welcome! Call (520) 439-2306 for more information.

Amazing Arizona

**2018 – 2019 Season**

**Changing Landscapes**

*SIERRA VISTA WATERWAYS—CHANGING LANDSCAPES* explores the relationships between people and water and asks us to reflect on the significance of this vital element and our connections to it. How has water shaped our local history and traditions? How does water affect the way we live, work, create, and play? How do we care for our local water sources and sustain it for the future?

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 us at the Henry F. Hauser Museum, 2950 East Tacoma Street, and discover “Amazing Arizona!”

This season’s final presentation is 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 program is made possible through Speakers Bureau grants from Arizona Humanities, with funding provided by the Sierra Vista Historical Society, Friends of the Sierra Vista Library, and the Henry F. Hauser Museum.

**WATER CONSERVATION CODE EFFORTS AND AMENDMENTS**

**A City of Sierra Vista Panel Discussion**

**DATE | TIME** Tuesday, May 7, 1:00 PM

**LOCATION** Ethel H. Berger Center

Join City Community Development Director Matt McLachlan and three other panel members for an insightful look into the many water conservation initiatives enacted by the City of Sierra Vista over the past two decades. The panel will showcase how site design standards, such as water harvesting, and recent amendments to building code requirements, have played a pivotal role in reducing water usage for new development. Multiple perspectives will be offered as Matt is joined by Senior City Planner Jeff Pregler, City Building Official Bruce Alarie, and City and Community Volunteer and author Dave Grieshop.

**TOURS**

We offer specialized tours for your group; children, teenagers, adults, and seniors. Just give us a call or send an email requesting information and to schedule your group. We tailor each tour to fit your needs!

**CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE COLLECTIONS DATABASE!**

Go to HenryHauser.PastPerfectOnline.com to take a peek into our artifact, document, and photograph collections. There’s even an option for requesting information, photographs, and archival materials. Check frequently to find out what’s new!

**HENRY F. HAUSER MUSEUM**

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Nancy.Krieski@SierraVistaAZ.gov
Join us for two educational programs provided by Adult Summer Saturdays

All presentations are free and open to the public and County Extension, Water Wise program.

Museum Water Wise Outreach Coordinator Mary Ann Capehart. The first 25 to register will receive a kit to test water — collected from your barrels or tanks — for arsenic and other contaminants. We’ll have tips on water conservation. Kids can then participate in a fun workshop making their own rainstick. What is a rainstick? It’s a musical instrument that mimics the sound of rain. Rainsticks are used within many cultures to summon the rain.

**RAINWATER HARVESTING & TOUR**

**DATE | TIME** Saturday, July 20 | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Register now to attend a quick Rainwater Harvesting 101 overview before beginning a caravan tour of rainwater harvesting systems at homes and businesses in the Sierra Vista area that use cisterns and/or rain gardens. The presentation and subsequent tour is presented by Water Wise Outreach Coordinator Mary Ann Capehart.

To register, call (520) 458-8278, ext. 2141 or email valeriedavidson@email.arizona.edu by 5:00 p.m., July 19. The combined presentation and tour will be about four hours long.

**DIY RAIN WATER TESTING — WHY TEST?**

**DATE | TIME** Saturday, July 27 | 10:00 – 11:30 AM

The first 25 to register will receive a kit to test water from their tank — you’ll be provided with information regarding collection of water to bring to the workshop when you register.

We’ll begin with a presentation concerning rainwater harvesting and the various contaminants that can be found within the water and sharing why testing is important. Then we’ll host a workshop on how to test your rain water — collected from your barrels or tanks — for arsenic and other contaminants. We’ll have a small number of kits for those who register ahead of time. Or, stay and discover how all of this works.

Presented by Shana Sandhaus, MS, University of Arizona Department of Soil, Water, and Environmental Sciences. To register, call (520) 458-8278, ext. 2141 or email valeriedavidson@email.arizona.edu by 5:00 p.m., July 25.

**SLOW THE H₂O — FOR ADULTS AND KIDS!**

**DATE | TIME** Saturday, June 1 | 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

What is a rain chain? Rain chains help slow down water coming off your roof. Adults and kids can make decorative chains for our building from recycled metal items and glass beads. Then they can take their new skill and make one at home!

**CALL FORTH THE RAIN!**

**DATE | TIME** Saturday, June 8 | 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Water Wise Youth Coordinator Rebecca Dailous will give tips on water conservation. Kids can then participate in a fun workshop making their own rainstick. What is a rainstick? It’s a musical instrument that mimics the sound of rain. Rainsticks are used within many cultures to summon the rain.

