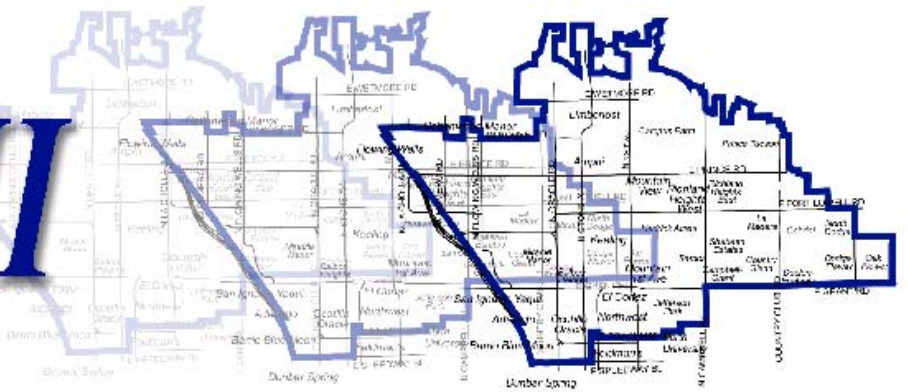


WARD III



News about your community . . .



Karin Uhlich
Vice Mayor

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A Note from Karin

Dear Tucsonans,

I hope you feel some of the optimism I do about Tucson. I have good reason to believe we will emerge from this economic downturn, somehow, with pride and progress intact.

Just as thousands of Tucsonans have started spending less to survive tough economic times, the Mayor and City Council have approved cuts to balance our budget. The difficult choices behind us pale in comparison to those that lie ahead. Every month I will be hosting community conversations to update you and hear your thoughts. Just this week we had over seventy people participate in such a conversation. I appreciate having your input to guide my service. I keep our conversations in mind every step of the way.

"I also appreciate the countless ways City residents take action to contribute to the community's well-being."

Hundreds of you have let me know you're "eating and buying local" to support our homegrown entrepreneurs and to better fuel our local economy. Countless more have asked "what can I do?" to abate graffiti and weeds; to support safety efforts or lend a hand to neighbors in need.

Hardship can breed conflict and competition. Yet in a place like Tucson, it can also intensify compassion and creativity. I couldn't be more proud to serve this City, because I get to experience the essence of our people – generous and hard-working – every single day.

Thank you for caring for one another and for our shared future. I hope you enjoy the joyous and peaceful holidays

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The City of Tucson recently held a Ceremony for Patrick Kelly as our NEW Fire Chief...



(L to R) City Clerk Roger Randolph, Vice Mayor Karin Uhlich and Fire Chief Patrick Kelly taking his oath of office.



Vice Mayor Uhlich pins the badge on Chief Patrick Kelly



Fire Chief Patrick Kelly making his speech as part of the City of Tucson Public Safety Team.

Barrio Blue Moon Resident Page Repp Wins Recognition By Linda Mehall

Congratulations go out to Page Repp, Jr., owner of Repp Design and Construction on being nominated as a Finalist for a corporate award from Arizona Business Magazine and the Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits. Page was one of 3 finalists in the Leadership Excellence Category.

Mr. Repp operates his business and lives in Barrio Blue Moon. In addition he has served for years as an officer for the Neighborhood Association. Repp Design and Construction homes can be seen throughout the community. A strong supporter of local events, we are proud to have you in Ward III. Well done, Page!



Toys for Tots Drop off Information...

Toys for Tots is critically behind its 2008 goal. There are 200 drop-off locations in the Tucson area and toys will be accepted through December 20. For info and Visit locations: www.toysfortotstucson.org

Community Emergency Response Teams Training Class By Vaughn Thompson

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, i.e. fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.



A class will be offered in the Ward III Council Community Room in January 2009. This is a 20 hour, free class. Times are Friday, January 9 from 6-10pm, Saturday, January 10 from 8am to 5pm and Saturday, January 24 from 8am to 5pm.

If you are interested in this class, please contact Vaughn Thompson at 834-9980 by December 31, 2008. For further information online: www.citizencorps.gov/cert/

Seniors Are Writing in Ward III by Holly Lachowicz

It's fun to grow older in Ward 3 thanks to Lend-A Hand. LAH is a non-profit group of volunteers who are dedicated to keeping seniors in their homes longer by providing rides and offering opportunities for intellectual and social stimulation. Ward III is very fortunate because they have chosen to work in Campus Farms, Hedrick Acres, La Madera, Limberlost, Mountain 1st, Samos and Winterhaven.

I visited the LAH Senior Writing Project and met the four writers: Ruth, Jim, Vivian and Betty.

