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# City of Tucson

## Ward 5 Newsletter

November 2020

Dear Friends:

Thanksgiving is the time of year, when we reflect on all the blessings that we have received and continue to receive.



We are thankful for our families, our homes, good health, our friends and our community. It is time to renew our faith in family, help one another and to meet everyday challenges by working together. Like I've always said, we don't point fingers, scapegoat and place blame, we roll up our sleeves and solve the challenges at hand.

During these challenging times, we need to rely more on our families and one another. We need to continue to practice the guidelines that the CDC and Pima County Health Department have issued about COVID-19 and the flu too. The COVID-19 pandemic continues and the number of cases and positive COVID tests are increasing in our City and in Pima County. The Pima County Health Department has issued a voluntary curfew, from 10 P.M. to 5 A.M., now through December 31.

I have heard too many sad stories of loved ones passing from COVID and we must take action to deal with this.

We need to continue to practice social distancing, wearing masks, washing your hands with soap and water, avoid crowded areas and frequently cleaning and sanitizing touched surfaces and objects. If you are sick, please stay home.

Senior citizens need to avoid crowded places, stay at home as much as possible, limiting close contact with others, especially those who may be sick, and clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.

Keep your Nanas and Tatas, Tios and Tias and our children safe.

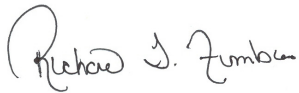
We have lost too many loved ones to COVID-19 and we must not let our guard down with this now. I've heard from folks across our state, that other communities are not practicing social distancing, wearing masks and gathering in crowded areas, something we can't do now.

Until we have a vaccine or treatment, we must all work together, to protect ourselves from COVID-19 and not become another statistic during this pandemic. It is sad to say that 674 individuals lost their lives to the COVID-19 virus and won't be celebrating the Holidays this year with their families. I want you to Be Safe and Stay Healthy!

We have lost too many loved ones and friends who drove when they were impaired. Holidays are to enjoy families and we need to keep gatherings as small as possible or outdoors, and wear a mask.

Also, I want to thank everyone who filled out your 2020 U.S. Census forms, which helps our community to be heard and be counted.

Be Safe, Be Healthy, Wear a Mask and Don't Drink and Drive.



Richard G. Fimbres  
Your Ward 5 Councilmember

**U of A TECH PARK AT THE BRIDGES UPDATE:** Construction on the first building in the University of Arizona Tech Park at the Bridges began this month.

We are finally seeing progress with the University of Arizona Tech Park. Thanks to the four surrounding neighborhoods, who had a vision 11 years ago, which is coming to fruition.



The University is in partnership with the Boyer Company, who is building and will own the four-story 120,000-square foot building, at a current projected cost of about \$30 million, and when it is completed late next summer, the UA will lease half that space for Tech Launch Arizona and other growing technology enterprises.

The movement on the Tech Park came through the work and efforts of Carol Stewart U of A Associate Vice President for Tech Parks Arizona, who said in an interview with the Arizona Daily Star: "It was really important to me to take this project and reverse-engineer it into something that was market-sensible." Stewart had previously founded and ran a successful tech park at the University of Waterloo in Canada.

The UA has signed two leases for its 60,000-square-foot space at The Refinery, a 10-year lease for 45,000 square feet of basic office space and a 20-year lease for 15,000 square foot of secured space for the UA Applied Research Corp., a nonprofit formed by the UA to conduct aerospace and defense research. While the UA will be the anchor tenant, the school is not making any capital outlay for The Refinery, Stewart noted in an interview in the Arizona Daily Star. "There's no taxpayer money funding this building, this is a private developer funding the building," she said.

Construction of The Refinery is creating local jobs. Boyer hired Tucson-based Swaim Associates Architects for the building design, and the Tucson office of Core Construction, which was based in Phoenix until moving its headquarters to Texas in 2018, is general contractor.

