



City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

On Sunday, July 18, our City endured a horrific attack by a troubled individual.

Two people died as a result of the actions by this person. My condolences and prayers go to the families of those who perished. One of those who died was a good Samaritan who was trying to help deal with the fire. The individual who caused this attack died on July 22.

An Emergency Tech from American Medical Response, fights for his life while another recovers from gunshot wounds. My prayers go to those two first responders and I urge our community to say a prayer for them.

A Tucson Fire Captain who was on scene to fight the fire that was set, was shot and wounded by the assailant. He has been treated and released from the hospital and is now home with his family.

My thoughts and prayers go to the Captain for his work for our community and bravery during the incident.

This attack involved several incidents, and thanks to the work of the City's 911 communications, our first responders, police and fire, were able to act accordingly. I want to thank the 911 Communications Team for their work on this incident.

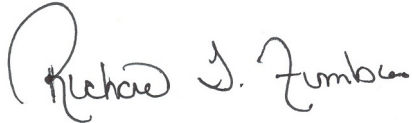
Officer Danny Leon, an 8 year veteran of the Tucson Police Department, was able to bring down the assailant, so that no one else could be harmed by the actions of this troubled individual and then was able to give medical treatment. Thank you Officer Leon for your bravery, professionalism and commitment to serve the community. He is a hero for his actions and keep him in your prayers.

The investigation is now ongoing and we will get further information on this terrible incident in due time. Our community must come together to work to deal with gun violence and to work to prevent another incident like the one that took place on Sunday, July 18 from happening again.



I want to thank Mayor Romero, Tucson Fire Chief Chuck Ryan and Tucson Police Chief Chris Magnus for their leadership to deal with this terrible incident and our first responders from Tucson Police, Tucson Fire and American Medical Response for their actions. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Thank you.



Richard G. Fimbres
Your Ward 5 Council Member

JTED AT THE BRIDGES TO EXPAND - On July 20, Mayor Regina Romero and Supervisor Adelita Grijalva joined me in a tour of the JTED Center for Innovation at the Bridges in Ward 5.

Thanks to the work from the meeting at El Rio Health a year ago, I worked in collaboration with JTED, Bourne, BFL and the City of Tucson. This great new campus was built in record time, 18 months and Superintendent and JTED CEO Kathy Prather announced that the classes offered during the day and night are full!



This tour was also part of the announcement that the Center for Innovation will be expanding, adding a second building. The Renaissance of Ward Five continues.



LINDA LEATHERMAN: Our community has many “Guardian Angels,” and recently I had the privilege of honoring an individual.

On July 8, I had the privilege of recognizing Linda Leatherman, a person who has given so much to our community.

Linda served as the Southern Arizona District Director for then Congressman Ed Pastor for 11 years, helping Veterans and constituents get the services and programs they needed.

Linda has also worked as a teacher and worked for Project PPEP.

For the past 18 years, Linda Leatherman has served our community, as Pima County’s first, Faith Based Coordinator, for which Linda is retiring as the Coordinator.

Leatherman said her biggest achievement was creating relationships and an ongoing dialogue that didn't formally exist between the religious communities and government.

"We encouraged the faith community to have faith in the government," Leatherman said. "I think that was one of our main goals – to make them comfortable calling government offices and elected officials and accessing the resources that are available to them."

Leatherman's many projects and programs are too numerous to count, but among them:

Creation of the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Center. Since the program was entirely online, she developed the training resources and arranged for computers to be placed in the homes of the participants who needed computer training. The program became adept at advocating for legislation and eventually pushed several bills into law at the Arizona Legislature to assist grandparents who were raising grandkids. The program has been so successful it has a permanent office at the Arizona Capitol.

Arrangement, through a federal grant, for computer labs to be placed in 26 churches and religious centers so that people could look for employment or receive job training closer to home.

Support of Pima County's participation in Hope Fest, a community-services event that brought together faith communities, service groups and health-care providers for a once-a-year resource fair that was best known for its free dental services. The County's support expanded the event's capacity to provide services to the community.