**WATER SURVIVAL — SEARCH & RESCUE**

**DATE | TIME** Saturday, June 15 | 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Do you know what to bring on a hiking trip? What if you got lost or ran out of water? Cochise County Sheriff’s Office Search and Rescue will give survival tips utilizing its Hug a Tree program. Kids will make a small hiking survival kit to take home. Stick around to check out some of the vehicles used in their search and rescue work.

**FIGHTING FIRES — WHERE DOES THE WATER COME FROM?**

**DATE | TIME** Saturday, June 22 | 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

How do firefighters get the water they use to put out both building and wildland fires? Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services will bring some of their trucks and explain where the water comes from! They might even try out their hoses in our parking lot!

**Wondrous Water!**

Water is an amazing element! We use it to clean and to put out fires, to water our plants and ourselves, and even to call forth the rain. And of course, we need it to survive! Join Henry the Packrat and discover the many uses of water today and in days past. Learn how you can help preserve this wondrous resource!

**Kids Summer Saturdays**

In conjunction with the Water Wise exhibit, we’re offering an array of free Kids Summer Saturdays @ the Museum programs.

**SCRUB A DUB DUB — COTTON IN A TUB!**

**DATE | TIME** Saturday, June 29 | 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Have you ever used a washboard to clean your clothes? Or hung items on a clothesline? You’ll get the chance to try out some vintage clothes washing devices and learn what kids were doing with water over 100 years ago. Where did their water come from?

- All of the Kids Summer Saturday programs are being held at the Ethel H. Berger Center, 2950 E. Tacoma St.
- Presentations will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. and run through to 12:30 p.m.
- Please register in advance and arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of each program.
- Children ages 6 to 12 are encouraged to bring their parents, grandparents, guardians, or babysitters!
- Program funding and snacks are provided by the Sierra Vista Historical Society.
- Space is limited! To register, call (520) 439-2307 or email Debra.Block@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

**Awesome Objects**

Join Museum Curator Nancy Krieski for a hands-on, participatory, one-hour program exploring the awesome power of objects. An everyday object is just an object unless it was used by a prominent person or was part of an important historical event. Each month, objects from the museum’s collection will serve as the inspiration for storytelling, shared experiences, a little local history, and fun!

**MONTHLY TOPICS**

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Awesome Objects will meet the third Monday of each month through December. If you’d like, please bring an object relating to each month’s topic to share. It’s show ‘n’ tell for grownups! For details, call (520) 439-2306 or email Nancy.Krieski@SierraVistaAZ.gov.
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**

The 2019–2020 school year begins Thursday, August 1.

**PROGRAM HOURS**

Before school ........................................ 6:40 – 7:50 AM
After school ................................. 2:15 – 5:30 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 ............................... 801 N. Lenzner Avenue
- Huachuca Mountain Elementary .... 3228 St. Andrews Drive
- Pueblo Del Sol ................................5130 Paseo Las Palmas
- Town & Country ......................... 1313 S. Lenzner Avenue
- Village Meadows ....................... at Town & Country

**SCHEDULE OPTIONS & FEES**

Weekly, Monday – Friday

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*Includes a healthy afternoon snack

**FEE**

$95 per child (per week)

Plus a $25 registration fee

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, the Oscar Yrun Community Center, and online at www.SierraVistaAZ.gov (search for “before and after school program,” click on “read more,” then click on “registration packet”). A $25 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.

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AFTER A GRAND OPENING IN APRIL, THE City of Sierra Vista Sports Division is now open for business, marking the latest step in ongoing efforts to better serve local sports groups, attract regional tournaments, and enhance Sierra Vista’s sports facilities for all residents.

Located at 3401 E. Fry Boulevard, the Sports Division is part of a complex of sports facilities behind the Rothery Educational Service Center now being operated and improved by the City of Sierra Vista under an intergovernmental agreement with the Sierra Vista Unified School District. This agreement enables both organizations to make the most of local facilities, ensuring students, community members, and local leagues all have quality places to play.

In January, the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona awarded the City a grant of $49,000 to help conduct improvements at the complex as the project aligns with the foundation’s mission to promote population health and community wellness throughout Southeast Arizona.

