

Ribbon Cutting Honors Sahuarita Road



Photo by Megan Siquieros

On Sept. 24, elected officials from the town of Sahuarita and regional dignitaries gathered to celebrate the completion of the Sahuarita Road project.

The project has been the honored recipient of both a Metropolitan Pima Alliance Common Ground Award and the inaugural Timothy M. Ahrens Partnering Award presented by the Regional Transportation Authority and Pima Association of Governments.

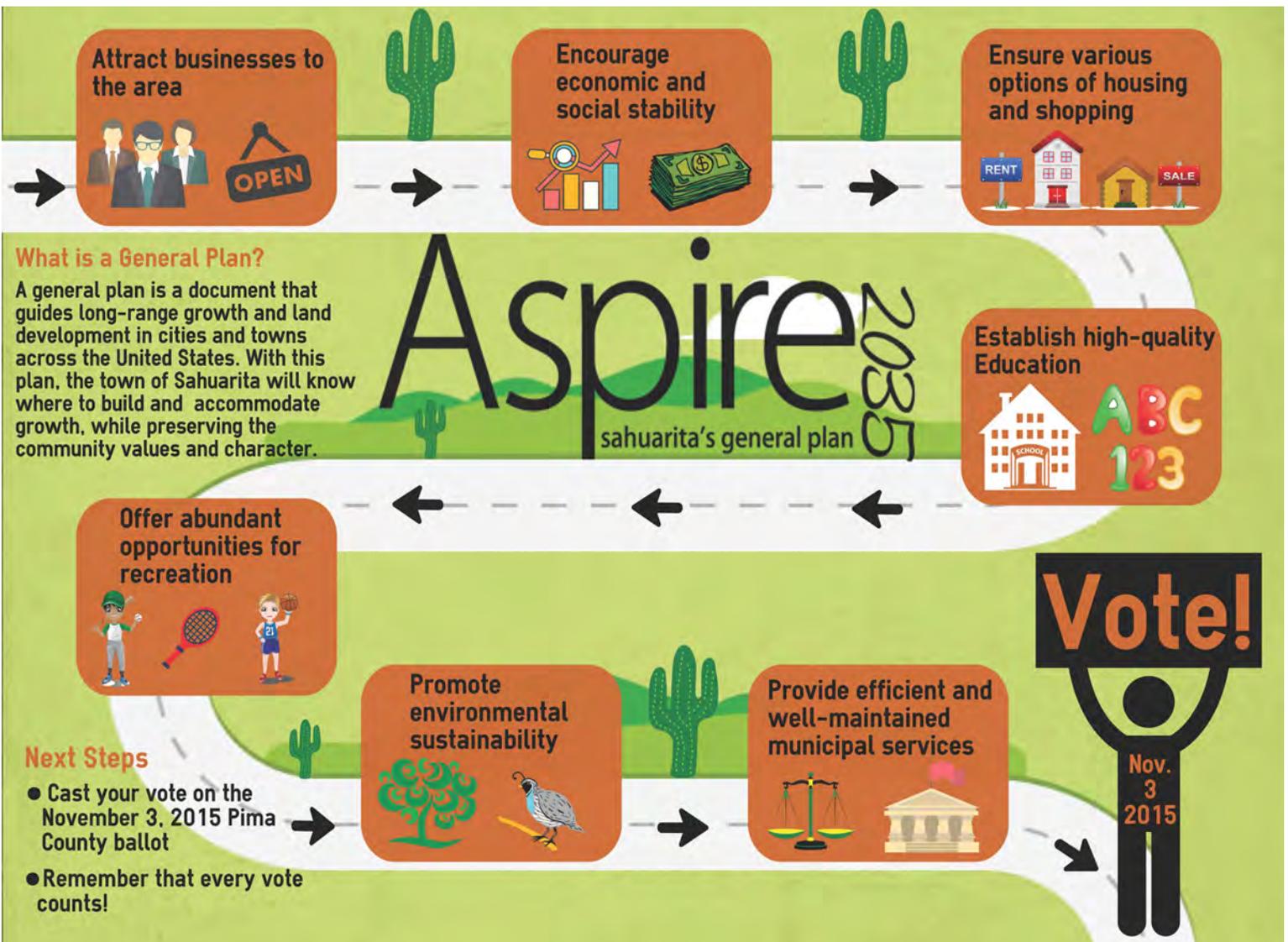
At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Sahuarita Mayor Duane Blumberg noted that the project had required the cooperation of business and government with a common interest in the creation of a regional corridor.

