# WARD 5 NEWSLETTER

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City of Tucson



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#### **Letter from Council Member Fimbres**

Dear Friends:

We have witnessed record temperatures here in Tucson and will see more of this in the Old Pueblo and across Arizona.



Due to this weather, our community has witnessed deaths caused by the high temperatures. Families have lost loved ones and friends have passed away because of the heat.

We have witnessed power issues due to this weather during the Summer that have affected air conditioners and coolers in homes, as well as for businesses and government offices.

The City of Tucson is offering cooling centers seven days a week, from noon-4 p.m. The centers are located at Donna R. Liggins Center, 2160 N. 6th Ave.; El Pueblo Center, 101 W. Irvington Road; El Rio Center, 1390 W. Speedway Blvd; Morris K. Udall Center, 7200 E. Tanque Verde Road; Randolph Center, 200 S. Alvernon Way; and William M. Clements Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive.

In the Summer, Tucson Water is working with customers who may have issues with their water bill during this time. Tucson Electric Power will not be shutting off power during the Summer months and will work with customers on their electric bills.

Please be safe, drink water and stay hydrated.

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**Your Ward 5 Council Member** 

**BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**: The Ward 5 Back to School Bash took place Saturday, July 22, at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center and was a success. It was great to see such a turnout from the community!

More than 1,700 backpacks, school supplies, free breakfast, immunizations, bike repairs, car and booster seats giveaway, health screenings and outreach were done for the thousands who turned out for this event. I want to thank Officers Fernandez, Figueroa and Placencia from TPD ODS who cooked the breakfast.









The Bash was held at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center, for which I want to thank Jerry Neely, the staff at the Center and the Center Volunteers for their help on this.

I want to thank my Ward 5 staff, with a special shout out to Lupita Robles for all the work she did on this event, the coordination of the service providers, businesses, backpacks and school supplies, which made this a big success. I want to also thank my Chief of Staff Mark Kerr and Mary Kuchar for their work and help at Quincie Douglas











The Ward 5 Council Office, TPD, TPOA, Geico, Tucson Metro USBC, Target, United Hearts of Arizona, TEP, were sponsors for the event, for which I want to thank them for their support.

I want to thank Arizona Governor Katie Hobb's Southern Arizona Office for being at the event and reaching out to our community.

Many organizations, government, service providers and businesses were present taking part, including: TFD, U of A College of Public Health, FUGA, Los Artes, Dave & Busters,

Main Event, Amistades, Pima County Workforce Department, Pima County Health Department Cox Communications, Document Services, TUSD, SUSD, State Farm, 520Boyz, GSAAC 9th and 10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers, City of Tucson Housing and Community Development, City of EGSD and CPLC. It was a great day and the community showed education is the key to success.

WELCOME TO WARD 5: Two new businesses are coming into Ward 5. Imperial Brown, an employee-owned manufacturer of walk-in coolers and freezers for commercial kitchens, has completed construction of their Tucson plant and is now hiring. The 99,000square-foot facility is located at 3350 East Medina Road in the Tucson Airport Distribution Center. Imperial Brown is expected to create at least 100 new jobs in Tucson, and the new plant will have an economic impact of approximately \$225 million over the next 10 years. For more information, call 800-238-4093 or online at imperialbrown.com.



KATIE HOBBS



Kansas City-based Flint Development is nearing completion of the Tucson Commerce Center near the Tucson International Airport. The project, on more than 47 acres at the southwest corner of Alvernon and Valencia, will bring to market more than 800,000 square feet of industrial spec space in three high-cube warehouse buildings.

This is Flint's first project in Arizona, and the company has a similar project under construction in Marana.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR: Another school year will be starting soon. The school zone signs will be out in the morning and afternoon, with crossing guards helping students cross our streets to get to schools The University of Arizona and Pima College will soon be starting their semesters and college students are moving into the dorms and houses in our neighborhoods.

So let us be good neighbors. My office has gathered information to inform everyone who may not know about some of the rules about parking; dates of times for trash pickup; dates for upcoming Brush and Bulky pickup; noise levels and what to do about loud parties.