“We appreciate everything the Legacy Foundation has done to help us provide residents facilities that support a healthy, active lifestyle, while also boosting efforts to host tournaments that bring new dollars and people to our community,” Sierra Vista Mayor Rick Mueller says. “And this would not be possible without our friends at the Sierra Vista Unified School District and with local sports associations. It’s a great partnership.”

Sierra Vista American Youth Football and Cheer Director Michael Russell is excited too and can’t wait to see the old Apache Middle School football field rejuvenated to support play.

“It’s good to know the City working really hard to improve the facilities for our youth and for all of us volunteers who put in the time to make this happen for the kids,” Russell says.

Speaking at April’s Sports Division grand opening event, Leisure and Library Services Director Laura Wilson said the facility was already being booked for rentals and she looks forward to seeing the space filled in off hours with after tournament parties, little league drafts, football trainings, and more.

“This place is for you,” Wilson said, to a crowd filled with many local sports players, coaches, and volunteers.

The complex includes a football field, soccer field, baseball field, softball field, tennis courts, and basketball courts. The City envisions revitalizing these facilities to create a vibrant sports complex that will also facilitate efforts to attract more tournaments, which already blossomed last summer on improved City fields.

**City Steps Up to the Plate**

Charles Galarneau, president of Sierra Vista Ponytail Softball Little League, has been involved in local youth sports for about 17 years. Galarneau was ready to move on but seeing the City’s efforts in the last couple years changed that.

“The City has really stepped up to the plate. Now I want to stay involved just to finish what the City has started with us and see what it brings to our community,” Galarneau says.

Michael Russell, Director of Sierra Vista American Youth Football and Cheer, is interviewed by KGUN9.

**IF YOU GO**

The City of Sierra Vista Sports Division is located at 3401 Fry Boulevard and is open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. A customer service representative is available to accept payments, book reservations for sports facilities, and answer questions during regular hours.

Local groups can rent space at the Sports Division for meetings, trainings, parties, and special events. The facility includes a kid-friendly space with games, a TV, a lounge area, restrooms, refrigerator space, a microwave, and a popcorn machine.

For more information call the Sports Division at (520) 515-4999 or email Sports@SierraVistaAZ.gov.
Summer Fun Youth Sports Programs

Summer Fun Youth Sports Program registration is ongoing at The Cove and the Oscar Yrun Community Center. Please sign up early as there is no on-site registration for any of these programs. For more information, call (520) 515-4999.

Tennis, Anyone?

Learn a lifetime sport and meet new friends. Registration for youth and adult lessons is ongoing at The Cove and Oscar Yrun Community Center. Class size is limited to a minimum of four and a maximum of 10 students.

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NOTES If a day is rained out, it will move to Friday of the same week. The fee includes a camp T-shirt.

LEISURE SERVICES

City of Sierra Vista Sports Division
3401 E. Fry Boulevard
Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635
(520) 515-4999
Sports@SierraVistaAZ.gov
Summer Start Smart Sports Camp
For Boys and Girls Ages 3–5

DATES: June 15 – July 20
DAY | TIME: Saturdays, 8:00 – 9:00 AM
LOCATION: City of Sierra Vista Sports Division
3401 E. Fry Boulevard
FEE: $50 per child (includes camp T-shirt)

This fun camp offers participants the opportunity to develop essential motor skills and gives them the 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.

Registration is ongoing at The Cove or the Oscar Yrun Community Center. A birth certificate is required at registration.

NOTE: Parents who do not have access to Fort Huachuca may apply for a permit at the Van Deman Gate by providing a current drivers license, vehicle registration, and proof of automobile insurance to enable them to attend the camp bowling session set at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 20 at Desert Lanes.

For additional information, please call (520) 515-4999.

Dodgeball League

BEGINNS: June 11
DAYS: Tuesdays & Wednesdays
TIME: Evenings
LOCATION: TBD
FEE: $175 per team

Adults can enjoy this classic game of throwing and dodging by participating in eight games of league play and a single elimination tournament in our summer Dodgeball League. Children ages 16 and up may participate with parent/guardian consent. If you are interested in playing, please call (520) 515-4999 to get on the contact list. Registration will end on Monday, June 3. There will be a coaches meeting on Tuesday, June 4.

