

## BizHUB Grand Opening a Smashing Success



The BizHUB at Town Hall officially opened for business on Thursday, May 14. The grand opening was celebrated by citizens, local business owners, and community leaders alike.

Over 100 were in attendance for the ribbon cutting ceremony which took place in the Sahuarita Town Hall lobby. Speakers at the event included Duane Blumberg, Sahuarita mayor; Victor Gonzalez, economic development manager; Ellen Kirton, Tucson Small Business Development Center director; and Richard Ducote, community affairs manager for Freeport McMoRan.

The BizHUB will act as a one-stop small business center with resources for local businesses and entrepreneurs including access to meeting spaces, plug-and-play work stations, printers, how-to workshops, assistance from town staff and opportunities to network with community members and other business owners.

“BizHUB will help small businesses become the major local employers of tomorrow,” Mayor Duane Blumberg said.

Along with the physical space, BizHUB will maintain a peripheral website through the Town’s Economic Development department headed by Victor Gonzalez. The website will allow BizHUB users to access an online scheduler and calendar for the workspaces that are available.

It will also allow citizens to connect with Economic Development staff and view related news and upcoming event announcements. Use of the BizHUB and associated resources is free and open to business owners.

Creation of the BizHUB was made possible by a \$92,100 grant from Freeport-McMoRan through the Green Valley Community Investment Fund.

# Get the Holiday Weekend Started Early with Sahuarita

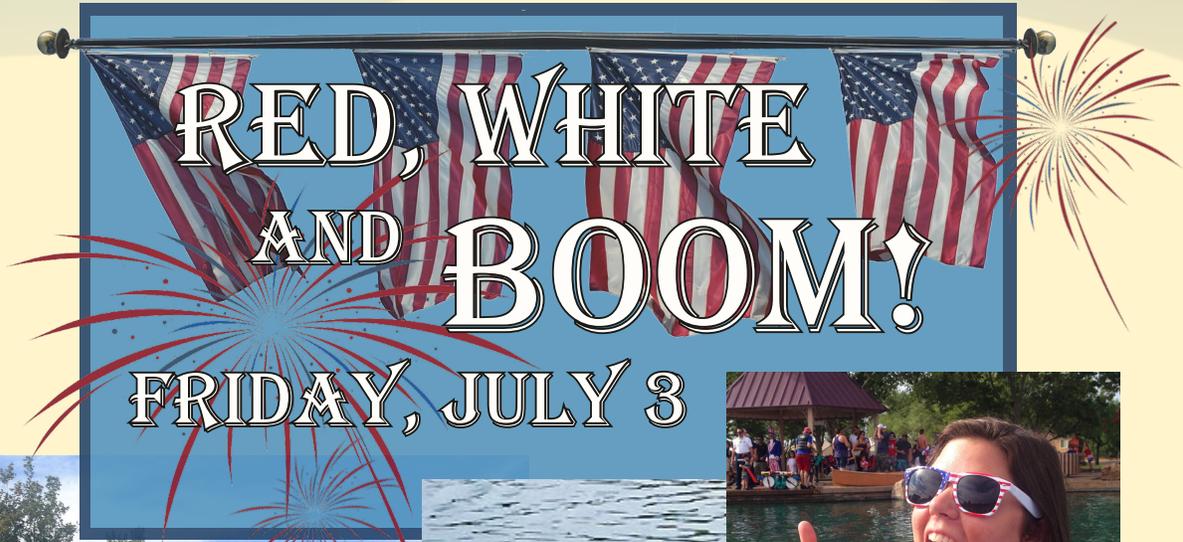
This year's Independence Day festivities with the Town of Sahuarita will take place on Friday, July 3 at Sahuarita Lake Park from 6 to 10 p.m.

There will be children's activities for the duration of the celebration including jumping castles, face painting, characters to interact with and an imagination playground.

Our second annual Whatever Floats Your Boat competition will pit neighbor against neighbor in a race across the lake in paddle-powered do-it-yourself-built watercraft. On-site registration for the competition will take place at 6 p.m. and the race will commence at 6:30 p.m.

For more Whatever Floats Your Boat information please contact Melissa Hinkle, Parks and Recreation event coordinator at [mhinkle@sahuaritaaz.gov](mailto:mhinkle@sahuaritaaz.gov) or 520-445-7853.

Live music at the amphitheater will begin at 7 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m. Feel free to bring a blanket or chairs to sit back and relax while listening to the band play and watching the fireworks from 9 to 10 p.m.



