

# WARD 5 NEWSLETTER

Council Member Richard G. Fimbres

City of Tucson



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## Letter from Council Member Fimbres

Dear Friends:

Veterans Day means a lot to me. As your Council Member for Ward 5, I continue my work to instill the values of patriotism in young people and for them to remember those who served this nation in the military, through work with our Veterans' groups and the Veterans Day Parade and support from our city government for this.

For the past 14 years, during Memorial Day and Veteran's Day, a contingent of elected officials, groups and organizations join me in going to the Southern Arizona V.A. Hospital to present thank you cards to veterans at the hospital along with the VA hospital staff for their work and service.

Schools across Tucson and Pima County, as well as groups and organizations, have volunteered to make thank you cards for our veterans.

To remember the 396 Tucsonans of the Greatest Generation, who volunteered to serve our country during World War II and made the ultimate sacrifice, through my work to ensure the completion of the World War II Memorial marking its 10th anniversary, that is located in Armory Park. The Memorial was the idea of the late Gilbert Quintanilla, who had served our country and saw our community had no memorial to those Tucsonans who served and died in World War II.

I am looking forward to the Veterans Tribute Luncheon, Sunday, November 5, at the KayCee Club, to honor more Tucsonans who served and have served this nation in the military.

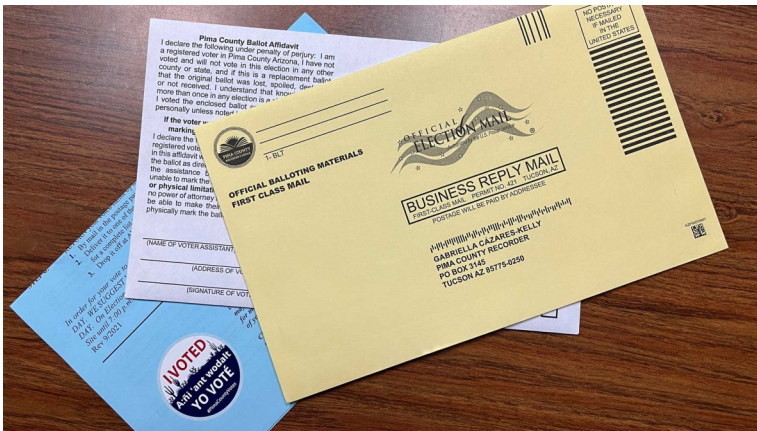
I want to thank our community for their support of our veterans, those who are serving as well as those who have served, and their families. I also want to thank those businesses in our community, who support our active and retired veterans with events, donations and discounts.

Thank you to those serving, and to the families, as well as those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice, God bless you. You are not forgotten and here is the Veteran’s Prayer:

“Dear Lord, we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country’s heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America’s victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen. Let us remember all of the veterans that sacrificed so much to keep our country safe. God bless all of our troops and may He watch over them forever.”

Thank You.

Richard Fimbres  
Your Ward 5 Councilmember  
U.S. Army 27 ½ years (Retired)



**TUCSON'S ELECTION PUBLICITY PAMPHLET IN HOMES AND ONLINE:** The City of Tucson's "The Choice is Yours" election publicity pamphlet recently was mailed to eligible voters in the city and is also online in PDF format.

On Tuesday, Nov. 7, City of Tucson voters will choose a mayor, as well as council members from Wards 1, 2, and 4. They will also vote on Proposition 413, which asks voters whether they want to raise the salaries of Mayor and Council for the first time since 1999. The election is part of the consolidated general and

special election. Voters in five school districts will decide on bond and override elections, and there will be a Vail Incorporation Special Election.

["The Choice is Yours" publicity pamphlet for City of Tucson items \(PDF\)](#)

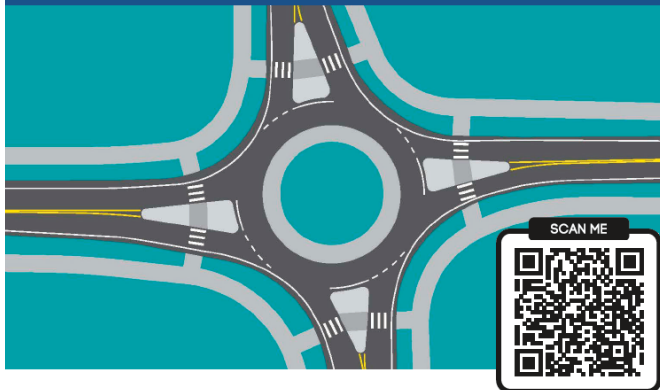
[City Clerk's Office - Elections](#)

[Pima County Elections](#)

[Pima County Recorder](#)

[Proposition 413 fact sheet](#)

