

50 Best Places: We're One of Them!



In mid August, Sahuarita was put in the national spotlight when *Money Magazine* listed the town as one of 50 Best Places to Live at number 29. The category includes only U.S. towns with populations of 10,000 to 50,000.

“The Best Places project is data driven,” said Lacey Browne, photo editor for *Money Magazine*. “Sahuarita came up as our editors and writers analyzed data on everything from job growth and home prices to education quality and local activities.”

The magazine’s search for the Best Places started with 3,625 towns.

Whittling down these possible Best Places was done by first eliminating communities with a median income less than 80% of the state average. Those comprised of little ethnic diversity were also eliminated. Poor education scores were another reason for elimination from the list.

Factors such as home prices over \$1 million and incomes of more than 210% of the state average also eliminated towns from being considered a Best Place to Live.

Kerri Anne Renzulli, a *Money Magazine* journalist, noted that Sahuarita Lake Park and other parks alongside 300 sunny days per year are clear quality-of-life benefits to living in Sahuarita.

“Sahuarita isn’t just one of Arizona’s fastest growing communities,” Renzulli said. “It’s one of the fastest growing in the country.”

The editors and writers also considered quality of life indicators such as job growth, cultural diversity, ease of living, public safety, health, taxes and economic conditions.

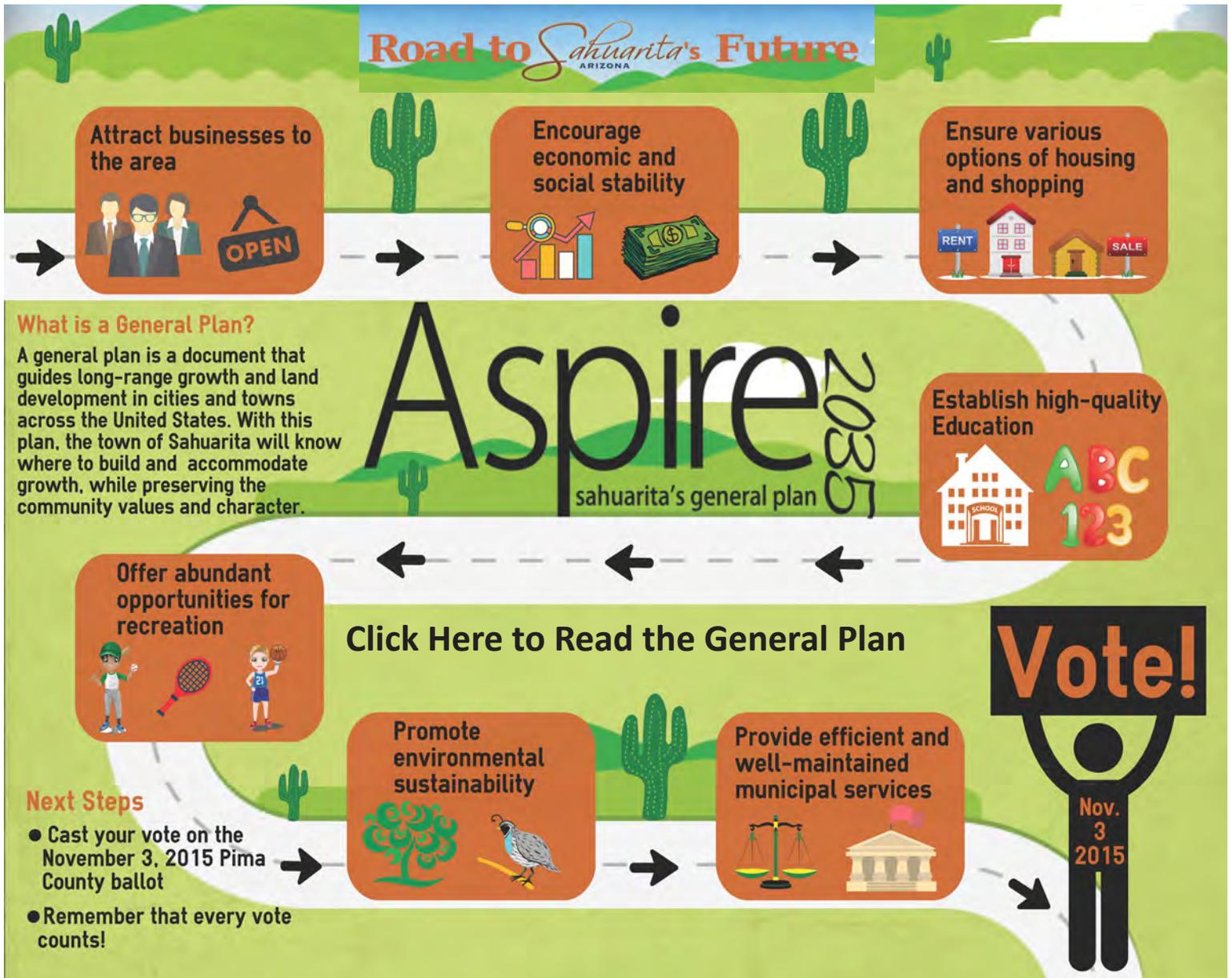
Finally, the towns left after this process of elimination were visited to make a first-hand assessment, and residents were interviewed. The visitors also assessed traffic situations, public parks and gathering places, considering abstract things such as community spirit.

