

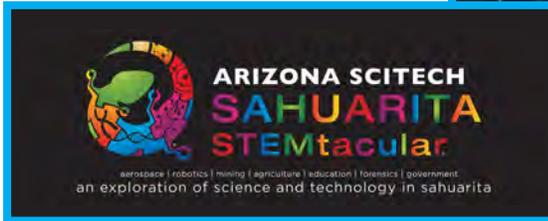
Town Stakeholders Join Forces to Support Local STEM, SciTech 2016

The Town of Sahuarita in cooperation with the Green Valley Pecan Co., Jim Click Automotive, Titan Missile Museum, ASARCO and Sahuarita Unified School District (SUSD) are bringing the Arizona SciTech STEMtacular 2016 to Sahuarita.

While the Science Passport Experience held at SUSD Middle School will be open to students in SUSD middle schools only, there are two other community opportunities open to the public in support of the festival's overall mission to bring about awareness about STEM and get students excited about career opportunities in the sciences.

Both the ASARCO Mineral Discovery Museum and Mine Tour and the Titan Missile Museum will have special Sci-Tech related offers. They will admit two Sahuarita students free of charge for each adult paid admission on the dates listed below.

Students attending either of these events will receive a ticket to be entered into the prize drawing to be held at SUSD in March.



Events Open to the Public - Arizona SciTech 2016 - STEMtacular

ASARCO Mineral Museum Mine Tour

Free Admission for two school-aged children living in Sahuarita for each adult paid admission of \$9, on Sunday, Feb. 21, from 12-1 p.m., 1:15-2:15 p.m., or 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Titan Missile Museum

Two Sahuarita student admissions free of charge for each adult paid admission any day from Feb. 18-29, on a first come, first serve basis. Families turned away will be given coupons for a \$2 discount on future admissions.

Community Matters

Mayor Blumberg Elected Vice Chair of RTA Regional Council

Town of Sahuarita Mayor Duane Blumberg was elected vice chairperson of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Board on Jan. 28 at the annual RTA Board Meeting.

Marana Mayor Ed Honea will serve as the 2016 Chair of the Regional Transportation Authority Board. Honea was also elected at the annual RTA Board meeting. Other officers elected include Oro Valley Mayor Satish Hiremath, 2nd Vice Chair.

Other RTA Board members include Pima County Supervisor Ramón Valadez, Pascua Yaqui Tribe Vice Chairwoman Catalina Alvarez, Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Edward Manual, South Tucson Mayor Miguel Rojas, Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild and Michael Hammond, the Pima County representative on the Arizona State Transportation Board.

The Regional Transportation Authority, managed by Pima Association of Governments, was established by the Arizona Legislature in 2004. A \$2.1 billion, 20-year transportation plan was approved by Pima County voters in May 2006. The RTA has completed more than 720 projects to date and has 54 projects under construction/implementation.



Public Works: Volunteers Beat Back Buffelgrass



Twenty-seven Green Valley and Sahuarita volunteers gathered to beat back buffelgrass in Sahuarita. The efforts were organized and lead by Town of Sahuarita Public Works employees.

Buffelgrass is a shrubby grass to 1.5 feet tall and 3 feet wide. It looks like a bunchgrass when small. The plant's nodal branches produce new leaves and flower spikes very

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Police Department

Making Sahuarita a Safe Place to Live, Work and Play

SPD Detective Honored for Outstanding Mentoring, Service

On Jan. 16, Detective Steve Bunting of the Sahuarita Police Department (SPD) received a commendation medal and certificate of commendation from the Tucson Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Town of Sahuarita officials in attendance included Mayor Duane Blumberg, Council Member Tom Murphy and Police Chief John Noland.

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Detective Bunting handled numerous investigations throughout 2015, from serious felonies to minor crimes, giving each one his full investigative attention. He routinely makes himself available to fellow detectives and has been requested as a consultant in reviewing cold cases from outside agencies.

Bunting has served in law enforcement for approximately 45 years, the last 10 of which have been with SPD. He has held the assignment of detective for four decades. While many in a career this long may slow down, Detective Bunting continues to provide quality law enforcement service.



Parks and Recreation

Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs

Sahuarita Lake Stocked to the Gills with Trout

Sahuarita Lake was recently stocked with 410 trout. The winter weather is perfect for these fish, and it's now prime time for local anglers to take advantage of all that our community lake park has to offer.