# PROPOSED ROUNDABOUT 36TH ST & S. CAMPBELL AVE



## JOIN THE CITY OF TUCSON AT AN OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ROUNDABOUT

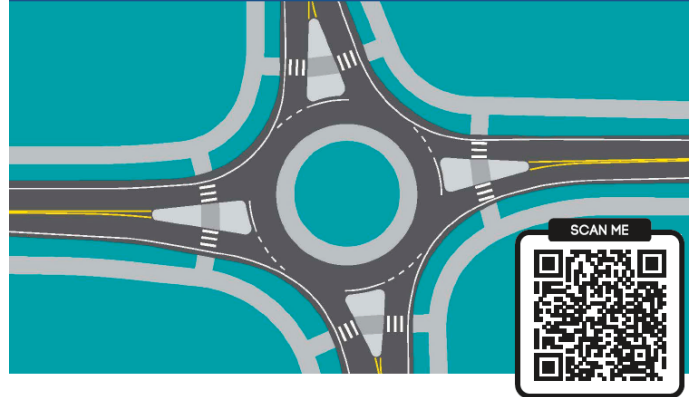
Wednesday, Nov. 1 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Quincie Douglas Center | 1575 E 36th St  
Formal presentation at 6:15 p.m.  
FREE Food

Saturday, Nov. 4 | 9 - 11 a.m.  
Quincie Douglas Center | 1575 E 36th St  
Formal presentation at 9:15 a.m.  
FREE Food | FREE Bike Repair

For more information, scan the QR code  
or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/36roundabout>



# ROTONDA PROPUESTA 36TH ST & S. CAMPBELL AVE

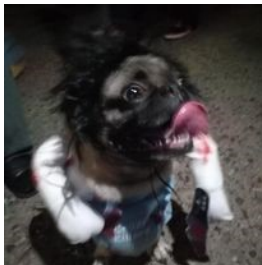


## ÚNASE A LA CIUDAD DE TUCSON PARA DISCUTIR LA ROTONDA PROPUESTA

Miércoles 1 de noviembre | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Quincie Douglas Center | 1575 E 36th St  
Presentación formal a las 6:15 p.m.  
Comida GRATIS

Sábado 4 de noviembre | 9 - 11 a.m.  
Quincie Douglas Center | 1575 E 36th St  
Presentación formal a las 9:15 a.m.  
Comida GRATIS | Reparación de bicicletas  
GRATIS

Para más información, escanee el código  
QR o visite:  
<https://tinyurl.com/36roundabout>



**QUINCIE TRUNK OR TREAT A SUCCESS:** More than 2,000 kids and their families turned out for the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center's Trunk or Treat, held Friday, October 13.

The event provided a fun and safe Halloween Party for the kids and kids at heart, from the surrounding neighborhoods. Mary Kuchar from my office worked with the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Staff and volunteers on this successful event.



**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.

**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>.

**LOW-INCOME WATER CONSERVATION SERVICES:** Qualifying Tucson Water customers can apply to receive grants and loans to install rainwater harvesting and gray water irrigation systems. In partnership with SERI (Sonoran Environmental Research Institute), participants can receive up to \$1,000 in grants and \$2,000 in zero-interest loans and SERI will cover the upfront cost of the project. Other programs include our discounted high-efficiency clothes washer where eligible customers can purchase a machine for only \$200 that can be paid with a zero-interest loan and our FREE toilet replacement services in partnership with Community Home Repair Projects of Arizona (CHRPA) where customers that are homeowners can receive up to 2 toilet replacements at no cost. For more information, visit [tucsonaz.gov/water/low-income-conservation-programs](https://www.tucsonaz.gov/water/low-income-conservation-programs) or call (520) 791-3242.

**RAINWATER HARVESTING (up to a \$2,000 rebate) & GRAY WATER (up to a \$1,000 rebate) -** The Tucson Water Conservation Program offers rebates for installing rainwater harvesting and permanent gray water irrigation systems. Taking advantage of these opportunities in your home can help conserve water and save you money! A free, three-hour workshop and submission of a project plan are required to qualify. Check out the upcoming workshop dates and our Rainwater & Gray Water Pressurized System - Backflow Prevention Requirement informative video. Our partners offer different days, times, and modalities that can accommodate different schedules. Check them out! For more information, call (520) 791-3242.

**NEW SUN TRAN SCHEDULES:** The Sun Link streetcar is operating with extending route hours. Sun Link now runs until 2 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Sun Tran, Sun Express, and Sun Shuttle also have new schedules. To see the new schedules, go to <https://www.suntran.com/news/fallschedules/>, or call Customer Service at (520) 792-9222 to plan your trips.

**HOW TO REPORT TRANSPORTATION CONCERNS :** Is there a pothole you'd like to see filled after yesterday's storm? Is a street sign missing? Is a tree limb hanging too close over a roadway or sidewalk? You can report these issues to the City of Tucson's Department of Transportation and Mobility, (520) 791-3154, or email the exact location to [TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov).

**FENTANYL:** Fentanyl is a huge issue in our community. In the last two years, Arizona has seized over 50% of the fentanyl in the country. Pima County averages 25-30 fatal overdoses a month. It also has a huge impact on our crime rates, pedestrian fatalities, and quality of life issues.