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General Plan



The town of Sahuarita is pleased to announce that Aspire 2035: Sahuarita's General Plan was adopted by the Town Council at a public hearing on June 22. But did you know that you have the final say? This fall, all registered Sahuarita voters will have an opportunity to vote on Aspire 2035, which will be included on the election ballot. The general plan is the town's policy guide to long-range growth and land development in Sahuarita, ensuring that the needs of current and future populations are met. It is the foundation for establishing the

goals, policies, and tools needed to implement the community vision. The town updates its general plan every 10 years, but it doesn't become official until after the voters approve it. Please be sure to cast your vote on Aspire 2035; it will be towards the end of your ballot this November. To view Aspire 2035, please visit us at sahuaritaaz.gov, or contact town staff at 520-822-8852 for more information. Para asistencia en español, por favor llame a Vanessa Valles al 520-822-8852 o vvalles@sahuaritaaz.gov.

Economic Development

Grant Will Allow for Business Growth and Communications Initiatives



F&M FREEPORT-McMoRAN
FOUNDATION

On August 20, the Freeport McMoRan Foundation awarded the Town Manager's Office a grant for \$96,000 for the project entitled, "Implementation of the Sahuarita Blueprint for Economic Growth and Prosperity."

The blueprint outlines strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats related to economic development in Sahuarita. The project funded by Freeport's grant will implement two key initiatives of the Sahuarita economic development strategy as set forth in the blueprint document.

First, the grant will help the town to develop a recognized brand identity in tandem with a marketing and communications plan to target existing firms and key-decision making audiences that influence business expansion in Sahuarita.

In addition, the grant will provide the resources needed to establish a business tracking program that will help stage two businesses (businesses with 10 or more employees) in Sahuarita to address needs critical to growth.

[Click Here to Read
Blueprint Summary](#)

**CLEAN, SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL TOWN
SUPERB QUALITY OF LIFE**

THE PEOPLE OF SAHUARITA—ALL GENERATIONS

SAFEST CITY IN ARIZONA

LOCATION ON MAJOR TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR: I-19

HIGHLY-EDUCATED CITIZENRY

BEAUTIFUL OPEN SPACES, MAJESTIC NATURE

OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

PROXIMITY TO TUCSON

AND BEAUTIFUL TOWN

QUALITY OF LIFE

Economic Development

Mayor and Council Hold Inaugural Business Appreciation Meeting

The Town of Sahuarita's first Mayor and Council Business Appreciation Program (MCBAP) meeting was held on Aug. 18 at Town Hall.

In keeping with goals surrounding economic growth and prosperity, MCBAP meetings will be scheduled every other month.

In attendance at the inaugural session were Manuel Ramos, CEO, and other key executives from ASARCO Grupo Mexico.