Food will be for sale from a wide variety of vendors at our Food Truck Rally on site. In order to accommodate the parking needs of

attendees shuttles will run to the Sahuarita Lake Park from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. from the following locations: Anza School, Sahuarita High School and Sahuarita Unified School District Administration parking lot.

Donations to the Sahuarita/Green Valley Food Bank are encouraged and will be accepted on site throughout the duration of the event.

# Planning and Building

## Building Safety Homeowner Tips - Fireworks



Independence Day is right around the corner and many people like to celebrate with lighting of fireworks. Fireworks are synonymous with our celebration of Independence Day. Yet, the thrill of fireworks can also bring pain. 240 people on average go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4 holiday.

Remember, fireworks can be dangerous, causing serious burn and eye injuries. You can help prevent fireworks-related injuries and deaths. How? By working with a national, state or local organization where you live to promote fireworks safety in your community. Below are a few safety tips per the National Safety Council:

- Always follow the recommendations of the fireworks manufacturer.
- Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
- Keep a 30 foot clearance area in all directions from the base of the device, with unimpeded clearance over head (trees, awnings, etc.).
- Have a bucket of water nearby to place spent fireworks in for at least 12 hours before discarding into a garbage can.
- Should a firework misfire or not light, do not attempt to re-ignite and do not place in water, instead let it sit for an extended period of time then return to vendor.
- Brace all aerial cakes with noncombustible weight items to avoid tipping.

- Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from onlookers, houses and flammable materials.
- Light one device at a time; maintain a safe distance after lighting.
- Do not allow any running or horseplay while fireworks are being used.
- Never ignite devices in a container.

Display fireworks are the large firework devices you 'ooh' and 'aah' over at the professional shows. This year the Town of Sahuarita will be having a Red, White & Boom celebration on July 3 in the Rancho Sahuarita community. The annual "A" Mountain fireworks show will be in downtown Tucson; Star Pass resort, Hilton El Conquistador and Tubac are planning on having shows on July 4.

For more specific information on consumer fireworks, please contact the Town of Sahuarita Planning & Building Department at 520-822-8866 or visit our website here: [sahuaritaaz.gov/PB](http://sahuaritaaz.gov/PB) A complete Fireworks Injuries Infographic can be found here: [onsafety.cpsc.gov/blog/2014/06/26/cpsc-science-fireworks-injuries-2014/](http://onsafety.cpsc.gov/blog/2014/06/26/cpsc-science-fireworks-injuries-2014/)

**Information obtained from the Consumer Product Safety Commission Website:** [cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Fireworks/](http://cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Fireworks/)

# Economic Development



## Town Hall Will Host Procurement Roundtable

*How to do business with the government*

In conjunction with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), the Town of Sahuarita will hold a roundtable discussion on how to do business with the government.

The roundtable discussion will be held Tuesday, June 16 in the Sahuarita Town Hall Council Chambers, 375 W. Sahuarita Center Way, Sahuarita, AZ 85629 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Join business owners, the Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) and the Small Business Administration (SBA) for an interactive session on the many facets of procurement.

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Rick Loveland of Pima and Santa Cruz County SBDC will facilitate the discussion. Also joining the roundtable:

- Danny Ayala, PTAC director
- Jim Vickers, PTAC advisor
- Steve Hart, SBA senior area manager
- Cherie Odeski, Town of Sahuarita, procurement officer
- Laura Jestings, City of Tucson, deputy director of procurement
- Terri Johnson, State of Arizona, procurement manager
- Terrie Spencer, Pima County, division manager SBE/vendor relations
- Kevin Startt, Tucson Unified School District, director of purchasing.

The event is made possible by the SBDC and the Town of Sahuarita with the support of the Freeport McMoRan Community Investment Fund. Attending the discussion is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Cheli Martinez at 520-620-1241 or [aracelimartinez@domail.maricopa.edu](mailto:aracelimartinez@domail.maricopa.edu).



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# Economic Development

## Local Business Garner Attention, Award for Small Business Innovation



**H**ydronalix was recently named by the U.S. Small Business Administration as a 2015 Tibbetts Award recipient. The Tibbetts Awards are presented to leaders instrumental in supporting the success of programs using Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) investment to develop an idea into a product or service that benefits the federal government's research and development needs through technological innovation and the creation of high quality jobs.

Hydronalix is being honored for its development of small expendable maritime robotic technologies to perform dull, dangerous, and dirty work in the maritime littoral zones around the world. Hydronalix's flagship product, EMILY the robotic lifeguard, has already been put to use saving lives in the U.S. by first responder Fire Departments and in many foreign countries including Indonesia and Mongolia for tsunami and storm flood response.

