

Town of Sahuarita Selects New Police Chief

The Town of Sahuarita has a new police chief. On Monday, December 22, John Noland began his tenure as the police chief after being selected over two other finalists generated from a nationwide search. Chief Noland takes over for retiring Chief John Harris. Chief Noland comes to Sahuarita after serving as lieutenant and bureau commander for patrol, support and investigations division at the Santa Rosa, California, Police Department.

Sahuarita Town Manager L. Kelly Udall said, "There were multiple things that stood out" when interviewing candidate Noland. Mr. Udall stated that Noland's leadership and experience with the Santa Rosa police and open communication skills were particularly impressive.

Noland, fluent in Spanish, spent 25 years with the Santa Rosa police and has a total of 30 years experience in law enforcement. He also holds a master's degree in organizational development.



Chief Noland said his management style is "open," with frank questions asked and answered.

Town Manager Adds New *Manager's Choice Employee Excellence Award*

The Employee Morale Team has expanded the Employee Recognition Program to include a new *Manager's Choice Employee Excellence Award*. Members of the public, as well as Town employees, now have an opportunity to nominate Town employees for special achievement and superior performance in the categories of:

- Safe practices and wellness
- Customer service
- Special accomplishments
- Heroism
- Volunteerism
- Ingenuity

Go to www.sahuaritaaz.gov for a description of the new *Manager's Choice Employee Excellence Award* and the nomination form.

Friday, May 1, 2015, is the deadline for submitting your nomination to the Town Manager's Office for the *Manager's Choice Employee Excellence Award*.

Completed nomination forms will be reviewed by the Town Manager and awards will be made in June 2015 and December 2015. Award recipients will receive an inscribed plaque and a monetary award at the discretion of the Town Manager. Their name and award will also be engraved on a commemorative plaque displayed at Town Hall. The winner(s) will be announced in the Town's newsletter and at the semiannual *Minute with the Manager* meetings, and awards will be made at a Town Council meeting.





Town of Sahuarita and Small Business Development Center First Quarter 2015 Events

Coming Soon: The BizHub – Your One-Stop Business Center

If you would like to learn about The BizHub and how this one-stop center will benefit your business, the Town of Sahuarita and the Small Business Development Center will be hosting an overview of the services and programs to be offered.

Also, experienced professionals from the Small Business Development Center will be on hand to take part in a no-cost, one-on-one assessment after the event.

This event is made possible by the Small Business Development Center and the Town of Sahuarita with the support of the Freeport-McMoRan Community Investment Fund.

When: Thursday, January 29, 2015
Where: Sahuarita Town Hall
375 W. Sahuarita Center Way
Sahuarita, AZ 85629
Time: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Lending Workshop – “Access to Capital: Traditional/Non-Traditional Lending for Small Businesses”

Need Money? Join us as the Small Business Development Center and the Town of Sahuarita share traditional and non-traditional financing solutions and access to capital.

Experienced professionals from the Small Business Development Center will be on hand to take part in a no-cost, one-on-one business assessment after the event.

The event is made possible by the Small Business Development Center and the Town of Sahuarita with the support of the Freeport-McMoRan Community Investment Fund.

When: Thursday, February 19, 2015
Where: Sahuarita Town Hall
375 W. Sahuarita Center Way
Sahuarita, AZ 85629
Time: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Procurement Fair – “Connect and Learn About Federal State and Local Procurement for Small Businesses”

Ever wondered how you could sell your product or services to government? Here’s the information session that will help you. Join us as the Small Business Development Center and the Town of Sahuarita host procurement fair, where we’ll offer information on how you can connect with local, state and federal procurement opportunities.

Also, experienced professionals from the Small Business Development Center will be on hand to take part in a no-cost, one-on-one consulting assessment after the event.

This event is made possible by the Small Business Development Center and the Town of Sahuarita with the support of the Freeport-McMoRan Community Investment Fund.