Ruth, the oldest member at 92, joined to work on a novel that she is writing and to get out of the house. Jim hadn't had a library card since 1952 but after he read a selection from Steinbeck's "Travels with Charlie" for the class he was hooked and went to the Woods Library for more. As he said, "The library sure looked a lot different." Vivian and Betty enjoy the intellectual stimulation and the companionship and they appreciate the opportunity to use their writing to contribute something. Volunteers Lesley and Sherri, who have had a lot of experience teaching, direct the writing group and select the weekly readings- always one fiction, one essay and one poem.



Members and Volunteers enjoy an afternoon of writing!

Lend-A-Hand is neighbors being neighborly and Ward 3 is a better place to live because of them.

"Streets" Crew Gets the Job Done By Linda Mehall

Filling potholes, re-surfacing, re-striping...the Streets and Traffic Maintenance Division is tasked with preserving the quality of City streets. Although our current economic hard times left the City budget in tough shape, there is an on-going effort to re-surface the roads in Ward III. In the past few years, all or part these neighborhoods have been re-paved: Amphi, Oak Flower, Dodge Flower, North Dodge, St. Francis Cabrini, Doolen Fruitvale, La Madera, Country Glenn, Campbell Grant, Samos, Mountain/1st, Hedrick Acres. Scattered areas of Flowing Wells have also been re-paved. Other neighborhoods are scheduled for the upcoming years.



City Streets employees repair potholes on Ward III streets.

Obviously, high priority issues, such as removing dangerous obstructions in roadways and malfunctioning traffic signals will be addressed first. Normal priorities, i.e. pothole repair, paved and dirt road maintenance, overhanging tree limbs, street sweeping, will take place as scheduled.

Constituents may phone 791-3154 or email issues to:

TDOTStreetsTRafficMaint@tucsonaz.gov

A special thanks to Kurt Hough, Administrator of the Division, for his assistance in keeping Ward III in good shape.

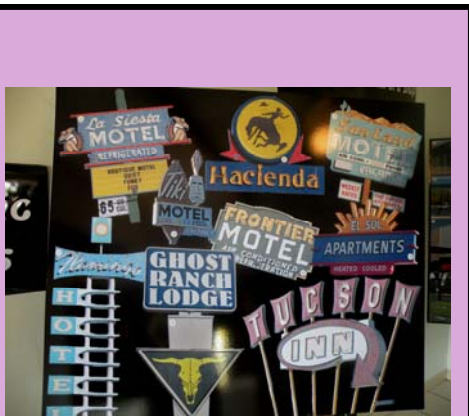
**"Stress Free Shopping Spree"
Buy Local Day Event with Vice
Mayor Uhlich.**



**Vice Mayor Uhlich and Mayor Walkup
presenting the Proclamation to Local
First Arizona.**



**Vice Mayor Uhlich and friends
enjoy a day of shopping down-
town.**



**Historic Signs on display at the TPAC
Studio Tour.**

Buy Local Day by Miguel Ortega

What did you do on the day after Thanksgiving? Shop? So did Karin!

Black Friday is known for shopping but this past Black Friday was special. Recently Vice Mayor Uhlich proposed that the Mayor & Council proclaim every first Friday after Thanksgiving as Buy Local Day. On the evening of this proclamation the Mayor & each Councilmember demonstrated their support for this day by purchasing a locally owned item from their perspective wards and showing it off at the meeting.

On the first Buy Local Day, Karin partnered with Local First Arizona (LFA) to sponsor an event called "Stress Free Shopping Spree—A Celebration of Buy Local Day. Tired shoppers were treated to free massage samples, raffle prizes, gift wrapping and plenty of shopping opportunities at locally owned stores within the Campbell Village shopping center.

Shopping makes you hungry. So, to finish the day, Karin was joined by shoppers for lunch at locally owned Pastiche. Karin was extra hungry since she started her day early by shopping local stores in the downtown area, along 4th Avenue, and along Oracle and Stone Avenues (which are within the area of the Oracle Area Revitalization Plan).

Think local, buy local, be local!

OARP Project Plays Foundational Role for Area Businesses by Tamara Prime

Vice Mayor Uhlich's focus and ongoing commitment on the Oracle Revitalization has been critical in keeping things moving forward. Vice Mayor Uhlich has been investing time and resources into assuring that coordinated efforts are focused on improving the quality of life for residents and businesses in the Oracle Area. With the OARP Citizen Steering Committee and the City's Urban Planning Department similarly dedicating their energies to the same cause, businesses in the area are starting to see the benefits.

Brad Poole, a Journalist with the Tucson Citizen recently captured some of the project successes in two stories. This first link is the article focusing specifically on the business association, published on 12/09/08.

Near-North Side firms seek to boost business, community in their area (12/09/2008) http://www.tucsoncitizen.com/ss/business_headlines/104661.php

His other article was published earlier in the week, and has less to do with the businesses and more to do with the Oracle Area Revitalization Plan (OARP) project.

