

Twisted Cactus Brings Challenge

Signature Town USA Triathlon-Sanctioned Event Brings 146 Participants



The Town of Sahuarita in partnership with Rancho Sahuarita, Rural Metro, Green Valley Fire, Pima County, Tri Sports and Haka Multisports hosted the second annual triathlon - the Twisted Cactus Challenge. This event had a total of 146 participants and was a USA Triathlon sanctioned event that took place in and around Sahuarita Lake Park.

Athletes had the option to do the Olympic distance triathlon, duathlon, or aqua-bike. Saturday, May 7th was a combination of 0.9 mile swim in Sahuarita Lake, 25 mile bike throughout Sahuarita and Green Valley, and 6.2 mile run that utilized the Wilderness Trail through Rancho Sahuarita and the Santa Cruz River.

However, the ambitious athletes, joined the others participating in the sprint distance events on the following day, May 8th. The sprint distance was a combination of a 0.5

mile swim, 12 mile bike, and 3.1 mile run.

Those choosing to do the "The Twisted Cactus DOUBLE" which included both the Olympic and sprint distance races received additional "Twisted Cactus" participant awards to confirm their participation in both events.

Rural Metro Fire sponsored a pancake breakfast for all who attended the event on Saturday. On Sunday, Mother's Day, Haka Multisports sponsored light refreshments for all and a flower for each mother/lady who crossed the finish line.

Local participants included 29 from Sahuarita and 5 from Green Valley.

Other participants traveled from: Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Alabama, California, Idaho, Illinois Oklahoma, Virginia, Mexico and Alberta, Canada.

Community Matters

Sahuarita Middle School Career Day *Chief Noland Speaks with Students*

Sahuarita Middle School Career day took place on May 11th this year, with many guest speakers in attendance to inspire students.

One of the speakers was Sahuarita Police Chief John Noland. Chief Noland met with hundreds of students at the district auditorium and focused his speech on decision making and the different impacts a decision can have.

“I spoke about not sending out personal information, photos, or making comments about other people that are damaging or meant to demean,” Noland said.

“I asked them to evaluate if they would click on the send button if their parents or others were watching and knew what they were about to send. If the answer is ‘no’ then they shouldn’t be sending it. Once the message is sent, it’s pretty much public or on the internet forever.”



SUSD, PAG Team Summer Art Project

The Youth Art Summer Program is an ongoing collaborative program that has been running for many years amongst the Town of Sahuarita, Sahuarita Unified School District and PAG - the Pima Association of Governments.

Sahuarita High School Art Teacher Joe Poore and Walden Grove High School Art Teacher Jeremy Poedel took on the project this year and hired six students from Sahuarita High and two from Walden Grove to meet every day to work on the mosaic that will be placed on the east end of the underpass façade facing the municipal complex.

The other end of the wall is a series of tile murals depicting the town’s early history, connected with mosaics of tree roots which come down from the mesquite tree above the wall. Additional images will include desert ani-



mal imagery in the mosaic. The current mural design depicts contemporary history, showing the historic 1-Stop Market, the Town of Sahuarita seal, a scene at the lake, and a map showing the original town boundaries, the current town boundaries, and the “future” town boundaries.

The program started on June 1st and will continue until June 30th.

Community Matters

Sahuarita Brands Community/Family



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

Branding and marketing facilitator, Roger Brooks International, along with a team selected from community stakeholders, town employees and council members have identified the direction of Sahuarita's marketing and regional outreach campaigns for the foreseeable future.

While the work of the branding team has taken place over the past several months and will continue for three more, the branding campaign will be instituted over several years. Brooks has recommended that the Town embrace its strongest existing assets identified through resident surveys and the committee's deliberations.

The Town's most recent community survey revealed that residents live here primarily because they perceive the community as safe with great schools and access to outdoor opportunities year-round. Residents also noted that there is great need for activities for youths and families after school hours and on weekends.

Families in particular desire to see more restaurants and business that would provide entertainment opportunities. As a basis for the branding effort, the committee has explored a number of ideas for development of a town-center, programmed plaza, gathering space and/or mercado that would allow the community to stake its claim as the premiere family-oriented gathering place in the region.

Planning and Building

Conservation: Use Gray Water

When living in the desert, water is a precious, natural resource. One way to save water and save money is to reuse the gray water from your house.

What is gray water?

Gray water is the water from your bathroom sinks, tubs, showers and washing machines. This water has a cloudy appearance.

- Potable water is the drinking water you get out of your faucets.
- Black water is the water from your toilets, kitchen sink, garbage disposal and dishwasher. This water has a high concentration of organic waste which carries a high risk of contamination by bacteria, viruses and pathogens.