Achieving this common goal through embracing regional stakeholders was key to the project's success, and has formed a model for future partnerships, Blumberg said.

Land owner Dick Walden of Farmers Investment Company (FICO) was in attendance at the ceremony. Walden spoke of his youth and growing up in the area prior to major developments.

As part of a 5-year capital improvement plan, the project spanned several years, and as new segments of the road were completed, new schools, churches, a library, a fire station, employment and business opportunities sprung up along the corridor.

General Plan



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.

Voters must be registered to vote no later than MIDNIGHT, OCTOBER 5 to participate in this election. Please visit the Pima County Recorder's website at www.recorder.pima.gov or call the Recorder's Office at 520-724-4330 for more information on how to register to vote.

Economic Development

Chamber Business Mixer



Nov. 13 - 7 to 9 a.m.

Sahuarita Town Hall - Council Chambers

375 W. Sahuarita Center Way, Sahuarita AZ 85629

The town will host a networking opportunity for business owners to share information with other businesses about what they have to offer.

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

Public Works

Student Artists Recognized for Work

On Sept. 28, student participants in Pima Association of Government's (PAG) Youth Art Project 2015 were honored for their work beautifying the walkway under Sahuarita Road between the town hall and Sahuarita Unified School District (SUSD).

The students were recognized in front of the Sahuarita mayor and council. While this year's project focused on the town hall side of the underpass, previous year's projects have helped beautify the side of the underpass closest to SUSD.

The young volunteers were presented with certificates and congratulated by Mayor Duane Blumberg. Public Works Engineering Technician John Garcia spoke about the technical aspects of the project, its history and future plans for the PAG Youth Art Grant and the underpass.

This year's project involved 10 students: Natalia Brunette, Alexis Chung-Luo, Yvette Gagum, Giana Garcia, Leslie Hernandez, Katrina Montierth, Hannah Poarch, Ria Snodgrass, Jessica Watson and Graciela Yturralde.



Top: Natalia Brunette, Yvette Gagum, Giana Garcia, Leslie Hernandez, Katrina Montierth, Hannah Poarch, Ria Snodgrass, Graciela Yturralde and Mayor Duane Blumberg.
Right: Ria Snodgrass and Giana Garcia show off their recognition certificates.



Town Receives Tohono O'odham Grant

The town of Sahuarita has received a grant in the amount of \$35,000 to be used toward the Pima Mine Road Pave Shoulders and Multi-Use Lanes project.

In May 2013, the town annexed an area of land along the east side of I-19 and south of Pima Mine Road.

The annexation included the 100-foot right-of-way of Pima Mine Road. While the section of right-of-way includes a

two-lane paved roadway, it lacks paved shoulders for bicycle use.

"We are honored to support local communities," said Edward D. Manuel, Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation. "[We] hope this grant will help the town of Sahuarita Public Works Department make positive impacts in Arizona."

Police Department

Making Sahuarita a Safe Place to Live, Work and Play

SPOA Wins Firefighter's Chili Cookoff

The Sahuarita Police Officer's Association (SPOA) was the 1st place judge's choice winner of the Firefighter's Chili Cookoff that took place on Friday, Sept. 25.

The winning chili was a collaboration between Detective John Cotsonas, Officer Kelsey Santos and Officer Beverly Murphy.

"I can't tell you the secret ingredient," Cotsonas said. "Then it wouldn't be a secret ingredient anymore."

Judges of the entries included Sahuarita Police Department Chief John Noland, Vice Mayor Bill Bracco, Councilman Gil Lusk and Green Valley/Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Jim DiGiacomo.

The \$12 ticket price to attend the event benefited families in need. The cookoff was sponsored by Green Valley Firefighters. Quail Creek Resort Community hosted the fundraiser at the Madera Clubhouse Ballroom.