The agenda items covered were a general overview of the Town, economic development initiatives and an update on ASARCO. The company employs approximately 1,370, with wages, salaries and benefits totaling \$62.3 million.

Such bimonthly meetings will provide the opportunity to reach out to economic pillars in the community and share current economic development activities and workforce development programs with local employers.



Hello, Small Businesses!

Welcome to the Sahuarita/Green Valley Region

NEED A FREE PLACE TO WORK/MEET?

- Access free wifi.
- Borrow a laptop and/or webcam for a presentation.
- Reserve the Sierrita Conference Room, a meeting area or a workstation by visiting www.sahuaritabizhub.com.



9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Monday - Friday
375 W. Sahuarita Center Way
At the Municipal Complex
www.sahuaritabizhub.com

Economic Development

Sahuarita
ARIZONA

A BizHUB Workshop Series Event Franklin Covey's



Sept. 29 - FREE - 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
RSVP: araceli.martinez@domail.maricopa.edu

Sahuarita Town Hall - Saguaro Room
375 W. Sahuarita Center Way, Sahuarita AZ 85629

The *4 Disciplines of Execution* is designed to guide leaders and managers to implement work plans and fully engage staff in the execution of business goals.

- Identify your key goals
- Focus on your most important priorities
- Develop measures and key activities for goal achievement
- Engage in a constant process of accountability

The *4 Disciplines of Execution* is a proven process for giving leaders the experience, reinforcement, quick wins and simple tools to execute any priority!



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.

Economic Development

Things to Do in Your Own Backyard: *Places of Interest Around Sahuarita*



ASARCO
GRUPO MEXICO

Mineral Discovery Center



Discovery Center Summer Hours:

Tuesday through Friday

Exhibit Center and Gift Shop: 9:00A.M. to 3:00P.M.
Mine Tours: Saturday Only

Saturday

Exhibit Center and Gift Shop: 9:00A.M. to 5:00P.M.
Mine Tours: 9:30A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M., 2:00 P.M., 3:30 P.M.

(Tour schedule is subject to change. Please call for reservations.)

Sunday and Monday – **Closed**

Major Holidays – **Closed**

Phone:
520-625-7513 or 520-625-8233

* No pets allowed please, except for service dogs.

Whipple Observatory

Smithsonian/University of Arizona Facility (MMT)

Located in the Santa Rita Mountains, just within the boundary of the Coronado National Forest, the Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory Visitors Center features displays and exhibits on astronomy and astrophysics, natural science, and cultural history. The Visitors Center is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed on Federal holidays).

The general public is welcome to visit the MMT. Tours are arranged through the Visitors Center and are conducted from mid-March through November on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 6-12. Tours begin at 9 a.m. at the Visitors Center with a video presentation.

A bus leaves the office at 9:30 a.m. and returns by 3 p.m. Participants should bring a lunch with them. Note that the summit elevation is 8,550 feet, so be prepared for cooler temperatures and moderate exertion in thinner air. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 520-879-4407.

Police Department

Making Sahuarita a Safe Place to Live, Work and Play

SPD Officer Receives MADD Award

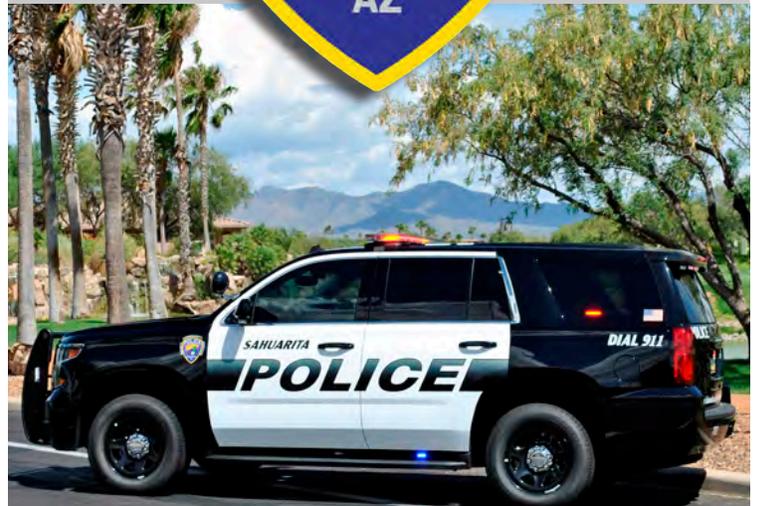
On Thursday August 13, Officer Shawn Pack of the Sahuarita Police Department was formally recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), for his superior efforts in DUI enforcement.