When: Thursday, March 26, 2015
Where: Sahuarita Town Hall
375 W. Sahuarita Center Way
Sahuarita, AZ 85629
Time: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Sahuarita Commerce Park Now Silver Site Certified



The Arizona Commerce Authority, which was just recently ranked “#1 in the Nation for Entrepreneurial Activity,” designated the Sahuarita Commerce Park as a Certified Silver Site. The program’s certification requirements are based on corporate real estate and economic development industry standards.

Certified Sites: Criteria

The pursuit of job expansion and relocation projects most often comes down to which properties are best suited for the employer’s needs and can accommodate them in the most immediate fashion.

Arizona Rural Certified Sites has been created to showcase properties most ready to be developed and occupied for base industry employment purposes in the rural areas of Arizona. The certification requirements were developed with significant input from industry experts from the real estate, planning, economic development and site selection fields, and represent the most common and essential standards in real estate site selection.

There are two categories of certification: Gold and Silver. The Gold standard will meet all of the requirements outlined in the application. The Silver status will meet most of the standards, yet lack five of the required criteria. The Gold Certified properties will then be activated on the Arizona Commerce Authority’s web page for public access. Silver Certified properties will not be activated until achieving the complete criteria. The status of properties will be updated every six months.

In order to be considered for certification, the property must have the key criteria:

1. 5 or more developable acres (if land)
2. 5,000 or more square feet (if building)
3. Willing seller or lessee with established asking price
4. All utilities (water, sewer, electric power, telecommunication) at the site or within 500 feet
5. Proven alignment with a local city, town or county and letter of commitment from this body
6. No environmental liabilities (documentation regarding Phase I, endangered species reviews, geotechnical report, etc.)
7. Outside known flood-prone areas or remediation complete



Sahuarita Road Project Wins 2014 MPA Common Ground Award

The Town of Sahuarita received a Common Ground Award for the Sahuarita Road Improvement Project at Metropolitan Pima Alliance's (MPA) 10th Annual Common Ground Awards ceremony on December 5, 2014. The MPA's annual ceremony honors community leaders, projects and events that employed collaboration to overcome great obstacles.

The MPA recognized Town Mayor Duane Blumberg and Assistant Town Engineer Joel Harris for their successful collaboration for the overall benefit of the community. The Sahuarita Road project realized partnerships from a wide variety of funding partners, local stakeholders, land developers, regional agencies, utility providers, consultants and contractors. Every partner's contribution has been significant to the successful outcome of the project and helped achieve an overall common goal that has perpetuated a spirit of cooperation in the community. Many of the successful coordination efforts, meetings and processes established during the Sahuarita Road improvement project remain in place, continuing to serve as the model for future Town projects. The new roadway has become an expression of collaboration, a true testament of cooperation and indicative of the spirit of partnering.

Serving one of the fastest-growing communities in Arizona, with a population increase of nearly 700% in 10 years (between 2000 and 2010), the Sahuarita Road project was an essential part of the Town's future growth. As a primary east-west regional corridor (between Interstate 19 and Interstate 10), the Sahuarita Road improvement project balances the mobility needs of regional traffic with the access needs of local traffic, existing businesses, schools, churches and residential neighborhoods. Addressing existing conditions as well as anticipating future growth within the Town was a challenge met in stride by the Town and its regional and local partners.



The project received funding from the May 2006 Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) voter-approved half-cent sales tax initiative, Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF), and Town Capital funds. Several creative funding sources were also used, including an Economic Strengths Program Grant from the Arizona Commerce Authority (formerly Arizona Department of Commerce), 2004 Pima County Bond funds for bicycle lanes and a construction cost-sharing agreement with Sahuarita Unified School District for the pedestrian underpass that connects Town Hall with the SUSD campus. Funding from the Pima Association of Governments Transportation *Art by Youth* provided murals and other artistic enhancements within the project limits.





