



City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

We have been told by many that the best restaurants in the County are in Ward Five and South Tucson. UNESCO's designation of Tucson the First City in the United States as a City of Gastronomy, helps to prove it.

As summer is now upon us, I would suggest instead of cooking and making your house even hotter go out and enjoy some of our great restaurants. Below is a listing of some of our great eating establishments.



American Eats— 1439 S. 4th Avenue

American Eats is a food court, with ten local food concepts with a wide selection to choose from. It is a great place to meet people and with a wide selection of food to choose from.

Café Santa Rosa—2615 S. 6th Avenue

Café Santa Rosa had expanded their operation. The food is delicious. The service is fantastic! If you ever feel like having some native food this is the spot. It feels like Tucson in there, with the décor and traditional delicious food.



Sunny Daze – 4980 S. Campbell Avenue

Sunny Daze Cafe is a favorite that brings the beach to the desert on the south side! They are a diner that serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. You can enjoy American, Burgers and a touch of Mexican food. Must try their scrumptious Sunny Puffs! Service is outstanding!

Cora's Café – 4525 S. Park Avenue

Cora's Café is well known for its home-style Mexican food, that has kept their diners satisfied, including birria and machaca, and soups such cocido, albondigas and menudo, and great salsa. Very friendly atmosphere with good service!





Silver Saddle Steak House – 310 E. Benson Highway

Family owned since 1984. A warm and rustic atmosphere was created inside the Silver Saddle Steakhouse and Tapadera Lounge. In keeping with old southwest tradition, a custom steel and brick mesquite wood grill and pit were built. An antique buggy wheel with welded horseshoes attached serve to raise the cooking grill to appropriate levels above the smoky mesquite wood fire.

Marymar Raspados – 4764 S. 6th Avenue

Stop by to cool down at Marymar with their mouth-watering refreshing raspados, corn cocktails, smoothies, fruit salads, nachos and much, much more. Great customer service!



Perfecto's Mexican Restaurant – 5404 S. 12th Avenue and Perfecto's Mexican Grill Express – 1055 E. Irvington Road

Perfecto's Mexican Restaurant and Mexican Grill Express are the perfect place to enjoy authentic Mexican food! They are well known for their delicious beef or corn tamales, burritos and their savory cocido soup. You will leave very satisfied and most of all, happy with the portions and

authentic flavor of the food. Service is first class!



Rigo's Mexican Restaurant – 2527 S. 4th Avenue and 5851 N. Oracle Road

Two locations to enjoy Rigo's delicious authentic Mexican food! Mexican food buffet is offered for breakfast, lunch and dinner or order from the great selections from the menu. Rigo's is well known for the delicious home-cooked feeling. Service is great! Congratulations to Rigo and his third new location in Benson.



Mi Nidito - 1813 S. 4th Avenue

A tradition in Tucson's Mexican restaurants, Mi Nidito features authentic Sonoran cooking. Some of the dishes that have made Mi Nidito popular are: chile relleno, flautas, birria (shredded beef), chimichangas (deep fried burros) and enchiladas. Mi Nidito has been chosen by Hispanic Magazine as one of the nations top Hispanic restaurants and has won numerous awards in the past.



Los Jarritos – 4832 S. 12th Avenue

For the best green corn or red chili beef or pork tamales visit Los Jarritos Restaurant, small place but great food, service, and prices. Frances Erunez and her staff give great customer service. They also serve the best menudo red or white to go.



El Guero Canelo – 5201 S. 12th Avenue

In January 2018, El Güero Canelo was awarded one of the James Beard Foundation's 2018 America's Classics Awards, alerting the whole wide world to the delicious wonder of this longtime Tucson favorite. Eating one of their Sonoran Dogs is having a piece of Tucson history in your mouth. I had the privilege of reading the City of Tucson Proclamation on their success with the James Beard Award.



Laverna's Coffee Shop – 220 S. Plumer Avenue

It's a homey little place with big portions! Great home cooking, superior service, food is tasty and good prices!

The Chorizo and Eggs and the Green Chili Omelet are popular. Staff is very welcoming!



Suspiros Cakes – 5327 S. 12 Avenue, 502 W. Ajo Way #108, 5606 E. Broadway, 1686 W. Valencia

Welcome to Tucson! Lucia Fonseca de Esparza owner of the Hermosillo, Sonora based Suspiros Cakes to Ward 5 and community, Lucia uses her family recipes for their gourmet cakes and pies which include more than 40 varieties. Stop by one of their four locations to savor a slice of your favorite cake.



