



## Town of Sahuarita 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon, April 8th at Desert Diamond Casino

Mayor Duane Blumberg and the Town Council will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Town of Sahuarita with a luncheon held at the Desert Diamond Casino. We regret to inform you this event is SOLD OUT. Please look for a recap of the event next month.

Thank you to Metropolitan Pima Alliance and the Green Valley/Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce and our luncheon presenters Rancho Sahuarita and Rural Metro, Southern Arizona Operations.

## Town of Sahuarita General Plan, *Aspire 2035*, Public Open House – You’re Invited

The Town of Sahuarita is kicking off the 60-day public review period for its updated General Plan, *Aspire 2035*, with a public open house. Representatives from the Town of Sahuarita will be available to discuss the General Plan, answer questions, and gather input. Maps and displays will also be provided, along with light refreshments. Following the open house a formal presentation will be given during a Planning & Zoning Commission study session. The study session is open to the public.

**Monday, April 6, 2015**

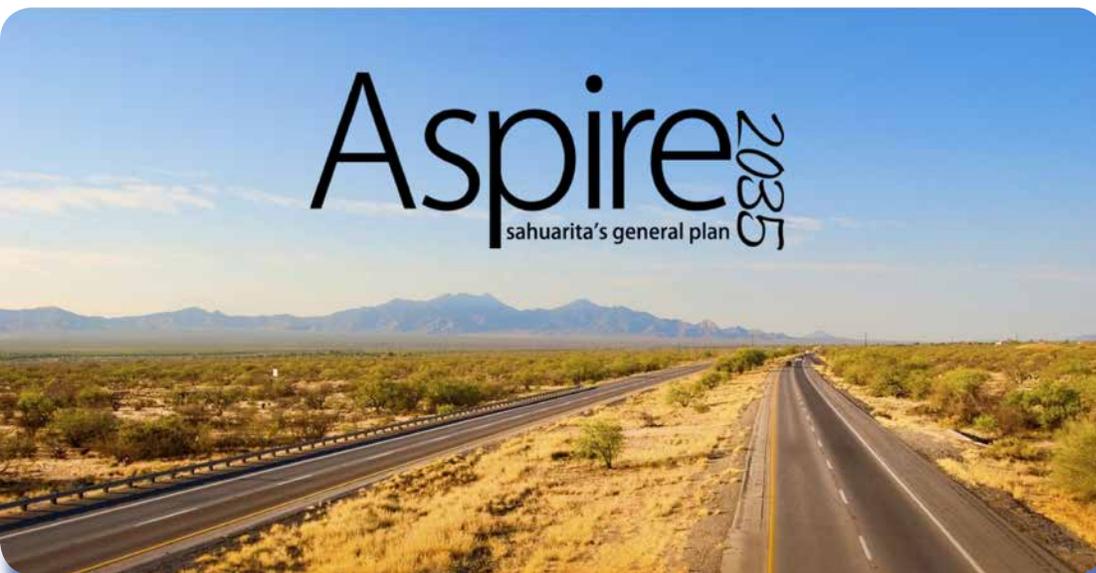
**Sahuarita Town Hall-Council Chambers**

**375 W. Sahuarita Center Way**

**Open House: 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

**Formal Presentation: at or after 6:30 p.m.**

For more information or for individuals with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, please contact Vanessa at (520) 822-8852 or email [vvalles@sahuaritaaz.gov](mailto:vvalles@sahuaritaaz.gov). Requests should be made as soon as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.





## Sahuarita's Blueprint for Economic Growth and Prosperity



Quality of Life

Celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015, the Town of Sahuarita has emerged as a highly desirable community that offers unparalleled opportunity for economic growth and prosperity. With its strategic location and abundance of assets, Sahuarita will be able to deftly navigate future economic challenges to create new opportunities. Just as all that Sahuarita is today reflects generations of hard work by its founders and elected, public management and civic leaders, all that Sahuarita can and will become in the future requires even greater strategic vision and more arduous work. Sahuarita's economic development goal today and for the next 20 years is to create a diverse, sustainable economy that supports the community's economic growth and prosperity and outstanding quality of life.

### Blueprint for Economic Growth and Prosperity

In March 2015, Town Council was presented with Sahuarita's Blueprint for Economic Growth and Prosperity. IO.INC, the economic development consulting firm contracted by the Town, conducted a comprehensive approach including a review of existing studies and plans, local, regional, state and national; SWOT process engaging 110+ Sahuarita stakeholders; confidential interviews with major Sahuarita/Southern Arizona employers and developers; analysis of current economic conditions and trends; and a comparative analysis of Sahuarita and Greater Tucson with other U.S. markets.

