



# Construction News and Views

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## A Message from your President

Covid has struck again and has forced us to cancel the SACA Christmas party. Fortunately, we were able to have a successful Golf Tournament last month. I would like to thank all of the sponsors, volunteers and participants for making it a great success. The feedback we received on the games and hole challenges was well received and looks to be the new standard going forward. A big shout out to Aaron for both having the idea and for implementing the games themselves.

Two new members are being added to the SACA Board, Nathan Hodges from SSVEC and Dale Porter from Cochise College. Of course, there is always room for more participants. Hopefully in the spring Covid lock downs will be a distant memory as the vaccine gets distributed and we will be able to return to our normal monthly lunch meetings and speakers.

I also regret to inform our members that SACA board member David Thompson passed away on Sunday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. He was voted in as a SACA Honorary Board Member at our December 2018 GMM. Recently he served on the Sierra Vista Planning and Zoning Commission. Dave Thompson has primarily worked as an estimator / project manager in commercial hard bid and residential roles. Most of his work was for subs where labor (production rates, labor budgets, composite crew costs, etc.) were critical. After returning from Vietnam he started and built up a small business accounting practice in San Diego, and wound up specializing in contractors, then sold out to a CPA firm to get his hands dirty. In Vietnam he was a Marine Corps fighter pilot with collateral duties as a legal officer. Dave spent two years in Tucson working for a HUD agency as a rehab specialist, three years in Dallas working in high rise tenant finish (“the worst white-collar job in the world” according to “Fortune” magazine), and nearly three decades in Denver.

Our condolences to his family, he will be missed by all of us.

Kevin Wilusz



## A Note on Giving

There is an unnamed company, in town, that has given bushel baskets of food out to employees and others in the community for the last 26 years. This year 130 baskets were given out. They don't want credit, but would like to be an example for other companies that are still working. Merry Christmas.

Anonymous





## SACA Calendar of Events

### General Membership Meetings, TBD

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are waiting to learn how guidelines unfold before scheduling upcoming GMMs.

We will keep everyone updated as we move forward.

### SACA 2021 Board of Directors

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| Kevin Wilusz<br>KE&G                                 | President      |
| TBD  | Vice President |
| Mike Rutherford<br>Rutherford Diversified Industries | Treasurer      |
| Shaunna Valdez<br>Pioneer Title Agency               | Secretary      |
| Nathan Hodges<br>SSVEC                               | Director       |
| Arron Kerr<br>Mr. Fix-It                             | Director       |
| Dale Porter<br>Cochise College                       | Director       |

### Government Meetings

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

## Virtual Plan Room

Visit SACA's virtual plan room for local bid opportunities.

[www.saca-az.org](http://www.saca-az.org), under membership.

Call 520-458-0488 for more information.

## SACA's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Classic

November 6, 2020 at San Pedro Golf Course in Benson, AZ

The golf event was held in Benson at the San Pedro Golf Course, this year due to the COVID-19 restraints at the golf course we normally hold our event. The golf event we planned was as socially distant as we possible could, and COVID resistant as possible. This event helps raise the necessary funds to support local community charities as well as the SACA building fund.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors, without your support, we wouldn't have been able to make things happen.

### Sponsors

- Cochise Sponsor, \$2,500
  - Rutherford Diversified Industries
  - Adam Berns - The UPS Store
  - Mark Browning, CPA
  
- Geronimo Sponsor, \$1,250
  - The Solar Store
  - SSVEC
  - KE&G
  
- Chief Sponsor, \$500
  - University Termite and Pest Control
  - Diversified Design & Construction
  - Pioneer Title
  - CEMEX Materials South
  - Mr. Fix-It
  
- Hole Prize Sponsor, \$250
  - Leslie Thomas - Nova Home Loans
  - CEMEX Materials South
  
- Tee/Green Sponsor
  - Leah, Jeanne and Carrie - Tierra Antigua Realty
  - Ginger Hernandez – Farmers Insurance
  - Arizona Wholesale Supply
  - Border Construction Specialties
  - DLR Group





## Health, Safety and Welfare

### U.S. Department of Labor Implements Inspection Program To Target Workplaces with Highest Injury and Illness Rates

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of Labor announced today that its Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is updating its inspection program that directs agency enforcement resources to establishments with the highest rates of injuries and illnesses. The Site-Specific Targeting (SST) Directive is OSHA's primary targeting program for non-construction establishments with 20 or more employees. The agency selects establishments based on injury and illness data employers submitted on Form 300A for calendar years 2017-2019. The new directive replaces Site-Specific Targeting 2016, and includes the following significant changes:

- The creation of a new targeting category for establishments indicating consistent injury and illness rate increases over the three-year data collection period, and
- Allows records only inspections to occur when a compliance safety and health officer determines incorrect data led to an establishment's inclusion in the program. This change ensures OSHA will conduct a full inspection only when the employer has an actual elevated injury and illness experience.