Completion of the Bridges continues with the opening of the Dutch Brothers, Mister Car Wash, Discount Tire, Kentucky Fried and soon other restaurants and a hotel on the westside by the JTED Center for Innovation, which also opened this year.

**POVERTY AND URBAN STRESS REPORT RELEASED:** The City of Tucson's Housing and Community Development Department and the Office of Ward 5 Council Member Richard Fimbres have released the 2020 Poverty and Urban Stress Report. This is the third edition of this monumental report.

The report provides an update to previous Poverty and Urban Stress reports published in 2007 and 2012, which track key socio-economic indicators over time using data from the American Community Survey (ACS) to help understand the context of poverty in Tucson.

In addition to a written report, the 2020 update features a complementary interactive data hub. The hub's maps and graphics display how indicators like income, education, age, and crime relate to poverty across Tucson and what areas are experiencing the most economic stress. The tools allow users to drill down into geographic areas of interest and interact with the data in a new way.

The Poverty and Urban Stress Report provides vital information for the city, our residents, and service providers. The data help us compare areas of the city, track our progress over time, and target resources to areas that really need it.

View the interactive data hub: [poverty-and-urban-stress-cotgis.hub.arcgis.com](https://poverty-and-urban-stress-cotgis.hub.arcgis.com)

Download the written report: [www.tucsonaz.gov/files/hcd/PovReport2020.pdf](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/hcd/PovReport2020.pdf)



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**TURKEY GIVE-A-WAY:** Saturday, November 21, was the ninth annual Arizona Bilingual Thanksgiving Turkey event, where Alma R. Gallardo and the staff of Arizona Bilingual handed out turkeys to families in need. I was proud again to be a sponsor of this event.



With the COVID-19 pandemic, the event had to be revised, people received gift certificates for turkey or hams. This year's event was a drive through event, held at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds. I want to thank interim Parks Director Tim Thomure and the Parks staff for their work with Arizona Bilingual to plan a drive through map at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds. COVID-19 testing was done by the Pima County Health Department. Flu vaccines were also given.

I want to congratulate Alma Gallardo, her husband Jesus, Francisco and the staff of Arizona Bilingual on another successful event. I want to thank the other businesses who were sponsors and at the event. Also, thank you to the Tucson Police Department for directing traffic for this event.



**RISING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH HOSTS CENTENNIAL CONVENTION:** I want to congratulate Reverend Amos Lewis and the Rising Star Baptist Church on their successful hosting of the 100th Annual Session of the Paradise Mission Baptist State Convention at Rising Star Baptist Church in Ward 5.

Delegates from across the state took part virtually in this year's session, held November 5-7, at Rising Star Baptist Church, located in Ward 5.

**VETERANS CARDS GIVEN AT V.A.:** On Thursday, November 12, I had the privilege of taking over thank you cards, made by students from schools in Ward 5 and from me, to the Veterans who are at the Southern Arizona V.A. Hospital and on staff. In addition, Ward 5 Coins of Freedom were also presented at the V.A.



This marks the tenth year, students and schools have helped with this effort to thank those who have served our country. I want to thank Luke Johnson, and the staff at the V.A. for their work and giving this opportunity to present thank you cards to those who have served our country. I want to thank the students who made cards for this event, which the presentation had to practice social distancing due to COVID-19.

I want to thank the Veterans for their service and I want to thank the staff at the V.A. for their commitment to help those who have served our country.

**PASTOR GRADY SCOTT HONORED:** On Saturday, November 14, Pastor Grady Scott of Grace Temple Baptist Church and Theresa Scott, First Lady of Grace Temple Baptist Church, were honored for their 30 years of service at the Church and their work to better our community.



Parishioners of Grace Temple, located in Ward 5, organized a drive-by parade for Pastor Scott and Theresa. Pastor Scott and Theresa received the Ward 5 Certificate of Appreciation and the Ward 5 Medallion of Hope.