ARIZONA SCITECH SAHUARITA STEMtacular

The Town of Sahuarita is excited to partner with the Sahuarita Unified School District, Rancho Sahuarita, and multiple businesses and private organizations to offer the communitywide Sahuarita STEMtacular, February 8-13, 2015. Sponsors for the event include the Green Valley Pecan Company, Jim Click Automotive, Hudbay and Green Valley Chamber of Commerce. The menu of events highlights science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and is a statewide celebration that offers a series of expos, workshops, exhibits and tours held in diverse venues throughout the state. It is a collaboration of more than 450 organizations in industry, academia, arts, civic, community and K-12. Sahuarita's STEMtacular week of events is found on the Town website at <http://sahuaritaaz.gov/scitech>

For more information on individual events, held in Sahuarita and all over the State of Arizona, please see the Arizona SciTech website at <http://azscitech.com>

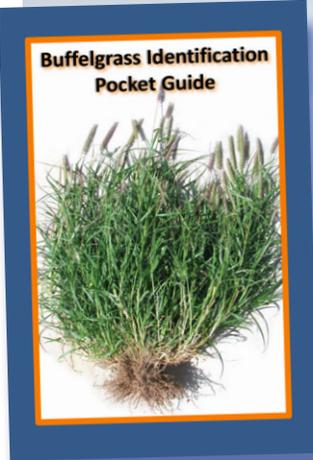


Here is a rundown of the Sahuarita SciTech Events:

- ▶ **SciTech Family Day at Titan Missile Museum,**
Sunday, February 8, 2015, 8:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Free admission for two school-aged children living in Sahuarita for each adult paid admission of \$9.50. Children under 6 years of age are free. First come, first served. For more info, call (520) 625-7736 or email info@titanmissilemuseum.org
- ▶ **SciTech Family Day at ASARCO Mineral Discovery Center – Mine Tour**
Sunday, February 8, 2015, noon – 4 p.m.
Free admission for school-aged child living in Sahuarita with paid adult ticket of \$9. Three tour times available, limited in size. Tour times: noon – 1 p.m., 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. and 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Science Passport Experience at Sahuarita Middle School**
Thursday, February 12, 2015, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Middle school students grades 6-8 will explore STEM through interactive displays, workshops and demonstrations provided by approximately 30 vendors. Students can earn the chance to win prizes through their passport answers learned at each exhibit.
- ▶ **SciTech Night Out at Sahuarita Lake Park and Rancho Sahuarita Clubhouse Outdoor areas.**
Friday, February 13, 2015, 4 – 8 p.m. Great events include:
 - 4 to 5 p.m.** at Sahuarita Lake Park. **Hydronalix** will demonstrate E.M.I.L.Y., the remote control Emergency Integrated Lifesaving Lanyard that they manufacture in Sahuarita, in the lake.
 - 4 to 6 p.m.** at Rancho Sahuarita Clubhouse parking lot the **Mathematics Roadshow** by professors from the University of Arizona Physics Factory and Math Department. YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XfICFUjB7ZI>
 - 6 to 8 p.m.** at Rancho Sahuarita Clubhouse Tennis Courts there will be **Stargazing** with the Sonora Astronomical Society and the Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association. Multiple telescopes will be available for student viewing of the planets and stars.
 - 6 to 8 p.m.** at Rancho Sahuarita Clubhouse lawn. **Science Movie Night.** Bring your own chairs and blankets and enjoy dinner offered from food trucks.

* Note – The food trucks will be available throughout the evening in the Rancho Sahuarita Clubhouse parking lot.