#### SAFE PARKING IN ACCORDANCE WITH TUCSON CITY CODE

- Be aware of signage to alert you to restricted parking areas.
- Park with both of your wheels within 18 inches of the curb. This will keep your vehicle out of travel lanes and away from bicyclists moving with vehicular traffic.
- Leave some distance between your vehicle and all driveways, alleys, intersections, traffic control devices, and of course, fire hydrants.
- Park your car in the same direction as vehicles moving in the adjacent travel lane. Don't cross the opposing path of travel in order to park in a parallel or angled spot with the front of your car pointing in the direction of oncoming travel.
- Make sure your vehicle registration is current and up-to-date and that your updated registration is displayed on your license plate(s).
- Watch for signs indicating that an angled space is "back-in only" and follow that direction.
- Do not block alleys, driveways, or traffic control devices such as stop signs.

Most residents have a green garbage container collected at the curb. Collection times vary.

- Set out container by 6 a.m. on your collection day.
- Place container within one foot of the curb and leave at least three feet between containers.
- Place container with lid opening towards the street.
- Place the containers at least three feet away from parked cars, mailboxes, and other obstacles.
- Do not leave your containers at the curb on non-service days and put away after service.
- Please do not place hazardous or toxic waste in your trash bin. The City provides other ways to properly dispose of these items.

Residents who repeatedly violate the rules and regulations may incur a service fee on their utility service bill or be subject to court imposed fees.

Don't leave your containers out past your pickup up date. Please return it to the space you have in your yard. For any damaged trash containers and to find out your trash pickup date, either call Environmental Services at (520) 791-3171 or go online to maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/

The City collects your residential recycling every other week.

Place empty, clean, and dry recyclable items in your blue bin and set out on the same day as your garbage pickup -up. Have the barrel at curb by 6 a.m. to ensure service and only set out when it is more than half full to help decrease fuel consumption and air pollution.

Some things to remember:

- No plastic grocery bags or film (find out why).
- No glass (instead take glass bottles and jars to glass drop-off site).
- No garbage or food waste. Food containers can be lightly rinsed to recycle, but just throw it out if it's very dirty!
- Leave labels on containers.
- Bottle and jar caps and lids should be left on the container.
- All recyclables go loose into the blue barrel, together - no sorting! Please put them in individually, not inside a box or bag.
- Do not flatten cans and bottles to ensure sorting equipment works properly
- Cut or flatten corrugated cardboard boxes to fit in container. Remove plastic wrapping and liners

Thanks for saving resources, energy and landfill space by Doing More Blue! For more information, call (520) 791-3171 or online at: https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Environmental-and-General-Services.

Brush and Bulky: Environmental Services offers Brush and Bulky twice a year. Environmental Services will pick up 10 cubic yards of materials with the following guidelines: They will take brush, cacti (must be contained), lumber up to five feet, scrap metal, piping up to five feet, appliances, refrigerator and freezers with doors removed, automobile tires (limit five), and home furnishings. Environmental Services will not collect: Dirt, stone, concrete, gravel, glass, household hazardous waste (i.e. paint, oil, pesticides and liquids). To find out your Brush and Bulky pick up date, either call Environmental Services at (520) 791-3171 or go online to / maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/.

Cleaning up after your dog: It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you are liable to step in one such reminder! When walking your dog out in our community, remember that it should be leashed. Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste and then dispose of it properly. By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community.

Loud Parties and Red Tags: With the start of a semester come loud parties. Although I understand student excitement about the school year, there are codes that are in place and must be followed. A loud party or unruly gathering can result in a red tag, which has several consequences. If red tagged, a visible "red tag" will be placed in street view, notifying the neighborhood of the issuance. The red tag comes with a fine and if a college student is involved, a report to the Dean of Students of the respective school. The "red tag" states that if another unruly gathering occurs within 180 days that fines will be given in amounts of \$500-\$1500. To report loud parties, call (520) 791-4444. People can also go online to: <a href="https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Police/TPD-Patrol-Divisions">https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Police/TPD-Patrol-Divisions</a> and report them as well.

In the last page of the newsletter are referral phone numbers for city services and others that my staff has also put together. So please be safe, wear sunscreen and stay hydrated, especially with these temperatures we've had.



