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Dear Friends:

February will mark the 95th anniversary of the creation of Black History Month.

From the struggles of Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass and the Buffalo Soldiers to the victories in civil rights that were led years later by individuals such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks.

Black History Month has served as a time to remember those who fought hard to improve the condition of our great Nation, but to also preserve the rights and dignity for all of those who live in America.

Black History Month was created in 1926 in the United States. It was chosen because it marked the birthday of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Carter G. Woodson helped create the holiday.

Black History Month in Tucson will be marked with virtual events, celebrations, discussions and symposiums across our community.

In Ward 5, work continues on the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial that will be at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center.

The Buffalo Soldiers Memorial Project was part of Proposition 407 Parks Bond Measure, which the good citizens of Tucson approved in 2018.

I have been working with Jon Covington, Dr. Michael Eng, Lee Easter, City Manager Michael Ortega, Jerry Neely with the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center, and the 9th and 10th GSAAC Calvary Association on this project since 2015 for this Memorial, honoring those who served in the U.S. Army to protect Tucson, Arizona and this nation.

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Ward 5 is proud to have Mr. Charles Kendricks owner of “Mr. K’s” and his African-American History Museum, as well as Mr. James Christopher’s history collection and his work, creating the Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast, the only neighborhood association in Tucson that honors the work and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, raising money for educational scholarships for neighborhood youth.



The NAACP and the League of United Latin American Citizens created the Rosa Parks Awards to honor those in the community to help make lives better for everyone.

Another Ward 5 resident was Quincie Douglas, who was active in the Model Cities program that brought neighborhood centers, sidewalks, street lights, and food programs to the disadvantaged areas of Tucson.

Quincie Douglas was a champion of the poor and the elderly, also spearheaded the Low Income Free Transportation Services (LIFTS) program, which is now known as the Sun Van transportation service. She was recognized for her work and commitment to help those in need, by having both the Library and Neighborhood Center named in her honor.

Peace.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard G. Fimbres".

Richard G. Fimbres
Your Ward 5 Councilmember

PUEBLO GARDENS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MARTIN LUTHER KING JR EVENT: On Saturday, January 16, The Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association held their 31st Annual, Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association Martin Luther King Jr. Virtual Breakfast Event.

For 30 years, our community has enjoyed and supported the Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast, held at the Boys and Girls Club in Ward 5.

Ward 5’s Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association is the only neighborhood in Tucson that puts on an annual event to honor the work and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Pueblo Gardens Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast has raised funds for educational scholarships, school supplies, textbooks and computers for students in the Pueblo Gardens and surrounding neighborhoods.

The COVID-19 forced the neighborhood to get extra creative in its efforts to continue this tradition.

Working with my office and the City of Tucson communications team, the 31st annual event was a streaming video that is available at the City of Tucson YouTube Page.

I want to specially thank City Manager Michael Ortega, Andy Squire and Lety Bazurto with the City Communications Team, who made this video happen in 10 days. Thank you both for your work on this first of its kind. Joining me as part of this video were Mayor Regina Romero and City Manager Michael Ortega, who spoke about the importance of Martin Luther King Jr., his work and legacy. I want to thank them both for being part of this virtual event.

District 2 State Representative Andrea Dalessandro and Pima County Supervisor, Matt Heinz, were also part of this groundbreaking video for this community event. Thank you both for being a part of this video. I want to thank James Christopher, who founded and has Chaired the Breakfast Committee since its inception for his work and commitment to the community.

I want to thank Pastor Grady Scott, for his inspiring words, Traci Hockett and Grace Temple Baptist Church for the use of their church to record aspects of this video. I want to thank Pastor Otis Brown for his participation and moving words, as well as Terri Sparks, Brandi Sparks and Tianna Williams for the renditions of the national anthem and the black national anthem.

I also want to thank all those, who made donations to the Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association MLK Breakfast, for scholarships for young students from the surrounding neighborhoods.