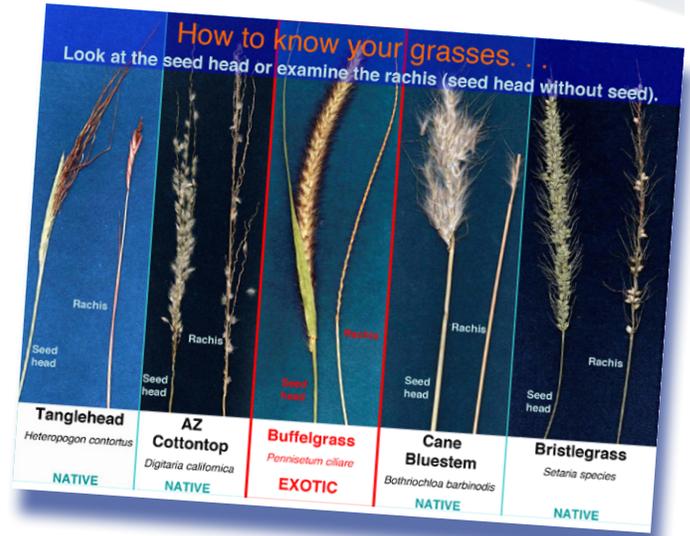
Beat Back Buffelgrass Day, Saturday, January 24 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Beat Back Buffelgrass Day is an annual event held each January, where volunteers get together to help eradicate buffelgrass at several locations throughout Southeastern Arizona. Buffelgrass invasion is threatening to transform the mostly

fireproof diverse Sonoran Desert into a flammable and impoverished savanna, affecting both natural and urban areas.

Sahuarita’s cleanup will be Saturday, January 24, 2015, from 8 to 11 a.m. on West Duval Mine Road, on the section of road just west of the driveway to the Titan Missile Museum. Volunteers can register to participate at any of the regional locations at this website: www.buffelgrass.org.



Last year the volunteers stuffed more than 200 garbage bags full of buffelgrass. The more volunteers we have, the more progress we can make – so please try to gather friends and family together to come out and help alleviate this damaging grass.

Sahuarita Police Department Hosts ‘Shop with a Cop’ Day for Sahuarita Kids



Sahuarita Police Department held their annual “Shop with a Cop” event on Saturday, December 13, at Walmart. The event was a huge success and fun was had by all who participated. The event was able to help 20 local kids have a better holiday this year. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event possible.





Sahuarita Food Bank Gets a Makeover



Sahuarita's Food Bank was one of only

75 selected for a Holiday Makeover, thanks to \$20,000 grant from Walmart.

Food Bank President Curt Ackley applied for the grant in October and then from December 2 through December 12 communities across the U.S. voted online to support their local food pantry to receive grant money for a makeover. Winners were announced on December 15.

The Sahuarita Food Bank is housed in the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ and had also received grants from Pima County Community Development Block Grants, the Tohono O'odham Nation and Freeport-McMoRan Corporation. The Food Bank

also received a \$5,000 grant from the White Elephant, and the Town of Sahuarita has extended a shared grant with the Amado-Green Valley-Sahuarita Community Food Bank.

The extra financial help will allow the Sahuarita Food Bank to purchase a van, since the one they are using is rented, plus two 12' x 24' coolers, new refrigerators, ovens, stoves and storage units – all to better serve the families in need in the community.





Sahuarita Teen Advisory Council to Hold 2nd Annual Memorial 5K Fun Color Run Saturday, January 24

The Sahuarita Teen Advisory Council (STAC) will be holding a Memorial 5K Fun Color Run in memory of the Sahuarita teens, whose journey ended too soon.



The run will be held at Anamax Park on Saturday, January 24, beginning at 3 p.m. All proceeds from this race will go to benefit the Tanner Bell Karr Scholarship Foundation. For more information or to register, contact Melissa Hinkle at mhinkle@sahuaritaaz.gov.

For a video about this event and its benefits, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVZp8E2il6Q&feature=youtu.be>

Town's 2nd Annual 'Winter Festival and Holiday Parade' Event is Success

On December 13, 2014, the Town of Sahuarita worked with community partners to put on their 2nd Annual Winter Festival and Holiday Parade. This safe, family friendly event had something for everyone in our community.