19th Annual Hummingbird Triathlon

DATE: Saturday, August 17
TIME: 7:00 AM
START | FINISH: The Cove
FEES (May 14 – 31): $30 individual | $60 team
FEES (Jun 1 – 30): $40 individual | $70 team
FEES (Jul 1 – Aug 5): $45 individual | $75 team
FEES (Aug 6 – 14): $50 individual | $80 team

Relay teams consist of two or three competitors in the male, female, and coed divisions. A team’s division will be determined by the age of the youngest member of the team. Age divisions are as follows: 10–14, 15–18, 19–29, 30–39, 40–49, 50–59, 60–69, and 70+. All age divisions are male and female with awards being presented to the top three male and female finishers in all divisions.

Individual and team registration is open and runs through the close of business on Wednesday, August 14. Register at The Cove or the Oscar Yrun Community Center. Register before July 31 to be guaranteed a T-shirt. There will be no registration on the day of the event.

Adult Softball

FALL MENS’ SOFTBALL LEAGUE
BEGINNS: Monday, August 5
DAYS: Mondays & Wednesdays
TIMES: 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30 PM
LOCATION: Domingo Paiz Softball Complex
FEE: $400 per team

The Fall Men’s League coaches informational meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, at the City of Sierra Vista Sports Division, 3401 E. Fry Boulevard.

FALL MIXED SOFTBALL LEAGUE
BEGINNS: Tuesday, August 6
DAYS: Tuesdays & Thursdays
TIMES: 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30 PM
LOCATION: Domingo Paiz Softball Complex
FEE: $425 per team

The Fall Mixed League coaches informational meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, at the City of Sierra Vista Sports Division, 3401 E. Fry Boulevard.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SERVICES (T-RecS)

This program provides recreation opportunities to adults with developmental disabilities. It is funded through the Arizona Department of Economic Security—Division of Developmental Disabilities (DES-DDD). Activities include, but are not limited to: monthly dances, bowling on Fort Huachuca, game night, arts and crafts, and more.

For more information, contact your DDD Support Coordinator or call Marita Helbig at (520) 458-7922.
Aquatics

Extraordinary Water Recreation for All Ages!

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 for you to sit in and unwind, and two large water slides. For more information, stop by or call (520) 417-4800.

Swim Lessons

Private Swim Lessons

The Cove is also now 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 The Cove via email at TheCove@SierraVistaAZ.gov or by phone at (520) 417-4800 for more information and to get started. The following are the days and times available to schedule private lessons starting May 28.

- **Tuesday – Thursday**
  - Noon – 1:00 PM
  - 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- **Fridays**
  - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- **Saturday & Sunday**
  - 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Adult Swim Lessons

The Cove is excited to be offering Adult swim lessons for those over the age of 18! It is the perfect time to take the “plunge” with some amazing instructors at The Cove!

**LEARNING THE BASICS**

Learning the Basics is for people who are new to the water or are just not comfortable in the water. This class will teach you the skills you need to be comfortable and safe in the water, while having fun. It will also prepare you to become active in the water.

**SESSION DATES**

- **June 4 – July 23**
  - **DAY | TIME**: Tuesdays, 6:00 – 6:45 PM
  - **FEE**: $65 per person (eight lessons)

**IMPROVING SKILLS**

For those that have an understanding of the basic strokes, but would like to build upon that knowledge to improve their skills and swimming strokes.

**SESSION DATES**

- **June 5 – July 24**
  - **DAY | TIME**: Wednesdays, 6:00 – 6:45 PM
  - **FEE**: $65 per person (eight lessons)

For more information about dates and times of Adult Swim Lessons, please call (520) 417-4800 or email TheCove@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

Summer Youth Swim Lessons

Registration for Sessions A, B, & E Summer Youth Swim Lessons open Thursday, May 2. Registration for sessions C & D will open Thursday, June 6. Registrations will be accepted at The Cove starting at 7:30 a.m. and at the Oscar Yrun Community Center starting at 8:00 a.m. Some levels have the option of registering online starting at midnight.

**Session A**

- **DATES**: June 4 – 13
- **DAYS**: Tuesday – Thursday

**Session B**

- **DATES**: June 18 – 27
- **DAYS**: Tuesday – Thursday

**Session C**

- **DATES**: July 2 – 11
- **DAYS**: Tuesday – Thursday

**Session D**

- **DATES**: July 16 – 25
- **DAYS**: Tuesday – Thursday

**Session E**

- **DATES**: June 1 – 20
- **DAY**: Saturday

Dive into Summer Fun

This summer we’ve got not one but two parties planned at The Cove! We’ll have a DJ cranking up the music and the Wibit inflatable obstacle course set up to test your skills. Tiptoe along the balance beam to try to stay high and dry, and then jump on the flip play piece to feel like you can fly! Free pizza and beverages will be available while supplies last. There will be fun for all ages, so bring the whole family!

