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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Town Welcomes Community Services Division

**SAHUARITA, Ariz.** — The Town of Sahuarita has expanded the responsibilities of its Parks and Recreation Department to include a Community Services Division. Director Nanette Smejkal’s new division will focus on community engagement and facilitating new events, activities and volunteer opportunities, in keeping with the goals of the town’s Strategic Plan regarding outreach and community well-being.

“We’re looking forward to focusing attention on a variety of topics,” Smejkal said. “Including town history and cultural heritage.”

Starting out, the division will utilize existing town resources and personnel and is in part a reorganization of some responsibilities that were previously held by other departments. These would include such things as the Human Services contracts awarded by the town for housing and food. Community Services will work to expand offerings and facilitate connections to services for seniors and veterans among others.

Smejkal says that a major area of focus for the division will be outreach. This might include recognition and challenge programs that would endeavor to create enthusiasm for and award health/wellness, acts of kindness, and community pride. In line with the needs of residents, Community Services will also endeavor to establish new avenues for communication between the town and various HOA’s, geographic areas, and neighborhoods throughout Sahuarita.

“This new division will really help us expand the network of community partners that we have,” said Kelly Udall, Town Manager. “Part of the vision for the Community Services Division is that it will work with strengths that we already have to build new offerings for residents, and also help us to work closely with those residents and engage them to create stronger relationships.”

Udall says the town intends for the division to develop over an extended period in the coming years, and that in the long-term it will help to coordinate an expanded offering of activities for residents.

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