The activities included the ice skating rink that was available with a donation to the Green Valley/Sahuarita Food Bank, pictures with Santa, food for sale and the Town's first Light Parade, followed by the event greeting and Tree Lighting conducted by Mayor Blumberg.

This event has quickly become a popular and successful community gathering that is only possible because of the hardworking,

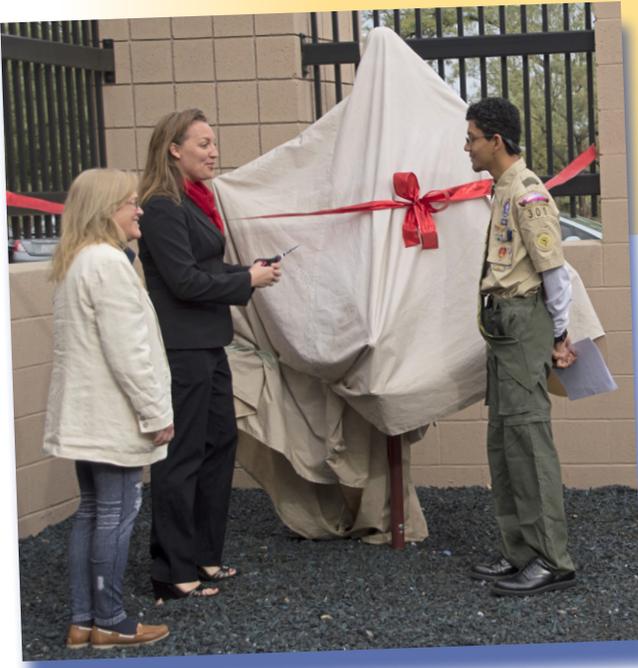


dedicated community partners that include the Town of Sahuarita Parks & Recreation, Sahuarita Police, Rancho Sahuarita, Sahuarita Unified School District and KGVY.

The event collected \$200.20 for the Green Valley/Sahuarita Food Bank and 230 pounds of food.



New Percussion Tree Decorates Anamax Recreation Center



The Anamax Recreation Center now has a new Percussion Tree (musical tree) in its courtyard. The tree was an Eagle Scout project by Brandon Soza of Boy Scout Troop #301. The Percussion Tree was donated to the Town's Parks & Recreation Department in an unveiling ceremony on December 6, and will remain in the courtyard of the recreation center.

The Percussion Tree consists of numerous musical instruments and noisemakers from a xylophone to bells and cymbals. The tree will be available for use by children with special needs as well as other young children. The United Way and Parks & Recreation staff are working on rules and hours of operation for the tree.



2015 Sahuarita Parks & Recreation Classes

Classes for Kids 3 to 5 Years Old

All classes are held at Anamax Parks & Recreation Center. For more information or to register call (520) 445-7850 or visit www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parks

"A Lot for Tots" – Expanded interactive Pre-K program for ages 3-5 years old (potty trained) is held as follows:

Mondays, Wednesdays, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Session 5: February 18 – March 25 (No class February 16)
Session 6: March 30 – May 6

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Session 5: February 17 – March 26
Session 6: March 31 – May 7

"Creative Dance" – Dance program for fun and exercise for ages 3-5 years old (potty trained) is held as follows:

Mondays, 10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Session 5: February 23 – March 23 (No class February 16)
Session 6: March 30 – May 4

"Tiny Tikes Sports" – A sports program for ages 3-5 years old (potty trained) geared toward introducing children to basic sports and developing gross motor skills is held as follows:

Mondays, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Session 4: January 9 – February 13
Session 5: February 20 – March 27
Session 6: April 3 – May 8

"Little Dragon's Taekwondo Program" – This program is specifically designed for children 3-5 years old (potty trained). It focuses on improving children's basic motor and listening skills in a positive, fun and motivational way. Classes are held as follows:

Tuesdays, Thursdays at 3 p.m.
Cost is \$45 for the entire month, a month averages eight classes

Parks & Rec has Programs for Young Children

Sahuarita Parks & Recreation Wiggle Worms are classes aimed at children ages 9 months to 3 years and their parents. Classes are held at Anamax Park and are drop-in, with a fee of \$5 per class.