**KICK-OFF-TO-SUMMER BASH**

- **DATE | TIME**: Friday, June 7 | 7:00 – 10:00 PM
- **LOCATION**: The Cove
- **ADMISSION**: $10 per person (all ages)

**END-OF-SUMMER BASH**

- **DATE | TIME**: Friday, July 26 | 7:00 – 10:00 PM
- **LOCATION**: The Cove
- **ADMISSION**: $10 per person (all ages)

LEISURE SERVICES

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

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Aquatics

Water Workouts & Group Classes

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

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no classes held on Mondays during our summer hours.

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

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

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

WATER WORKOUT CLASS FEES
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.

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Blast Off into a Universe of Stories This Summer

The Sierra Vista Public Library invites readers of all ages to prepare for launch and explore a Universe of Stories in this year’s Summer Reading Program, which runs from June 1 through July 27.

This year’s theme, “a Universe of Stories,” inspires people to dream big, believe in themselves, and create their own stories. It coincides with the celebration of NASA’s 60 years of achievements and the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing.

The Summer Reading Program can help kids keep their minds active while on break from school, preventing the so-called “summer slide” sometimes seen in reading test scores following summer vacation. The program is offered with the support of the Friends of the Sierra Vista Public Library and includes a variety of free activities and events. People of all ages can also tackle reading goals for a chance to earn prizes!

To sign up and start logging your reading minutes, head to SierraVista.AZSummerReading.org or after June 1. Follow the “Sierra Vista Public Library” on Facebook, stop by in person, or call (520) 458-4225 for the latest news on programs and events.

Summer Reading Kickoff

Date: Saturday, June 1
Time: 10:00 AM – Noon

There’s a universe of stories at the library! Help us get Summer Reading started with space-themed activities, special guests, and crafts for the whole family.

Summer Reading Series

Dates:
- Friday, June 7
- Saturday, June 15
- Friday, June 21
- Saturday, June 29
- Friday, July 5
- Saturday, July 13
- Friday, July 19

Time: 2:30 – 3:15 PM

Each week we will be exploring the Summer Reading theme, “a Universe of Stories,” through space-themed books, games, activities, and crafts. This program is for grades K–5 only. Registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 or stop by the library to sign up.

Portable Planetarium: Astronomy is Everywhere

Date: Saturday, June 8
Time: 10:00 AM – Noon

Join Ms. Lauren Ard in her inflatable planetarium as she takes us on an adventure that shows youth and their families that astronomy is everywhere! Each participant, including grownups, must register for this event. This program is recommended for grades kindergarten and up. Registration opens on Friday, May 24. Please call (520) 458-4225 or stop by the library to register. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Vista Public Library.
A galaxy is a system of millions or billions of stars. At this maker lab for tweens we will show you how to create your own micro-galaxy that you can wear in a bottle around your neck! All supplies are provided. This program is for grades five through seven only. Please call (520) 458-4225 or stop by the library to register.

**SPACE BINGO**

**DATE** Tuesday, June 18  
**TIME** 2:00 – 2:45 PM

What’s better than regular old bingo using numbers? Space bingo! Kids will play rounds of bingo with planets, moons, stars, and more. This program is recommended for ages 5 and up. Please call (520) 458-4225 or stop by the library to register.

**LIBRARY AT TWILIGHT: SPACE PIRATES ATTACK**

**DATE** Saturday, June 22  
**TIME** 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Imagine this, you’ve set sail on a space shuttle bound for Trappist 1-D and space pirates attack, rendering your ship useless! You and the other survivors land on a previously undiscovered exoplanet. Fight against the space pirates, solve riddles, and survive! All participants will play as survivors with staff playing as the space pirates. This program is for grades five through seven only. Please call (520) 458-4225 or stop by the library to register.

**CRAFTERNOON: ARIZONA SKIES**

**DATE** Monday, June 24  
**TIME** 2:00 – 3:15 PM

Arizona is home to numerous observatories and telescopes, including Sierra Vista’s own Patterson Observatory. Celebrate the beauty of Arizona’s skies by creating a galaxy print necklace. This program is for grades six through 12. All supplies are provided. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 or stop by the library to register.

