



# City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

Memorial Day means a lot to me as a 27 ½ year retired Army veteran.

As your Councilmember 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. I work to ensure the City works with our Veterans groups to have a Veteran's Day Parade and I am proud to take part, each and every year.



For the past nine years, during Memorial Day and Veteran's Day, a contingent of elected officials, groups and organizations join me in going out to the Southern Arizona V.A. Hospital to present thank you cards to veterans at the hospital or getting treatment and the VA hospital staff for their work. More than three dozen schools across Tucson and Pima County, as well as groups and organizations, have volunteered to make thank you cards for our veterans.

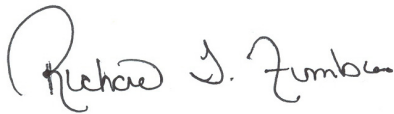
My office has worked to organize the annual KC Club/Knight of Columbus 1200 Veteran's Recognition and Remembrance Dinner to be held during Veteran's Day. I had the privilege of speaking at the 2018 Memorial Day Event at Evergreen Cemetery. I want to thank VFW Post 10188 Commander Abraham Rodriguez for the opportunity to speak.

I have had the privilege of representing the City of Tucson at the Salute to Community Service events, where our military branches honor graduating high school students who have committed to service in the military.

I have had the privilege to represent the City of Tucson when veterans, and the families of veterans are being recognized, most recently with World War II veteran, Pfc. First Class Margarito Ramirez, who received the Legion of Honor from the French Government for his service in France in World War II, as well as the dedication of the Gold Star Mothers statue at Evergreen Cemetery. I want to thank Gold Star Mothers for their work and American Patriot Memorial for working to get the statue created and a place for its presentation.

To remember the 396 Tucsonans of the Greatest Generation, who volunteered to serve our country during World War II and made the ultimate sacrifice, I worked to ensure the completion of the World War II Memorial that is located in Armory Park. This 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. Thank you to the families of those who served our nation in the military. To all those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice, God bless you and 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

#### **JTED GROUND BREAKING AT THE BRIDGES**

The groundbreaking for the new JTED (Joint Technical Education District) took place Thursday, May 30.

This is a collaboration between your Ward 5 Councilmember and Ward 5 staff, Don Bourn and Bourn Company, Garry Brave and BFL Construction, Superintendent Kathy Prather of JTED, TUSD Superintendent Dr. Gabriel Trujillo, Sunnyside School Superintendent Steve Holmes and the four surrounding neighborhoods: South Park, Las Vistas, Western Hills II and Pueblo Gardens.



I want to thank everyone for their work and efforts on the Innovative Learning Center.



The first building will be a two-story, 50,000 square foot facility that can serve 900 students. Bourn Company donated the land and BFL Construction is overseeing the construction under a capital lease and is scheduled to be completed by July 2020.

I want to thank everyone who came out for the ground breaking and I want to thank everyone who has been involved with this great project and another part of the Renaissance of Ward 5.

### **CENTER FOR OPPORTUNITY DEDICATION**

On Friday, May 17, I had the privilege of attending and speaking at the dedication of the H.S. Lopez Family Foundation Center for Opportunity, located at the former Holiday Inn Holidome.

Governor Doug Ducey was present, along with Pima County Supervisor Ramon Valadez and Pima County Administrator Chuck Huckleberry.



This Center will house 30 service providers and agencies to help those in need. This Center is a wonderful collaboration with the faith based community and the private sector.

I want to congratulate Humberto Lopez, Czarina Lopez and the H.S. Lopez Family Foundation for their work in the community and for purchasing the former hotel to develop into the Center for Opportunity.

I want to thank Pastor Roy Tullgren III and Lisa Chastain of the Gospel Rescue Mission for their work and developing this into a Center to help those in need.

I also want to thank Dan Ranieri with La Frontera as well for his leadership in helping to develop the Center.

I want to thank Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, Councilmember Steve Kozachik and the Ward 6 Staff, the Ward 1 Council Office staff, Councilmember Paul Durham and Tucson City Manager Michael Ortega for attending this dedication.