Children and parents share songs, play games and participate in obstacle courses. The focus of the program is on developing large motor skills.



"Little Worms" – Wednesdays, 10–10:45 a.m. for ages 9 to 18 months.

"Bigger Worms" – Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.–noon for ages 10 to 36 months.

For more information visit Anamax Park, call (520) 445-7850 or visit the following site:
www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parks





Don't Forget to Join Us for FREE Story Time

Join us for stories, songs and arts and crafts at Anamax Park Mondays and Fridays at 11 a.m. for FREE Family Story Time.

For more information visit Anamax Park or call (520) 445-7850.

Southern Dragon Taekwondo Offers Martial Arts Classes at Sahuarita Anamax Park for Adults and Children

Adults and children will gain confidence, increase physical health, gain better mental focus and learn self-defense. There are class levels for basic, intermediate and advanced skills.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. every week (16 classes per month)
No contract and first uniform is free.
Cost is \$90 per month or \$5.50 per class.

For more information call (520) 445-7850 or visit www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parks

Parks & Rec Karate for Kids

Sahuarita Parks & Recreation *Karate for Kids* classes teach basic to advanced skill development and self-defense principles. All classes are held Saturday mornings at Anamax Park Recreation Center.

Session Dates:

Session 2: February 14 – March 28 (No class March 21)

Session 3: April 4 – May 9

Session 4: May 16 – June 27 (No class June 6)

Class Times:

Pee Wee (4-6 year olds) – 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Junior (7-12 year olds) - 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Teen (13-18 year olds) - 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

For more information call (520) 445-7850 or visit www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parks

Sahuarita Parks & Rec Youth Ballroom Dance Classes

Join us Tuesday evenings at Anamax Park Recreation Center. Kids ages 7 to 16 will learn the Cha-Cha, Samba, Jive and Waltz.

Dates:

January 6 – May 5 (No class on March 17)

Class Times:

7-11 year olds – 4:30 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.

12-16 year olds – 5:30 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

For more information call (520) 445-7850 or visit www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parks



Beginning Argentine Tango Classes

Join us at Anamax Park on Mondays, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. and learn basic steps, Tango Technique and floor craft for Argentine Tango. No dance experience or partner needed. Drop-in class cost is \$7 per class.

For more information call (520) 445-7850 or visit www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parks

FREE Parenting Classes

Sahuarita Parks & Recreation in conjunction with The Parent Connection is offering FREE Parenting Classes. You may pre-register by calling 520-321-1500. Classes will be held at the Anamax classroom.

Wednesdays, January 14 – February 11, 2015 (5 weeks), 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., *Parenting Young Children*

Wednesdays, February 18 – March 25, 2015 (6 weeks), 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen*

Wednesdays, April 8 – May 13, 2015 (6 weeks), 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., *Calming the Family Storm*

Wednesdays, May 20 – June 24, 2015 (6 weeks), 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., *Parenting Young Children*

For more information call (520) 445-7850 or visit www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parks

FREE Pickleball Clinics

Pickleball is a combination of badminton, table tennis and tennis, and is an ever-growing sport all over the country played by all ages.

The Town of Sahuarita Parks & Recreation Department has partnered with the newly formed Southern Arizona Pickleball Association to hold Pickleball Clinics at the tennis courts located at Anza Trail School, 15490 S. Rancho Sahuarita Blvd.

Here are dates and times for upcoming FREE Pickleball Clinics:

- Saturday, January 10, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Saturday, January 24, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Saturday, February 7, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Saturday, February 21, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Heartsaver First Aid/CPR/AED Classes

Sahuarita Parks & Recreation and Green Valley Fire District are holding Heartsaver First Aid/CPR/AED Classes on the third Saturday of the month at Anamax Park and Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Students must register, pay and pick up book at least one week before class. Classes will be taught by Green Valley Fire District BLS Training Center.