Officer Pack's quality and quantity of DUI arrests serve as an example for other Officers while making our community a safer place to live.

Officer Pack has valuable training in DUI investigations; this includes being a department phlebotomist as well as being trained in Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus. The tools Officer Pack brings to the department, as well as any and all DUI investigations he is involved with are exemplary.

Also in attendance at the MADD awards ceremony were several department members, Town Council Member Tom Murphy and State Senator Andrea Dalessandro, who took time to congratulate Officer Pack.

The Sahuarita Police Department sends a sincere thank you to Officer Pack for his commitment to making Sahuarita a safer place to live, work and play.



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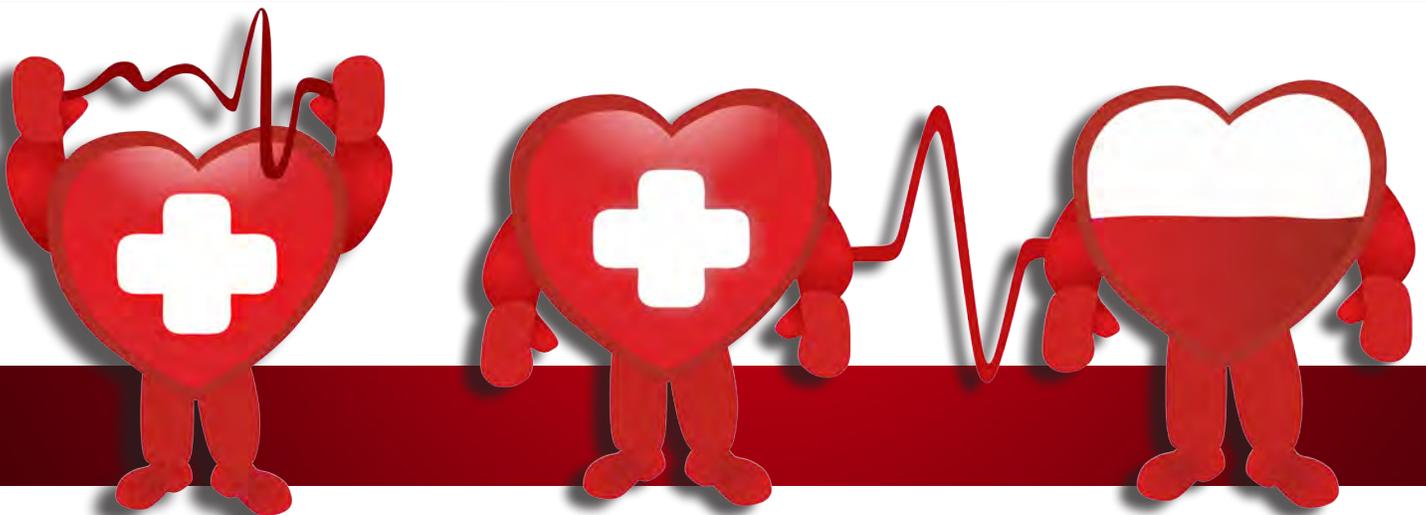
BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, Sept. 18 • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



American Red Cross

Contact Patti Kerr at 344-7020 to schedule your appointment. Sign in on Sept. 18 will be in the front conference room of the Sahuarita Police Department.



Police Department

Making Sahuarita a Safe Place to Live, Work and Play

Sahuarita Police and

Mama's Hawaiian Bar-b-cue

15990 S Rancho Sahuarita Blvd, Sahuarita, AZ 85629 • 520-207-8187

Sept. 16 • 11 a.m.



