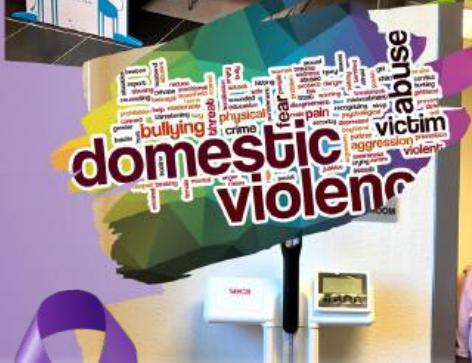




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# Keeping Hope Alive Award

It was Judge Emilio Velasquez who ignited a new era of judicial oversight in Santa Cruz County. His approach to justice relies on kindness, fairness, and restorative justice, and he has brought together community systems to establish the only drug court program in Arizona's lower level courts, as well as the "Behavioral Empowerment Court" for his defendants and their families to address mental health and substance abuse issues. Our community has been served well by creating a compassionate, fair, and supportive court where defendants and their families can receive treatment, community programming, fair supervision, and equitable support. It is believed that Judge V's most effective work is done off the bench, through our local problem solving courts coalition, which he founded and leads.

He has been a bearer of hope from his work as a community leader for change and as a reform advocate within the justice system for fair and restorative practices. Our community sees the court as a place where justice and restoration go hand-in-hand thanks to Judge Velasquez's tireless work on and off the bench. His team and community partners are encouraged to treat every single individual involved in the justice system with respect, kindness, and fairness. Perhaps the biggest impact of evidence of hope we can see is the way the families of these individuals are impacted. As a result, families leave his court feeling empowered to seek support and restoration with their family members at the same time. Through his bold leadership that challenges societal norms and makes the court look inward, Judge V keeps hope alive through his passion for seeing our community restored.

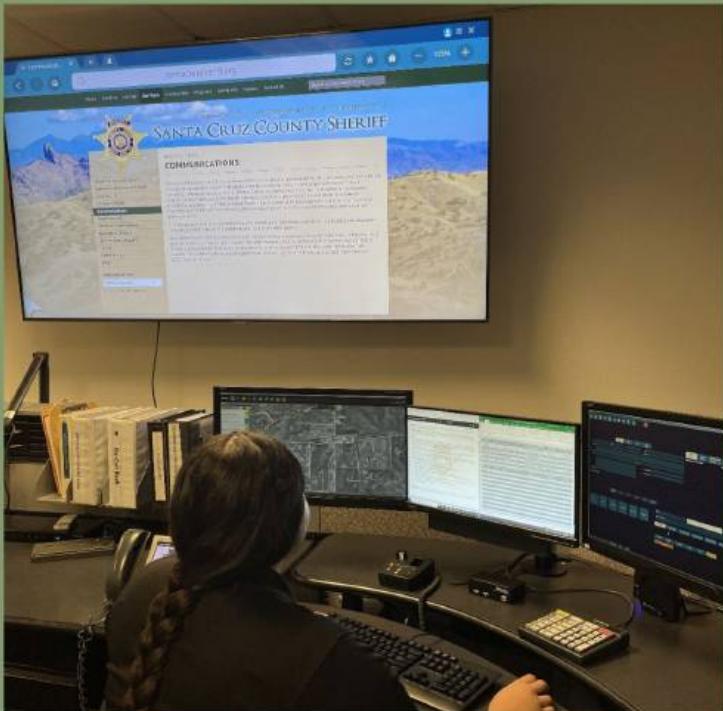


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# Highest Priorities 4 Rosanna Gabaldón

Our best days are ahead of us. I believe in following through on my commitments, rolling up the sleeves to get the job done, and staying involved in our community. My highest priorities include water sustainability, public education, and economic development.

We must never lose faith in our democratic system; as citizens, we will continue to support our community by voting and remaining diligent and aware of the issues that impact our lives.

