

WINTER FESTIVAL & HOLIDAY PARADE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2015



Community Matters

Sahuarita Will Celebrate Holiday Spirit with Winter Festival at Town Center

On Friday, Dec. 11, the Sahuarita Town Center will host the annual Winter Festival and Holiday Parade. The Kid's Wonderland will open at 5 p.m. and will feature an ice rink, inflatables and face painting.

The 3rd annual Holiday Light Parade will begin at 6 p.m., starting on Salome heading north toward Sahuarita Road then proceed down Sahuarita Road and back south down Desert Gem Lane toward Town Hall and the municipal complex.

Following the Holiday Light Parade will be the mayor's welcome and tree lighting between 6:45 and 7 p.m. Food trucks will be at the event, and Santa will be available for photo ops with kids.

The Sahuarita Dance Center will perform the Nutcracker at 7:15 p.m. followed by a dance performance by the Walden Grove State Champion PAC Dance Team.

Winter Festival events will run until 9 p.m. If you are interested in participating in the parade, please contact Melissa Hinkle at mhinkle@sahuaritaaz.gov.



The Women of Quail Creek Launch New Scholarship

The Women of Quail Creek have launched a new scholarship initiative to recognize graduating female students from the Sahuarita School District who have demonstrated academic merit and dedication to their community through ongoing involvement.

Applicants must plan a commensurate level of commitment while pursuing their postsecondary education. One female student from each of the two schools, Sahuarita and Walden Grove, will be awarded \$1000 to assist with college expenses from an accredited institution of higher learning. Applications must be received no later than January 31.

The scholarship recipients will be announced in the Spring and invited to a Women of Quail Creek meeting for formal presentation. Applications for the Women of Quail Creek Scholarship can be downloaded at:

womenqc.com/scholarships

Shcounseling.wordpress.com/category/news/Sites.google.com/site/waldengrovecounseling

To inquire about the scholarship project and/or to donate to the scholarship fund, contact Scholarship Committee Chair Pat Neel at patneel1@me.com or 520-625-4476.

Police Department

Making Sahuarita a Safe Place to Live, Work and Play

Inaugural Employee Awards Honor Outstanding Officers' Achievements



On Dec. 4, the Sahuarita Police Department held its inaugural awards ceremony recognizing numerous employee accomplishments. The Rancho Resort Club House hosted the event.

Mayor Duane Blumberg, Council Member Tom Murphy, and Town Manager Kelly Udall attended the event. Employees were presented with service pins acknowledging their service in a variety of special assignment and collateral duties.

Additionally, special awards were presented to employees for significant accomplishments during 2014 and 2015.

Recipients of the Community Policing Award included Sergeant Sam Almodova, Officers Joe Grijalva, James Oviedo, Jay Petersen and Crime Analyst Darlene Pope.

The Community Policing Award is given to police department employees who have demonstrated a sustained pattern of quality policing, community service, or work in the department's mission, "Making Sahuarita a Safe Place to Live, Work and Play."

Two police department employees, Officer Wes Genzer, and O&M Administrator, Patti Kerr, received the Lifesaving Award. The Lifesaving Award recognizes employees whose

actions result in the preservation of a life that otherwise would have been lost.

There were four recipients of the Meritorious Award, given to employees who demonstrated significant achievement in assigned duties including effective problem solving or advancement of department goals. These were Detective John Cotsonas, Crime Scene Specialist Jessica Gjurjevich, Officer Christina Pelayo and Senior Office Assistant Julie Rosales.

The Police Department Employee of the Year was awarded to Officer James Oviedo for his sustained quality efforts associated with multiple projects and programs including work on Lexipol, community policing and exemplary performance in his primary patrol assignment.

The Chief's Citation was given to Officer Holly Graves for her sustained quality work on the E-Citation Project. Over the course of two years, Graves worked with multiple town departments, vendors and allied agencies to ensure the successful implementation of E-Citation, allowing officers to use driver's license scanning devices to process citations electronically, reducing redundant data input by police and court personnel.

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End of Year Awards



Sam Almodova,
Sergeant

Community Policing



John Cotsonas,
Detective

Meritorious



Wes Genzer,
Officer

Lifesaving



Jessica Gjurgevich,
Crime Scene Specialist

Meritorious



Holly Graves,
Officer

Chief's Citation



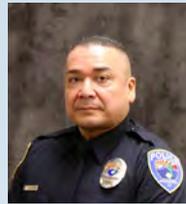
Joe Grijalva,
Officer

Community Policing



Patti Kerr,
O&M Administrator

Lifesaving



James Oviedo,
Officer

Community Policing



Christina Pelayo,
Officer

Meritorious



Jay Petersen,
Officer

Community Policing



Darlene Pope,
Crime Analyst

Community Policing



Julie Rosales,
Senior Office Assistant

Meritorious

Police Department

Making Sahuarita a Safe Place to Live, Work and Play

BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, Dec. 11 • 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.



American Red Cross

Contact Patti Kerr, blood drive coordinator, at 344-7020 to schedule your appointment. Sign in on Dec. 11 will be in the front conference room of the Sahuarita Police Department, 315 W. Sahuarita Center Way, Sahuarita, AZ 85629.

Did you Know?

- Each unit of blood can help save up to three lives.
- Since the first SPD blood drive in Jan. 2003, we have held 49 total.
- SPD blood drives have collected 1,289 units potentially saving 3,867 lives.



Planning and Building

Holiday Safety Tips: Lights, Trees and Ladders

As the holidays approach and we begin the process of turning our home into a festive showplace, here are some helpful tips for a safer installation.

