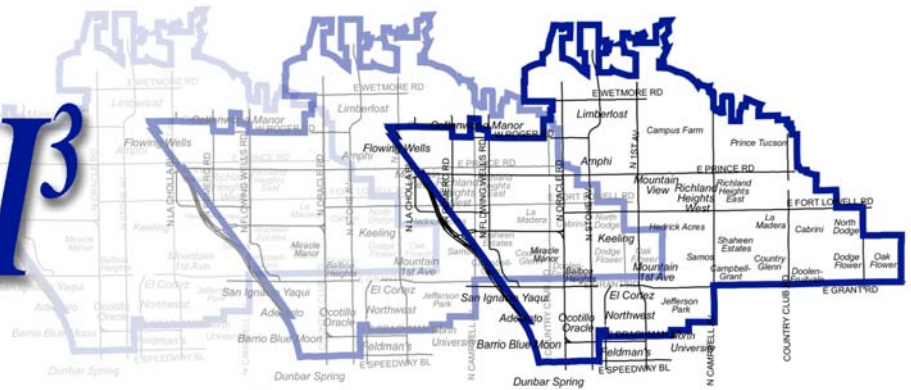


# WARD III



*News about your community . . .*



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## A Note from Karin

Dear Friends,

I am always amazed by the feedback we receive from Ward 3 Citizens and Tucsonans in general. We do our best to express our thinking on various issues that come our way, but what truly helps shape my final positions come from the many letters, e-mails and thoughtful advocacy work from people like *you*.

I've sent you a few updates this past two months regarding our work to prevent unjustified Sun/Van Tran fare increases, balance the budget while sustaining our historically-high level of police/fire field staffing, and promote transparency and accountability in local government. Please keep letting us know how you think we're doing on these and other issues, and what we can do to better serve the City of Tucson.

On page 4 of this issue, we have included some helpful tips and reminders of how you can express your thoughts to the Ward 3 Office and to the full Mayor & Council. If this is familiar territory, please spread the word to others so they can share their ideas.

Have a great summer and keep your opinions coming. We count on them!

Sincerely,

## WORDS OF WISDOM ON THE IMPORTANCE OF DIALOGUE

"Honest disagreement is often a good sign of progress"  
— **Mahatma Gandhi**

"No robust democracy insulates its citizens from views that they might find novel or even inflammatory"  
— **Sandra Day O'Connor**

"The important thing is not to stop questioning"  
— **Albert Einstein**

## City Innovation Promotes Creative Infill in Ward 3 by Holly Lachowicz

Keep an eye on the northwest corner of Allen and Campbell.

The Development Department of the City of Tucson is piloting a new approval process for rezoning known as direct ordinance adoption. Campus Farm Neighborhood Association and Daniel Wesson Company, LLC used the direct ordinance process very successfully in May to design a new medical office building. The building will sit on the west side of Campbell Ave just north of Allen road and south of the mobile home park. The building will be a one-story building of Jossler-type architecture. The utilities will be underground and a new sidewalk will be built for the area along Campbell that presently has none. The area will be landscaped with appropriate, low water use plants and the roof will be used for water harvesting.

Bonnie Poulos, President of the Campus Farm Neighborhood Association said the process worked well with Mr. Wesson and she hopes that rezoning by direct ordinance will be good for neighborhoods dealing with other infill projects.

The new direct ordinance process may be used when the rezoning application has detailed, approved development plans or has a plat that the Community Design Review Committee has verified to be in compliance with the required conditions and city codes.

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## ***SNIP Works In Partnership With Animal Welfare Groups*** By Barbara Lucero

The Animal Welfare Alliance of Southern Arizona (AWASA) has begun a new pilot program called Spay Neuter Intervention Project (SNIP) within the Ward III boundaries. The program, led by project director Dot Jones, was designed to provide low cost or free spay/neuter services for companion animals. The dedication, with demonstrations by a group of individuals working together to help bring an end to animal over-population, was overwhelming!

SNIP was fortunate to have nine participating veterinary clinics which participated in providing low cost and/or free spay neutering services. A total of 636 surgeries were conducted – 210 dogs and 425 cats. This service prevented unwanted births of hundreds of puppies and kittens that would probably have found their way to Tucson's overburdened rescue groups and animal shelters.