Sahuarita's identified economic development strategies build on the community's abundant assets and advantages; retain and grow existing economic drivers and employers; invest in and strengthen present and future employment centers; elevate Sahuarita's identity and profile in the State of Arizona economic development arena; ensure that Sahuarita's present and future employers will be able to cultivate, retain and attract the talent that they need; and finally grow and attract quality firms and jobs in targeted sectors.

Utilizing data-driven research and analysis on best-fit economic sectors for Sahuarita's economy as well as global, national and state research. Sahuarita's targeted sectors now include Information and Communication Technology such as financial services, insurance, customer contact centers, IT managed services and data centers; Mining and building on the existing ASARCO Mission Mine Complex in Sahuarita and Freeport McMoRan operations nearby with potential to expand the local supplier base; Tourism and Hospitality; Aerospace and Defense suppliers and aligning Sahuarita to capitalize on the Pima County Aerospace and Defense Corridor; Entrepreneurship; and Mexico pursuing unique opportunities in tourism and trade.

The Blueprint for Economic Growth and Prosperity provides now a strategic framework to guide the Town of Sahuarita in its decision-making about economic development.

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# Sahuarita Receives Arizona Rural Economic Development Grant Award



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In March 2015, the Town of Sahuarita was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Arizona Commerce Authority for the sewer extension



line to the Town Center Commerce Park in Sahuarita (located on the southwest corner of La Cañada and Sahuarita Road). The 16-acre site is the first and only planned Commerce Park in Sahuarita by Rancho Sahuarita Company that will serve the rapidly growing population along the Interstate 19 corridor and industry growth in Southern Arizona along with companies that want to be in close proximity to the Arizona/Mexico border. In the fall of 2014 the site was Certified Silver by the Arizona Commerce Authority Certified Sites Program.



The Rural Economic Development Grant (REDG) is a competitive grant program designed to help rural Arizona communities develop infrastructure that strengthens their capacity and competitiveness for economic growth, and thereby ultimately improves economic conditions and quality of life in rural Arizona. To that end the REDG provides grants to partially fund qualifying rural infrastructure projects that will generate private sector job creation (or retention) and capital investment, particularly in base industries. The REDG is also offered to complement the ACA's Arizona Certified Sites program, which identifies on the ACA's website "development ready" sites in rural Arizona.

As a direct result of the sewer extension coming on line to the Town Commerce Park, the site will then become an attractive "development ready" site for local business expansion needs as well as other firms that seek to locate in Sahuarita.

## New Metropia App Can Help You Navigate Traffic Better

Metropia is an app that will help commuters manage traffic and relieve congestion. The company is in partnership with Pima Association of Governments (PAG), and Tucson is the first city where the app is available.

First, a driver puts in a destination and "reserves" a route. Metropia then calculates the fastest and least congested way to get there, instead of taking the same busy roads as other drivers.

Metropia also plans to collect data of travel times and speeds for PAG, in order to plan future road projects. The free app is available from the Apple Store or Google Play.



# Nominate a Town Employee for the New *Manager's Choice Employee Excellence Award*

— Deadline, May 1, 2015

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](http://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.



## Superintendent Valenzuela Earns National Superintendent Certification

Dr. Manny Valenzuela, Sahuarita Unified School District superintendent, has earned his national superintendent certification.

Dr. Valenzuela spent 18 months completing his certification process. The National Superintendent Certification process

was launched in 2013 and addresses issues including providing world-class instructional leadership, building and managing a district budget and using 21<sup>st</sup>-century technology effectively.

The only other Arizona superintendent earning this national certification was the superintendent for the Tolleson Elementary School District in Glendale.



Organizational  
Effectiveness

Foster an organizational culture that embraces change, creativity, innovation  
and calculated risk to ensure proactive, consistent, efficient and accountable  
service to our community.

**TriZona**  
Triathlon  
at Sahuarita  
May 2, 2015  
Sahuarita, AZ

## TriZona at Sahuarita Triathlon May 2<sup>nd</sup>

The first ever TriZona at Sahuarita triathlon presented by Haka Multisport will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015. This event is a USA Triathlon sanctioned, full Olympic Distance triathlon, taking place in and around Sahuarita Lake Park. This



0.9-mile swim, 25-mile bike and 6.2-mile run will be a



beautiful and challenging early season triathlon for its 300 participants. Haka Multisport will be directing this inaugural event.