Stretch of Oracle Road may return to Miracle Mile name (12/08/2008) <http://www.tucsoncitizen.com/ss/related/104551>

Absent from these articles is the mention of the MainStreet Business Assistance Program, through whose support it has been possible to have Jan Aalberts professionally facilitate this process. Thank you to Jan and to MainStreet's program manager, Britton Dornquist.

City of Tucson Lead Hazard Control Program by Scott Wilson

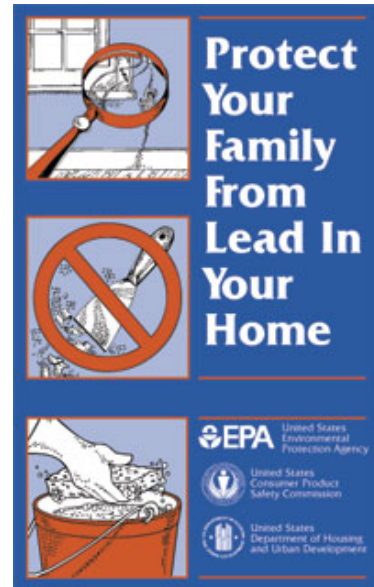
The City of Tucson and its partners will use \$3,000,000 of HUD funding to identify and address lead paint hazards in privately owned city residences and raise community awareness on the dangers of lead paint.

Lead is a known toxin that can impair children's development and may even cause death at high levels. HUD and the City of Tucson are working together as part of its commitment to help eliminate childhood lead poisoning by 2010.

Low income homeowners, tenants, or landlords with low income tenants residing in pre-1978 dwellings within Tucson city limits and with children under 6 years of age living in or frequenting the household, will be offered the opportunity to apply for COMPLIMENTARY lead paint inspection, lead hazard control, and lead blood level medical screening of children. Housing Rehabilitation grants for control of all identified lead hazards are available to eligible participants.

Call Karla Timmons at 520-837-5330, Scott Wilson at 520-837-5318 or Lisa Giannini, Outreach Coordinator for Southwest Fair Housing at 798-1568 for more details. You may also visit our website at:

http://www.tucsonaz.gov/csd/Housing_Programs/Rental/LHCP%20022608.pdf



Community Conversations with Vice Mayor Karin Uhlich

Karin invites you to participate in a series of community conversations to discuss City issues.

City staff will join Karin to provide additional information and answer questions from the public.

Monday, January 26, 2009

Ward 3 Council Office, 1510 E. Grant Road

6pm—7:30pm

These meetings are open to the public. Please call 791-4711 for more information.

We look forward to having you join us!

(Mark your calendars for the next meeting on February 23rd.)





Vice Mayor Uhlich and Community Members plant trees at Doolen School for Make a difference day.

**Vice Mayor Karin Uhlich
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Important Phone Numbers

- City Clerk's Office — 791-4213
- Community Services — 791-4171
- Code Violation — 791-5843
- Development Services — 791-5550
- Dept. of Transportation— 791-4371
- Environmental Services — 791-3171
- Graffiti Removal — 792-2489
- Legal Aide — 623-9465
- Mosquito Hotline — 243-7999
- Suntran— 792-9222

FORECLOSURE Assistance Available by George Pettit

FORECLOSURE! The talk about foreclosure is all over the news. It's tough on families that face the loss of their home and tough on neighborhood residents having the prospect of one more vacant run down property.

A recent study estimates, in the Tucson area, there will be 8,000 plus residential foreclosures this year and also next year. We estimated in one 45-day period this past spring there were approximately 100 foreclosures in Ward III!

The Federal Government is making \$7.3 million dollars available to the City of Tucson and smaller amounts available through the State and County for use in Tucson. The money coming to the City will be used to buy, rehabilitate and resell

already foreclosed homes – about 200 total.

Vice-Mayor Karin Uhlich spotted a program in Philadelphia, PA where the local courts insisted good faith negotiations between lenders and buyers before a property could go into foreclosure. The



program kept 80% of the properties from being foreclosed. Karin recently co-signed a letter with Richard Elias, Chair of the Pima County Supervisors, to Terry Goddard, Arizona Attorney General, asking what it would take to modify the court system in Arizona to be able to emulate the Philadelphia program.

There are a couple of non-profit agencies working in Ward III with people facing foreclosure on their property. If circumstances are right, they may be able to help the individual approach the lender and prevent foreclosure. They are:

**Family Housing Resources Center (318-0993)
or**

Chicanos Por La Causa 882-0018.



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Their agencies advise people facing foreclosure on their property to: seek help as quickly as possible; and even if they are terribly angry about what is happening, contact the lender to protect their future ability to get credit. One agency said they were able to help 50% of the people that contacted them.

If you know of someone, a friend, neighbor, family member, etc., that may be facing foreclosure, please let them know about the services that are available or have them call the Ward Office (791-4711). Some people are quite embarrassed about being caught in a foreclosure. However, millions of Americans are facing the same experience. It is a tragedy for the family going through the process and an empty house in a neighborhood is not good for anyone.