The Counter Narcotics Alliance (CNA) has taken a collaborative proactive approach to the issues. One of the areas we have been pushing is awareness and providing information to the community, which can be found by scanning the QR code.



**Attention homeowners!**  
PCCLT is excited to announce our Rehab and Repair Program. Our program offers up to \$10,000 to low-moderate income homeowners to address essential housing repairs.

### SCOPE OF WORK:

- Septic/sewer system repairs
- Heating and cooling
- Roof replacement
- Major plumbing repairs (gas and/or water)
- Electrical repairs
- Health and safety items such as window and door issues.
- Modifications may be made for residents with disabilities

**Learn More**

[www.pcclt.org](http://www.pcclt.org)

# REPAIR YOUR HOUSE





**WELCOME ISAIAH!:** Isaiah Norris has been hired as the Housing Choice Voucher Administrator for the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Isaiah comes with a background in private and public sector work in public housing, community development, program management, and operations.

He is the founder and owner of a small consulting business focused on housing operations, contracts, small businesses, and operation guidance to public housing authorities. He has extensive experience with federal Housing and Urban Development regulations and has provided operation support to troubled landlords and has experience as a housing inspector. In addition, he worked at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix in various capacities. HCD Interim Director Ann Chanecka said that the addition of Isaiah Norris to the HCD staff will bolster the department's efforts to continue providing quality service and attention to the Tucson community. "Isaiah comes to us with proven management and leadership skills that will move the Housing Choice Voucher program forward. We are confident that Isaiah will help HCD in significant ways," said Ann.



"I'm truly excited for the opportunity to work alongside everyone in HCD. I plan to bring all my public and private housing experience to the department but I'm most eager to learn from all my staff and colleagues," said Isaiah. "I do not expect to know it all, but I'm excited to learn from everyone around me. Above all, I'm hoping to bring a very uplifting, energetic, fun, and focused energy and mindset to my HCV staff. I'm truly grateful and thankful."

**VETERANS TRIBUTE LUNCHEON:** On Sunday, November 5, Tucsonans who have served or are serving our country in the military will be recognized at the 2023 Veterans Tribute Luncheon at the Kay-Cee Club, 601 S. Tucson Blvd. This community event thanks these people for their service and commitment. For more information about the event, please call the Ward 5 Council Office, (520) 791-4231



**Sock Drive**  
**10th Annual United Hearts  
of Arizona Shoe & Jacket Event  
benefiting K-5th grade underserved  
children in the Southside.**

**September 11 thru December 15, 2023**

**Drop off Site:  
Ward 5 Council Office  
4300 S. Park Ave  
Tucson, AZ 85714  
520-791-4231**

**Proud Sponsor**



Please come out and help our community reach our goal! United Hearts of Arizona is hosting the 10th annual shoe and jacket event. We are asking for you to donate new/unused socks, benefiting kindergarten to 5th grade kids. The Ward 5 Council Office, located at 4300 South Park, is the drop off site. For any questions, please call (520) 791-4231. Thank you for your support to a good cause. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



CITY OF  
**TUCSON**  
PARKS & RECREATION

¡Un programa de recreación móvil llegará a un parque cerca de usted!  
**A mobile recreation program  
is coming to a park near you!**



Ready, Set,  
**REC!**



Encuentra las camionetas  
Follow us to find the vans

Tucsonaz.gov/parks   @ReadySetRec   #ReadySetRec

**READY, SET REC!**: Tucson Parks and Recreation's mobile recreation program, "Ready, Set, Rec!", is touring parks throughout Tucson. Play is for all ages, and the fun includes cornhole, board games, hula hoops, giant chess/checkers, giant Connect 4, music, giant Jenga, giant ring toss, walking sticks, etc. For more information, go online to: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Parks-and-Recreation/ReadySetRec>.



# Halloween Safety Tips

- S**tay in groups
- C**ostumes should be well fitting and flame resistant
- A**lways test makeup
- R**emember to look both ways when crossing streets
- E**xamine all treats before eating
- S**tay on sidewalks when possible
- A**void dark houses
- F**lashlights + glowsticks for visibility
- E**njoy with caution!

**American  
Safety Council**





**Dedicated - Dedicado a el Father Ricardo Elford**

**Join us to build a community altar to commemorate Dia de Muertos in our barrios!**

**Unase con nosotros para construir un altar comunitario para celebrar El Dia de Muertos**

**Wednesday, November 1st, 5:30 - 7:30pm**  
**El Pueblo Neighborhood Center Courtyard, 101 W Irvington Rd**

**Free and open to the public! ¡Gratis y abierto al público!**

**Everyone is welcome to bring pictures to add to the altar.**  
**Todos están invitados a traer fotos para el altar**

Please bring **ONLY photocopies of pictures**  
Por favor traiga **SOLO copias de fotos**, no originales

**Snacks, Music and Dance**  
**Dia de Muertos dress is Encouraged**



# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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

**Permits** Planning and Development Services Dept.  
(520) 791-5550, pdsinquiries@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](mailto: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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