Hydronalix also develops high-speed unattended devices for littoral and brown water operations as well as portable personal watercraft.

Applications are designed and engineered for a number of government agencies such as the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, NASA, NSF, DOE, NOAA as well as recreational sports.

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**Hydronalix is a Sahuarita-based business and we're pleased that we have the facilities and talent right here to continue to grow and expand.”**

– Tony Mulligan, *Hydronalix president and CEO*

Since its inception in 2009, the company has grown to a permanent staff of 15 employees and now has 16,000 feet of production, office, and engineering space.

The 2015 Tibbetts Award recipients will be honored in Washington, DC, on June 15 during a White House ceremony and at the June 16 kickoff of the SBIR/STTR Conference.

# Police Department

Protect Life and Property by Preventing Crimes and Resolving Problems

## Jerry Bob's Restaurant Hosts SPD's First Coffee with a Cop Event

On Monday, May 21, Jerry Bob's Restaurant hosted Sahuarita Police Department's (SPD) first Coffee with a Cop event. Restaurant customers who interacted with police officers ranged from elderly couples to young children and families. Many attended the event specifically to speak with local police officers.

The event is aimed at creating relationships between police and citizens in face-to-face interactions without an agenda according to SPD Sergeant Sam Almodova.

SPD police officers roamed the small café speaking freely and answering questions from business patrons while pouring coffee for them. "It was a great success," Almodova said. "Having a business to partner with like Jerry Bob's was a great thing. They were all-in and jumped at the chance to host the first one."

Almodova noted that the event was a great chance to bond with the community and help out a local business at the same time. "We're looking for different venues too," Almodova said. "It doesn't have to be coffee."

Interested businesses can contact Almodova at 520-344-7025 and can leave a message if he is not at his desk to receive the call.

SPD plans to continue the program with similar events tentatively scheduled for late summer or early fall when seasonal residents return to town.

Coffee with a Cop is a program that has made its way into police departments across the country in an effort to create and bolster a community oriented attitude among both officers and the citizenry whom those officers serve.



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## Promotions Honor Three SPD Officers

Three Sahuarita Police Department (SPD) officers were honored on May 6 during a promotion ceremony held in town council chambers at Sahuarita Town Hall.

Officers Carlos Navarrete and Michelle Ochoa were promoted to the rank of sergeant, and Eduard Lopez was promoted to the rank of commander.

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I'm incredibly happy to be honored with this opportunity. I really love working here. I consider everyone to be family.”

— Eduard Lopez, *SPD commander*



Mayor Duane Blumberg congratulates Sgt. Michelle Ochoa at the SPD promotion ceremony on May 6.

## Chief Noland Speaks at Pima Graduation

Sahuarita Police Department (SPD) Chief John Noland was a guest speaker at the Pima Community College Law Enforcement Academy (PCC LEA) graduation on May 22.

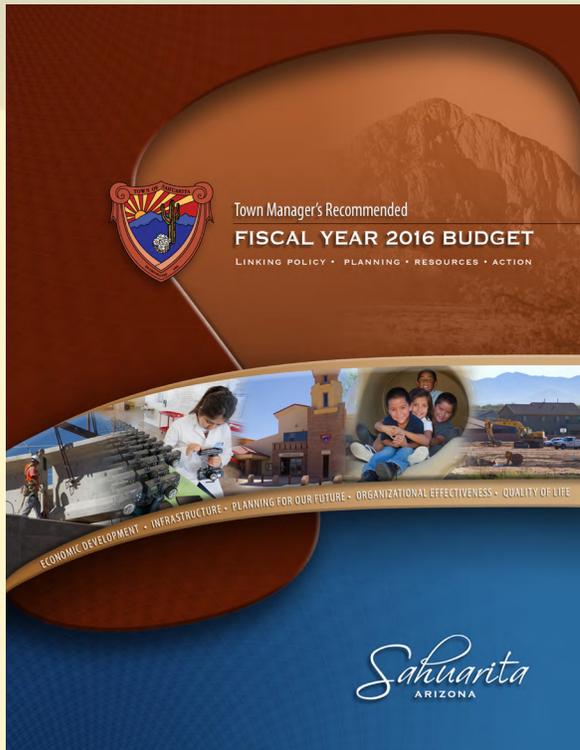
The PCC LEA is a self-pay academy, so students are not sponsored by an agency upon commencement of their studies and must pay their own tuition.