The top priority in our State to watch for is water. As the Colorado River gets more stressed, Arizona leaders and stakeholders must set aside differences and work together to find sustainable solutions. Unfortunately, a State-wide drought has persisted for over 22 years, and the time is getting closer for making some hard decisions about water. The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) expansion enacted earlier this year is our best hope to succeed in averting a water crisis. Negative economic consequences from water shortages will harm the entire State.

Some employers have expressed their concerns about our lack of investment in public education and the preparedness of our students to meet the job demands. It is incumbent upon us to prepare our students to face the challenges of tomorrow. Our children may be a small percentage of our population; however, they represent 100% of our future. Investing in our children is essential for our economy as inflation impacts each of us. We must improve teacher salaries and provide funds for support staff like librarians, counselors, and bus drivers, who are also essential to student achievement. Fully funding our public education is important to us all.

Over the past year, I have been delighted to see attention and much-needed funds available for rehabilitation and improvements for the Nogales 101. Working together and making our voices heard ensures its continual rehabilitation for many generations.

Rural infrastructure in Santa Cruz County is vital to keep our options open for the opportunity to make needed repairs neglected and aging roads, highways, and bridges. Projects such as the flyover for the east State Route 189 Mariposa Road only happened because of the support and encouragement of the citizens of Santa Cruz County. More Federal and State funding is needed for improvements along 119. Together we can build a better future for Arizona.

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## General Election - Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Tuesday, October 11, 2022: Last day to register to vote for General Election!

Requests for Early Ballots/Active Early Voter List (AEVL) now being accepted through Friday, October 28, 2022

Wednesday, October 12, 2022: First Day of Early Voting/Early Ballots Mailed  
Friday, October 28, 2022: Deadline to Request an Early Ballot/AEVL by Mail  
Friday, November 4, 2022: Last Day for Early Voting at the Early Voting Center  
Tuesday, November 8, 2022: ELECTION DAY!

### You must re-register to vote for the following reasons:

- You have moved, change of name, address, phone number or change of political party

### Qualifications to register to vote:

- You became a U.S. Citizen
- You became a resident of Santa Cruz County 29 days or more before an election
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**PLEASE NOTE:** US Postal change of address does NOT forward "OFFICIAL ELECTION MAIL". You must re-register.

## Elección General - Martes, 8 de Noviembre del 2022

Martes, 11 de Octubre del 2022: Último día para registrarse para votar para la elección general

Solicitudes de boletas anticipada/Lista Activa de Votación Anticipada (AEVL) se están aceptando hasta viernes, 28 de Octubre del 2022

Miércoles, 12 de Octubre del 2022: Votación anticipada estará disponible/envío de boletas

Viernes, 28 de Octubre del 2022: Último día para solicitar una boleta anticipada/AEVL por correo

Viernes, 4 de Noviembre del 2022: Último día para votar por anticipado en el centro de votación

Martes, 8 de Noviembre del 2022: DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN!

### Tiene que volver a registrarse para votar por cualquiera de las siguientes razones:

- Se ha mudado, cambio de nombre, dirección, número de teléfono o cambio de partido político

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- Ser ciudadano de los Estados Unidos
- Ser residente del Condado de Santa Cruz por lo menos 29 días antes de la elección
- Usted va cumplir 18 años de edad o más el día de la próxima elección
- No se le haya declarado ser persona discapacitada (A.R.S. 14-5101)
- No haber sido convicto(a) de felonía, traición o si sus derechos civiles han sido restaurados. Para más información sobre el derecho de un felón para poder votar, favor de comunicarse a nuestra oficina (520) 375-7990 o puede visitar nuestro sitio web: <https://www.santacruzcountyaz.gov/287/Recorder> en "Information del votante".