Playing a key role during the pandemic in getting personal protective equipment, including masks and hand sanitizer, to 239 places of worship in Pima County. She also helped the Pima County Health Department use dozens of faith communities as COVID-19 testing sites and, eventually, as vaccination sites.

Linda Leatherman worked with me and my Ward 5 staff on spay/neuter clinics for more than 1,800 pets for owners who couldn't afford the process. She helped me and my staff set up dog vaccination clinics as well.

With the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Linda Leatherman played a significant role in the success of the LULAC Educator's Banquet and the Youth Leadership Conference, which has had more than 120,000 students attend the Conference in its 30 year existence.

Working with Linda and the faith based community in Ward 5, we were able to get COVID-19 testing and vaccination clinics in the 85706, 85713 and 85714 zip code areas which had the most positive tests and COVID-19 cases.

As I have said, "It may be hot but you need to get your Shot!"

One story that shows Linda's big heart, when a veteran had to go into the hospital for an extended period of time, she fostered the veteran's dog until he could come back to his home.

Linda Leatherman is one of Tucson and Pima County's Guardian Angel and she worked to make sure everyone's voice was heard, including the ballot box to get South side residents to vote.

Remember, your “Voice is Your Vote,” so for those who have gotten their ballots for the August 3 Tucson City Primary Election and haven’t returned them, please do so. Now is not the time to be silent, use your voice and vote.

I want to thank Linda for her service making our community a better place to live, work and raise a family. I look forward to working with Linda in the next chapter of her life.

UNPLUG AND PLAY: On July 17, Gap Ministries, Good360, Toys for Tots and the Tucson Police Department held their Unplug and Play toy giveaway in the parking lot of GEICO's Regional Headquarters at the Bridges. Tucson Police, Good360 and Gap Ministries had volunteers giving out toys to children and families. Thank you to GEICO for holding this give away in their parking lot. Congratulations to the volunteers and Unplug and Play organizers on their successful event.



BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR: The first week in August will mark the reopening of schools in TUSD and SUSD.

Last year, with the COVID-19 pandemic, TUSD and SUSD students had classes online. This year, most students will now be going to class in person.



The school zone 15 miles per hour signs will be out in the morning and afternoon, with crossing guards helping students cross our streets to get to our schools. Please look out for children going through these crosswalks, they are our future.

This year, there are two new safety corridors in Tucson, Oracle, Drachman to Main and Valencia Road, from Nogales Highway to Tucson Boulevard in Ward 5. Thanks to grant funding from the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and the Tohono O’odham Nation, these two safety corridors exist. Please follow the rules set down by safety corridors. They are here to save lives and have shown they do.

The University of Arizona and Pima College will be starting their next semesters and college students will be moving into the dorms and houses in our neighborhoods.

My office has gathered information, to inform everyone who may not know about: Some of the rules about parking; dates of times for trash pick up; dates for upcoming Brush and Bulky pickup; noise levels and what to do about loud parties.

Parking your vehicle is a permitted use on any portion of a property provided the vehicles do not block City right-of-way (sidewalks, alleys). Also, when you park your car, please don't block access to your neighbor's mailbox or driveway. If you are intending to have an event, be courteous and let your neighbors know about the event and when parking will be available on the street.

About your trash: To reduce flies and odor, please bag and securely tie all your trash and do not overfill containers. Never place hot ash or coals, or other burning materials in containers. Yard waste may be disposed of, as long as it fits within the container with the lid closed. Don't leave your containers out past your pick up date. Please return it to the space you have in your yard. For any damaged trash containers, contact Environmental Services at (520) 791-3171.

To find out your trash pick up date, either call Environmental Services at (520) 791-3171 or go online to maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/.

Please have your trash and recycle containers out to the street and on those days, please try not to block mail boxes and driveways. Residential recycling is collected every other week. To check your schedule, go to www.tucsonaz.gov/es/residential-recycling and type in your address or use the Recycle Coach app to view your schedule, set up reminders, or submit a service request.

Brush and Bulky: Environmental Services offers Brush and Bulky twice a year. Environmental Services will pick up 10 cubic yards of materials with the following guidelines: They will take brush, cacti (must be contained), lumber up to five feet, scrap metal, piping up to five feet, appliances, refrigerator and freezers with doors removed, automobile tires (limit five), and home furnishings.

