



# NEWSLETTER

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***Quote: Public Health Creates Economic Health!***

***By New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy***

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***THE LAST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, BEFORE SUMMER BREAK,  
MET THE SECOND WEDNESDAY, OF THE MONTH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020  
at 1:00 PM—Video Conference Meeting Because of COVID-19 Pandemic***

***THE CTRA BOARD WILL MEET AGAIN, AFTER SUMMER, ON WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020, AT 1:00 PM (THE LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER.)***

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***ALL FUTURE CTRA LUNCHEONS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE.***

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## **Golf Activities**

Call Richard Wiley at 520-603-9712 to play golf. Tee times are scheduled for every Tuesday in the early AM. Golfers rotate between the five Public Courses, Randolph North, (now called Randolph Dell Urich), El Rio, Fred Enke, and Silverbell Golf Courses.

During this COVID-19 Virus, City Courses are opened. However, the City of Tucson, is asking all golfers to practice safe-distancing. City Golf Staff is going to be staying a safe

distance away from players to maintain their health and golfers health.

The six (6) feet requirement for distancing between each player is still to be adhered to on the course. One person per cart is what is being mandated by the course staff. Keeping the distance between each player is still very important. Also face mask are encouraged to be worn, while playing, however, masks are not mandated. Please be smart and do not take chances.

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### DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The City of Tucson Deferred Compensation Plan (ICMA) is in the process of moving to EMPOWER Retirement. Earlier, all ICMA Members with deferred compensation accounts, received a brochure with information, from the City of Tucson and EMPOWER Retirement. The brochures and communications contained information for the transition.

As many of you already know, the black out period for the transition started on May 22, 2020. The black out period will end after the close of business on June 15, 2020. All account holders are to receive an announcement notifying them, when the plan is “live” with EMPOWER Retirement. Please contact [RetireTucsonAZ.com](http://RetireTucsonAZ.com) for additional transition materials. The transition meeting was recorded and is available on the above web site. If you have not reviewed it, I suggest you review it. Or you can contact EMPOWER Retirement at 1-833-822-0005.

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### NO MORE PAPER RETIREE CHECKS

The City Manager’s Office has directed and coordinated with the City’s Payroll Division, to have the Retirement Office, no longer provide paper retirement checks. The was effective with the April 30, 2020 payroll. There were 25 retirees, who were still receiving paper checks at the end of March; all were notified of the change and had the option to elect direct deposit or move to a payroll card. Of the 25 retirees, eight (8) elected direct deposit and submitted the appropriate documentation in time for the April payroll, and will receive direct deposit in April. Seventeen (17) retirees will receive the payroll card and will have the option to move to direct deposit at any point, in the future.

### OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR CITY OF TUCSON RETIREES FROM JUNE 1 Thru JUNE 15, 2020

Please review the Enrollment Material sent to you by the City of Tucson Benefits Office. The materials were sent out the week of May 25, 2020. I received my brochure on May 27, 2020.

Review the brochure carefully! This enrollment period is for medical, dental, and vision insurance.

Remember if you are over 65 years old, and receive Medicare, you will not be eligible for City Medical Insurance. However, some retirees, who are under 65 years of age, are eligible for the City's Medical Insurance.

To be sure you benefits are correct and up to date, please go into system and review your records. ie. Your address may need to be changed; or a beneficiary name may need to be changed. This is a good opportunity to make sure all your benefits are in order. Click "enroll" at [tucsonaz.gov/insurance](http://tucsonaz.gov/insurance). Follow the login instructions to get started. (This information is on the first page of your brochure, on the bottom left side.)

If you have not received your information by mail, or have questions, please contact Benefits Office Staff at 520-791-4597.

