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SACA Calendar of Events

SACA Speaker Series Luncheon, March 22 and April 26

Our upcoming luncheons will feature the following speakers:

March 22 - Stephen Paukin, Bisbee City Manager

April 26 - Jason Bowling, CEO SSVEC

The cost to attend is \$25.00 per person. Please register in advance. You may pay via cash, check or credit card at the event. If you choose to pay online, there will be a 3.5% processing fee added to the transaction. Lunch catered by Aladdin Campus Dining.

SACA 2023 Board of Directors

Kevin Wilusz KE&G	President
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TBD	Secretary
Nathan Hodges SSVEC	Director
Matt McLachlan City of Sierra Vista	Director
Dale Porter Cochise College	Director

If you are interested in attending a Board of Directors meeting, please contact Michelle at 520-458-0488 or office@saca-az.org, or please reach out to one of our current Board Members.

Government Meetings

Cochise County Board of Supervisors Board Of Supervisors Hearing Room 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee	Tuesdays 10AM
Sierra Vista City Council Council Chambers, City Hall 1011 N Coronado Drive	2 nd &4 th Thursdays 5PM
Benson City Council Benson Community Center 705 W Union Street	2 nd &4 th Mondays 7PM
Bisbee City Council City Hall Building 915 S Tovreaville Road	1 st &3 rd Tuesdays 7PM
Douglas City Council City Hall, Council Chamber 425 10 th Street	2 nd Wednesdays PM
Willcox City Council City Hall, Council Chamber 300 W Rex Allen Drive	1 st Thursday 5:30PM

SACA is Highlighting Our Most Involved Member!

We will highlight our most involved member every two months in the newsletter and on our Facebook page. The Board of Directors will look at attendance at events, including the Speaker Series Luncheon, attendance at training classes, and who opens and responds to important emails and poles.

March 2023 and April 2023 SACA Member Highlight



SOUTHWEST GAS

Southwest Gas Corporation is a dynamic energy company committed to exceeding the expectations of over 2 million customers throughout Arizona, Nevada, and California by providing safe and reliable service while innovating sustainable energy solutions to fuel the growth in its communities. Locally, the Southeast District is proud to serve the majority of Cochise County, including Sierra Vista, Fort Huachuca, Huachuca City, Bisbee, Naco, Tombstone, St David, Benson, and Mescal. The Company has strong local roots with over 30 employees to help customers enjoy life's necessities, including warm homes, flexible cooking, while also fueling businesses.

Thank you to Southwest Gas and their employees for continuing to support SACA as well as our local contractors and our community! Your hard work, dedication, and commitment is greatly appreciated!

Women in Construction Week March 5 - 11, 2023

Women in Construction Week 2023: How Women Are Rising Up in a Male-Dominated Industry

To mark Women in Construction Week 2023, this report celebrates the progress being made for women in the industry, as well as exploring what else can still be done.

There are currently just under 1.3 million women who work in the construction industry in the U.S., which amounts to 10.9% of the total workforce. This is a 3.5% increase compared to the previous year. The construction industry remains vastly dominated by men, but as statistics show, women are rising up in numbers, power, and recognition.

To celebrate Women in Construction Week (March 5-11) and this year's theme of "many paths, one mission", we have spoken to women who are at the forefront of the industry, spearheading the way for women to become more commonplace in all areas of this sector. Women in Construction Week is a way of bringing awareness and celebrating the role of women in the industry. We have also compiled and broken down the latest statistics to give an overview of the current landscape and highlight the scope of the progression being made.

To continue reading full article click [here](#).

Source: [Fixr.com](#)

Health, Safety and Welfare

Power Line Safety Tips

You do not have to touch a power line to be in danger. High-voltage electricity can jump to anyone who gets too close. Stay at least 10 feet away from power lines and their connections.



Safety Tips

- Look up before raising a ladder or pole to make sure that it will not come within 10 feet of any power lines.
- Use wooden or fiberglass ladders outdoors. Metal ladders conduct electricity.
- Contact your utility company immediately to report downed power lines outside your home.
- Always assume fallen power lines are energized.
- Stay at least ten feet away from a downed power line and any nearby objects it may be touching, such as a fence or a tree limb.
- Never touch a person who is in contact with a downed power line.
- Call 911 immediately.
- Downed power lines can carry an electric current strong enough to cause serious injury or even death.
- Electricity wants to move from a high voltage zone to a low voltage zone – and it could do that through your body.