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## GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

### Early Voting Center & Sites

Oct. 12, 2022 thru Nov. 4, 2022: Santa Cruz County Complex, Meeting Room, Ste. 202, 2nd Floor  
2150 N. Congress Dr., Nogales, AZ

From 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 15, 2022: Santa Cruz County Complex, Meeting Room, Ste. 202, 2nd Floor  
2150 N. Congress Dr., Nogales, AZ

From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 22, 2022: Tubac Community Center, 50 Bridge Rd., Tubac, AZ

From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 22, 2022: Santa Cruz County Public Works Department, 275 Rio Rico Dr., Rio Rico, AZ

From 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 29, 2022: Patagonia Town Hall, 310 McKeown Avenue, Patagonia, AZ

From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 29, 2022: Sonoita Library, 3147 Hwy-83, Sonoita, AZ

From 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## ELECCIÓN GENERAL - MARTES, 8 DE NOVIEMBRE DEL 2022

### Centro y Sitios De Votación Anticipada

12 de Octubre hasta el  
4 de Noviembre 2022:  
Complejo del Condado de Santa Cruz, Sala de Juntas, Ste. 202, 2do Piso  
2150 N. Congress Dr., Nogales, AZ

de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

Sabado, 15 de Octubre del 2022: Complejo del Condado de Santa Cruz, Sala de Juntas, Ste. 202, 2do Piso  
2150 N. Congress Dr., Nogales, AZ

de 9:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.

Sabado, 22 de Octubre del 2022: Centro Comunitario de Tubac, 50 Bridge Rd., Tubac, AZ

de 9:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.

Sabado, 22 de Octubre del 2022: Obras Publicas de Santa Cruz, 275 Rio Rico Dr., Rio Rico, AZ

de 2:00 p.m. a 5:00 p.m.

Sabado, 29 de Octubre del 2022: Edificio Municipal de Patagonia, 310 McKeown Avenue, Patagonia, AZ

de 9:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.

Sabado, 29 de Octubre del 2022: Biblioteca de Sonoita, 3147 Hwy-83, Sonoita, AZ

de 2:00 p.m. a 5:00 p.m.

### Early Ballot Drop Off Locations:

- All Early Voting Sites as Listed
- Early Voting Center: Until Monday, 11/7/2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Early Ballot Drop Off Box: Until Election Day, Tuesday, 11/8/2022, 7:00 p.m.
- Voting Centers: Election Day, Tuesday, 11/8/2022, 7:00 p.m.

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### Ubicaciones de Entrega de Boletas Anticipadas:

- Todos los sitios de votación anticipada como se muestra en la lista
- Centro de votación anticipada: hasta el lunes, 11/7/2022 a las 5:00 p.m.
- Cajas de entrega de boletas anticipadas: hasta el día de la elección, martes, 11/8/2022, 7:00 p.m.
- Centros de votaciones: día de elección, martes, 11/8/2022, 7:00 p.m.

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**OCTOBER 2022**

**WHEREAS**, violence against women and children continues to be a social problem due to the imbalance of power in gender and age; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately one in four women and one in seven men in the United States will experience physical domestic violence at some point in their life; and

**WHEREAS**, 15.5 million children in the United States live in families in which domestic violence occurred at least once in the past year, and 7 million children live in families in which severe domestic violence occurred; and

**WHEREAS**, only one-quarter of all physical assaults, one-fifth of all rapes, and one-half of all stalking incidents perpetrated against women by intimate partners are reported to police; and

**WHEREAS**, the damage caused by domestic violence is not limited by gender, age, ethnicity or sexual orientation; and

**WHEREAS**, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, public awareness has the potential to increase the identification and reporting of abuse by the public, professionals, and victims themselves, and can act as a catalyst to promote issue-based education and long term prevention;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Santa Cruz County, Arizona, Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of October 2022 as:

**"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"**

and urges all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by local, state and national organizations, to work toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women, men, and children.

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# People who "echo" Noemi Elizalde

Border Eco is pleased to spotlight an individual in our community who has dedicated herself to connecting trauma victims and families with the services they need to recover. Noemi Elizalde was born and raised in Nogales, Arizona. Santa Cruz County is where she has lived all her life. In 2021, she accepted a position with the Children's Advocacy Center as Coordinator of the Mobile Advocacy Program. She continued the collaboration with Santa Cruz County and brought the services down to rural communities through this position. The experience provided her with the opportunity to grow and serve the community at the same time. In her role, she builds capacity in each community to provide services for victims and witnesses, and identifies and shares funding opportunities and training opportunities.