**OPERATION SPLASH:** In an effort to protect the public during Tucson's summer thunderstorm season, the Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM) has entered the next phase of "Operation Splash," as storms have been in the weather forecast. Crews from DTM's Streets Maintenance Division have delivered barricades to hundreds of dip crossings throughout the city, and DTM staff is now on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through mid-September. As washes flood, crews will close roadways at dip crossings and washes using the more than 500 barricades that were delivered and placed on the side of the roadways near the crossings.



DTM is now also offering residents free sandbags at a self-service site in the east parking lot of Hi Corbett Field, 700 S. Randolph Way, at Reid Park. Residents should bring their own shovels. To accommodate as many residents as possible, there is a limit of 10 sandbags per vehicle.

**TUCSON HOMELESS WORK PROGRAM UPDATE**: Old Pueblo Community Services (OPCS) has announced that in the last quarter for the Tucson Homeless Work Program, more than 220,000 of trash was cleared at sites across Tucson. This marks more than 1.1 million pounds of trash cleared since the inception of the program. More than 2,000 people have now gone through the Homeless Work Program, which will be expanding to five crews of seven people, five days a week.

I want to thank Bear Barley and the staff and crew at OPCS who oversee the Homeless Work Program on their work and continuing the success of the program that I created and which started December 6, 2016.



**SILVERLAKE PARK**: I want to thank Sally Polanco and the Tucson Raiders Youth Football Program for their clean up effort at Silverlake Park, July 23. Mary Kuchar from my office helped coordinate the event.

Congratulations and hope the Youth Raiders Program does well in their upcoming season.



**HIGH-EFFICIENCY CLOTHES WASHER AND TOILET REBATES AVAILABLE**: Tucson Water customers can apply to get rebates when purchasing and installing qualifying high-efficiency toilets and/or clothes washers.

Single-family rebates are \$100 for the purchase of a qualifying high-efficiency clothes washer or replacing your old front-loading machine with a new front-loading machine. Get a \$200 rebate if replacing your old top-loading machine with a new front-loading machine. Residential, multi family, and commercial customers can also get a \$100 rebate when buying Premium High-Efficiency toilets.





Qualifying low-income customers can purchase a discounted high-efficiency clothes washer for \$200. For more information, call (520) 791-3242 or online at: https://www.tucsonaz.gov/water/apply-for-rebates.

BUS GRANT AWARDED: The City of Tucson was awarded a \$21,490,560 grant from the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) to purchase 39 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses to replace the remaining high emissions producing diesel-fuel buses in Sun Tran's fleet. The switch will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 2,480 metric tons as the City works toward achieving carbon neutrality in City operations by 2030. The transportation sector accounts for nearly one-third of greenhouse gas emissions. With this grant, the City of Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility will continue paving the way toward a more sustainable future.



**HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT PROTOCOL & REPORTING TOOL**: The Homeless Encampment Protocol is initiated when a homeless camp, located on City property or private property, poses a threat to public safety, causes a major criminal or health concern, or when there is camping in any City park after hours.

The encampment online reporting tool will allow our community to help the City identify encampment locations and assess the level of response needed, including outreach, clean-up, and enforcement. To report an encampment online, go to: https://reportencampments.tucsonaz.gov/, or call the Resource Hotline (520) 791-2540.

**NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**: Neighborhoods in Ward 5 are meeting again in person. Ward 5 has many neighborhood associations and with the pandemic, some stopped meeting or had virtual meetings. For more information on neighborhood meetings, please call the Ward 5 Council Office, (520) 791-4231.

**KIDZ EXPO:** I want to congratulate Alma Gallardo and the staff at Arizona Bilingual for their 12th Annual Arizona Kidz Expo and Back to School Event, held at the Tucson Convention Center. School kids and their families also had the opportunity to get backpacks and school supplies, while enjoying a good time at the Expo.

**IN MEMORIAM**: Tucson has lost a great activist with the passing of Ann Montano, and community leader George Walls.

Ann worked on many issues of concern, including water contamination, education, health care for those in need on the south side and many others. Ann helped many elected officials, serving on boards and commissions and I was honored to get her thoughts and advice on issues concerning Ward 5 and the City of Tucson.