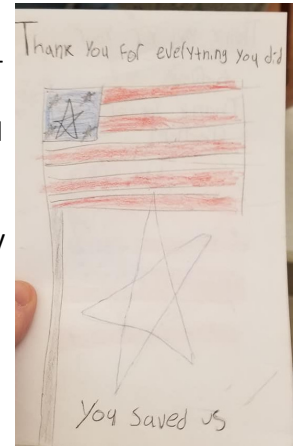
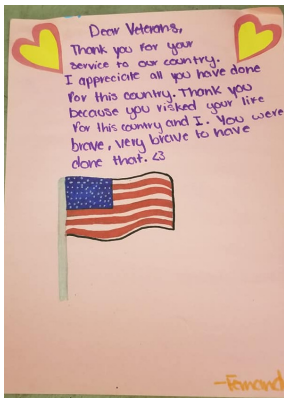
**THANK YOU CARDS DISTRIBUTED**

On Friday, May 24, a contingent of elected officials, representatives for, military organizations and the Tucson Roadrunners joined me at the Southern Arizona VA in presenting 2,450 thank you cards, letters made by students from 15 schools across Tucson and Pima County.



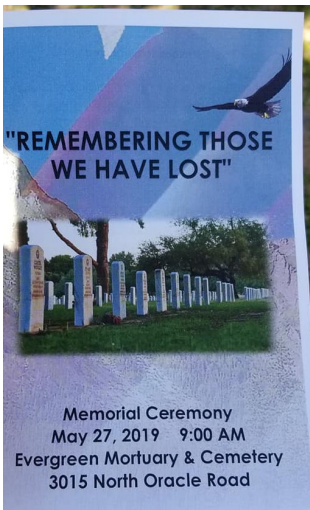
Thank you to the students, teachers and staff from: Borman K-8, Carrillo, Challenger Middle School, Cottonwood Elementary, Cragin Elementary, Drachman Montessori, Hollinger, Mesquite, Mexicaytol Academy, Roberts Naylor, Southside Community School, Vail Academy, Vail Innovation Center and Wright Elementary.

I want to thank Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, South Tucson Mayor Robert Teso, Tucson Councilmember Paul Durham, Pima County Sheriff Mark Napier, David Ramirez with the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council and representatives, Cassandra Becerra with Congressman Raul Grijalva's office, Angela Reyes with Tucson Councilmember Paul Cunningham's office, South Tucson City Manager John Vidaurri, the American Patriot Memorial and Dusty and Elaine Becherer with the Tucson Roadrunners. I want to thank Luke Johnson and the staff at the VA Hospital for letting us distribute the cards and letters for these past nine years.

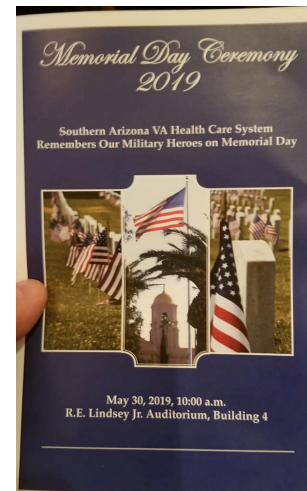


**COMMEMORATING MEMORIAL DAY**

On Monday, May 27, I attended the Memorial Day Ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery. I want to thank the organizers of the service and everyone who came out to remember those who served our nation in the military. Councilmember Regina Romero and Mark Kelly were present.



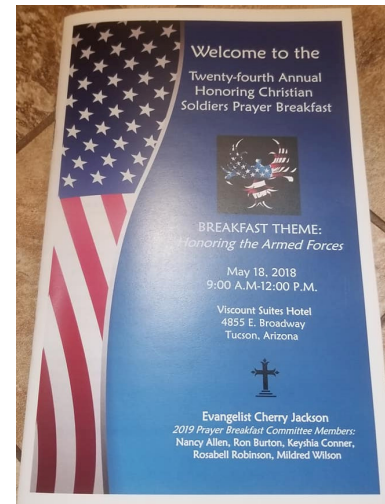
On Thursday, May 30, I attended the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Southern Arizona V.A. Hospital, a moving event which reminds us to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice defending this country, each and every day.





### CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS BREAKFAST

On Saturday, May 18, I had the privilege of attending, speaking and presenting Ward 5 Certificates of Appreciation and Medallions of Hope at the 24th Annual Black Christian Soldiers Prayer Breakfast held at the Viscount Hotel. I want to thank Evangelist Cherry Jackson for the opportunity to speak at the Breakfast. I want to congratulate the honorees and the organizing committee for their work on the Breakfast.



### AMERICAN LEGION 100th ANNIVERSARY MARKED

On Saturday, May 11, as a Councilmember and proud veteran of the U.S. Army, I had the privilege to read the City of Tucson Proclamation recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion.

Tucson's commemoration took place at Tucson Greyhound Park. Congratulations to the organizers for a successful event.