Congratulations Pastor Scott and Theresa for your service to our community and commitment to bettering the lives of those in Tucson.

**CENTER FOR OPPORTUNITY DEDICATION:** On November 10, I had the privilege of taking part in the ribbon cutting and dedication of the new Donation Center Building at the HS Lopez Family Foundation Center of Opportunity. The building and costs were covered by Mr. Kit Os-good.



Thank you Kit for your donation and a big thanks to Humberto Lopez, Czarina Lopez and the HS Lopez Family Foundation for their continued support for the Center of Opportunity, which helps the homeless and those in need. I also want to congratulate Roy III Tullgren III and Lisa Chastain of the Gospel Rescue Mission for their continued work and the success of the Center for Opportunity.



**SUN TRAN OFFERS ON DEMAND SERVICE:** Sun Tran is now offering a pilot program to offer an on-demand transit service, one of which is in Ward 5. The Ward 5 area is in Zone 2, and covers Routes 2, 7, 11, 15, 17 and 25.

The program information is located in this newsletter. For more information, call Sun Tran at (520) 798-1000.

**NEIGHBORHOOD RESURFACING PROJECT IN WARD 5:** Ward 5 is pleased to announce the neighborhood resurfacing project on six different bicycle boulevard roadway segments to enhance the safety and rideability for bicyclists. The work began November 9.

The City is improving these neighborhood streets prior to other planned amenities associated with the November 2018, voter-approved Proposition 407 Tucson Delivers: Parks + Connections Program, which is a bond package generating \$225 million over nine years. The "Connections" portion of the voter-approved program will improve the City's pedestrian pathways, bicycle pathways, pedestrian, and bicycle safety. Bicycle Boulevards are residential streets designed to prioritize bicycling and enhance conditions for walking.

The roadway segments that were resurfaced were: Michigan Street from Kostka Avenue to Lamar Avenue, Michigan Street from Elizabeth Drive to 16th Avenue, Bantam Road from First Avenue to Cassia Way, Bantam Road from Tucson Boulevard to Country Club Road, Cherry Avenue from Fair Street to Bantam Road, Santa Clara from Elvira Road to Los Reales Road, Greenway Drive (Missouri Street) from Missouri Street to Campbell Avenue, Greenway Drive (Missouri Street) from Campbell Avenue to Irvington Road, Greenway Drive from Irvington Road to Drexel Road and Calle Alvord from 12th Avenue to Liberty Avenue



For more information, call or e-mail Michael Graham at DTM, michael.graham@tucsonaz.gov, (520) 837-6686 or mobile (520) 400-7108.

**BUDGET UPDATE:** The report from the City's Chief Financial Officer has shown that the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2021 is better than expected, especially with the COVID-19 health pandemic and its effect on the economy and the challenges it has presented.



Thanks to the Mayor and Council, the City Manager and the Chief Financial Officer, the City of Tucson is projecting that its budget will not suffer as much as officials anticipated in fiscal year 2021. Some revenues did decrease because of the pandemic, online purchases as well as construction activity is giving the general fund an unexpected boost. The city has also seen a decrease in costs while working from home, saving money on travel, fuel, maintenance costs and employment vacancies.

There is \$17 million in federal CARES Act dollars left to spend before December 30. The City saw a 22.5% increase — \$1.8 million — in planning and development services revenue due to construction and renovation activity.

The Mayor and Council has been very frugal. They have also made significant cuts in expenses, spending \$79.5 million less than the \$558.4 million that was budgeted. In particular, the city had more than \$11 million in employment vacancy savings due to their plan to only hire necessary positions during the pandemic.

**DUI TASK FORCE BEGINS:** Thanksgiving began the DUI Task Force, and their enforcement on our roads. Multiple law enforcement agencies are working together to keep impaired drivers off our streets. Too many times, our Holiday's have been impacted by loved ones and friends, who drank too much and tried to drive home impaired. Arizona has the most severe DUI penalties in the country. It's better to be safe than sorry, don't drink and drive.