Environmental Services will not collect: Dirt, stone, concrete, gravel, glass, household hazardous waste (i.e. paint, oil, pesticides and liquids).

To find out your Brush and Bulky pick up date, either call Environmental Services at (520) 791-3171 or go online to [/maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/](https://maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/).

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.

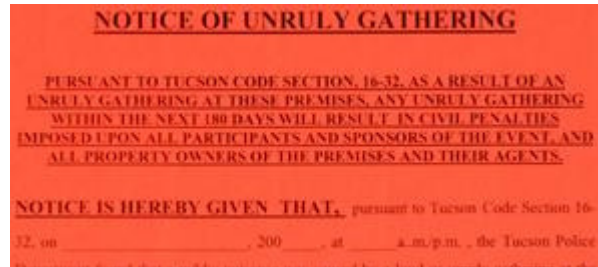
When walking your dog out in our community, remember that it should be leashed. Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste and then dispose of it properly.

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. 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.

Loud Parties and Red Tags: With the start of a semester come loud parties. Although I understand student excitement about the school year, there are codes that are in place and must be followed.

A loud party or unruly gathering can result in a red tag, which has several consequences. If red tagged, a visible "red tag" will be placed in street view, notifying the neighborhood of the issuance.

The red tag comes with a fine and if a college student is involved, a report to the Dean of Students of the respective school.



The "red tag" states that if another unruly gathering occurs within 180 days that fines will be given in amounts of \$500-\$1500.

A loud and unruly gathering is any gathering of five or more persons who disturb the peace of their neighbors through excessive noise, littering, obstruction of public streets, drinking in public, minors consuming or being served alcohol, fighting, excessive traffic, or similar conduct.

The existing noise ordinance, Section 16-31, remains in effect and the "Unruly Gatherings," Section 16-32, provides additional violations for loud or unruly conduct.

For Section 16-32 to apply, the following criteria must exist:

- * complainant (the ordinance may be enforced even if the complainant is a refused complainant)
- * there must be a gathering of five (5) or more persons,
- * it must be on private property (this also applies to businesses such as bars)
- * the gathering must cause a disturbance as a result of conduct described above

The following numbers are meant to be tools for our University neighbors if there should be an issue with loud parties (520 area code): TPD Red Tag: 837-7318, UAPD Non-Emergency: 621-8273, UA Neighborhood Hotline: 282-3649, UA Dean of Students: 621-7057, Pima College Police – West Campus: 206-6643, Pima College Police - Downtown Campus: 206-7087, Pima College Police - East Campus: 206-7652, Pima College Police - Desert Vista Campus: 206-5052, Pima College Police - Northwest Campus: 206-2286.

TOWN OF THE YEAR: The City of Tucson was recognized as the Town of the Year, by the Arizona Chapter of the Forty and the Eight Veterans Society.

The City received the award Saturday, July 10, at American Legion Post 36, 5845 East 22nd Street, as part of their state convention being held in Tucson.



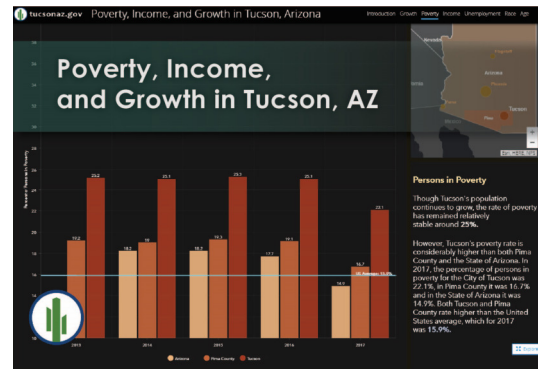
The Forty and Eight is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Their purpose is to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, to promote the well-being of veterans, their widows, widowers and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors.

The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor a City or Town which has and/or is doing something significant for veterans in that City or Town. I had placed our great City in nomination for consideration.



Tucson's nomination will be forwarded to the national organization for consideration.