**LIBRARY AFTER DARK: BLACK LIGHT DODGEBALL**

**DATE** Friday, June 28  
**TIME** 6:15 – 8:00 PM

Play dodgeball in black lights using toilet paper as projectiles! Wear UV reactive clothing if possible, and come prepared to “glow” for it! This program is for grades eight through 12 only. Registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 or stop by the library to register.

**BRAIN STEM — STEM CHEM SHOW**

**DATE** Saturday, July 6  
**TIME** 1:30 – 2:30 PM

Join Brain STEM for a show that is a little zany and a whole lot of fun! They will be presenting experiments with special concoctions that show off the difference between physical and chemical reactions. Kids will be amazed by demonstrations like Fire Jelly and Magic Liquids. This show is recommended for grades kindergarten and up. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Vista Public Library.

**MAKER LAB: DISTANT PLANET TERRARIUM**

**DATE** Tuesday, July 9  
**TIME** 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Create a terrarium based on a distant planet or a galaxy of stars! All supplies are provided. This program is for grades five through seven only. Registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 or stop by the library to register.

**LIBRARY AT TWILIGHT: LASER TAG**

**DATE** Friday, July 12  
**TIME** 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Play laser tag in the library after it closes! Make a provided craft or play a board game while waiting for your round. This event is for grades five through seven, only. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 or stop by the library to register.

**LIBRARY SERVICES**

Sierra Vista Public Library  
2600 E. Tacoma Street  
Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635  
(520) 458-4225  
Library@SierraVistaAZ.gov
It’s About the Books

AN HOUR TO KILL — MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
Tombstone Courage by J.A. Jance
DATE Friday, May 3
House of Leaves by Mark Danielewski
DATE Friday, June 7
TBD
DATE Friday, July 5
TIME 1:00 – 2:00 PM
LOCATION Meeting Room

Swing by with your bagged lunch for a lively discussion on popular mystery titles, make new friends, and engage your brain—if you dare! This is a drop-in book club. No sign up is required.

BOOK DISCUSSION
As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner
DATE Wednesday, May 15
My Antonia by Willa Cather
DATE Wednesday, June 19
Women in Love by D.H. Lawrence
DATE Wednesday, July 17
TIME 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
LOCATION Conference Room

Book discussions are open to anyone who loves to read and discuss books. The library reserves a few copies of the title at the circulation desk. Check it out, and come to talk about it! This is a drop-in book club. No signup is required.

FICTION WRITERS CLUB
DATES Saturday, May 18
Saturday, June 15
Saturday, July 20
TIME 2:30 – 3:30 PM
LOCATION Conference Room

In this workshop-style meeting we’ll discuss different writing processes. After discussion we’ll have a 20-minute writing period, and we’ll follow that up by sharing some of our work.
Tuesday Talks
Admission is free and no registration is required!

Dates: Tuesday, May 14
Tuesday, June 11
Tuesday, July 9
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Meeting Room

Talks and presentations discussing a wide range of subjects, including history, politics, human origin, science, motivation, the arts, travel, food, and the environment. These presentations take place on the second Tuesday of each month. Pick up a monthly calendar at the library or view the Sierra Vista Public Library Facebook page for updates on the extraordinary presentations we have in store!

Fun at the Library

Puzzle Exchange

Dates: Friday, May 10
Friday, June 14
Friday, July 12
Time: 3:30 – 3:50 PM
Location: Meeting Room

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

Movie Matinées

Dates: Wednesday, May 8 & 22
Wednesday, June 12 & 26
Wednesday, July 10 & 24
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Meeting Room

The library shows movies on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. 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 the next time you stop by the library.

Technology at the Library

Digital Librarian

Dates: Mondays, May 6 & 20
Mondays, June 3 & 17
Mondays, July 1 & 15
Time: 4:00 – 5:00 PM
Location: Reference Desk

Do you need help downloading an electronic book or audiobook, tips for your tablet, or need an in-depth demonstration of how to use the library’s databases? We are here to help you navigate life’s many digital challenges.

Computing Made Easy

These computer classes cover basic keyboard and mouse instruction, Microsoft Word, email and file management, basic home computer care, and more. Classes are held on 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.

Spanish at the Library

When you hear two people speaking rapid, fluent Spanish, it’s almost as if they’re doing some kind of complex, secret handshake. Are you longing to become a card-carrying member of the top secret Spanish conversation club? Are you ready to break into some basic conversational Spanish? Try our conversational Spanish sessions at the library.