Costs are: \$50 for First Aid/CPR/AED classes; \$35 for CPR/AED classes; \$30 for just the First Aid class.

To register, please call (520) 625-9438.



Let Sahuarita Parks & Recreation Help You Reduce Your Risk of Falling

Did you know that one in three adults over the age of 65 will fall this year? Don't be one of them! Join us for the Fall Intervention Training Clinic (FIT).

Build your confidence with this fun informative class. It focuses on dynamic balance exercises and rounds out the workout with low impact aerobic warm-up, strength training for the lower body and stretching for flexibility.

The next sessions are January 8 – February 12, 2015, and February 19 – March 26, 2015. The session is limited to 12 participants, with all equipment and materials provided. Each session is 6 weeks long and costs \$60. Class will meet every Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Town of Sahuarita Parks & Recreation Center. For more information or to register, call Mia Lee Cooper (520) 204-5264 or Ann Sirianni at (520) 465-1221.

Something for Everyone at Parks & Rec Adult Fitness Classes

Here is a rundown of what is available for adults. All classes are held at Anamax Park and Recreation Center, 17501 S. Camino De Las Quintas.

"Hatha Yoga" – Mondays, 2–3 p.m., Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and Thursdays, 5:45–6:45 p.m. with Diana Makes.

Mondays, 5:45–6:45 p.m. and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 8:30–9:30 a.m. with Debbie Stenson.

"Chair Yoga/Strengthening" – Every other Friday, 2–3 p.m. with Carla Perez.

"Body & Core Conditioning" – Fridays, 7–8 a.m. with Rosi Reeves.

"Zumba" – Wednesdays, 6–7 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7–8 p.m. with Cicely "C.C." White-Lee.



"SilverSneakers Strength & Balance" – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30–2:30 p.m. with Wuanita Powers.

"Circuit Training" – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7–8 a.m. with Claire Long.

"Rosi's Boot Camp" – Saturdays, 8:00–9:00 a.m. with Rosi Reeves.

To register or for more information visit Anamax Park, call 520-445-7850 or visit www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parks





Adult Co-Ed Soccer Coming Soon

Sahuarita Parks & Recreation will be starting a co-ed adult soccer league. You must be 18 years or older to participate and games will be played on Wednesday nights at Anamax Park and run for 12 weeks beginning February 4.

There will be a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, January 28, for anyone interested in the adult co-ed soccer program. Individuals will meet at 6 p.m. and coaches will meet at 6:30 p.m. Registration closes Friday, January 16.

For more information call (520) 445-7850 or visit www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parks

Co-Ed Volleyball League Registration Closes January 16, 2015

Sahuarita Parks & Recreation registration for co-ed volleyball continues through January 16 at 5 p.m. You must be 16 or older to participate and games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Copper View Elementary School and run for 10 weeks beginning February 3.

There will be a mandatory meeting on Tuesday, January 27, for anyone interested in the co-ed volleyball league. Individuals will meet at 6 p.m. and coaches will meet at 6:30 p.m.

For more information call (520) 445-7850 or visit www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parks

Open Gym for Basketball and Volleyball Begins Monday, January 5

Sahuarita Parks & Recreation will be holding Open Gym nights at Copper View Elementary School from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. for anyone 16 years or older.

Basketball will be Mondays and Wednesdays, January 5 – April 29, and volleyball will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 5 – April 29.

Cost is \$1 per person or FREE with current SUSD student I.D.



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Hike with Sahuarita Parks & Rec ... it's Smiles of Fun!

The Hiking Club will depart every other Saturday at 7:30 a.m. from Anamax Park Recreation Center. Hikes will be led by an experienced hiking guide and will range from easy to difficult.

Costs are \$5 per hike or \$35 for a six-month pass.