Mrs. Elizalde is a full-time mother to three beautiful children. Currently residing in Rio Rico, Arizona, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Public Policy and Management from the University of Arizona in 2013. She commuted to Tucson to attend the University of Arizona. Painting and crafting with her kids are two of her favorite things to do. She enjoys eating at local restaurants and trying new ones.

Elizade is passionate about helping her community, especially when it comes to victim advocacy. Her goal has always been to find creative ways to support community partners in bringing services to Santa Cruz County. Networking has always been one of her strengths. She enjoys collaborating and partnering with different agencies that can fill in any gaps in our community.

"Since High School, I have raised money for charities and fundraisers. Serving my community by volunteering at the humane society and the local hospital only made me realize how much I enjoyed helping. Noemi said that after attending college and being a full-time mom while in college, she was unable to do anything else but focus on her children." As a result of her internship with the City of Nogales, she was inspired to stay in Santa Cruz County. Her service to the community helped open her heart and guide her towards her life's purpose. "I would have never thought that I would be assisting our community in building the first family safety center and only thinking of giving other rural communities the same opportunity," said Elizalde.

For over 25 years, the SC County Attorney's office has collaborated with the Children's Advocacy Center to investigate abuse and neglect of children. However, since services were only available in Tucson, community members and the County Attorney's office started a coalition in 2007 (15 years ago) to develop services in Santa Cruz County.

The SC Sheriff's department, Nogales Police Department, and the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence were all involved from the beginning.

About 12 years ago, Mariposa Community Health Center, Holy Cross Hospital, Community Health Associates, and Intermountain Centers-Pinal Hispanic Council joined the conversation. In 2018, the Children's Advocacy Center became actively involved in the Nogales Safety Center. At the same time, the University of Arizona College of Nursing, Rio Rico Fire Department, Department of Child Safety, Circles of Peace, and the General Consulate of Mexico-Nogales joined the effort.

In recent years, we have experienced increased speed and effectiveness, as MercyCare, the Santa Cruz County Justice Court, and San Cayetano Elementary School (all joined last year) have joined us. This year, we welcomed Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District and the City of Nogales to our partnerships.

For this initial phase, Children's Advocacy Center only has three staff members (forensic interviewers, medical providers, satellite site directors). Additionally, the Family Safety Center hosts local advocates from Santa Cruz County (Mariposa Community Health Center and Santa Cruz County Victim Services) to assist families. For families that require immediate crisis counseling, Community Health Associates is also on standby.

While we are in the early stages of the Nogales Family Safety Center within the Sheriff's Office, we are working toward having a stand-alone larger center to provide more space and services to our community partners.

"It has been an incredible experience working with the community and especially our partners. Each partner has contributed to making the Family Safety center possible. Thank you Mariposa Community Health Center for giving me the opportunity to begin this advocacy journey in 2013. It would not have been possible for me to grow in this field without their constant support throughout the years," said Noemi Elizalde coordinator for the Children's Advocacy Center.



# Let's Talk Health

To celebrate Dental Hygiene Month, here are four of the top ways you can improve your routine and support your oral health.

**1. Learn How Your General & Oral Health are Connected**  
Did you know that patients who don't practice good dental habits have 100 million to 1 billion bacteria living on each tooth? These bacteria can lead to tooth decay (cavities), and gum disease — but they can also affect your overall well-being.

## 2. Improve Your Diet

Choose foods to support healthy gums and teeth. Here are a few top choices; Seafood + beans, fruits + vegetables, cheeses and other dairy products. These foods can hinder your dental health, including; citrus fruits, sugar, soft drinks + refined carbohydrates (such as chips, crackers and bread).

## 3. Keep Up With Your At-Home Routine

Your daily routine should include; Brush teeth two times daily, drink water to get rid of debris, floss once daily, clean your tongue and avoid smoking.