### FREE SWIM AND RECREATION THIS SUMMER

In 2011, during the economic recession, I had brought forward "Bring Back the Splash," a private/public partnership to open the City pools for kids during the Summer, which opened the pools for several years giving our young people an opportunity to swim during the Summer.

Before the discussion about the FY '20 City of Tucson budget, I met with Tucson City Manager Michael Ortega about the importance of giving our young people, especially those from low income families the opportunity to swim and use the recreation center.

I want to thank the City Manager for directing staff to give young people the opportunity to swim and use the recreation centers this Summer. What follows is the news release about it.

The City of Tucson invites kids ages 17 and under to beat the heat at City pools and recreation centers for free this summer. Throughout June and July, youth will pay no admission fee at 13 City of Tucson Parks and Recreation centers during open recreation hours.

Due to other center programming, ages 12-17 are permitted after 2 p.m. and ages 7 and up are permitted after 6 p.m. A list of participating recreation centers can be found at [www.tucsonaz.gov/parks](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks).



Youth also can swim for free at 19 pools during recreational swim and family swim hours. A fee will still be charged at the Edith Ball Adaptive Recreation Center pool. Fees are \$2 for adults (18 and over) and \$1 for youth (17 and under). A map and hours of City pools can be found at [www.tucsonaz.gov/parks](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks).

The fun also continues into the evening. Join us for a pool party hosted at six pools in June and July from 5-7 p.m. There will be lots of games, music, and snacks located outside the pool entrance, with a pool inflatable (if pool size permits)

and water games in the pool.

Pool Party Dates and Locations: June 12 – Mansfield Pool, 2275 N. 4th Ave. June 19 – Catalina Pool, 2005 N. Dodge Blvd. June 26 – Kennedy Pool, 3700 S. Mission Road. July 10 – Palo Verde Pool, 355 S. Mann Ave. July 17 – El Pueblo Pool, 5100 S. Missiondale Road. July 24 – Purple Heart Pool, 10050 E. Rita Road.

**TENTATIVE BUDGET APPROVED**

At the May 21, Mayor and Council Regular Agenda Meeting, the Mayor and Council voted to tentatively approve the FY '20 Budget for the City of Tucson.

The structurally balanced budget totals \$1.5 Billion, of which \$460 million to Mayor and Council have control over while the remaining funds are federal grants, state grants and other grant monies. The Mayor and Council will have a final vote on the FY '20 Budget at their June 4 meeting. The FY '20 would begin on July 1.



**SPAY NEUTER CLINIC HELD**

Saturday, May 18 was the first free spay/neuter clinic held in the Littletown Area at Craycroft Elementary.

My office and Asavet Charities organized this, with the help of the Sunnyside School District to help control the pet population.

I want to thank Maria Sinn and Asavet Charities for their help and work for this clinic.

There will be more clinics in the Littletown area starting in the fall.



### BETTY LIGGINS

On Thursday, May 23, I had the privilege of speaking at the Memorial Service held for Betty Liggins, a south side community activist and civil rights leader. As a State Director for LULAC, I worked with Betty Liggins to secure a trailer from Sundt Construction so that she could conduct medical clinics for residents in the South Park area at Mirasol Park. Betty Liggins was a trailblazer and a person I was honored to call a friend. Betty worked to better the lives of many in our community, with her work as a nurse, educator and public advocate and for her work in the Sunland Gardens Neighborhood.



### ELKS CLUB NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK MARKED IN TUCSON

On Sunday, May 5, I had the privilege of speaking to the members of the Elks 385 Lodge on the start of the Elks National Youth Week for their annual Youth Banquet where they give out educa-

tional scholarships and musical equipment to students. I want to thank the Elks Club and Jesse Lugo for this opportunity.



### TDOT WARD 5 PROPOSITION 101 PROJECT UPDATES

As you may recall, on May 16, 2017, City of Tucson voters overwhelmingly approved a new, five-year, half-cent sales tax to fund public safety capital needs and roadway improvements. The tax went into effect on July 1, 2017.

The funds collected over the five-year period would be split with \$100 million being used to restore, repair, and resurface City streets, and \$150 million would be spent on vehicles, equipment, and facilities for the Tucson Police Department and Tucson Fire Department.

The half-cent sales tax increase is estimated to cost each household member in the City of Tucson approximately \$3 per month over the course of the five-year period.

Of the estimated \$100 million in roadway improvements, 60 percent will be used for arterial or major roads, and the remaining 40 percent will fund the repair of local or residential streets.