Karichimaka Restaurant - 5252 S. Mission

The menu proudly proclaims it's been open since 1949, that gives you an indication of the type of place you're entering. Great food, great service and worth the drive.

Albondigos soup is cooked the classic way and their Tanichopa Salads are good. Don't forget Sopapillas for dessert!

Taco Shop – 1350 E. Broadway Boulevard

Best authentic Mexican burrito you'll ever get in a fast food setting!

The food is always delicious. Great customer service, always a smile, fast service and they make you feel like you're a guest at their house not a restaurant.



Barrio Brewery—800 E. 16th Street

Barrio Brewery has great burgers, chicken wings, sandwiches, soups, onion rings and salads. A great meal with a great atmosphere.

Mei Hon - 1030 W. Irvington

Mei Hon is a family owned Chinese restaurant comfortably nestled within South Tucson. Serving quality fresh Chinese cuisine in Tucson for over 20 years, we pride ourselves on fast, friendly service and tasty Chinese food.

Lin's Grand Buffet - 1068 E. Tucson Marketplace Boulevard

Down-to-earth dining room featuring Chinese fare, sushi, steak & seafood in a large buffet setup.

El Torero - 231 E. 26th

The families who owned LaRua's and El Torero have moved their operations to El Torero, 231 East 26th St, offering a wide selection of meals to choose from.

BK Tacos – 5118 S. 12th Avenue

BK is a fusion that leads in a new authentic and innovative concept distinguished by its high standards of quality and flavor. It caters to the tastes and needs of our clients and we exceed in a supreme ambiance with excellent and unique service.

Cattletown Steak House – 3141 E. Drexel

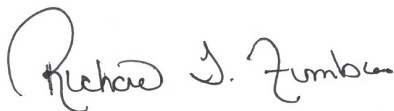
Offers a wide selection of steaks and burgers to choose from and dine in a wonderful atmosphere.

Micha's - 2908 S. 4th Avenue

Rebuilt after the fire that swept through Micha's, the community pitched in to help it rebuild and re-open. The Mariscal family opened it in 1976 and it quickly became a lunchtime hot spot, a reputation that has held steady through the decades.

These are just a few of fine restaurants to choose from in Ward 5. There are other restaurants and markets across Tucson, like **Islas Meat Market at 702 W. Irvington** with great chorizo, beef jerky and great cuts of meat, **El Minuto at 345 S. Main Avenue** or **Caruso's Italian Restaurant located at 434 N. 4th Avenue** to name of couple of the many options Tucsonans have. When you Eat Local, you will appreciate as well as the restaurant during these hot Summer months. If you get the opportunity, Eat Local at one of these restaurants which have helped make Tucson a City of Gastronomy.

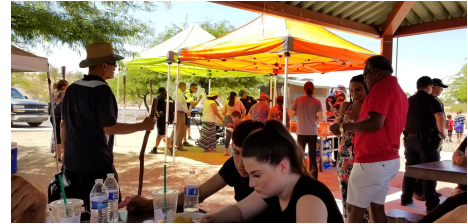
Hope to see you out at one of Tucson's finest restaurants.



Richard Fimbres
Your Ward 5 Councilmember

Community Event at Western Hills II Neighborhood

On Saturday, June 29, I had the privilege of attending a wonderful community event where the Western Hills II neighborhood, led by Willie Blake, got to meet the police, firefighters, community service officers and park rangers who serve them. This was a true sense of community policing.



Special thanks goes to Willie Blake and the Western Hills II neighborhood and Tucson Police Department South Division, Capt. John Strader, Sgt. Will Corrales and Ofc. Scooby Fernandez, the Tucson Fire Department, Jerry Neely – Director of the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center and the Ward 5 Council Office staff. Many of the neighbors came to the park and also had wonderful hamburgers and hot dogs, sodas and ice cold water. I want to thank Planet Subs, Dave and Busters, Union Pacific Railroad Safety, Century Mark Theater and Target for their support by being at the event in Ward 5.



Recycling Update

Carlos De La Torre, Director of the City of Tucson Environmental & General Services, said that the City will begin the every other week recycling starting the week of September 30. This is due to the collapse of the recycled materials market from China and other countries. Sierra Vista is one of the Arizona Cities which recently canceled their recycling program. For more information, call 791-3171.



Sunshine Mile Survey

Rio Nuevo invites you to participate in the Sunshine Mile Survey. The Rio Nuevo District would like to hear your thoughts and suggestions regarding the Sunshine Mile. Your input will help guide the design, land uses, and character of the Sunshine Mile through the drafting process of an Urban Overlay District (an optional zoning district). More information at RioNuevo.org. Take the survey at: <https://rionuevo.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36e67a5b03b57ddeef29698dd&id=3e74085f67&e=89442b7b2e>



George Kalil

Wednesday, July 10 was a sad day for our community, with the passing of George Kalil, a great community leader and advocate.