The mission of the alliance is to bring all of Southern Arizona's animal welfare organizations and interested individuals together for mutual support to bring about an end to companion animal overpopulation.

Thanks to everyone in the community that worked hard to increase the number of spayed and neutered pets.

Would you like to learn more or get involved? Call AWASA at 808-2135 or visit their website: [www.awasa.org/nfcd.html](http://www.awasa.org/nfcd.html)

You can also call me directly at the Ward 3 Council office at 791-4711. Happy to help!



## The College Place Opens Along the Oracle Corridor by Miguel Ortega



Council Member Karin Uhlich (center in red) makes it official. Dick Denessa (2nd from right in white) owner, regularly attends Oracle Area Revitalization Plan meetings (OARP).

It's official. College Place opened its doors for business on a sunny morning last May. With giant scissors in hand, Council Member Karin Uhlich cut the ceremonial ribbon at the grand opening celebration.

Over 100 neighborhood residents, students, business leaders and College Place staff were treated to free bagels and coffee from the new on-site restaurant Einstein Bros Bagels.

Once a full service hotel that closed its doors in 2006, the College Place serves as a perfect example of how creative infill development can both answer the call for more student housing in appropriate areas *and* more economic development along the Oracle Road corridor.

## Appreciating our Hard Working Crew from "Building G"! By Miguel Ortega

It's 5 am. July 16, 2008. The crew is hungry. The *posole* is ready. Do you know where the Ward 3 staff is?

In Building G of Environmental Services Department of course!

Management Analyst Barbara Lucero calls them "Barbara's Dream Team". She counts on the Residential ES Crew to help her with constituent needs on a regular basis.

So, to show our appreciate, we helped cook up a hearty breakfast for them... well, actually **John Varela** did most of the cooking. George Pettit and Miguel Ortega of the Ward 3 Office were also on hand to help....help eat the *posole* that is!

**Council Member Karin Uhlich extends her heart felt appreciation for the ES Residential Crew's hard work and dedication to customer service.**

**A BIG THANK YOU to:** - Ruben Quintana, Daniel Navarette, Juan Martinez, James King, Mario Romero, Jessie Villa, Walter Flores, Bryson Wampler, Gregg Shivers, Gabriel Ordone, Javier Bustamante, Kenneth Prior, Peter Lucero, Rueben Encinas, Gilbert Robles,

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..... **WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU DO FOR THE CITIZENS OF TUCSON!**



**Andrew Quigly**, Environmental Services director (left) tries to nab some *posole* from the crew.



(L to R) **Luis Luna, Barbara Lucero, Miguel Ortega, George Pettit & Pat Tapia** outside the ES Building "G".

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Volunteers hard at work making the Ward 3 Office green!

## If you support local businesses, “Go to Bedmart!”

by Miguel Ortega

You have seen the commercials and probably catch yourself joining in on that familiar tag line; “When you go to bed, go to Bedmart!” If that doesn’t get your attention, maybe the local celebrities and spokespeople on TV do. How can you miss Randy “The Big Unit” Johnson talking up Bedmart with his family?

Here is what you may not know. As large as this company is (25 stores state-wide), Bedmart is a family owned and operated business. The Bedmart store along North Oracle Road in Ward 3 has been open for almost two decades!

“When you’re working in your own city and state, your customer *is* your neighbor,” said Chet Goldberg, owner. “That means you treat them right.”

What is even more impressive is that Bedmart demonstrates its support of other locally owned businesses by partnering with **Local First Arizona** (donating \$1,000.00 as a “Sustaining Member”). Together, they educate consumers on the power and wisdom of “buying local”.

Learn more about Bedmart & Local First by visiting their websites:



[www.azbedmart.com](http://www.azbedmart.com)



[www.localfirstaz.com](http://www.localfirstaz.com)

## How can I *bend the ear* of the Mayor and Council?

- **CALL:** Mayor’s Office Comment Line: 791-4700
- **CALL:** Ward III Office: 791-4711
- **EMAIL:** [www.tucsonaz.gov](http://www.tucsonaz.gov) and click on Mayor and Council
- **EMAIL:** [www.ward3@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:www.ward3@tucsonaz.gov)
- **ATTEND:** Mayor and Council meet on most Tuesdays, 5:30 at City Hall. There is a “call to the audience” where you are given 3 minutes to state your opinion. Sub-Committee meetings, which are open to the public, also allow for public comment.