In addition to the SST program, OSHA implements both national and local emphasis programs to target high-risk hazards and industries. Learn more about these emphasis programs.

OSHA's On-Site Consultation Program offers no-cost and confidential occupational safety and health services to small- and medium-sized businesses to identify workplace hazards, provide advice for compliance with OSHA standards, and assist in establishing and improving safety and health programs. On-Site Consultation services are separate from enforcement and do not result in penalties or citations.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to help ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

The mission of the Department of Labor is to foster, promote and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights.

\*This article is dated December 16, 2020 was taken from the OSHA website, release number: 20-2192-NAT



## Arizona Registrar of Contractor news

### Year in Review

Despite the logistical challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, Arizona Registrar of Contractors had a successful year for Agency outreach. In 2020 the Agency held 17 contractor forums: 6 Licensed Contractor Forums, 5 New Licensee Forums, 2 Association Forums, and 4 Applicant Education Seminars. Despite having one less forum than in 2019, the Agency saw a 170% increase in forum attendance from the previous year.

In the past, the Agency held contractor forums throughout the state and traveled outside the Phoenix Metro area for forums on a bi-monthly basis. Moving the forums online made them more efficient and accessible to a wider number of participants.

To review the full year in review newsletter, [click here](#).

### Unlicensed Benson Remodeler Twice Guilty of Contracting Without a License

PHOENIX, Ariz., (Dec. 18, 2020)

On Tues., Dec. 15, 2020, Scott Alan King Sr., 61 of Benson, was found guilty in two separate criminal cases of Contracting Without a License, a Class 1 Misdemeanor, in the Benson Justice Court.

The Arizona Registrar of Contractor's investigations found King contracted for one price but the jobs eventually became more expensive, costing the homeowner more money for more materials and eventually to have King's work repaired. This is a common theme in unlicensed contracting investigations and often one of the first red flags.

#### **2020 AZ ROC Investigation**

In October 2019, King contracted to build an add-on 12' x 13' room onto a Benson home for \$3,666. The project ended up costing the homeowner more than the original bid. In the end, King took \$4,066 for the job and the homeowner spent an additional \$1,194 in materials.

Though King completed the job, the work was poor. In February 2020, the homeowner filed a complaint with AZ ROC after King failed to fix a leak in the room that eventually caused mold to grow.

#### **2019 AZ ROC Investigation**

In May 2019, King contracted to remodel a manufactured home in Benson that he sold to a City of Maricopa resident. The home required extensive repairs to the plumbing, floors, windows, a porch staircase and more. King represented himself as a licensed contractor and claimed he could do all the repairs.

King was given \$5,000 as a part of the home sale to make the repairs, however, the size of the project got bigger and bigger as additional items were added. Soon the payments outpaced progress. A large portion of the work still remained incomplete after King accepted \$18,017 in payments and \$14,097 for materials were paid out by the homeowner. Additionally, some of the completed work was poor and needed to be redone.

The homeowner filed a complaint with AZ ROC in August 2019, after King abandoned the job.

Restitution hearings for both cases are scheduled for Jan. 2021, in the Benson Justice Court.

AZ ROC frequently receives complaints regarding unlicensed entities exploiting property owners ranging from poor work to complete abandonment.

For more information on violations, [click here](#).