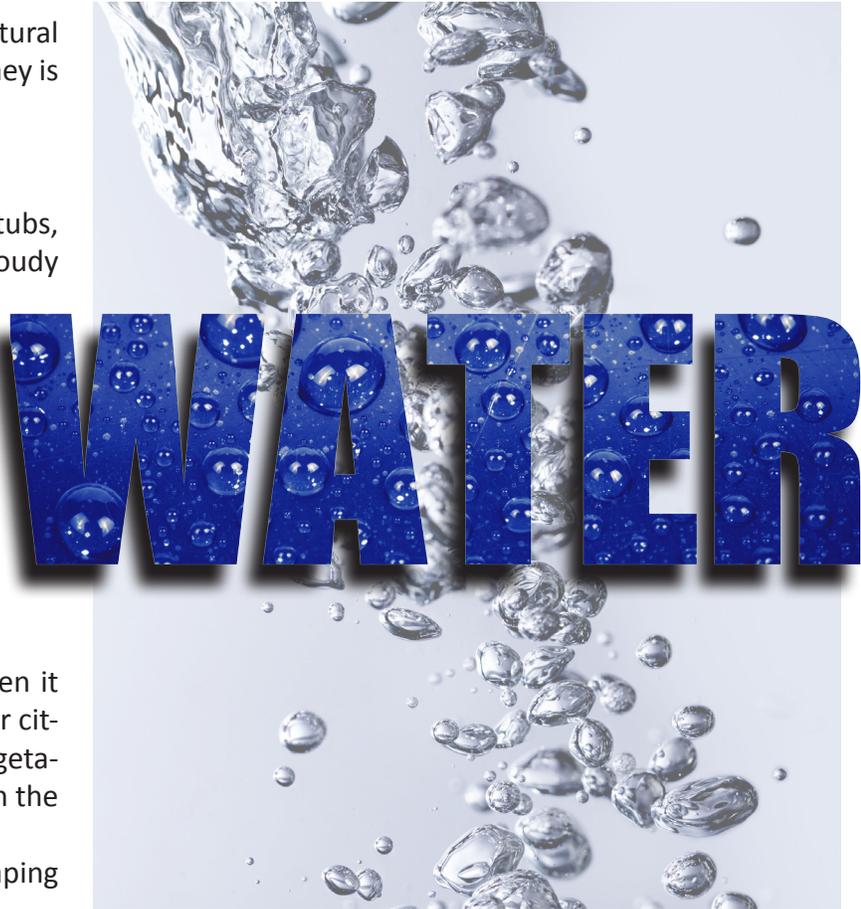
How can I use gray water?

Gray water is used to irrigate landscaping only. When it comes to growing food, gray water is suitable only for citrus and nut trees. It should not be used to grow vegetables, fruits and herbs that could come in contact with the water.

The simplest way to get gray water onto the landscaping is by diverting the water directly from the laundry.

- Every load of laundry creates from 15-30 gallons of water from a front loader to 40-45 gallons of water from a top loader.
- Check that detergents are compatible with landscaping plants.
- Be careful if you have a water softener which adds salt to your water. Desert soils are already salty and too much salt can build up in the soil and kill even sturdy plants.
- Don't use gray water when you wash diapers, oily rags or clothes stained with chemicals, such as antifreeze.
- Don't spray gray water into the air.
- Don't let children play in gray water or pets drink gray water.

Homeowner's may reuse gray water on their property if they follow the best management practices that were de-



veloped by Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). [Click here for brochure.](#)

Can I use the water from an outside sink?

A sink that is installed outside and has the same function as a kitchen sink is considered black water and would not be acceptable to use.

If you are interested in installing a gray water system, contact your local plumber for an estimate.

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>.

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& RECREATION

PROGRAM GUIDE

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CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS AND PROGRAMS!

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HOW TO REGISTER:
Classes are held at Anamax Recreation Center unless otherwise noted. All classes and programs, unless otherwise noted, are available for registration at sahuaritaaz.gov/ParksandRec or walk-in at Anamax Recreation Center, 17501 S. Camino De Las Quintas.

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Music at the Lake: 5th Annual Mariachi Event

On May 7, the Town of Sahuarita partnered with Yvette Entertainment to produce the 5th annual Mariachi Madness event at Sahuarita Lake Park.

Approximately 300 people were in attendance to listen to the headlining Mariachi group, Ruben Moreno's Mariachi Luz de Luna.

Other groups that took the stage that night were Mariachi Sensacional and Ballet Folklorical San Juan.

The concert was intentionally placed on the weekend of the Triathlon to give visiting athletes and their families something fun to do while they were in town.

Sponsors for the event were: The Green Valley/Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce, Dave Polsky Tire and Auto Repair, Green Valley Hospital, A Senior Journey, Dependable Health, John Ellis, Green Valley News/Sahuarita Sun, Safeway Sahuarita, Cakes by Suki, The ROCK Church, LiBellula Music & Art Co, Yvette Entertainment and TG Watersports.



Coming Events

TOWN OF SAHUARITA 2ND ANNUAL

RED, WHITE & BOOM!

MONDAY, JULY 4
6-10 P.M.

TOWN HALL COMPLEX
375 W. SAHUARITA CENTER WAY

LIVE MUSIC FOOD TRUCKS MEET UNCLE SAM
FACE PAINTERS FIREWORKS AT 9 P.M.
JUMPING CASTLES



Please bring non-perishable food items for the Sahuarita Food Bank. Parking available at SUSD High School, SUSD Administration, Copper View Elementary and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Parking for the disabled at SunTran Park-and-Ride lot at Desert Gem and Sahuarita Center Way. No pets allowed.

TOWN OF SAHUARITA 8TH ANNUAL

CANOE DAYS

AUG. 13, 14
9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

SAHUARITA LAKE PARK
WEATHER PERMITTING — SOUTH ENTRANCE

FREE
CANOES, PADDLES AND LIFE JACKETS PROVIDED





JUNE 17




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TWILIGHT MARKET
3rd Fridays

Community Matters



2016
CONGRATULATIONS!

BEST of LUCK to each of you
in your future endeavors

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