Sahuarita Police Department

Coffee with a Cop



Oct. 23 - 11 a.m.
Rancho Resort Club House
15900 S. Rancho Resort Blvd.

Nov. 18 - 9 a.m.
Jerry Bob's
1325 W. Duval Mine Road

Announcements

Imagine a Day Without Water

The American Water Works Association and utility companies across the nation are participating in a campaign to raise awareness about the value of water. This campaign, entitled "Imagine a Day Without Water," has been designated Oct. 6-8.

Water utilities are being encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to reiterate how a safe and reliable water supply is critical to daily life and to discuss the importance of our water infrastructure. The Sahuarita community is home to four participants: Sahuarita Wastewater, Sahuarita Water Company, Community Water Company of Green Valley and Farmers Water Company. The campaign is produced by the Value of Water Coalition, of which AWWA is a founding member.

www.imagineadaywithoutwater.org

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 at <http://sahuaritaaz.gov/wwfaq> we recommend that customers contact us at wastewater@sahuaritaaz.gov or 520-344-7101.



SAHUARITA
Water Company



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October 6-8, 2015

43% of the U.S. is
experiencing drought
conditions.



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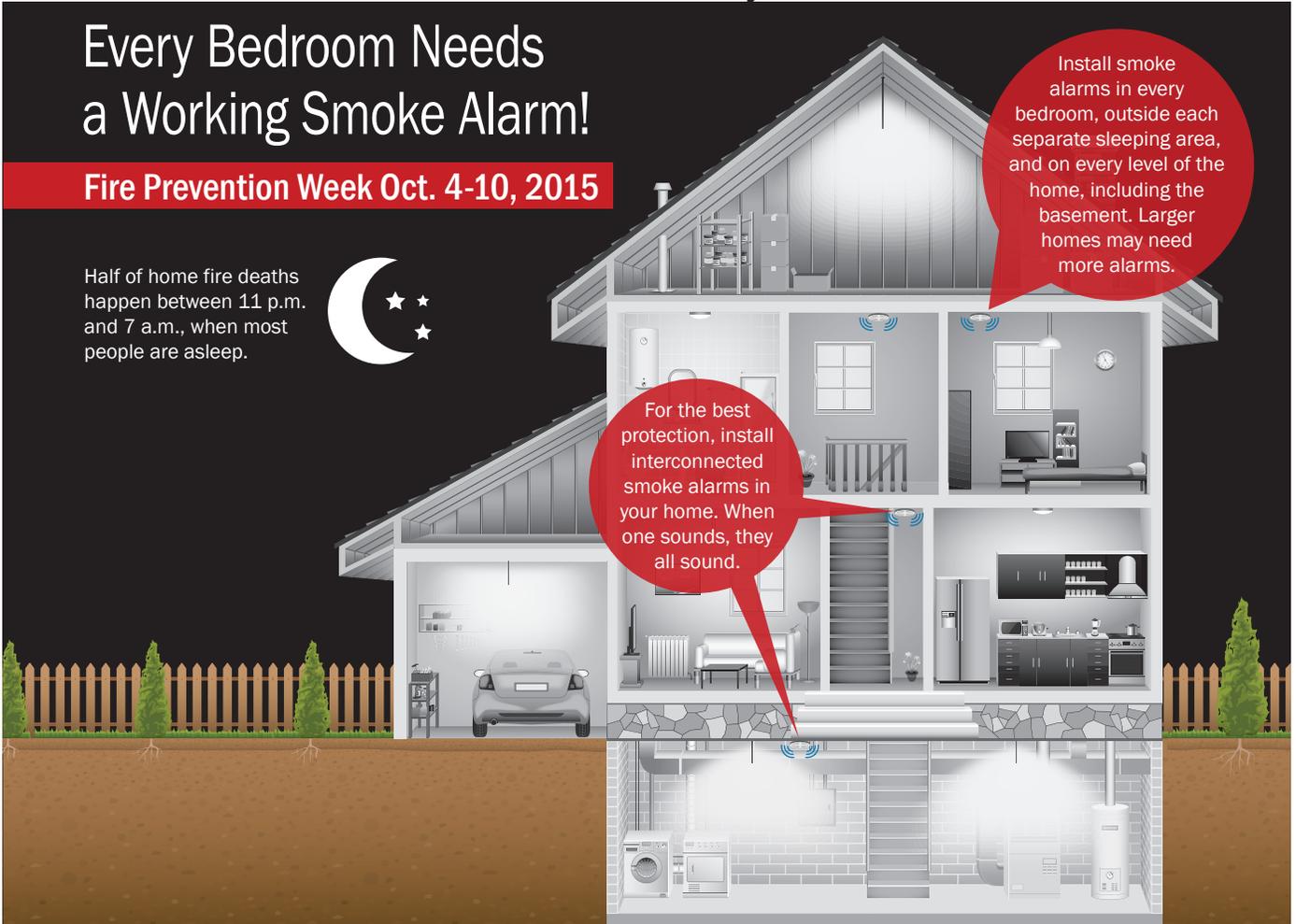
Planning and Building