Her leadership, knowledge, passion, commitment and expertise will be sorely missed by us all. We've lost a leader, community and social justice activist, but we have gained another Guardian Angel. My condolences go out to her family for their loss.

George Walls was an educator, as well as an accomplished athlete at Salpointe.

The Walls family was one of service to our community. George was an educator and his brother Mike, had a distinguished career and retired as a captain with the Tucson Fire Department.

My condolences go out to the Walls family. We've lost a good person but gained another Guardian Angel.





## It's **SUMMER** in the desert

Summer in Arizona is more than hot, it can be dangerous

Learn how to stay safe and cool when playing or working outdoors

#### Know the risks

- Summer temperatures exceed 100°F (38°C) nearly 50 days a year
- The risk for getting sick is highest when temperatures are over 90°F (32°C)
- Heat-related illness, or "overheating," is common in hot weather and can be fatal
- Visitors who are not used to climates like the Sonoran Desert and those with medical conditions are at even higher risk

### Watch for signs of heat illness

- Muscle cramps
- Throbbing headaches
- Weakness or tiredness
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Dizziness



If you start to feel ill, immediately get indoors and drink water slowly. Take a cool shower or bath. If you don't get better or symptoms get worse dial 9-1-1 for emergency services.





### Drink lots of water and stay in

- Drink water before you feel thirsty
- Drink 1-2 liters per hour when outdoors
- Spend the hottest times of the day inside
- Carry water wherever you go



### Play early, relax often

- Plan your outdoor activities for the early morning (5-7AM)
- Return by 10AM and avoid strenuous activities if possible
- Eat healthy foods, even in small portions
- Take breaks in the shade often



### Protect your skin

- Wear long sleeve clothing, pants, and a wide-brimmed hat
- Use sunscreen (30 SPF or higher) on exposed skin
- Stay in the shade if relaxing outdoors



#### Fight the Bite! Day & Night

- Mosquitos can carry diseases, avoid getting bit
- Use DEET repellent AFTER sunscreen
- Avoid or remove standing water



For more information and tips, visit pima.gov/heat



**SUMMER POOL SCHEDULE**: Tucson Parks and Recreation will offer swim lessons, competitive swim team, and synchronized swim team this summer. Swim lessons will be \$15 per two-week session, meeting four days per week. StarBabies classes are available for ages 6 months to 2 years old, and Starfish Swim School is available for ages 3-12 years old. To register or for more information, call (520) 791-4877 or online at: https://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/pools-and-splash-pads.