## Southeastern Arizona Contractors Association Member List

|                                   |                 |   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Antelope Run Electric, Inc        | (520) 803-0922  | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Antelope-Run-Electric/968562433181827">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Antelope-Run-Electric/968562433181827</a> |
| Artistic Roofing Systems LLC      | (520) 458-6781  | <a href="http://www.roofingcompanysierravista.com">www.roofingcompanysierravista.com</a>  |
| Castle & Cooke of Arizona, Inc.   | (520) 378-9344  | <a href="http://www.catelecookearizona.com">www.catelecookearizona.com</a>  |
| Cemex Materials South, LLC        | (520) 236-2573  | <a href="http://www.cemexusa.com">www.cemexusa.com</a>  |
| City of Sierra Vista              | (520) 458-5775  | <a href="http://www.sierravistaaz.gov">www.sierravistaaz.gov</a>  |
| Cochise College                   | (520) 515-4509  | <a href="http://www.cochise.edu">www.cochise.edu</a>  |
| Cochise County                    | (520) 432-9440  | <a href="http://www.cochise.az.gov">www.cochise.az.gov</a>  |
| Creative Pools and Spas           | (520) 508-6051  | <a href="http://www.creativepoolsaz.com">www.creativepoolsaz.com</a>  |
| Crest Insurance Group             | (520) 458-1655  | <a href="http://www.crestins.com">www.crestins.com</a>  |
| Dana Kepner Company               | (520) 624-7180  | <a href="http://www.DanaKepner.com">www.DanaKepner.com</a>  |
| Diversified Design                | (520) 327-7384  | <a href="http://www.ddc-az.com">www.ddc-az.com</a>  |
| Empire Homes, Inc.                | (520) 455-5506  | <a href="http://www.empirehomes-az.com">www.empirehomes-az.com</a>  |
| Gilbert Technical Services        | (520) 458-5730  | <a href="http://www.gilberttechnicalservices.com">www.gilberttechnicalservices.com</a>  |
| Grasshopper Landscaping           | (520) 456-8945  | <a href="http://www.grasshopper-landscaping.com">www.grasshopper-landscaping.com</a>  |
| Greater SV Chamber Of Commerce    | (520) 458-6940  | <a href="http://www.sierravistachamber.org">www.sierravistachamber.org</a>  |
| Guild Mortgage Company            | (520) 227-5484  | <a href="http://www.guildmortgage.com">www.guildmortgage.com</a>  |
| Harvey Plumbing Inc.              | (520) 378-3154  | <a href="http://www.harveyplumbing.com">www.harveyplumbing.com</a>  |
| Hudbay Rosemont Project           | (520) 495-3504  | <a href="http://www.hudbayminerals.com">www.hudbayminerals.com</a>  |
| Isaacson Homes, LLC               | (520) 559-0288  | <a href="http://www.iqconstruction.biz">www.iqconstruction.biz</a>  |
| KE&G Construction, Inc.           | (520) 458-9594  | <a href="http://www.kegtus.com">www.kegtus.com</a>  |
| Mountain View AC & Heating LLC    | (520) 458-9594  | <a href="http://www.mountainviewac.com">www.mountainviewac.com</a>  |
| Mr. Fix It of Sierra Vista, LLC   | (520) 227-8194  | <a href="http://www.mrfixitsv.com">www.mrfixitsv.com</a>  |
| Mr. Shed                          | (520) 255-0901  | <a href="http://mrshed.net/">http://mrshed.net/</a>   |
| Mule Mountain Pest Control        | (520) -234-3435 | <a href="http://www.mmpc-az.com">www.mmpc-az.com</a>  |
| Perrill Construction              | (520) 378-9467  | <a href="http://www.perrillconstruction.com">www.perrillconstruction.com</a>  |
| Pioneer Title Agency              | (520) 459-4592  | <a href="http://www.pioneertitleagency.com">www.pioneertitleagency.com</a>  |
| R.L. Workman Homes                | (520) 458-0771  | <a href="http://www.rlworkmanhomes.com">www.rlworkmanhomes.com</a>  |
| Rutherford Diversified Industries | (520) 458-8761  | <a href="http://www.rutherforddiversified.com">www.rutherforddiversified.com</a>  |
| Sierra Remodeling                 | (520) 459-3164  | <a href="http://www.sierraremodeling.com">www.sierraremodeling.com</a>  |
| San Pedro Plumbing                | (520) 378-4696  | <a href="https://san-pedro-plumbing.business.site/">https://san-pedro-plumbing.business.site/</a>   |
| Sierra Vista Builders Supply      | (520) 459-3263  | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SierraVistaBuildersSupply">https://www.facebook.com/SierraVistaBuildersSupply</a>                                     |
| Sierra Vista Electric, Inc.       | (520) 458-7196  | <a href="http://www.sierravistaelectric.com">www.sierravistaelectric.com</a>  |
| Sierra Vista Herald               | (520) 458-9440  | <a href="http://www.svherald.com">www.svherald.com</a>  |
| Sierra Vista Tile, Inc.           | (520) 378-0841  | <a href="http://www.sierravistatile.com">www.sierravistatile.com</a>  |
| Southern AZ Home Builders Assoc.  | (520) 795-5114  | <a href="https://www.sahba.org/">https://www.sahba.org/</a>   |
| Southwest Desert Images           | (520) 803-0063  | <a href="http://www.southwestdesert.com">www.southwestdesert.com</a>  |
| Southwest Gas Corp                | (520) 452-4103  | <a href="http://www.swgas.com">www.swgas.com</a>  |
| Stan Greer Millworks              | (520) 378-9311  | <a href="http://www.stangreer.com">www.stangreer.com</a>  |
| Stan's Fence Company, Inc.        | (520) 456-2650  | <a href="http://www.stansfenceaz.com">www.stansfenceaz.com</a>  |
| Sulphur Springs Valley Electric   | (520) 515-3470  | <a href="http://www.ssvect.org">www.ssvect.org</a>  |
| Sun Drywall & Stucco Inc.         | (520) 378-2384  |   |
| The UPS Store                     | (520) 459-6996  | <a href="https://locations.theupsstore.com/az/sierra-vista/2160-e-fry-blvd">https://locations.theupsstore.com/az/sierra-vista/2160-e-fry-blvd</a>       |
| Truly Nolen Pest Control          | (520) 458-5095  | <a href="http://www.trulynolen.com">www.trulynolen.com</a>  |

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