The PCC LEA meets all the Arizona police officer standards and training requirements to be a state certified peace officer upon completion of training.

*Sahuarita Police Chief John Noland (Right) speaking at PCC LEA graduation on May 22.*



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## Town Manager's Recommended Budget

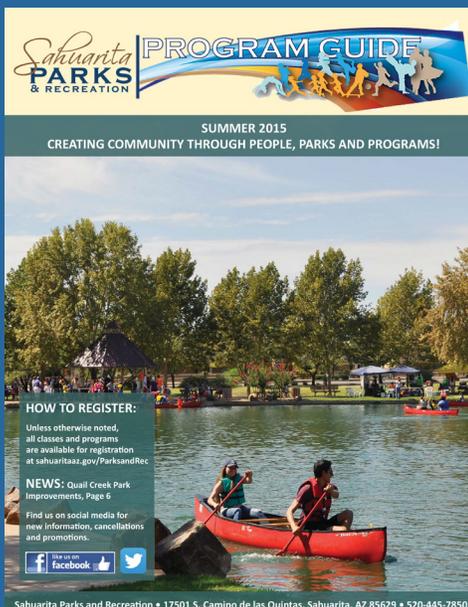
The Sahuarita Town Manager's recommended budget for fiscal year 2016 was presented by Finance Director A.C. Marriotti on May 11.

The tentative budget adoption is scheduled for June 8.

A public hearing and final adoption of the budget is scheduled for June 22.

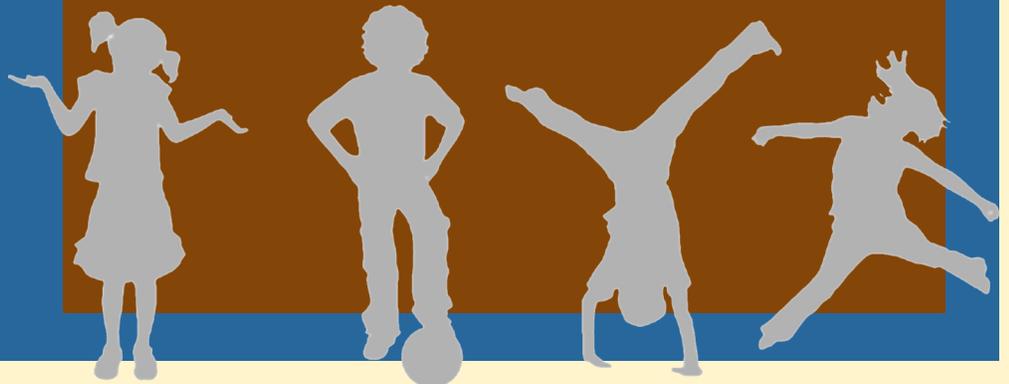
A copy of the May 11 budget presentation and the recommended budget document are available online at [sahuaritaaz.gov/FY16](http://sahuaritaaz.gov/FY16).

# Parks and Recreation Program Guide



Parks and Recreation summer classes have started. You can view the program guide online at [sahuaritaaz.gov/guide](http://sahuaritaaz.gov/guide).

To register for classes visit [sahuaritaaz.gov/ParksandRec](http://sahuaritaaz.gov/ParksandRec).



# General Plan

**WANTED: Your Feedback**



Aspire 2035: Sahuarita's General Plan is available for public review and comment. Please visit [sahuaritaaz.gov/GP](http://sahuaritaaz.gov/GP) for more information and to view the draft plan.

The final mayor and council public hearing will be held on Monday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

# Parks and Recreation

Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs

## Quail Creek Phase 2 Improvements Begin



The start of the long-awaited phase-2A improvement project of Quail Creek-Veterans Municipal Park is underway. Site grading began on April 25 with completion anticipated sometime this fall. Here are highlights of the things that will be incorporated into the new development under a project budget of \$1.8 million:

- Two 225' x 350' LED lighted soccer fields
- Cellular accommodations for potential future users
- Site lighting
- 100 additional parking spaces
- A second restroom building including maintenance and storage
- Pedestrian sidewalks – ADA compliant
- Drinking fountains – ADA compliant
- Site fencing
- Spectators' turf areas
- Out-of-bounds soccer goal backstop netting
- Fenced in soccer fields
- Mobile concession pad
- Space set aside for sports leagues' storage
- Landscape and irrigation
- Fire protection water line/hydrant
- Dumpster enclosure

**Questions?** Please call the Town of Sahuarita Parks and Recreation Department at 520-822-8896.