BE SAFE, STAY HEALTHY, WEAR YOUR MASK: The number of COVID-19 cases and deaths continue to increase and we have all lost family and friends to this virus and we must continue to practice social distancing, washing hands frequently and wearing a mask.

If you have not been tested for COVID-19, please do so. When the COVID-19 vaccine is available and you have the opportunity to get the vaccine, please do so.

With the flu season upon us, please make sure you get your flu vaccine. For more information, please call the Pima County Health Department, (520) 724-7700. Please be safe and stay healthy.



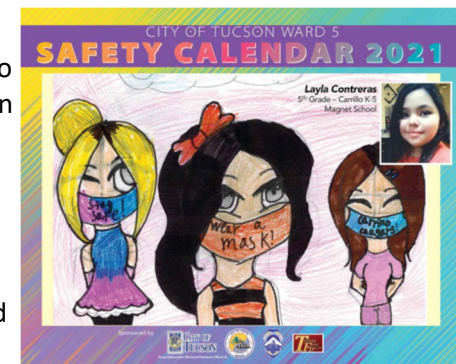
2021 WARD 5 SAFETY CALENDAR: For the past six years, students across Tucson were asked to submit artwork to accompany and illustrate simple but important safety messages for the Ward 5 Safety Calendar. Many injuries can be prevented or greatly reduced, with the simple actions, such as: buckling up, keeping infant and young children secured in the proper restraints, wearing a helmet when riding a bicycle, scooter or motorcycle, and being careful crossing the streets by looking twice at intersections and crosswalks. No texting while driving.

This annual calendar provides children with monthly safety messages to remind them, their families, and others of how to take simple steps to be safe. With the health pandemic we are facing this year, the calendar also has important monthly safety messages to deal with the COVID-19 virus. It also serves as a reminder to adults that we must do all we can to keep our children safe. We encourage everyone to take seriously the messages contained in the calendar and to place this calendar in a highly visible location so that the valuable safety messages can serve as a daily reminder to our children and grandchildren.

I want to congratulate and thank the students for their work helping to create the 2021 City of Tucson Ward 5 Safety Calendar. I also want to thank the teachers from all the schools who participated in this year's safety calendar competition, as well to all the schools that have participated since the calendar's inception. I also want to thank Lupita Robles and Mark Kerr, from my staff, who helped to coordinate this year's Ward 5 Safety Calendar.

Here is the list of winners for the 2021 Ward 5 Safety Calendar and thank you for participating:

Front Cover – Layla Contreras – 5th Grade – Carrillo K-5 Magnet School. January – Elicianna Lujan – 2nd Grade – Carrillo K-5 Magnet School. February – Alvaro Christian Beas – 2nd Grade – Carrillo K-5 Magnet School. March – Genevieve Urias – 5th Grade – Carrillo K-5 Magnet School. April – Sophia Escarcega – 4th Grade – Carrillo K-5 Magnet School. May – Stella Faumuina – 4th Grade – Carrillo K-5 Magnet School. June – Quinn Harrington – 4th Grade – Carrillo K-5 Magnet School. July – Isaiah Sanchez – 4th Grade – Carrillo K-5 Magnet School. August – Mia Sophia Melendez – 5th Grade – Carrillo K-5 Magnet School. September – David Hernandez - 8th Grade – Gallego Intermediate School. October – Cion Olguin – 4th Grade – Carrillo K-5 Magnet School. November – Emilia Carlsen – 2nd Grade – Carrillo K-5 Magnet School. December – Ayden Martinez – 6th Grade – Gallego Intermediate. Back Cover – Adrian Carrillo – 2nd Grade – Carrillo K-5 Magnet School.



Each of the winners has received copies of the 2021 Ward 5 Safety Calendar, a Ward 5 Certificate of Appreciation, the Ward 5 Medallion of Hope and a Gift Card from McDonald's. I encourage students and teachers to participate in the 2022 Ward 5 Safety Calendar and to adhere to the safety messages of the calendar.