The swim takes place in Sahuarita Lake, followed by what should be a fast bike ride, though participants will be tested by a steady 7-8 miles of climbing midway in the ride. The final 10K run will capitalize on the pleasant, car-free Wilderness Trail, along with some portions of the great living within Rancho Sahuarita.

For more information or to register visit [www.sahuaritatri.com](http://www.sahuaritatri.com)



## Fishing Days at Sahuarita Lake was "Quite the Catch"



Family Fun Fishing Festival was held on March 14, 2015, at the Sahuarita Lake Park. With over 300 in attendance, the festival was a huge success. In partnership with Rancho Sahuarita, Arizona Game and Fish and the Town of Sahuarita, the community had the opportunity to fish for free from 7-11 a.m. without a fishing license. Fishing poles and bait were provided by Arizona Game and Fish.



## Sahuarita Teen Advisory Council (STAC) holds "Teen Olympics"

On Saturday, March 14, the Sahuarita Teen Advisory Council (STAC) held their Teen Olympics at Anamax Park. The Olympics presented Sahuarita teens with an opportunity to foster teamwork, learn healthy habits, and learn qualities helpful in all facets of life.

Teams that participated were: Bad Boys, The Grove, and Team Winnerz. These teams finished in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectfully.

All teams that participated in this grass-roots event learned to value teamwork, and understand that today teens face multiple adversities that can help be abated with active involvement.



## 2015 Sahuarita Parks & Recreation Classes

### Classes for Kids 3 to 5 Years Old

All classes are held at Anamax Park & Recreation Center. For more information or to register call (520) 445-7850 or visit [www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parksandrec](http://www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parksandrec)

**"A Lot for Tots" Summer Camps** – Expanded interactive Pre-K program for children ages 3-5 years old (potty trained) Cost: \$240.00 per session:

Mondays–Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

June 1 – June 25, 2015

July 6 – July 30, 2015

**"Creative Dance"** – Dance program for fun and exercise for children ages 3-5 years old (potty trained) Cost: \$30.00 per session:

Mondays, 10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

June 1 – June 22, 2015

July 6 – July 27, 2015

**"Tiny Tikes Sports"** – A sports program for children ages 3-5 years old (potty trained) geared toward introducing children to basic sports and developing gross motor skills. Cost: \$30.00 per session:

Fridays, 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.

June 5 – June 26, 2015

July 10 – July 31, 2015

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

Tuesdays, Thursdays at 2:45 p.m.

Cost is \$45 for the entire month (a month averages eight classes)

## Sensory Playground Available Mondays thru Fridays

Sahuarita Parks & Recreation has a “Sensory Playground” available for use Mondays – Fridays, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Please see the Anamax Recreation front desk if you are interested.

## Parks & Rec has Programs for Young Children

Sahuarita Parks & Recreation Wiggle Waggle 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 18 to 36  
months.

For more information  
visit Anamax Park, call  
(520) 445-7850 or visit  
[www.sahuaritaaz.gov/  
parksandrec](http://www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parksandrec)



## Summer Open Rec for 6 to 13 year olds

Summer Open Rec program will be held at Anza Trail School and is a partnership amongst Town of Sahuarita Parks and Recreation, Sahuarita Unified School District and Rancho Sahuarita. For kids ages 6 to 13. Pre-registration is required and can be done at Anamax Recreation Center (520) 445-7850 or Rancho Sahuarita (520) 207-7730.

Cost: FREE

Mondays – Thursdays,  
12:30–4:30 p.m.  
June 1 – July 9, 2015

## Bricks 4 Kidz®

**Bricks 4 Kidz®** provides educational programs that focus on introducing children to principles of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) using LEGO® bricks. At **Bricks 4 Kidz®** we strive to develop effective problem solving skills, provide children the opportunity for creative expression, and encourage team work through the use of lab-focused exercises. Our programs provide an extraordinary atmosphere for students to build unique creations, play games, and have loads of fun using LEGO® bricks. The activities are designed to trigger young children’s lively imaginations and build their self-confidence. Our classes aim to provide hands-on experiences that are as entertaining as they are educational!



Mondays – Fridays, 1–4 p.m.

June 8 – June 12, 2015

Mining and Crafting 1 & 2

June 15 – June 19, 2015

Classic Arcade Brick  
Adventures

Ages 5 to 12 years old

Cost: \$120.00 for one week or  
\$200.00 for both weeks.