The Arizona Game and Fish Community Fishing Program normally stocks trout that are .75 pounds and ranging in length from 10-12 inches. This time, fish larger than usual were stocked: 13-16 inches in length, and averaging one pound or more. The stocking will take place over two days this week. Grab your fishing poles and check the drag settings, because this is going to be a lot of fun!



Family Fun Fishing Day

Sahuarita Lake Park
March 12
7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Free to the public. Fishing poles are available, and no license required.



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Planning and Building

Rub-a-Dub-Dub: Some Rules for Your Hot Tub

So you've designed your perfect spa and have already started planning a life of relaxation in it. But now, in order to make the most out of your new spa, it's important to install it properly, which includes getting a building permit.

Definitions

A hot tub is typically built with wood, such as redwood, but a spa is usually made of fiberglass, concrete or tile. They may have much the same equipment that a swimming pool has, such as stainless-steel handrails and electric equipment for heating and circulating the water and are typically installed outdoors. In this article, we are going to refer to spas since this is the typical installation we see but the same requirements also apply to hot tubs.

Selecting a Site for Your Hot Tub or Spa

Selecting the perfect spot on your property for your new spa is extremely important to your overall spa experience. Planning & Zoning requires a minimum of four feet from the spa's water edge to the property line. Windows or doors that are located less than five feet measured horizontally from the inside wall of the spa are required to have safety glazing. There are safety films that can be applied to existing windows; always check with Building Safety since some films do not meet the safety standards.

Electrical Requirements

If your spa is a listed packaged spa or what is called a portable spa, it will have a cord with a plug that should not exceed 15 feet in length. The receptacle that the spa cord plugs in to will have to be Ground Fault Circuit Interrupted (GFCI), weather resistant, tamper resistant and have an in-use cover (the cord is plugged in with the cover closed over the cord to protect from moisture entering the receptacle). The receptacle has to be located between six feet and 10 feet from the inside wall of the spa.

At least one receptacle supplied by a general-purpose cir-



cuit shall be located a minimum of six feet from and not more than 20 feet from the inside wall of the spa and cannot be located higher than six feet six inches above the platform serving the spa. This requirement is so appliances like a portable radio, CD player, etc. will not be knocked into the spa and cause electrocution.

Ordinary light switches, timers, panelboard, etc. shall be a minimum five feet away measured from the inside wall of the spa. The intent of this requirement is so no one can reach these devices while in the spa; they would have to exit the spa to operate the switching device, thus reducing the possible shock hazard.

A disconnecting means for the spa must be at least five feet away from the inside wall of the spa and must be visible from inside the spa. This allows the power to equipment such as motors and heaters to be turned off while someone is working on these units.

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Any existing receptacles and lights located five feet from the inside wall of the spa and at that point vertical to a point of five feet must have GFCI protection for the power supply. Outdoor spas shall comply with the bonding requirements of the International Residential Code (IRC) 2012 Edition.

All fixed metal parts such as metal piping, metal awnings, metal fences and metal door and window frames less than five feet of the inside wall of the spa are required to be bonded using insulated, covered or bare solid copper conductors not smaller than 8 AWG or using rigid metal conduit of brass or other identified corrosion-resistant metal.

Barriers

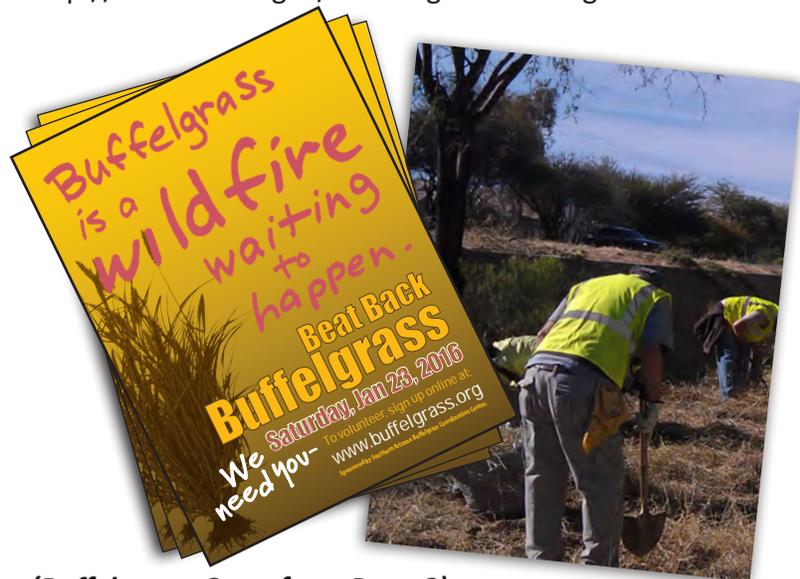
Protection from someone drowning in your spa is a top concern for owners. There is a barrier exception in the International Residential Code (IRC) 2012 Edition that allows spas with a safety cover that complies with ASTM F 1346 to be approved. The following requirements are representative of several of the specifications found in the standard:

1. There should be a means of fastening the safety cover to the spa, such as key locks, combination locks, special tools or similar devices that will prohibit children from removing or operating the cover. The fastening mechanism, design and location are vital components that help prevent a child's entry into the water.
2. The safety cover should have a label that provides a warning and message regarding the risk of drowning. The label is also very important for the transfer of information to second owners and temporary users.
3. The cover should have been tested to demonstrate that it is capable of supporting the weight of one child (50 pounds) and one adult (225 pounds) so an adult and a child can be supported during a rescue operation.
4. There should be no openings in the cover itself or at any point where the cover joins the surface of the spa that would allow a child's head to pass through. The 4-inch

spacing for guards and openings in pool enclosures is also applicable.

5. Safety covers are to be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Please come in and see us to go over permit requirements since this is not a complete list of items required by the current codes. Planning and Building 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>.



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quickly after light rains, making buffelgrass an extremely prolific seed producer. Buffelgrass is a very drought-tolerant perennial, so it can remain dense and even spread in dry years. It is present to burn year-round and supports hotter fires than those of red brome, another invasive grass.

The Sonoran Desert evolved without fire as an ecological factor and most of its plants cannot tolerate it. A single buffelgrass fire kills nearly all native plants in its path. The buffelgrass invasion is now destroying steep hillsides compared to red brome's flatter terrain, and is rapidly converting formerly rich biological communities into monocultural wastelands.

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Click here to view the Spring Program Guide for 2016



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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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Coming Events

FEB. 19



RANCHO SAHUARTIA CLUBHOUSE
FOOD TRUCK ROUND UP
1ST TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

MARCH 1ST

Memorial 5k Glow Run



Saturday February 13th
6-8pm

First 100 people
registered will receive
FREE t-shirts

Located at the
Sahuarita Lake Park
15466 S. Rancho Sahuarita
Blvd.

Registration is \$10 and starts at 5:30 pm the day of the event



This event is neither sanctioned nor sponsored by the Sahuarita School District, it is provided as a community service.

Spring Festival

Saturday, March 26th, 2016 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Anamax Park | 17501 S. Camino de las Quintas



- Easter Bunny
- 2 Egg Hunts (11:00 am and 1:00 pm - Children will hunt for eggs, and will receive Candy Bags after.)
- Bounce Houses
- Children's Activities
- Free Kids Crafts
- Food Vendors
- Performances by Local Children's Groups
- Rock Wall
- Plus Much More!

*Accepting donations to the GV/Sahuarita Food Bank

*Shuttles will be available at the Fry's parking lot and at the Rancho Sahuarita Clubhouse

For more information, call The Town of Sahuarita Parks and Recreation Department at 520.445.7850

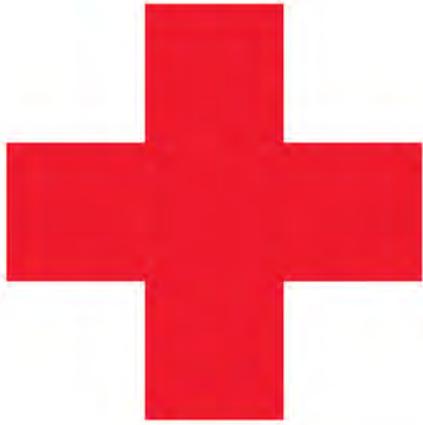
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BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, Feb. 26 • 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



American Red Cross



Contact Patti Kerr, blood drive coordinator, at 344-7020 to schedule your appointment. Sign in on Feb. 26 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 50 total.
- SPD blood drives have collected more than 1,289 units potentially saving 3,867 lives.