Hear the **BEEP** where you **SLEEP**

Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 4-10, 2015

Half of home fire deaths happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep.



Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they do not sound when tested.



Some people, especially children and older adults, may need help to wake up. Make sure someone will wake them if the smoke alarm sounds.



When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

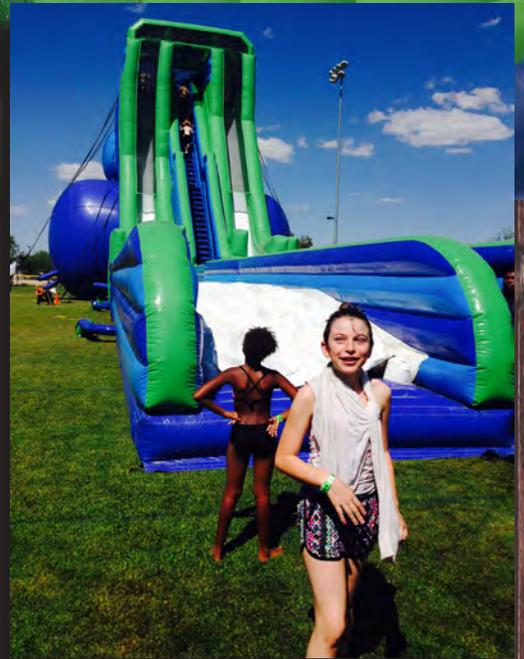
For more information about smoke alarms, visit www.usfa.fema.gov and www.firepreventionweek.org.



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2015





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

Coming Events

SAHUARITA SPOOKTACULAR



Saturday, October 24
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Town Municipal Complex:
375 W. Sahuarita Center Way

Additional parking available at
Sahuarita Stake Center, SUSD Administration
& Copperview Elementary School

TRUNK OR TREAT

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
(Candy Available While Supplies Last)

Register by contacting Jamie Karr at
Jamie@commongroundarizona.com
Deadline for registration is October 12th
Prizes will be awarded for the "Best Trunk"!

HAUNTED HOUSE

"The Toy Box - Can You Come Out and
Play?" Haunted House!
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Donations for the Sahuarita
Food Bank appreciated.**

Please no pets, firearms or smoking. This event is neither sanctioned nor sponsored by
the Sahuarita Unified School District. It is provided as a community service.



RANCHO SAHUARITA
IT'S ALL IN YOUR BACKYARD



Coming Events

**GOT JOBS?
GOT EQUIPMENT?
LET'S BUILD YOUR
SKILLED WORKFORCE!**



Help Sahuarita Unified School District and the Pima County JTED launch a Heavy Equipment Operations program at Walden Grove High School.

- Motivate students (and parents) to learn about Heavy Equipment Operations careers.
- Partner with us to provide students the skills your employees must have to get the job done.
- Demonstrate one (or more) pieces of heavy equipment during our Student Showcase at Walden Grove.



Please contact:

Denise Zambos

dzambos@sahuarita.net

(520) 625-3502 x 1003

Reserve your space today

**Heavy Equipment Operations
Student Showcase
Thursday, January 14
6 to 7:30 p.m.
Walden Grove High School
15510 S. Sahuarita Park Rd.**