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

[www.sahuaritaaz.gov/  
parksandrec](http://www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parksandrec)

## Don't Forget to Join Us for FREE Story Time

Join us for stories, songs and arts and crafts during FREE Family Story Time at Anamax Recreation Center Mondays and Fridays at 11 a.m. For more information, visit Anamax Park or call (520) 445-7850.

## Southern Dragon Taekwondo



Kids aged 6 and older will gain confidence, increase physical health, gain better mental focus and learn self-defense. There are class levels for basic, intermediate and advanced skills.

*Dates:* Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday every week (16 classes per month)

*Times:* 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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/parksandrec](http://www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parksandrec)

## 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. Cost: \$60.00 per session.

Session Dates:

May 16 – June 27 (No class June 6)

Class Times:

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

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

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

For more information call (520) 445-7850 or visit [www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parksandrec](http://www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parksandrec)

## MLB Pitch, Hit, Run Competition – Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Open to competitors ages 7 to 14. Participation is FREE. There are 4 levels of competition. All players MUST pre-register at [www.mlb.com/phr](http://www.mlb.com/phr).

Sunday, April 19, 2015

1:30 p.m. – Sign In

2:00–4:00 p.m. – Competition

Held at Anamax Park

For more information call (520) 445-7850 or visit [www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parksandrec](http://www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parksandrec)



# Sahuarita Parks & Rec NEW Xtreme Sports Programs



## Xtreme Sports Performance Program for Ages 6 to 13

Our youth sports performance program focuses on improving speed, agility, coordination, proper movement, technique, reaction time, strength and self-confidence for building a strong athletic foundation in each participant. Please bring water and cleats to class.

All classes will be held at Anamax Recreation Center.

Wednesdays 4:00–5:30 p.m. and/or Sundays  
9:00–10:30 a.m.

Costs: \$90 for eight classes or \$50 for four classes (all classes include pre-and post-fitness assessment).

For more information call (520) 445-7850 or visit [www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parksandrec](http://www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parksandrec)



## Xtreme Boot Camps

Boot camps are a mixture of body-weight exercise, cardio, calisthenics and strength-training workouts. Boot camps will be H.I.I.T. (High Intensity Interval Training) style workouts that will be held at area parks.



Participants will receive weekly nutritional meal plans to incorporate with weekly workouts for maximum results.

Beginners are welcome. Please bring water, mat and workout attire to camps.

Anamax Park Boot Camp: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6–7 a.m.

North Park Boot Camp: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6–7 p.m.

North Park Weekend Boot Camp: Saturdays and Sundays, 8:30–9:30 a.m.

Costs: \$99 for one month unlimited sessions with nutritional meal plan; one physical

assessment; before and after picture; and biweekly “weigh-ins.”

\$270 for three months unlimited sessions with nutritional meal plan; nutritional coaching; three physical assessments; before and after picture; biweekly “weigh-ins” and take-home workout sheets.

For more information call (520) 445-7850 or visit [www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parksandrec](http://www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parksandrec)

## Beginning Argentine Tango Classes

Join us at Anamax Park on Mondays, 7–8 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/parksandrec](http://www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parksandrec)

## Beginning Square Dance Lessons

Come out and square dance with Sahuarita Parks & Recreation every Wednesday night, 7:15–9 p.m., beginning March 25, 2015. Square dancing is great exercise, easy, fun and mentally challenging.

Classes will be led by Tom Crisp, square dancing caller and instructor with over 40 years of experience. Singles and couples are welcome, no experience is required and classes are open to all 13 years or older but minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Classes cost \$6 for drop-in and \$5 if you pre-pay monthly. Dress in comfortable clothes and shoes. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information call (520) 445-7850 or visit [www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parksandrec](http://www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parksandrec)

## 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, May 20 – June 24, 2015 (6 weeks), 6–8 p.m., *Got Kids?*

## FREE Pickleball Clinics

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

The Town of Sahuarita Parks & Recreation Department has partnered with the newly formed Southern Arizona Pickleball Association to offer Pickleball Clinics at the tennis courts at

Anza Trail School, 15490 S. Rancho Sahuarita Blvd.

Here is the FREE Pickleball Clinic schedule for the next few months:

- Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.–noon
- Saturday, May 2, 9–11 a.m.
- Saturday, May 16, 9–11 a.m.
- Saturday, May 30, 9–11 a.m.



## Heartsaver First Aid/CPR/AED Class – Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>



Sahuarita Parks & Recreation and the Green Valley Fire District are offering Heartsaver First Aid/CPR/AED Classes on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.