Spanish I

Dates: April 1 – June 24
Day & Time: Monday, Noon – 1:00 PM
Location: Meeting Room

Get started with basic conversational Spanish in this 12-week course.

Spanish II

Dates: April 3 – June 26
Day & Time: Wednesday, 5:30 – 6:30 PM
Location: Meeting Room

Take the next step from Beginners Spanish with 12 weeks of conversational Spanish.

Bookstores Support the Library

Did you know that you can support by the library by shopping at two local used bookstores?

The Little Library Bookstore and the Friends of the Sierra Vista Public Library Bookstore are both operated by local nonprofit groups dedicated to supporting the library.

Donations of books, magazines, records, DVDs, and more for these bookstores can be accepted at the Sierra Vista Public Library during regular hours. Materials must be in new or gently-used condition.

If you go

The Little Library Bookstore is located adjacent to the Sierra Vista Public Library at 2600 E. Tacoma Street. It is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call (520) 439-2250 to learn more.

The Friends of the Sierra Vista Public Library Bookstore is located at 2243 E. Fry Boulevard. It is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call (520) 417-6999 to learn more.

Philosophy at the Library

Socrates Café

Dates: Fridays, May 10 & 24
Fridays, June 14 & 28
Fridays, July 12 & 26
Time: 10:30 AM – Noon
Location: Conference Room

Socrates Cafés are held globally, where people from different backgrounds assemble to exchange useful ideas, analysis, and experiences while embracing the Socratic Method.
Tweens & Teens at the Library

HOUR OF CODE

DATES: Thursdays, June 6 & 20
Thursday, July 18
TIME: 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Youth practice their coding skills using Code.org and other online resources at this staff-led event for grades six and up. Please call (520) 458-4225 or stop by the library to register.

TEXTILE ARTS

DATES: Friday, May 3
Friday, June 21
Friday, July 19
TIME: 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Using our textile arts materials youth learn different techniques and use those skills to complete projects. Projects change each month. Call or drop in at the library to see what the current offering is! This program is recommended for youth in grades five and up. Space is extremely limited and registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 or stop by the library to register.

KIDS CODE

DATES: Thursdays, June 13 & 27
Thursdays, July 11 & 25
TIME: 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Kids learn to code using games and activities in this program following a curriculum based on Code.org. The ability to read and follow directions is required, recommended for grades three through five. Registration is required and space is limited. Please call (520) 458-4225 or stop by the library to register.

LIBRARY AT TWILIGHT: POKÉMON CRAFTS

DATE: Friday, May 17
TIME: 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Tweens, we choose you! Come and create some crafts inspired by your favorite Pokémon at this fun, free, event for grades five through seven. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 or stop by the library to register.

TEEN ANIME CLUB

DATES: Thursday, May 30
Wednesday, June 26
Wednesday, July 31
TIME: 4:30 – 6:00 PM

Watch anime episodes and films ranging from classics to new favorites. This is a drop-in program for grades seven through 12.

LIBRARY AFTER DARK: ZOMBIE ATTACK NERF BATTLE

DATE: Saturday, May 11
TIME: 4:15 – 5:45 PM

Switch off playing a member of the undead with an unyielding hunger for the living and a survivor with the will to fight back. This program is for grades eight through 12. Please bring your own Nerf gun but eye protection is provided. Space is limited and registration is required. Call (520) 458-4225 or stop by the library to register.

TEEN PAINT NIGHT

DATE: Friday, June 14
TIME: 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Make some happy little trees and fluffy little clouds at this paint night inspired by our favorite afro sporting, gentle-voiced, painter. Indulge in the joy of painting with other teens! All supplies are provided. This event is for grades eight through 12 only.

TEEN BUTTON BASH

DATE: Wednesday, July 17
TIME: 1:00 PM

At this craft day for teens, make buttons either out of shrinky dinks or with our button maker! All supplies are provided. This event is for grades eight through 12 only. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 or stop by the library to register.

CRAFTERNOON: NIFTY NECKLACES

DATE: Wednesday, May 8
TIME: 4:30 – 5:30 PM

At this special crafternoon, teens get to make a necklace as a gift for their mother or other loved one. All supplies are provided. This program is for grades six through 12. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 or stop by the library to register.
Storytimes

BABY TIME

**Day | Time** Tuesdays, 10:20 – 10:55 AM

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

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

**Day | Time** Wednesdays, 10:20 – 10:55 AM

This program is geared for children 3 – 5 years of age. Children listen to stories and music and create a craft at the end of storytime. Adult participation is encouraged.