Lights

Physically check the wires before plugging in any string of lights. Examine the entire length to see if the insulation (wire coating) has frayed and exposed the wire inside. Look closely near the sockets and plugs. If you see any damaged coating or exposed wires, dispose of the string and replace with a new one, do not attempt to fix it.

When choosing lights, indoor or outdoor, use only those which have been tested by a recognized testing agency such as UL. This indicates conformance with approved safety standards. Use only lights that have plugs containing fuses.

Always replace burned or broken bulbs promptly with the same type and wattage. When using extension cords, make sure they are rated for the intended use. Do not use indoor rated cords outdoors. Fasten outdoor lights securely to your house walls, fascia, or other firm support to protect the lights from wind damage.

Use only insulated staples (not nails or tacks) to hold strings in place. Or run strings of lights through insulated hooks. Turn off all holiday lighting before you go to bed to protect against possible fire hazards. If you use timers on your outdoor lights, set them for a time that you would normally go to bed.

Trees

Purchase your live tree as soon as you plan on putting it up. This will help reduce the possibility of it drying out and becoming a fire hazard. Cut the first inch off of the tree stump to help improve water flow. A tree will dry out if not watered regularly. When the water level in the tree stand no longer changes, it is time to take the tree



down. If you use an artificial tree, be sure it is tagged as the fire resistant type.

Never place your tree in front of a doorway, or near the fireplace. Consider using LED lights that give off minimal heat to reduce the risk of fire on your real or artificial tree. Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be shocked, severely injured, or electrocuted.

Ladders

Decorating usually involves having to use a ladder when something is out of reach. When using a stool, step-ladder or an extension ladder, it is important to use the right one for the job. It is much safer to use a step ladder than a stool. Stools may slip out from under you, while step ladders provide a more stable platform.

When possible, have someone hold the ladder when you are on it. Do not climb on the top of any step ladder. When using an extension ladder, make sure it can support the weight of the person on it, and do not exceed the angle listed for climbing.

Again have someone hold the ladder as you climb or are coming down. These are just a few tips for a safer Holiday Season.

Parks and Recreation

Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs

Click here to view the Spring Program Guide for 2016

Sahuarita
PARKS
& RECREATION

PROGRAM GUIDE

SPRING 2016
CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS AND PROGRAMS!

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HOW TO REGISTER:
Unless otherwise noted, classes are held at Anamax Recreation Center. All classes and programs, unless otherwise noted are also 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.

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WINTER FESTIVAL & HOLIDAY PARADE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2015

Winter Festival from 5-9pm

Event location: 375 W. Sahuarita Center Way

Sahuarita Town Center

Parking: Town Complex, Copper View Elementary School, Sahuarita High School, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

3rd Annual Holiday LIGHT Parade starts at 6pm

Parade route: The parade will start NORTH on Salome, EAST on Sahuarita Rd. and back down SOUTH on Desert Gem Lane.

Audience will sit on the Southern banks of Sahuarita Rd.

No pets allowed & no pedestrians allowed in the median

Prizes will be awarded to the top three parade entries.



"Kids Wonderland" opens at 5pm

Children's area is located in the Municipal Court parking lot and will include an ice rink, inflatables and face painting.



Tree Lighting Ceremony

The tree lighting ceremony will commence after the parade concludes. (Tree decorations made by Sahuarita Intermediate School)



Craft Area

Craft area sponsored by The Town of Sahuarita



Food for Sale



Pictures with Santa



Food Donations

for the Sahuarita, Amado, GV Food Bank



RANCHO SAHUARITA



**Sahuarita
PARKS
& RECREATION**

KGTV
GREEN VALLEY
SAHUARITA
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FAMILIAR FAVORITES

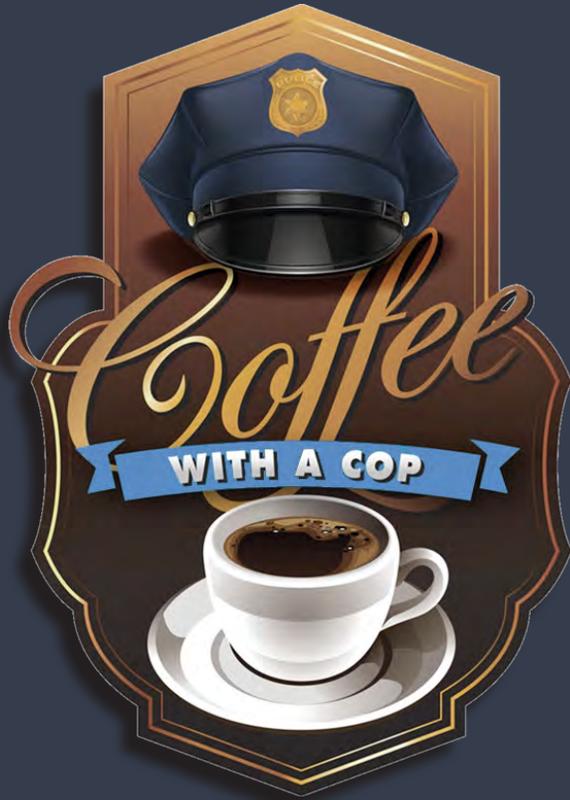


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Announcements

Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs

Sahuarita Police Department



Dec. 16
10 a.m.
Jerry Bob's

1325 W. Duval Mine Road

DEC. 18

RANCHO SAHUARITA
— TWILIGHT MARKET —
* 3rd Friday *

JAN. 9
9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.



**GREASE COLLECTION
AND RECYCLING**
SAHUARITA
TOWN HALL COMPLEX
375 W. SAHUARITA CENTER WAY

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.