

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed, Feb 5 - Chiricahua
Mobile Clinic, 8:30 - 4 pm @
Senior Center

Thu, Feb 6 –MORE Bats of
AZ, @ 10 am @ Town Hall

Thu, Feb 6 – Medicare
Counselor, 11 am – 1 pm @
Senior Center

Thu, Feb 6 – Healthy
Ambassador Mtg @ 3:40 @
Senior Center

Thu, Feb 6 – Senior Game
Nite @ 5 pm @ Senior Center

Mon, Feb 10 - Healthy
Huachuca Committee Mtg @
5:30 pm @ Senior Center

Tue, Feb 11 – Senior Center
Planning Mtg @ 1 pm @ Senior
Center

Wed, Feb 12 – Healthy
Cochise Summit, 8:45-4 pm @
Shieffelin Hall, Tombstone

Thu, Feb 13 - Council Mtg @
7 pm @ Town Hall

Sat, Feb 15 – Friends Book
Sale, 10 am – 2 pm @ connex
behind/west of library

Mon, Feb 17 – Town Offices
Closed for President's Day

Wed, Feb 19 - Chiricahua
Mobile Clinic, 8:30 - 4 pm @
Senior Center



SUNSET CITY NEWS

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Town Bus Service – Mayor Wallace was honored to receive a check in the amount of \$50,000 from the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona. Councilmember Joy Bank and staff members Ha Vu and Suzanne Harvey were also on hand to accept the check. The grant money will be used for the sole purpose of bringing a bus

service back to the residents of our community. Nearly two years ago the decision was made to terminate the bus service for financial reasons. Since then, Town staff and elected officials have been working to find alternate funding. This grant award from the Legacy Foundation is the result their hard work and a partnership between the City of Tombstone and the City of Sierra Vista. While we close out our planning phase and begin execution, the end-state will be a bus service that runs from the Town of Huachuca City AND the City of Tombstone into Sierra Vista three times a week. The new bus service will be rebuilt to meet federal grant standards in order to obtain federal bus grant funding in the future. The Town is hopeful that bus service can start as soon as Spring 2020. For more information, see the press release on our website at www.huachucacityaz.gov.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Hearing - The Town is slated to receive CDBG funds of approximately \$480K in FY 2020. We recently completed our second public hearing to gather input and ideas from the public on what and how we should spend this money. Many great ideas were presented ranging from improvements to town facilities (i.e. Senior Center Kitchen), to water line repairs to a park project which would overhaul the all the Town's parks.

There will be additional meetings in the future where a short list of specific projects will be generated from the ideas presented at the hearings. Each potential project will then be evaluated for applicability with respect to the use of the funds, as CDBG money can only be spent on certain things, in certain categories. Fortunately, a representative from the Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) will assist us in this process. Once the list is identified and validated, council will vote on what project the money will be used for. Our intent is to identify a project that will maximize the use of the money, as whatever is not expended must be returned.

Community Garden – The Huachuca City Community Garden, Inc., a local non-profit, also received a \$50K grant from the Legacy Foundation. They have partnered with the library and will use the funds to create a garden space just north of the library. They will grow produce to distribute to the community and will also, through the library, teach classes on gardening, healthy eating and conserving natural resources.

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Thu, Feb 20 – SE Arizona Archeology presented by Dr Eric Kaldahl of Amerind @ 10 am @ Town Hall

Thu, Feb 20 – Senior Game Nite @ 5 pm @ Senior Center

Thu, Feb 20 – Boy Scouts Parent Meeting @ 5:30 @ Library

Fri, Feb 21 – TEFAP Drive-Thru Distribution, 8 am – 9 am @ Senior Center Parking Lot

Thu, Feb 27 - Council Mtg @ 7 pm @ Town Hall

CUB SCOUT PACK – Do you have a son or daughter (K-5th) who likes camping, hiking, race cars and earning badges? If so, they might like to become a cub scout. There will be a parent information and sign-up meeting on Feb 20 at 5:30 at the library. For more information contact Sheila Foraker at 458-1072.

Census 2020 – The 2020 census is fast approaching! Please be sure to participate as funding (such as the CDBG that we will be receiving) is tied to census results. For more information see the website: 2020census.gov



PUBLIC WORKS NEWS – Tree roots grew into a water main on Paton Street and broke it. Public works had to work into the night to get the tree removed, clear up the mud and water and fix the main. Please think about where your utility lines are when you plant trees. You don't want this mess in your yard years down the road.

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK - The Salvation Army will distribute “The Emergency Food Assistance Program” (TEFAP) food boxes on Fri, Feb 21 in front of the Senior Center from 8 to 9 am. It is a drive-thru distribution. Cars should line up on Gonzales Blvd facing South. To receive a food box, please bring a photo ID, proof of address, and names and birth dates of your household members. Remember, you can only receive a TEFAP bag once per month, regardless of where you receive it, and you must bring photo ID every month to receive your food package. Eligibility is based on family size and income. Income requirements are posted at the distribution point or available at the library. We thank the Sierra Vista Salvation Army and the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona for helping to make this possible.

LIBRARY NEWS – *Spotlight on Speakers* has two amazing presenters scheduled this month: Jean Sneed and Lindsey Gottwig will be here from Kartchner Caverns on Thu, Feb 6 for more MORE Bats of AZ. Dr. Erick Kaldahl of Amerind will present information about the archaeology of SE Arizona on Feb 20. Both presentations will be at Town Hall at 10 am.

PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS – On 1-21-2020, the Huachuca City Police Department and Animal Control responded to a stray animal in Huachuca City. The stray animal was a 200-pound semi-domesticated boar. Piggly Wiggly was loaded up and taken to a safe holding area. It was determined that our friend needed to go to a farm. Transporting this large animal was inherently dangerous. Piggly Wiggly was safely and successfully loaded, then transported to Hereford to begin his new life. The Town of Huachuca City should be proud of their Police Officers and Animal Control Officers, along with a previous volunteer. Piggly Wiggly and all concerned are safe and satisfied. We can add this newest experience of saving a large animal and finding alternative housing besides a frying pan to our bucket list. Great Job to all.

SENIOR CENTER – The center is now open on Wed, Thu and Fri from 9:00 am to 1 pm. Senior game night is the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 5 to 8.

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