For more information or to register, call (520) 445-7850 or visit www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parks

Here is a list of the remaining season's hikes:

January 17 – “Glove Mine” – Moderate

January 31 – “Hugh Norris” – Difficult

February 14 – “Cactus Forrest” – Easy

February 28 – “Hope Camp” – Moderate



Green Valley Model Yacht Club Calling All Remote Control Sailors!

Remote Control (R/C) sailors in Tucson, Green Valley and Sahuarita areas have formed the Green Valley Model Yacht Club (GVMYC). The purpose of the club is to promote R/C sailing, teach about sailing and sailboat racing and most importantly have fun!

The club meets at the north end of Lake Sahuarita from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. during the winter months on the 2nd and 4th Sunday. The club is sanctioned by the American Model Yachting Association (AMYA) as Club #333.

Even if you don't have a model yacht, come out and borrow one to try. Club members are available to assist new members on picking a model and even construction if necessary.

For more information, visit www.gvmyc.com



This Month's Planning and Building Department Tip: Permits = Safety

The Planning and Building Department wants to provide a safe community for you to live, work and play in.

There's a very simple reason why building permits are required for construction – it's all about safety. Building codes help ensure that structures meet standards against collapse, fire and other potential dangers. If structures aren't up to code, insurance companies may not pay on damage claims and property owners could be liable if someone is injured. Permits also ensure that zoning requirements are met.

If you're starting a construction or remodeling project, make sure to find out if a building permit is required. You'll need to pay the required fees, submit plans and have inspections performed during construction. That way, you'll know your project is safe.

But what if you've acquired a property where work was performed without a permit or you've done work yourself without a permit? You'll need to apply for a building permit and meet current building codes. If certain aspects of the

construction can't be readily seen, you may be required to open up the walls/roof or expose the footings. It's likely that at some point in the future, someone will want proof that your building complies with local building codes, so there's no time like the present to take action. You can do the work yourself if you own the property and don't sell it within a year. If you are not familiar with the construction process, you may want to hire a licensed contractor.

Debbie Morales and Charlene Schwickrath, our Senior Permit Technicians, can guide you through the process. Be sure to get them involved early in your project to help prevent major problems down the road.

Have a Safe 2015!

The Planning and Building Department is dedicated to helping residents build safely. If you have any further questions, please contact us at 520-822-8866 or visit our website at <http://sahuaritaaz.gov/PB>

Happy New Year from the Planning and Building Department

The Planning and Building Department used recycled materials to decorate for the holidays. Hanging snowflakes were made from building plans; peppermint sticks were made from PVC and rolled plans wrapped with red duct tape; large candy canes were made from insulation foam scraps and red duct tape and tree ornaments were made from candy canes and staff photos.

*Senior Permit Technicians
Charlene Schwickrath (left) and Debbie Morales.*



Sun Shuttle Serves More Than 1 Million Riders Successfully

Sun Shuttle ridership has increased throughout the system over the past five years, with these “local” routes reflecting the largest growth in ridership between October 2013 and October 2014:

- Route 421 (Green Valley/Sahuarita) – 29% increase in ridership
- Route 430 (Tucson Estates) – 26% increase in ridership
- Sun Shuttle Dial-a-Ride in Green Valley – 21.9% increase in ridership

To learn more about Sun Shuttle or Sun Shuttle Dial-a-Ride, call (520) 792-9222 or visit <http://suntran.com/sunshuttle/shuttle-howtoride.htm>

Sun Shuttle, a neighborhood transit service funded by the Regional Transportation Authority, has transported more than 1 million passengers during its five years of service.

Sun Shuttle, which launched in 2009, serves Sahuarita, Green Valley, San Xavier, Marana, Oro Valley, Catalina, Tucson Estates and Ajo, portions of unincorporated Pima County, Rita Ranch and southeastern Tucson. Sun Shuttle can transport you around your community, or connect you to other Sun Tran services such as Sun Tran, Sun Shuttle, and Sun Link, offering you access to the Tucson metropolitan area via a seamless public transit system.