PLAY-N-LEARN  
WITH  
**PARKS**  
& RECREATION

## Parks & Recreation Adult Fitness Classes... We have Options for Every Fitness Type

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.

**"Beginning Yoga"** – Mondays, 4:45-5:30 p.m. with  
Debbie Stenson  
Drop-in class.

**"Chair Yoga/  
Strengthening"**  
– Every other  
Friday, 2–3 p.m.  
with Wuanita  
Powers. Drop-in  
class.



**"Body & Core Conditioning"**  
– Fridays, 7–8 a.m. with Rosi  
Reeves. Drop-in class.

**"Zumba"** – Wednesdays, 8:30-9:30  
a.m. and Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. with  
Cicely "C.C." White-Lee. Drop-in class.

**"SilverSneakers Strength/Balance"** – Tuesdays  
and Thursdays, 1:30–2:30 p.m. with Wuanita  
Powers. Drop-in class.

**"Circuit Training"** – Tuesdays and Thursdays,  
7–8 a.m. with Claire Long. Drop-in class.

**"Xtreme Boot Camp"** – with instructor Ricardo  
Lopez. Registration is required.  
Anamax Park, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7 a.m.  
North Park, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.  
North Park, Saturdays and Sundays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

To register or for more information visit  
Anamax Park, call (520) 445-7850 or visit  
[www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parksandrec](http://www.sahuaritaaz.gov/parksandrec)

## Open Gym for Basketball and Volleyball

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

Basketball will be Mondays and Wednesdays through April 29, and volleyball will be Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 30.

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

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

The Hiking Club will depart every other Saturday at 7 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](http://www.sahuaritaaz.gov)

Here is a list of the upcoming hikes:

April 11 – “Bridal Wreath Falls” – Difficult

April 25 – “Bren Mt.” – Moderate

May 9 – “Nature Trail” – Moderate

May 23– “De Anza Trail” – Easy

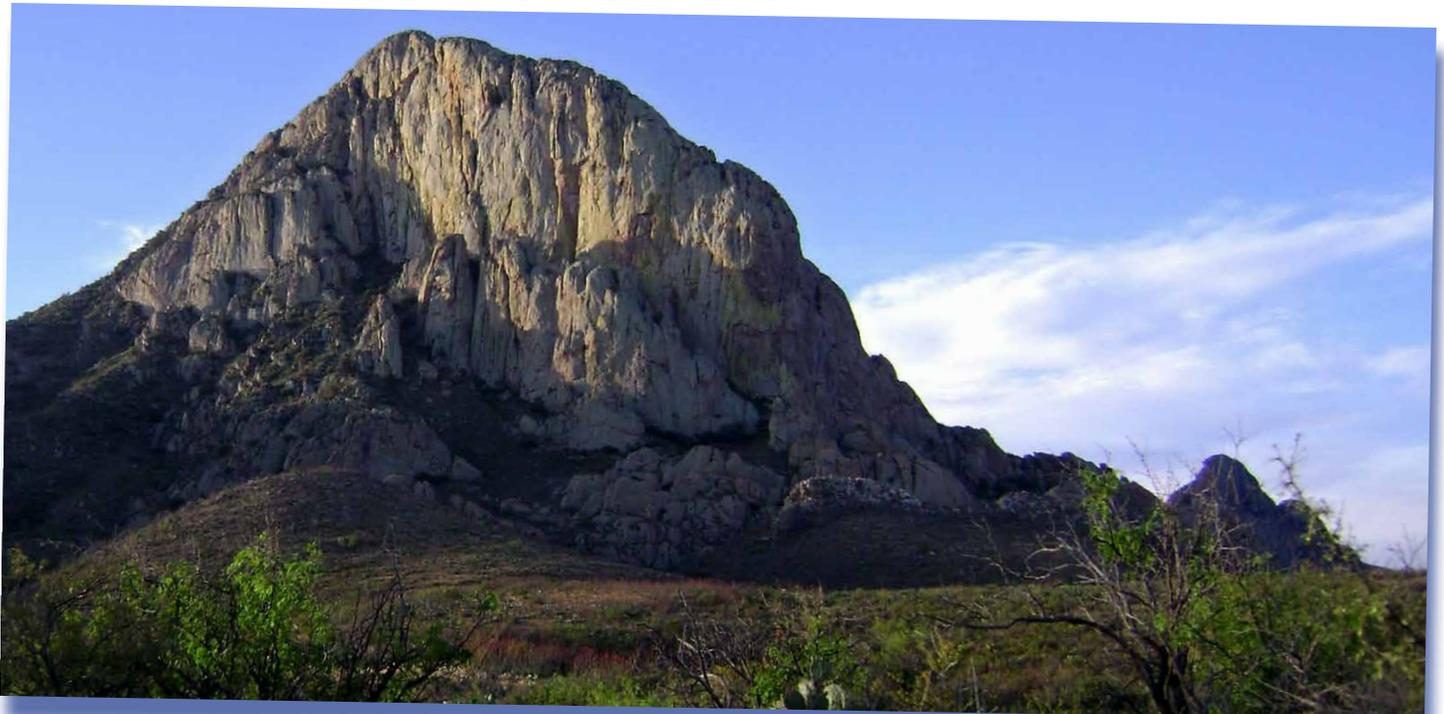
June 6 – “Bog Springs” – Moderate

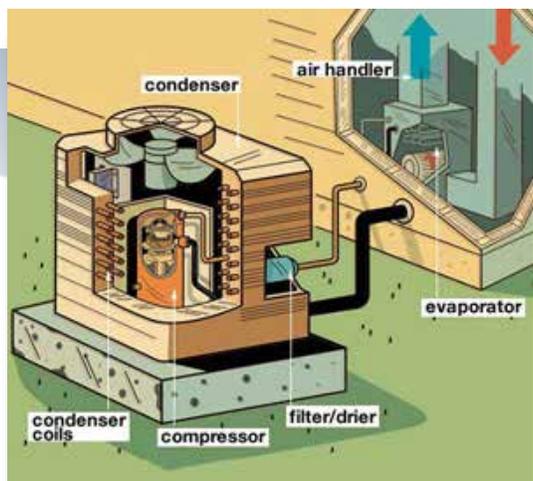
June 20 – “Josephine Saddle” – Moderate

Friday, July 3 – “Combo Trail” – Moderate

July 18 – “Carrie Nation” – Difficult

August 1 – “Rogers Rock” - Moderate





## It's Time to get your Air Conditioner Ready

You probably don't think about your indoor comfort system until it stops working and you become too hot. Without a doubt, many area residents will be starting up their home air conditioners as the temperatures reach the 80-degree mark and above. While starting your A/C is not too worrisome of a task, there are a few basic precautions one should consider before you switch over to the cooling mode.

### A/C system overview

Most newer homes in Sahuarita have a split air conditioning system which consists of a condenser and an air handler. The condenser provides the refrigerant to cool the air and is located outside since it gives off heat and noise. The air handler blows air through a cold coil and distributes the air through ducts and supply vents in the house and is usually located either in the attic or garage. Condensate drain lines from the air handler are needed to discharge water that is released when humid air is cooled. The air filter is located at the air handler.

**Check your air conditioner's condenser** and make sure it is free of leaves, and debris. It should be cleaned annually to ensure the system is performing at optimal levels; in high dust areas more frequent servicing may be required. Visually inspect the wiring and supply lines for damage from rodents.

**Check your condensate drain line** to make sure it is working. Most new homes have two, the primary drain line which is down low, and a secondary drain line, which is usually in a

conspicuous place, like above a window. If water is coming out of your secondary drain line, chances are your primary line is plugged. This should be addressed immediately.

**Open all supply vents** in the house. Closed vents can accumulate moisture and reduce the effectiveness of your cooling system.

**Replace or clean your air filters.** Some types of filters are reusable; others must be replaced. Change your filter every month and make sure it fits tightly in the filter frame. Filters are available in a variety of types and efficiencies. This can lower your cooling system's energy consumption by up to 15 percent. Remember ladder safety rules when changing filters; use the right one for the job.

### Replacing air conditioning system

According to the Department of Energy, a large percentage of people who replace their air conditioning systems end up with the wrong size equipment. Make sure you get an accurate estimate from your contractor to determine your home's physical characteristics that will correctly verify the proper size equipment. Remember a building permit is required to replace a mechanical unit.

You might think of your heating and cooling system as just a "box" that can be turned on or off in order to control your temperature. It doesn't just control temperature. It has an impact on the air you breathe, on moisture and mold growth, the amount of energy you use, money you spend, and most importantly, on your family's health.

Please contact the Building Safety Division at 520-822-8866 or visit our website at <http://sahuaritaaz.gov/Index.aspx?NID=205> to obtain more information.



Quality of Life

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