Email: [benefitquestions@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:benefitquestions@tucsonaz.gov)  
[www.tucsonaz.gov/insurance](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/insurance)

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### *Welcome to New CTRA Members*

Elizabeth Livingston  
James Gaston  
Mary Jane Dillard  
Brooks Keenan  
William Ambrose

### *Congratulations New Lifetime CTRA Members*

John Bartlett  
Lyle Rayfield  
Karen Larkin  
Robert Leon  
Francisco Lopez  
Victoria Matus  
Angie G. Lopez  
Nancy Tomlinson  
Lucille Valdez

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**CTRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
RENEWAL OR CHANGE FORM**

New Membership     Renewal     Changes

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ COT EMP # \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_

LAST 4 DIGITS OF SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
(For Retirement Office Use Only)

**Complete the following ONLY for NEW Membership OR Change:**

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

RETIREMENT DATE/DEPT \_\_\_\_\_

(COMPLETE FOLLOWING ONLY FOR PAYROLL DEDUCTION)

I authorize deduction of \$.50 per month from pension check

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required for Payroll Deduction)

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If you would rather send a check for your dues, please mark the box below.  
Dues become due on January 1st each year.

Enclosed is \$6.00 for Annual Dues  
(Make check payable to CTRA)

**MAIL TO: Kris Liberty  
2951 W. Alaska St.  
Tucson, Az 85746**

**If you are interested in becoming a member of CTRA, a membership application is included in this newsletter. If you are interested in learning more about CTRA, feel free to contact any Board member listed in this newsletter. Or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kris Liberty, Membership Chair at [kris\\_liberty@msn.com](mailto:kris_liberty@msn.com) or 520-419-5983  
Cost for membership is \$6.00 per calendar year.**

***IN MEMORIAM*****City of Tucson Retirees Deaths In March**

	<b><u>Name of Retiree</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Death</u></b>
1.	<b>Norma R. Mitchell</b>	<b>03/01/2020</b>
2.	<b>Dorothy O. Sbarre</b>	<b>03/03/2020</b>
3.	<b>Analilia Saldivar</b>	<b>03/03/2020</b>
4.	<b>Richard A. Oldenburg</b>	<b>03/12/2020</b>
5.	<b>Jerald J. Gustafson</b>	<b>03/19/2020</b>
6.	<b>Daniel F. Rosales</b>	<b>03/25/2020</b>
7.	<b>Todd Bullington</b>	<b>03/25/2020</b>
8.	<b>Margaret P. Sevier</b>	<b>03/27/2020</b>
9.	<b>Kathy S. Irwin</b>	<b>03/28/2020</b>
10.	<b>Arnold L. Valdez</b>	<b>03/30/2020</b>

**City of Tucson Retirees Deaths In April**

	<b><u>Name of Retiree</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Death</u></b>
1.	<b>Janice M. Davidson</b>	<b>04/05/2020</b>
2.	<b>Frank F. Devito</b>	<b>04/09/2020</b>
3.	<b>Charles L. Cruz</b>	<b>04/10/2020</b>
4.	<b>Wayne L. Boothe</b>	<b>04/12/2020</b>
5.	<b>Rene D. Perez</b>	<b>04/15/2020</b>
6.	<b>Jack S. Thibaut</b>	<b>04/18/2020</b>

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7.	<b>Annabelle L. Whipple</b>	<b>04/18/2020</b>
8.	<b>Gilbert R. Martinez</b>	<b>04/19/2020</b>
9.	<b>Mary J. Mendoza</b>	<b>04/25/2020</b>
10.	<b>Antonio V. Palma</b>	<b>04/25/2020</b>
11.	<b>Bruce A. McLeod</b>	<b>04/28/2020</b>

**City of Tucson Retirees Deaths In May**

	<b><u>Name of Retiree</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Death</u></b>
1.	<b>George T. Balee</b>	<b>05/01/2020</b>
2.	<b>Alice G. Ortiz</b>	<b>05/09/202</b>

***MAY OUR PAST COLLEAGUES REST IN PEACE! OUR CONDOLENCES TO THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.***

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**Unfortunately, we do not have the latest City of Tucson Retirees Listing, at this time. Information was requested, but we have not received it.**

**Delays due to the COVID-19 Virus and TSRS Board not meeting.**

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**CTRA DONATED \$500.00 TO THE FOOD BANK**

**At the May 13, 2020, CTRA Board, voted to donate \$500.00 to the Food Bank. Currently, the Food Bank is in need of donations, because of the COVID\_19 Virus, and people not working. Instead of waiting until the Thanksgiving Holiday, to make the donation, the Board voted to give the donation at this time**

**CTRA Newsletter Editor Position Open**

**If you are interested and have talent with preparing newsletters, your services are needed. Please contact Mary G. Parker, at 520-403-0053.**

**2020 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

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