Announcements

Town of Sahuarita Joins AZWARN

In July, the town of Sahuarita became the 24th member of AZWARN. The Arizona Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network, also known as AZWARN, is a statewide program to facilitate cooperative efforts among member agencies in responding to water and wastewater utility emergencies.

The AZWARN Mutual Aid Agreement is available to all public water and wastewater utilities in Arizona. The mission of the AZWARN network is to support and promote statewide emergency preparedness, disaster response and mutual aid assistance for water and wastewater utilities during natural and human caused emergencies.

The WARN program is a nationwide program strongly

supported by the American Water Works Association and the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as many other national water sector programs.

Entering into this agreement will move the town closer to meeting the goals of its strategic plan for emergency preparedness. Through membership in AZWARN, the town may solicit the assistance of another member or other members to address needs of emergencies affecting the town's wastewater utility.

Also, as a member of AZWARN, the town would have the option, but not the obligation, to lend assistance to other members during emergencies by providing personnel and/or equipment.

Sahuarita
WASTEWATER

Billing Update

Online viewing of wastewater accounts in real time and our new online billing service is now up and running. New features are available through our customer portal where customers can also set up auto pay.

Appeals of water usage due to leaks during the previous year (which affects wastewater billing rates for the current year: July 2015-June 2016) must be made by Oct. 17 in order to be considered. Customers can fill out the necessary forms for appeal by visiting <http://sahuaritaaz.gov/FormCenter>.

For questions not answered by our frequently asked questions page at <http://sahuaritaaz.gov/wwfaq> we recommend that customers contact us via email to wastewater@sahuaritaaz.gov or phone call to 520-344-7101.



September is a busy month for Sun Rideshare and for all our registrants - there are more prizes and more ways to win. Plus we are extending the Blue Skies Reduce a Ton Challenge because of the Sun Tran bus strike.

That means you'll have until October 29 to reduce a ton of pollution and qualify for the grand prizes of a Mac Book Air, and two iPads.

You only need 56 points in September to qualify for the monthly drawing and remember points are cumulative from January 1, 2015.

- (1) \$75 gift card
- (3) \$50 gift cards
- (2) \$25 gift cards
- (1) \$75 Alt. mode prize - walk only

September 22 is World Wide Car Free Day, so to celebrate we are giving away \$250 in prizes. Just log your alternative mode trip on September 22 to qualify for a \$50 gift card. One \$50 gift card will be awarded for each mode: carpool/vanpool, transit, bike, walk, and telework. Go to www.sunrideshare.org to log all your trips.

Planning and Building

DIY: Permit Process

You have a building project in mind but don't really know where to begin. You are not sure if your project will require a building permit or who you should talk to about it. If a permit is required what would you need in order to obtain a permit? The Senior Permit Technicians at the Planning and Building Department will be your first point of contact with questions regarding permitting.

CONTACT YOUR SENIOR PERMIT TECHNICIAN

The Senior Permit Technicians will generally need to know a few things about your project, so be prepared to answer some questions. They will need to know basic information regarding your project – what you are building, where you are building, when you are building, how you are building, and who will be building your project. In order to make sure you have a complete submittal, checklists are available online at <http://sahuaritaaz.gov/PlanningandBuildingChecklists>. Checklists provide detailed lists of items required to submit your project.

SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND PLANS

Permit applications can either be picked up from the Planning and Building department or found online at <http://sahuaritaaz.gov/BuildingPermits>. The permit application is a legal document describing the location of the project, the project itself, the legal owners of the property and other pertinent information regarding the project. Depending on your project, you will be submitting a set of plans along with the application. Smaller projects such as patio covers, garages and photovoltaic systems may be applied for online at buildapps@sahuaritaaz.gov. A plan check fee is required to submit your plans – please verify the plan check fee amount by contacting Debbie Morales (dmorales@sahuaritaaz.gov) or Charlene Schwickrath (cschwickrath@sahuaritaaz.gov).