**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!

Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter.

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 with and then dispose of it properly.

Tucson Code Chapter 4-102 says that it shall be unlawful for the owner or person having custody of any dog to fail immediately to move and dispose of in a sanitary manner any solid waste deposited by such dog on public property or deposited on private property without the consent of the person in control of the property. There are potential fines, up to \$500, if you are found guilty. This section shall not apply to blind persons, persons with mobility disabilities, or police officers or other law enforcement officers accompanied by police dogs while on emergency.



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.





**Be Safe and Respect Other Riders**

- No smoking on board, including electronic cigarettes.
- No bicycles are allowed on the vehicles as there are no bike racks.
- All vehicles are wheelchair and electric scooter accessible.
- Please remove children from strollers prior to boarding, fold the stroller and keep it out of the aisle.
- Except for service animals, keep pets enclosed in small cages or animal carriers.
- Keep food and drinks in closed containers. No eating on the vehicle.

**CONTACT US**

For more information on this service or for Lost and Found, call 520-792-9222.

Our Title VI Policy can be found at [suntran.com/TitleVI\\_Policy.php](http://suntran.com/TitleVI_Policy.php). To Request a Reasonable Modification, call (520) 792-9222 (TDD: 628-1565). For more information visit [suntran.com/ADA\\_Policy.php](http://suntran.com/ADA_Policy.php)



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**Travel anywhere within zone 2 or connect to Sun Tran Routes 2, 7, 11, 15, 17, and 25.**

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO RIDE TRANSIT VEHICLES**

## ON DEMAND

Your Guide to On Demand Transit Services  
Effective November 8, 2020

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Transit Fares are free through 2020

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(520) 798-1000  
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**Welcome To On Demand**

**What is On Demand?**

Sun Van On Demand provides door-to-door rides for individuals traveling within a zone. Riders can make reservations one to seven days in advance and, when possible, on the same day. Services are provided on first-come, first-serve basis. If you are traveling outside the zone, Sun Van On Demand can drop you off at a Sun Tran bus stop within the designated zone, or even to the Sun Link streetcar in Zone 1. Please see the maps in this brochure for the Sun Van On Demand service areas.

**How To Make A Reservation**

- To schedule a ride, call Sun Van Reservations at (520) 798-1000 one to seven days in advance, or same day. Same day services are not guaranteed.
- When making your reservation, specify you want to ride Sun Van On Demand. Provide your name, date of travel, departure location, destination and desired arrival time.
- Be ready at your scheduled pick-up location at least 5 minutes early. Wait where the Sun Van On Demand driver can see you.
- When you board, verify your desired drop-off location with the driver.

**Reservations**

Riders can make reservations one to seven days in advance, and when possible, on the same day. Same day riders may need to be flexible with their travel times. Same day rides are not guaranteed. However, there are no additional costs for same day reservations.



**Travel anywhere within zone 1 or connect to Sun Tran Routes 3, 5, 9, 21, and Sun Link.**

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO RIDE TRANSIT VEHICLES**



**Service Hours**

- Monday - Friday: 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Saturday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Sunday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