NEW RECREATION PROGRAM, READY, SET, REC! The City of Tucson Mayor and City Council and Tucson Parks and Recreation are excited to announce a new mobile recreation program: Ready, Set, Rec!

This engaging program was made possible by my recommendation to use federal CARES Act funds to acquire six vans, equipment, personal protective equipment (PPE), handwashing stations, traffic cones and barricades to bring recreation to the community.

I am proud that we have been able to use CARES Act funds to create a safe, recreation opportunity, during this time, when it has been so hard to come together and our parks have been so limited, due to COVID-19. I want to thank the Mayor and colleagues on the Council, for support of this effort and appreciate the work of my staff, the Mayor's staff and by City staff, who made this become a reality and people now can relieve some anxiety and stress.

The program, set to begin during Rodeo Vacation on Thursday, February 25, will mobilize the six vans into the community at three different park locations per week, per vehicle. Ensuring that the entire community is served and has an opportunity to participate in recreation activities near where they live.

Standard play equipment will also come in each vehicle with the option to add different modules for play depending on the location and community demographics planned to be served on a given day. Some of those modules include arts and crafts, STEM, sports, yard games, large board games, container gardening, yoga, fishing, loteria, etc. In addition, Tucson Parks and Recreation will offer samples of its leisure class opportunities throughout the year.

Safety of the community and employees is a top priority for the City. Each program will have limited participants, masks will be required, as well as physical distancing. Equipment will be cleaned between uses and prior to the activities taking place.

Each vehicle will be equipped with PPE to keep both staff and the public safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, including first aid kits, masks, disinfecting wipes, and hand sanitizer. We ask that if you are feeling sick, stay home and follow all other CDC guidelines.

To find out where and when each Ready, Set, Rec! vehicle will be and what activities will be happening throughout the month, visit the website at [Tucsonaz.gov/parks/ReadySetRec](https://tucsonaz.gov/parks/ReadySetRec) or follow us on Facebook and Instagram @ReadySetRec.



CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET: 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.

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 remove 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. 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. **The fine ranges from \$50 to \$750 plus court surcharges.**



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. Great to see you exercise with your pet but please take care of, and clean up after them. When walking your dog out in our community, remember that it should be leashed.

HELPING THOSE IN NEED: On Tuesday, January 12 David Godlewski and Shawn Cote with the Southern Arizona Homebuilders Association, delivered blankets to the Ward 5 Council Office to help those in need. These blankets were given to the Sister Jose Women's Center. I want to thank them both for their donations of these blankets. We are One City, One County and One Community.



THANK YOU ALL FIRST RESPONDERS AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS : I want to thank all healthcare first responders for their continued work and commitment during the COVID-19 health pandemic.

I also want to thank all first responders and essential workers for their work and commitment during this health crisis, going out and helping those in our community.

February is the Month of Love, and our community is showing its love and thanks to you all.



THANK YOU ALBERT ELIAS: I want to thank Albert Elias, the Assistant City Manager for his 36 year career with the City and for Tucson. Albert retired on January 4. In his career, he worked his way up to be the Director of several City Departments and was named Assistant City Manager.

I had the privilege of presenting Assistant City Manager Albert Elias, the City of Tucson Ward 5 First Responders Coin, the City of Tucson Ward 5 Medallion of Hope and the City of Tucson Ward 5 Certificate of Appreciation for his work and commitment to our city to make a better place to live, work and raise a family. Thank you Albert for your work and commitment to our City. Your knowledge, expertise and leadership will be missed.



THANK YOU JOYCE GARLAND: On January 22, I had the privilege of recognizing the wonderful work, Joyce Garland, the City of Tucson Chief Financial Officer and Assistant City Manager.

Joyce is retiring from the City of Tucson. During her career, Joyce's work helped the City through financial storms and put the City on better footing.

Congratulations Joyce and thank you for your service and commitment to our City. Enjoy the next chapter of your life.



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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

DTM 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

University of Arizona Neighborhood Hotline

520-282-3649

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