PLAN REVIEW AND PERMIT ISSUANCE

The plan review time for your project will depend on the scope of work being performed. Town of Sahuarita plan examiners work diligently to complete plan reviews in a timely manner. Plan review for small residential projects is generally completed within 5-10 business days; commercial and custom homes are done within 10-20 business days. The plan examiner will review your submittal to ensure compliance with adopted codes and ordinances. You may track your plan review progress online using the town



of Sahuarita's Public Access portal: <http://sahuaritaaz.gov/PublicAccess>. There may be other department/agency reviews required such as Planning & Zoning or Public Works. Once the plan has been determined to be in compliance, a permit can be issued. The permit is your legal permission to begin construction on your project.

INSPECTIONS

The permit includes your inspection card and will have a list of the required inspections and numbers to call for inspections. Typically a one-day notice is required for inspections to be conducted. You will use the automated system by calling the number listed on the inspection card (520-822-8880) and will need to have the inspection card and approved set of plans available for the inspector during the inspections. The building inspector will perform an on-site visit to determine if the construction is in compliance with the approved set of plans. The inspector will sign off on the inspection card and leave notification if any deficiencies exist. If you are unable to meet with the inspector you may want to use the Public Access portal to view the results of your inspection.

FINAL PROJECT

Once all of the inspections have been conducted and have been found to be in compliance with the required codes, your project will be considered approved and finalized. Finalized permits are your documentation that you have constructed your project in accordance with local codes and ordinances. This ensures that your project meets safety requirements and will allow you to enjoy your new structure with peace of mind.

The Planning & 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/PlanningandBuilding>.

Parks and Recreation

Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs

KG VY/100.7 Receives APRA Media Award *Outstanding Community-Oriented Support Brings People Together*

On Aug. 11, KGVY Radio was recognized by the town of Sahuarita and the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association (APRA) at the APRA awards night at the Fox Theater in Tucson, where KGVY Radio's Chet and DeAnna Walker accepted the 2015 Media Award from APRA.

Through the years, KGVY Radio has consistently been a supporter of the town's Parks and Recreation Department. They have done this through positive media exposure, physical participation at town sponsored events, and by assisting in obtaining sponsorships for these events. KGVY has contributed thoughtful feedback and commentary during their participation in various event committees, and their support has been an indispensable resource and a positive influence on the department's programs, services and community events.

KG VY Radio has created a substantial program/event guide free of charge to help promote the annual signature event, Fiesta Sahuarita. The guide highlights Fiesta Sahuarita as well as provides Sahuarita history, maps, entertainment schedules and activities. This guide has been an amazing resource to the Parks & Recreation Department for Fiesta Sahuarita. 12,000 copies of the guide are sent direct mail to Sahuarita residents and businesses, an additional 1,500 are distributed to surrounding communities.

KG VY Radio initiated the guide and they work closely with the Fiesta Sahuarita events coordinator and the town's communications coordinator to ensure accurate information and event details are printed in the publication.

KG VY Radio also has a radio segment called "The Cracker Barrel." During this segment, a town employee, council member or a Parks & Recreation Commission member participates by going on-air to discuss events or town-related issues. In 2004, Fiesta Sahuarita attendance was around 500-600. In 2014, there were over 10,000 in attendance. The town attributes much of this increase to



all the hard work and dedication to the event given voluntarily by KGVY Radio.

In addition to Fiesta Sahuarita marketing and promotion by KGVY Radio, they work with the Parks & Recreation Department as well as other town of Sahuarita departments year round to increase awareness about what is going on in the community. KGVY Radio has another segment called "In the Know." During this segment, all town departments have the opportunity to go on the radio to inform, educate or promote town happenings.

KG VY Radio is an active member of the community. The employees who work at the station live within the community and share a true passion for the people and the quality of life that Parks & Recreation brings to the town.

We are wholeheartedly thankful for the outstanding work that KGVY does to benefit the greater community of Sahuarita.

Parks and Recreation

Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs

Click here to view the Fall/Winter Program Guide for 2015



FALL AND WINTER 2015

CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS AND PROGRAMS!