POVERTY AND URBAN STRESS REPORT: Recently, I had a meeting with a group of nursing students and I was able to direct them to the City of Tucson Poverty and Urban Stress Report which answered many questions. Here is a recent item about this report, which won a national award.



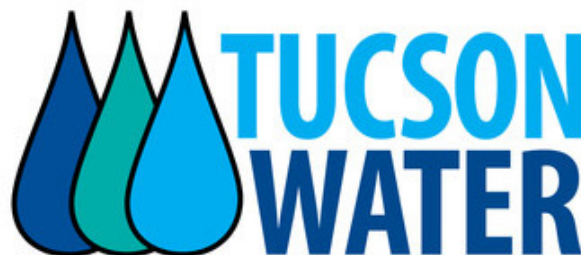
The City of Tucson received the 'Special Achievement in GIS' award from ESRI, the company that supplies GIS technology, for the Poverty and Urban Stress Website and the Poverty and Urban Stress Report. I want to thank former Ward 5 Council Member Steve Leal, former Ward 5 Aides, Mary Fimbres, Melinda Jacobs and Mark Kerr for their work on the original 2007 Poverty and Urban Stress Report. I want to thank Anna Sanchez, formerly with HCD on her work for the 2012 Poverty and Urban Stress Report that was accepted and approved

I want to thank my Ward 5 Council staff for their work on the 2020 Poverty and Urban Stress Report. I want to thank HCD Director Liz Morales and Laura Sharp and Alison Miller with HCD for their work on the report and the website.

The City of Tucson Poverty and Urban Stress Report is a living document that helps our City track statistics, demographics and our efforts to make our community a better place to live, work and raise a family.

COMMUNITY WATER FORUM: Mayor Regina Romero and Council Member Lane Santa Cruz are joining me in hosting a Community Forum on our Water, Thursday, July 29, 5:30 pm at the El Pueblo Center, 101 West Irvington.

Residents will receive an update from Tucson Water on PFAS/PFOS, the status of the TARP plant from Tucson Water staff and answer questions on their concerns. For further information, please call the Ward 5 Council Office, (520) 791-4231.



FATHER KINO HONORED: The “Three Statues for Three Nations,” commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Father Kino Statue Presentation to Segno, Italy will take place Sunday, August 8, 2021. At 8:30 a.m. that day, the reading of the Proclamation from the City of Tucson to mark the 30th Anniversary of the Father Kino presentation will take place in front of Tucson’s Father Kino Statue. A mass at St. Augustine Cathedral will follow at 10 am. A celebration will follow at the Diocese of Tucson, Pastoral Center Building. #2, 192 S. Stone Avenue.



SUNNYSIDE
Unified School District

CONGRATULATIONS SUSD GRADUATES: On Tuesday, June 29, the Sunnyside Unified School District held an in-person graduation ceremony for 2020 and 2021, both classes getting the chance to celebrate their academic achievements. More than graduates from all three high schools (Star, Desert View, and Sunnyside High School) took part with family and friends present and socially distanced. Congratulations graduates!

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS: On Monday, August 2, the South Park Neighborhood Association will be meeting at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center at 6:00 p.m.

On Thursday, August 5, the Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association will be meeting Thursday, August 5, 6:30 p.m., at Mariposa Park.

On Thursday, September 23, the Homeless Coalition will be holding their Quarterly Meeting, which will be virtual.

For more information, call the Ward 5 Council Office, (520) 791-4231.

ELECTRICITY UPDATE: With the recent storms, questions have arisen about our electricity and potential power outages. TEP has prepared for the summer by anticipating issues in advance and taking proactive measures that ensure reliable, affordable energy. TEP has secured 20 percent more energy than we expect our customers will use this summer, a healthy reserve margin. TEP said that energy resources are going to be in short supply this summer on the regional electric grid that serves the western United States. That means there’s less power to spare if wildfires, plant outages or extreme weather create reliability challenges for regional utilities.