I had the pleasure of working with George Kalil on many issues, including: keeping the Cherrybell Post Office and Processing Center open, the Retreat student housing project, the Kino-22nd Street Overpass Project, expanding the City of Tucson Central Business District to include the Millville Neighborhood and the Sister Jose’s Women’s Center, to name five of many.

When the fight to keep the Cherrybell Post Office and Processing Center began in 2011, George Kalil was the first businessman to step up to oppose the closure, speaking at the public hearing the USPS conducted two days after Christmas in 2011.

George wrote editorials on Cherrybell and garnered business for the post office and processing center.

George Kalil was a great contributor to schools in Tucson, including the University of Arizona, where he was known as “Mr. U of A Basketball.”

He also contributed to many worthwhile community projects and organizations, most recently, the Sister Jose’s Women’s Center.



George Kalil and Kalil Bottling, which is located in Ward 5, provided many jobs to those in our community, giving opportunities to people to live, work and raise a family.

George Kalil served as President of the Millville Neighborhood Association in Ward 5 and worked hard for the businesses and residents in his neighborhood.

I could count on George Kalil for his opinion on issues at hand and support for our community.

George Kalil will be missed.





Thank You Joshua

Friday, July 12 was Joshua Ashton's last day working at the Ward 5 Council Office. Joshua worked as an intern and then part of the Ward 5 Council Office team. In his spare time, Joshua serves as a Student Commissioner on the Metropolitan Education Commission and the March for Our Lives Foundation. Joshua will be continuing his studies and I want to thank him for his work and wish him all the success in his future endeavors which we expect great things from this impressive young man.

Tucson Homeless Work Program Update

The Tucson Homeless Work Program has been in existence since December 6, 2016 and I wanted to give you an update on the program. The Tucson Homeless Work Program is a partnership with non-profit organizations and the faith based community.

A total of 682 people have participated in the program, with 40% entered and gained permanent housing, 10% entering behavioral health services and 32% entered employment services. A total of 190,215 pounds of trash and waste has been cleared and cleaned at 230 sites and locations as well as 164 miles of roadway around Tucson and Pima County.

The Tucson Homeless Work Program is administered by Old Pueblo Community Services (OPCS). To donate to the program, make checks payable to OPCS, put Tucson Homeless Work Program in the Memo line and mail them to: OPCS, 4501 E. 5th Street, Tucson, AZ 85701. Donations can be made online at helptucson.org. For more information, call (520) 546-0122.

Monsoon Safety

If you think a flash flood is on its way, trust your instincts. Always follow signs and turn around. Most flash flood deaths occur in vehicles, so never drive into a puddle or a flooded area. Moving water one to two feet deep will carry away most vehicles.

Keep children away from creeks and washes when heavy rain is in the area. Be especially careful at night when water depth and road conditions are harder to see.

Monsoon storms frequently produce strong downward rushes of air called microbursts. These winds can gust in excess of 100 mph and cause extensive property damage. Microbursts may generate areas of dense blowing dust, so avoid walking or driving into them at all costs. They could have debris or other harmful matter in them that could be deadly. If microbursts are approaching, move inside a sturdy building and stay away from windows.

Remember this saying: "If the thunder roars, head indoors." Lightning can strike up to 10 miles away from a storm. If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you. Move inside a strong building or an enclosed hardtop vehicle. Avoid contact with wiring and plumbing during a thunderstorm; this includes appliances and corded phones. Always get out of the pool, and try to avoid being near water. If you do get caught up in a dust storm while driving, avoid running into another vehicle and make your vehicle less likely to be hit: Pull off the road and put the vehicle in park. Turn off the lights and Take your foot off the brake pedal and don't drive into washes with flowing water in them.

Melissa Santa Cruz Day

Also on Saturday, June 29 I had the privilege of reading the City of Tucson Proclamation and the Ward 5 Certificate of Appreciation for Melissa Santa Cruz Day. Melissa has done so much with her work in radio, current with Tejano Radio 1600 in Tucson. I also presented Melissa and her husband a Ward 5 Medallion of Hope. During her time on the radio, Melissa has provided safety and community messages which we have taken to heart.

More than 750 were in attendance at the El Casino Ballroom to honor Melissa, including elected officials and representatives who read proclamations and letters detailing Melissa's 30 years of work and commitment to our community.