TODDLER STORYTIME

**Day | Time** Fridays, 10:20 – 10:55 AM

This program is geared for children 18 months to 3 years of age. Children listen to short stories and music, and we offer playtime at the end. Adult participation is encouraged.

PAJAMA STORYTIME

**Dates**
- Thursday, May 2
- Thursday, June 6
- Thursday, July 11

**Time** 6:30 – 7:15 PM

Kids can get into their pajamas and come to the library for a nighttime storytime! There will be stories, songs, rhymes, and more. This program is for children ages 5 and under.

LEGO CLUB

**Dates**
- Monday, May 20
- Monday, June 24
- Monday, July 29

**Time** 3:30 – 4:30 PM

We provide the LEGO, you provide the creativity at this fun, free, drop-in event! Each month we explore a different theme to challenge the imagination of our creators! This program is recommended for ages 5 and up.

LITTLE KID LEGO BUILDERS

**Dates**
- Tuesday, May 28
- Tuesday, June 25
- Tuesday, July 30

**Time** 5:30 – 6:15 PM

Does your little one like to build with Duplos and other blocks? Bring your child to this fun drop-in event and let them explore the joy of building with different types of blocks. This program is recommended for children ages 1-4.

PAPER AIRPLANE DAY

**Date** Saturday, May 18

**Time** 1:30 – 2:30 PM

Let’s build and fly some really cool paper airplanes. We’ll provide the paper and some templates, while kids provide the creativity and throwing arms. This program is for all ages.

STEAM SATURDAY

**Date** Saturday, May 25

**Time** 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Are you a kid who loves Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics? Then STEAM Saturdays are for you! May will be our last STEAM Saturday until September, but we will be having an out-of-this-world good time with activities so fun you’ll swear they came from a galaxy, far, far away at this Star Wars-themed program. This program is recommended for grades K – 5 and registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 or stop by the library to register.

DIY DOG TREATS

**Date** Thursday, May 9

**Time** 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Does your dog love treats? Of course they do! Kids will make delicious doggy treats for their four-legged friends. This program is for grades K – 5 and registration is required. Please call (520) 458-4225 or stop by the library to register.

FAMILY MOVIE MONDAY

**Date** Monday, May 13

**Time** 4:30 PM

Watch a family friendly film spanning from old classics to new favorites at this free event. A craft will be provided to keep little hands busy. For children of all ages and their families. In May, watch Teen Titans Go to the Movies! Rated PG with a runtime of 92 minutes.

SHARK DAY!

**Date** Tuesday, July 16

**Time** 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Kids (and librarians) love sharks! We are celebrating Shark Awareness Day with shark stories, activities, and a craft. This program is for kids of all ages who love sharks.
The City of Sierra Vista is seeking passionate instructors to lead new leisure classes in their areas of interest and expertise. Classes can focus on a variety of subjects, activities, and age groups. Categories include, but are not limited to, recreational activities, special interests, health, and fitness.

“We welcome creative ideas and would love to hear proposals from a wide variety of independent contractors and businesses,” Leisure & Library Services Director Laura Wilson says.

Interested instructors must submit a proposal to the City outlining the proposed class or activity, instructor qualifications, details of the proposed activity itself, and the desired outcomes. Family enrollment is always encouraged.

To submit a proposal, head to www.SierraVistaAZ.gov and search for “start a leisure class.” For more information, contact Recreation Supervisor Zach Moss at Zachary.Moss@SierraVistaAZ.gov or (520) 417-4800.

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.

| SESSION CODE | 501200-A |
| DATES        | May 1–31 |
| 601200-A     | June 3–28 |
| 701200-A     | July 1–31 |
| DAYS         | Mon, Wed & Fri |
| TIMES        | 9:00–10:00 AM or 11:30 AM–12:30 PM |
| LOCATION     | Ethel H. Berger Center |
| INSTRUCTOR   | Seongok Chang |
| FEE          | $25 per person (per session) |

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         | 1:00–3:00 PM |
| LOCATION     | Oscar Yrun Community Center |
| INSTRUCTOR   | Nancy Wigmore |
| FEE          | Free |

LEISURE SERVICES
Oscar Yrun Community Center
3020 E. Tacoma Street
Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635
(520) 458-7922
**Leisure Classes**

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For more information, or to inquire about registering to participate, please contact Ken James at (520) 439-2283 or Ken.James@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

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