SUMMER POOL SEASON MAY 28-JULY 30 (CLOSED MAY 29 AND JULY 4)			
POOL	LOCATION	ADULT LAP	RECREATIONAL SWIM
Amphitheater	125 W. Yavapai Rd. (520) 791-4359	MonThurs.: 11 a.m1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sun.: Noon-7 p.m.	Mon-Thurs.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sun.: Noon-7 p.m.
Archer <b>■●★</b> ①■	1665 S. La Cholla Blvd. (520) 791-5388	MonThurs.: 6-8 a.m., 11 a.m1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sun.: Noon-7pm	MonThurs.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sun.: Noon-7 p.m.
Catalina 🔳 🕽	2005 N. Dodge Blvd. (520) 791-4245	TuesFri.: 11 a.m1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p m.	TuesFri.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Clements • 🔳 • 🕦 🔳	8155 E. Poinciana Dr. (520) 791-5643	MonThurs.: 6-8 a.m., 11 a.m1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sun.: Noon-7 p.m.	MonThurs.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Edith Ball ARC Recreation Pool • ①	3455 E. Zoo Ct. (520) 791-5643	MonThurs.: 6-7 a.m., 11:30 a.m1 p.m. Mon. and Wed.: 5:30 p.m7 p.m. Fri.: 6-8 a.m., 11:30 a.m1 p.m., Sat. Noon-5 p.m.	MonThurs.: 1-5 p.m. Mon. and Wed.: 5:30-7 p.m. Frl.: 1-4 p.m., Sat. Noon-5 p.m.
Edith Ball ARC Therapy Pool	3455 E. Zoo Ct. (520) 791-5643	By Reservation:  MW: 6:40-7:40 a.m., 7:50-8:50 a.m., 11 a.m12:15 p.m., 2-3:15 p.m., 3:30-4:45 p.m., 6-7:15 p  Tu/Th: 6:40-7:40 a.m., 7:50-8:50 a.m., 2-3:15 p.m., 3:30-4:45 p.m., and 6-7:15 p.m.  Friday: 6:40-7:40 a.m., 7:50-8:50 a.m., and 2:40-3:50 p.m  Saturday: 12:30-1:45 p.m. and 2-3:15 p.m.	
El Pueblo	5100 S. Missiondale Rd. (520) 791-4176	TuesFri.; 11 a.m1 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.	TuesFri.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Fort Lowell	2900 N. Craycroft Rd. (520) 791-3232	MonThurs.: 11 a.m1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sun.: Noon-7 p.m.	MonThurs.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sun.: Noon-7 p.m.
Freedom • *	5000 E. 29th St. (520) 791-2585		MonThurs.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sun.: Noon-7 p.m.
Himmel ■ ★ ①	1000 N. Tucson Blvd. (520) 791-4157	TuesFri.: Noon-1 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.	TuesFri.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Jacobs	1020 W. Lind St. (520) 791-4358		TuesFri.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Jesse Owens	400 S. Sarnoff Dr. (520) 791-4821		MonThurs.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sun.: Noon-7pm
Kennedy ■ ★	3700 S. Mission Rd. (530) 791-4863		TuesFri.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Mansfield ■ ★	2275 N. 4th Ave. (520) 791-4405		TuesFri.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Menlo	1100 W. Fresno St. (520) 791-4356		TuesFri.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Oury	665 N. Hughes St. (520) 791-4375		MonThurs.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sun.: Noon-7pm
Palo Verde	300 S. Mann Ave. (520) 791-4375		TuesFrl.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Purple Heart 6 1	9800 E. Rita Rd. (520) 791-5941	TuesFri.: 6-8a.m., 11 a.m1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.	TuesFrl.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Quincie Douglas	1563 E. 36th St. (520) 791-5941	TuesFri.: 11 a.m1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.	TuesFrl.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Sunnyside	1725 E. Bilby Rd. (520) 791-5167	TuesFri.: 6-8a.m., 11 a.m1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.	TuesFrl.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Jdall ♦Ⅲ ① ■	7200 E. Tanque Verde Rd. (520) 791-4004	TuesFri.: 6-8 a.m., 11 a.m1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.	TuesFri.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.

### **IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

**Emergency** Tucson Police and Tucson Fire Departments DIAL 911

**Permits** Planning and Development Services Dept.

(520) 791-5550, pdsdinguiries@tucsonaz.gov.

**Housing Assistance** Community Services Department

(520) 791-4739, hcdadmin@tucsonaz.gov.

**Code Enforcement** 

(520) 791-5843

**Homeless Encampment Protocol & Reporting Tool** 

(520) 791-2540, Reporting Tool website:

https://reportencampments.tucsonaz.gov/

**TPD Red Tag Unit** 

(520) 837-7318, redtag@tucsonaz.gov.

**Graffiti Removal** 

(520) 792-CITY (2489), graffiti@tucsonaz.gov

**TPD Non-Emergency** 

(520) 791-4444

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services

(520) 791-3171, eshelp@tucsonaz.gov.

**DTM Street Maintenance** 

(520) 791-3154, Email: tdotconcerns@tucsonaz.gov

**Tucson Water** 

Billing (520) 791-3242, Public Information (520) 791-4331,

TW\_web1@tucsonaz.gov

**Park Tucson** 

(520) 791-5071

**Pima Animal Care Center** 

(520) 724-5900

**UA Neighborhood Hotline** 

(520) 282-3649

**Meals on Wheels** 

(520) 622-1600 https://mobilemealssoaz.org/

**Tucson Diaper Bank** 

(520) 325-1400 https://diaperbank.org/

**Community Food Bank** 

(520) 622-0525 https://www.communityfoodbank.org/

**Pima County Community Assistance** 

(520) 724-2460 https://www.pima.gov/887/Community-

Assistance-Division

**ICS** 

(520) 297-6049 https://www.icstucson.org/

### **STAY INFORMED!**

Check out our other information outlets



https:// www.tucsonaz.gov/ ward-5

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