As part of Proposition 101 Better Streets Program, voters approved specific major streets to be improved and a citizen's oversight commission, known as the 2012 Bond Oversight Commission has selected the residential roads to be repaired.

As for upcoming Better Streets projects in Ward 5, the Transportation Department is currently preparing bid documents to go to the Procurement Department for the resurfacing of the southwestern section of the Julia Keen Neighborhood. The resurfacing project is scheduled to begin in late July or early August of this year.

### NEW BUS SHELTERS AND CONCRETE PADS IN WARD 5

Beginning in June, the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) will replace older bus shelters with new shelters that will be wheelchair accessible, provide better seating and feature shade structures. Eleven of the new shelters will be installed in the Ward 5 area. And two refurbished shelters will be installed to serve the new El Rio Health Center on 22nd Street and Cherrybell Stravenue. The list of locations is below.

#### New Bus Shelters (to be installed in June)

- 32nd St/Winstel Blvd, southeast quad
- Sixth Ave/Irvington Rd, northeast quad
- Ajo Way/Kino Blvd, southeast quad
- Alvernon Way/27th St, northeast quad
- Cherrybell Strav/22nd St, southwest quad
- Country Club Rd/Tucson Food Bank, northeast quad
- Country Club Rd/Rickey Vista, southwest quad
- Forgeus Ave/36th St, northeast quad
- Irvington Rd/First Ave, southwest quad
- Irvington Rd/Calle Ole, northwest quad
- Kino Pkwy/22nd St off ramp, southeast quad
- Park Ave/Bantam Rd, northeast quad
- Silverlake Rd/Cherrybell Strav, northeast quad



This past May, seven concrete pads were installed at new bus stops along the Kino Boulevard corridor. The new pads are ADA-accessible for wheelchair users to make safe connections to adjacent businesses and neighborhoods, including the new El Rio Health Center. The list of locations is below.

#### New Concrete Pads (installed in May)

- 36th St/Kino Blvd, northwest quad
- Cherrybell Strav/22nd St, southwest quad
- Kino Pkwy/Winsett St, southwest quad
- Kino Pkwy/Silverlake Rd, southwest quad
- Kino Pkwy/ Tucson Marketplace, northeast quad
- Kino Pkwy/36th St, northeast quad
- Kino Pkwy/22nd St off-ramp, southeast quad



### WARD 5 BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT—QUALITY INN AT THE AIRPORT

The Quality Inn at the Airport is located at 2803 East Valencia. The Quality Inn has been renovated with the new beds, new furniture and new appliances in the rooms and in the hotel itself.

A complimentary breakfast is offered each morning. Wireless Internet access is complimentary. A round-trip airport shuttle (available 24 hours) and an area shuttle are complimentary for guests. This business-friendly hotel also offers a spa tub, a rooftop terrace, and multilingual staff and has designated smoking areas. For more information call (520) 294-2500.





### **JUNE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS**

Here is the schedule of neighborhood meetings for June.

South Park Neighborhood Association - Monday, June 3 at 6:00 pm at Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th St.

Barrio Santa Rosa Neighborhood Association - Monday, June 10 at 6:00 pm, Santa Rosa Library, 1075 S. 10th Ave,

Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association - Thursday, June 13 at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Ave.

Cherry Ave. Neighborhood Association – Saturday, June 15 at 10:00 am at the Cherry Avenue Recreation Center, 5085 S. Cherry Ave.

Barrio Santa Rita/West Ochoa Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, June 18 at 6:00 pm Santa Cruz Parish, Good Shepherd Room, 1220 S. 6th Ave.

SNAPP (Southside Neighborhood Assn. Presidential Partnership) - Thursday, June 20st at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Ave.

29th Street Coalition – Wednesday, June 26th at 6:00 pm, location TBD. Call Mary Kuchar at the Ward 5 Council Office, 791-4231 for location.

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## Frequently Used Phone Numbers

### **Emergency Services**

Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department  
DIAL 911

### **Permits**

Planning and Development Services Department  
791-5550

### **Housing Assistance**

City of Tucson Community Services Department  
791-4739

### **Tucson Convention Center**

791-4101

### **City of Tucson Code Enforcement**

791-5843

### **TPD Red Tag Unit**

837-7318

### **Graffiti Removal**

792-CITY (2489)

### **TPD Non Emergency**

791-4444

### **Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services**

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department  
791-3171

### **Transportation & Street Maintenance**

Tucson Department of Transportation  
791-3154

### **Tucson Water Department**

Billing - 791-3242, Public Information - 791-4331

### **Park Tucson**

791-5071

### **Pima Animal Care**

724-5900

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