## 4. Visit Your Dentist Frequently

Visit your dentist every six months so your teeth and gums can be cleaned and examined. Your dental team will provide services and education to you regarding the critical importance of proper oral health care and its impact on your overall systemic health.

More info: [Oral Health Tips](#) | [Adult Oral Health](#) | [Basics](#) | [Oral Health](#) | [CDC](#)

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# SCV35 Finance Office receives highest recognition

(Chicago, Illinois)—Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District No. 35 for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.-Shannon Enciso/ Communications Specialist





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# Mayor's Corner



At this year's League of Arizona Cities and Towns in Glendale, the Mayor, Council, City of Nogales Staff and Administration represented the City of Nogales. It is an annual event where city leaders and state governments connect and discuss critical issues. Two awards have been presented to the City of Nogales. Vice Mayor Esther Melendez Lopez is the first recipient of recognition for her service and dedication to the community, and was presented with a plaque for 16 years of service in government. In addition, Mayor Arturo Garino is being recognized for his 12 years of public service. During the last day, we are invited to showcase our great city along with over 200 towns and cities participating in the showcase. Among the top three this year is Nogales, Arizona! We are grateful to Renee Produce and Kaliroy Produce for their donations that helped make this a huge success.

On August 26th, the City of Nogales inaugurated its Dog Park to celebrate National Dog Day. Taking a dream and turning it into a reality was a rewarding experience. In addition to being a part of our families, pets are a part of our communities, and we need to take good care of them as well. I would like to express my gratitude to Wendy Gray and Ricardo Garayzar for their generous donation of dog park entrance signs and plaque stands. You did an amazing job!

A 911 Remembrance Ceremony was held on Sunday, September 11th to commemorate the 21st annual Patriot's Day. This is an important event that changed our history forever and should not be forgotten. Thank you to all council members for attending, to Robert Thompson for conducting the ceremony, to our local law enforcement agencies for participating, and to our Consul en General Marco Moreno Baez for joining us. I would like to thank Pastor Minerva Aldana for the invocation and the benediction.

## Proclamations:

In recognition of all prisoners of war missing in action, September 16th has been proclaimed POW\*MIA Recognition Day

National Gear Up Week September 26th

The City of Nogales has proclaimed September to be National Suicide Prevention Month



# Sheriff's Round-Up



This past month the Sheriff's Office conducted a few trainings for patrol, dispatch also including one for our SWAT members. Training was spearheaded by Chief Deputy Morales which included corner fed entry both positive & negative as well as center room entries both methodical and dynamic. Like they say "You're either SWAT or you're not"

We also celebrated our female officers in National Police Women Day. We deeply appreciate the service of the ladies who proudly wear their badges and serve our beautiful county.

There was a few events this past month in our county. Like 9/11 Memorial which our Honor Guard represented our agency at the City Hall Remembrance Day Ceremony in a beautiful ceremony that honored the fallen.

I was invited to the Mexican Independence Day celebration at the Mexican Consular Residence. Great messages about peace, commerce, and friendly relationships between the U.S. and Mexico from Mexican Consul Moreno and U.S. Consul Biedebach.

Also, our county fair was in town which offered a weekend of fun, games, 4H and delicious snacks!

The Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office along with other agencies got together to celebrate CBP Family Day. All agencies along with their families got to enjoy a day full of fun, activities food and music.

We appreciated the invitation and we look forward for the next event.

Fall has officially begun, and we are loving our Arizona sunsets! Can not wait what this new month will bring! Stay safe!

Your Sheriff,  
David Hathaway



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# The Santa Cruz County Attorney reminds you to report violence **Break the Cycle of Abuse**

Warning signs of abuse:

Your partner bullies, threatens, or controls you

Accuses you of having an affair

Blames you for abuse

Criticizes you

Tells you what to wear and how you should look

Threatens to kill you or someone close to you

Throws things or punches walls when angry

Yells at you and makes you feel small

Your partner controls your money

## Break The Silence



*October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

Every 9 seconds in the US a woman is assaulted or beaten

## You have the power!

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