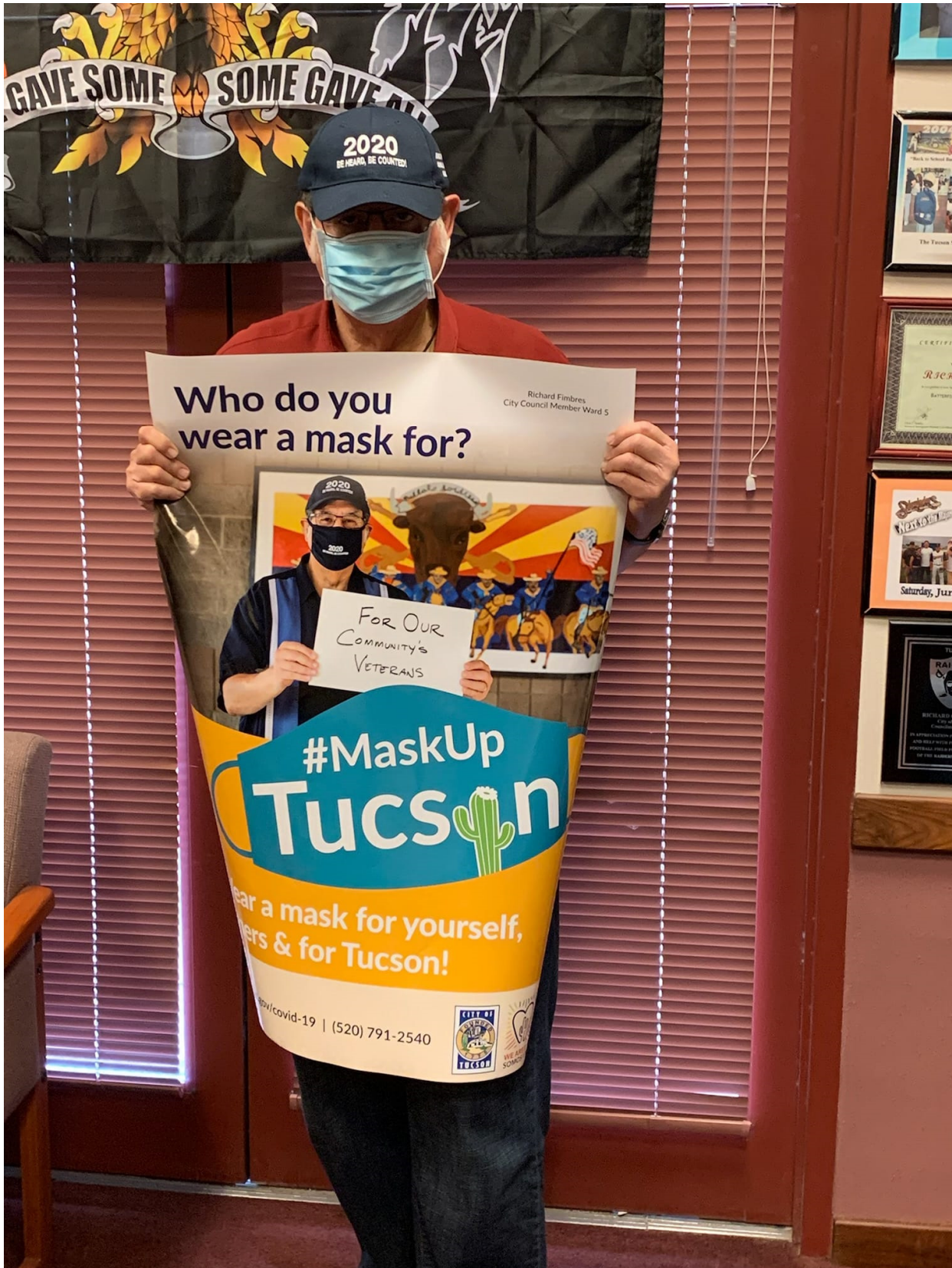
**How To Pay**

Fares are exact change only - drivers do not carry change. Transit fares are free through 2020. When fares resume, the following cost will apply:

- Free to any transfer bus stop in the zone
- \$3.20 (one way) to any destination within the zone
- \$1.60 (one way) for riders with a SunGO ID & Card







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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, Email: [redtag@tucsonaz.gov](mailto: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

**DTM Street Maintenance**

791-3154, Email: [tdotconcerns@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:tdotconcerns@tucsonaz.gov)

**Tucson Water Department**

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

**Park Tucson**

791-5071

**Pima Animal Care**

724-5900

**University of Arizona Neighborhood Hotline**

520-282-3649

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