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HOW TO REGISTER:

Unless otherwise noted, all classes and programs are available for registration at sahuaritaaz.gov/ParksandRec or walk-in at Anamax Recreation Center, 17501 S. Camino De Las Quintas.

Find us on social media for new information, cancellations and promotions.



Sahuarita Parks and Recreation • 17501 S. Camino de las Quintas, Sahuarita, AZ 85629 • 520-445-7850

Parks and Recreation

Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs

Frequently Asked Questions About Sahuarita Lake Park

Sahuarita Lake Park is a town of Sahuarita owned, 15-acre park that is part of the Arizona Game and Fish Department's (AZGF) Community Fishing program. It is managed by the town's Parks and Recreation Department. For more information about fishing rules and regulations, please visit: www.azgfd.gov. Since opening in 2001, many questions have been asked about what is allowed in and around Sahuarita Lake. We will attempt to cover as much as possible with the following list. Residents may also call if there is a question not answered here (520-822-8896), or visit our website for park rules at the following link: <http://sahuaritaaz.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/2>

YOU MAY:



Fish in the lake. You must follow the posted AZGF rules on bag limits, methods of fishing and town of Sahuarita Lake Park rules. You will also need to have in your possession a current Community Fishing License, or a Combo Hunt/Fish, or a Short Term (1-day) Hunt/Fish, or a Pioneer Combo Hunt/Fish License for 25-year state residents over the age of 70. People under age 10 do not need a license.

Boat, sail or paddle in a small, electric powered watercraft or other types of non-motorized water crafts such as row boats, kayaks, or canoes that are licensed/registered by AZ Game and Fish and allowable by the town's code 12.15.050. Use the other areas of the park in a safe and approved manner, and with respect for other park users, this includes biking, skateboarding, walking and running.

Walk your dog on a leash around the grounds, per town Code 12.15.070. It is your responsibility to pick up after your pet and remove and dispose of the waste appropriately Town Code 6.15.030. Rent a gazebo or the amphitheater for a small party or a larger special event through a permit process during the daylight hours only. Some exceptions have been made on a case-by-case basis, but remember, the park is located in the middle of a residential area, and we need to respect our neighbors!

Adopt this park through the Town's Adopt-A-Park program. For more information, visit the following link: <http://sahuaritaaz.gov/index.aspx?nid=363>



YOU MAY NOT:



You may not use any type of net to capture sport fish or introduce any species of fish or aquatic life into the lake.

You may not swim in the Lake. (NO Swimming includes dogs and other domestic animals/pets). Some swimming events are allowable with expressed written permission from the Parks and Recreation Director. Some of those events have included the Sahuarita Triathlon and Boy Scout training events. The lake is not constructed nor managed and operated as an official, safe swimming area. This means there are also no lifeguards on duty.

You may not clean your fish at the lake or in the lake park. You may not discard dead fish in waste cans or on park grounds. This is considered littering.

You may not use a gas/combustion powered engine, raft, surfboard, inflatable mattress, sailboard or similar apparatus, which includes paddle boards, surf boards and pool inflatables per Town Code STC-12.15.050.C.

You "should not" walk/run your dog while riding your bike simultaneously around the lake. It is very unsafe and other people using the pathway could be injured as has happened in the past.