Cassandra Becerra from Congressman Raul Grijalva's office read the Congressional Record letter Congressman Grijalva delivered on the House Floor. South Tucson Mayor Robert Teso read the Proclamation from the City of South Tucson and South Tucson Councilmember Akanni Oyegbola was with the Mayor. Pete Yucupicio, the Vice Chair of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and David Ramirez from the Tribal Council also honored Melissa Santa Cruz for her work. Her idol, KVOA's Lupita Murrilo paid Melissa tribute.

It was a great night for a great person from our community.

August Neighborhood Meetings

Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association - Thursday, August 1 at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

South Park Neighborhood Association
- Monday, August 5 at 6:00 pm, Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th Street.

SNAPP (Southside Neighborhood Association Presidential Partnership) - Thursday, August 15 at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.



Cherry Ave. Neighborhood Association – Saturday, August 17 at 10:00 am at the Cherry Avenue Recreation Center, 5085 S. Cherry Avenue.

Barrio Santa Rosa Neighborhood Association - Monday, August 19 at 6:00 pm, Santa Rosa Library, 1075 S. 10th Avenue

29th Street Coalition – Wednesday, August 28 at 6:00 pm - Location to be determined – contact Ward 5 Office at 791-4231.

2019 Summer Sun Respite

Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church

2331 E. Adams St.
327-6851 (Ask for Pam)
All Year, Mon-Sat., 9 am-12 pm
Capacity: 75

Snacks.
Accepts and distributes donations.

La Frontera - RAPP

1082 E. Ajo Way, Suite 100 (rear)
882-8422 (Ask for Lydia or Sharon)
Mon-Fri., 8 am- 4 pm
Capacity: 15

Water, sack lunches, computers.
Accepts and distributes donations

Pima County Main Library

101 N. Stone Ave.
594-5500
Mon-Thu 9 am-6 pm, Fri 9 am-5pm
Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun 1 pm-5 pm
Capacity: Varies

Cool off, use computers, read, get job search help, and see a nurse. Respect others' rights to the shared space.
Accepts and Distributes Donations.

Primavera HIP

702 S. 6th Ave.
882-5383
Mon, Weds.-Fri. 9 am-12:30 pm
Capacity: 40

Hygiene and mail service, water and snacks.
Accepts and distributes donations.

Sister Jose Women's Center

1050 S. Park Ave.
909-3905
Year-round Day Program Mon-Sat. 9 am - 5 pm
Capacity: Varies

Women 18 and over only. Cool off, showers, laundry, breakfast and sack lunches. On-site resources, enroll-

Z Mansion

288 N. Church Ave.
907-9057
Starts June 1, Tues.-Fri., Sun. 10 am - 12 pm.
Capacity: 70

Cool off. Free first-aid clinic (no Rx.) and lunch.
Accepts and distributes donations.

Interfaith Community Services

2820 W. Ina Rd.
297-6049 (Ask for Terri)
Main Mon-Fri., 9 am- 4 pm | Food Bank 9 am - 1 pm
Capacity: 10

Cool welcome center, water.
Accepts and distributes donations.

La Frontera East - ROSE Project

4891 E. Grant Rd.
285-5258 (Ask for Jodii, Ben, Reggie or Joe)
Mon-Fri., 8 am- 5 pm

Supply pick-up ONLY: Water, snacks, sack lunches,
Accepts and distributes donations

Pima County Library Branches

26 locations to serve you.
594-5500
For locations & hours visit www.library.pima.gov
Capacity: Varies

Branch libraries do not accept donations.
Please give at the Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave.

Salvation Army Hospitality House

1002 N. Main Ave.
Visit Intake Desk
Every day 9 am-1:30 pm
Capacity: 15

Cool off, resource information, water, snacks, sunscreen, hats, sunglasses as available. Accepts and distributes donations.

Sonora House

2940 N. Flowing Wells Rd.
RAPP Referral Only. 882-8422 (Ask for Gilberto)
Sat-Sun, 9 am -3 pm
Capacity: 12

Call RAPP for referral. Breakfast, lunch, laundry, shower, hygiene supplies, case management, housing

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Help those who are in
need.
Give to the
Community Food
Bank.
For more
information call:
520-622-0525



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, Email: redtag@tucsonaz.gov

Graffiti Removal

792-CITY (2489)

TPD Non Emergency

791-4444

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department
791-3171

TDOT Street Maintenance

791-3154, Email: tdotconcerns@tucsonaz.gov

Tucson Water Department

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

Park Tucson

791-5071

Pima Animal Care

724-5900

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