Downed Power Line Safety Tips

- If you see a downed power line, move away from it and anything touching it.
- The ground around power lines – up to 35 feet away – may be energized.
- You cannot tell whether or not a power line is energized just by looking at it.
- You should assume that all downed power lines are live.
- The proper way to move away from the power line is to shuffle away with small steps, keeping your feet together and on the ground at all times. This will minimize the potential for a strong electric shock.
- If you see someone who is in direct or indirect contact with the downed line, do not touch the person. You could become the next victim.
- In **Cochise County call SSVEC to shut off the power to downed line** and call 911 for help.
- Do not attempt to move a downed power line or anything else in contact with it by using an object such as a broom or stick. Even non-conductive materials like wood or cloth, can conduct electricity if even slightly wet.
- Be careful not to touch or step in water near where a downed power line is located.
- Do not drive over downed power lines.
- If your car comes in contact with a downed power line while you are inside, stay in the car. Honk your horn to summon help, **but direct others to stay away from your car, this includes First Responders until power to line is off.**
- If you must leave your car because it is on fire, jump out of the vehicle with both feet together and avoid contact with both the car and the ground at the same time.
- Shuffle away from the car.

Source: ESFi Click [here](#) for more information.

OSHA Resources

Tree Care Safety

The first day of Spring is only a month away. OSHA has resources to keep tree care (www.osha.gov/tree-care) and landscaping (www.osha.gov/landscaping) workers safe from falls, electrocution, struck-by, caught-in, and other hazards.



Source: www.OSHA.gov



Southeastern Arizona Contractors Association Member List

Antelope Run Electric, Inc	(520) 803-0922	https://anteloperunelectricinc.godaddysites.com
Castle & Cooke of Arizona, Inc.	(520) 378-9344	https://castlecookearizona.com/
Cemex Materials South, LLC	(520) 236-2573	www.cemexusa.com
Centerline Supply	(602) 258-3142	www.translineinc.com
City of Sierra Vista	(520) 458-5775	www.sierravistaaz.gov
Cochise College	(520) 515-4509	www.cochise.edu
Cochise County	(520) 432-9440	www.cochise.az.gov
Creative Pools and Spas	(520) 508-6051	www.creativepoolsaz.com
Crest insurance Group	(520) 458-1655	www.crestins.com
Dana Kepner Company	(520) 624-7180	www.DanaKepner.com
Grasshopper Landscaping	(520) 456-8945	www.grasshopper-landscaping.com
Greater SV Chamber Of Commerce	(520) 458-6940	www.sierravistachamber.org
Hudbay Rosemont Project	(520) 495-3504	www.hudbayminerals.com
KE&G Construction, Inc.	(520) 458-9594	www.kegtus.com
Mcwane Ductile	(801) 616-1154	www.mcwaneductile.com
Mountain View AC & Heating, LLC	(520) 458-9594	www.mountainviewac.com
Mr. Fix It of Sierra Vista, LLC	(520) 227-8194	www.mrfixitsv.com
Mr. Shed	(520) 255-0901	http://mrshed.net
Perrill Construction	(520) 378-9467	www.perrillconstruction.com
Pioneer Title Agency	(520) 459-4592	www.pioneertitleagency.com
R.L. Workman Homes	(520) 458-0771	www.rlworkmanhomes.com
Rutherford Diversified Industries	(520) 458-8761	www.rutherforddiversified.com
Sierra Remodeling	(520) 459-3164	www.sierraremodeling.com
San Pedro Plumbing	(520) 378-4696	https://www.sanpedroplumbing.com/
Sierra Vista Electric, Inc.	(520) 458-7196	www.sierravistaelectric.com
Sierra Vista Herald	(520) 458-9440	www.svherald.com
Sierra Vista Tile, Inc.	(520) 378-0841	www.sierravistatile.com
Southern AZ Home Builders Assoc.	(520) 795-5114	https://www.sahba.org/
Southwest Gas Corp	(520) 452-4103	www.swgas.com
Stan Greer Millworks	(520) 378-9311	www.stangreer.com
Sulphur Springs Valley Electric	(520) 515-3470	www.ssvvec.org
Truly Nolen Pest Control	(520) 458-5095	www.trulynolen.com

Members of SACA have invested their resources to support the local construction industry. Please honor them by giving them priority when choosing business partners.

Despite the struggles with the continuing pandemic, SACA has been able to continue to support our local communities by supporting students in the Cochise College Residential Construction Program, Special Olympics and the Wounded Warriors Project.

We are very grateful for the support from our members making it possible for us to support these programs.