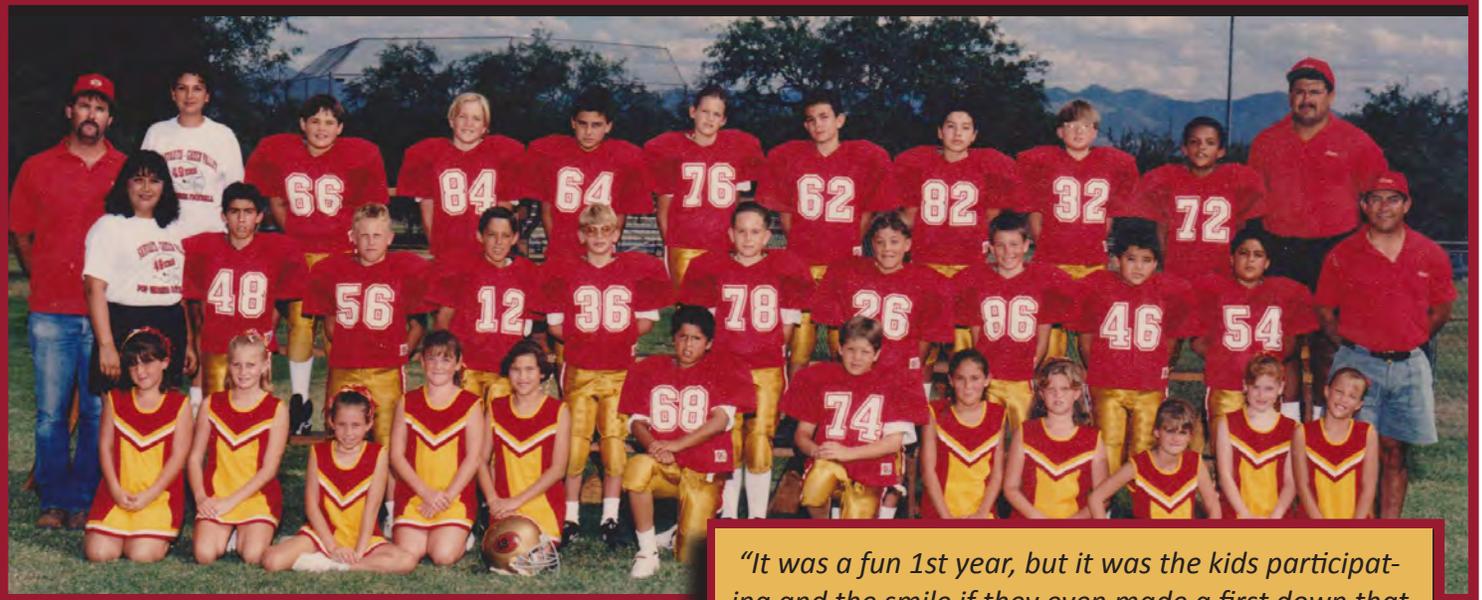
You may not be in the park after sundown, the park hours are during the daylight only.

You may not leave or abandon any wild or domestic animals/amphibians/birds and fish in the lake or other areas of the park. This act is punishable through ARS 13-2910.

Parks and Recreation

Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs

Celebrating 20 years of Sahuarita 49er's Football: 1995 Pee Wee - AFA Chapter 106



"It was a fun 1st year, but it was the kids participating and the smile if they even made a first down that was priceless. I'm very proud of how our parents, volunteers and players represent 20 years later in the best town in the US." - Eileen Coronado Rodriguez

Quail Creek Phase 2A Update

The Phase-2A expansion project taking place at Quail Creek-Veterans Municipal Park is progressing nicely. The fields have been planted with grass seed and it is beginning to germinate. The restroom building shell has been completed and roof panels installed. Curbing for the parking lot has been installed in preparation for paving, and landscaping is now taking place.

A Special Addition

The Parks and Recreation Department made a new addition to the playground equipment at North Santa Cruz Park for special needs children ages 2 to 12. The molded plastic, freedom inclusive swing seat allows special needs children to enjoy the childhood joy of swinging in a safe and secure seat created just for them. Special needs swings are also available at the Quail Creek-Veterans Municipal Park playground.



Coming Events

[Click here to view the Festivities Program](#)



Coming Events



FIREFIGHTER'S CHILI COOKOFF FUNDRAISER

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Friday
5 P.M. to 8 P.M.
SEPT. 25TH

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GREEN VALLEY, AZ 85614
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Coming Events



You are Invited

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Sahuarita Road
Corridor Improvements

Thursday, September 24

8:30am - 9:15am

1625 E. Sahuarita Rd.

Please join us to celebrate the completion of the corridor project and recognize the partners who have made it possible.

The Sahuarita Road Corridor improvement project has received regional recognition and was awarded the Metropolitan Pima Alliance Common Ground Award and the Pima Association of Governments/Regional Transportation Authority Timothy M. Ahrens Partnering Award.



Light refreshments and pastries will be served