Conserving energy during peak usage hours – between 3-7 p.m. on weekdays – helps reduce strain on the regional electric system. It would also help TEP customers to save money by reducing energy costs that are included on their monthly bills. Customers using their time of use pricing plans can save even more money by shifting usage to off-peak periods, when kilowatt-hour usage rates are lower. <https://www.tep.com/time-of-use/>. TEP added that helping to meet peak demand can be as simple as running your appliances outside of those hours. Precooling your home before 3 p.m. can also help you remain comfortable at a higher thermostat setting between 3-7 p.m. Some of you have expressed concern about loved ones who have medical needs. TEP’s Medical Device Alert program helps to keep you informed about service interruptions, their status and the estimated time of restoration. You can also get notifications of any planned service outages affecting your residence. Learn more about the program here: <https://www.tep.com/medical-device-alert/>. For more information, go online to [tep.com](https://www.tep.com) or call (520) 623-7711.

10th KIDZ EXPO
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Saturday, July 31st
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2021 SUMMER SUN COOLING STATIONS

Homeless?

Need to get out of the heat?

The summer sun is dangerous for people living outdoors. Visit any one of these cooling stations for a place to get out of the sun and cool off.

¿Esta sin hogar?

¿Necesitas salir del calor?

La diversión de verano es peligroso para las personas que no tienen hogar. Visite cualquiera de estos lugares para salir del sol y refrescarse.

Salvation Army

Hospitality House, 1002 N. Main Avenue
7 days per week/7 días por semana: 12pm-5pm
Indoor heat relief, water, snacks, and supplies during posted hours. Water available at the door throughout the day.

Alivio de calor en interiores, agua, refrigerios y suministros durante las horas indicadas. Agua disponible en la puerta durante todo el día.

South Community Center, 1625 S. 3rd Ave.

7 days per week/7 días por semana: 12pm-5pm
Indoor heat relief, water, snacks, and supplies during posted hours. Water available at the door throughout the day.

Alivio de calor en interiores, agua, refrigerios y suministros durante las horas indicadas. Agua disponible en la puerta durante todo el día.

La Frontera RAPP

1082 E. Ajo Way, Suite 100 (rear)
M-F/Lunes a Viernes: 8am-4pm
Indoor heat relief, water, snacks, and supplies. Maximum 6 people inside.

Alivio de calor interior, agua, refrigerios y suministros. Máximo 6 personas en el interior.

Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church

2331 E. Adams Street
M, W, F/Lunes, Miércoles, Viernes: 9am-12pm
Outdoor shaded area, water bottle filling stations, showers, snacks, sports drinks (when available). Área sombreada al aire libre, estaciones de llenado de botellas de agua, duchas, bocadillos, bebidas deportivas (cuando estén disponibles).

Water and Supplies (Agua y Suministros)

Primavera Foundation
HIP Day Center - 811 S. 6th Ave.
M,W,Th,F/Lunes, Miércoles, Jueves, Viernes
9am-12:30pm

Sister Jose Women's Center
1050 S. Park Avenue
Mon-Sat/Lunes a Sábado
9AM-12PM

Primavera Foundation
Casa Paloma Women's Center
Call for location. Llame para conocer la ubicación.
M-F / Lunes a Viernes 8am-12pm
Saturday/Sábado 9am-12pm

To add your organization to this list,
email tpch@tucsonaz.gov.



Veterans Upward Bound

FAQ

Who is eligible for the Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) program?

To participate and receive services, U.S. Military veterans (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force or Coast Guard) must meet the following criteria:

- Be a veteran with 181 or more days active duty service and discharged under conditions other than dishonorable; or as reservists, served on active duty for more than 30 consecutive days or called to active duty on/after September 11, 2001.
- Meet the criteria for low-income according to guidelines published annually by the Department of Education, AND/OR be considered a first-generation college-bound student (i.e. neither parent earned a bachelor's degree); and
- Have a need for academic support.

What do I have to do to sign up?

Give us a call at 520-206-7432 or fill out our interest form at www.vubtucson.com and we will set up an appointment to get you started.

What paperwork will I need to submit? You will need a copy of your DD Form 214 showing you time of service and discharge status. If you do not have it on hand we can guide you through to send for one. You should also bring a copy of your last year's tax return.

How will VUB help me? We, the Veterans Upward Bound family, would like to say, "thank you!" You have made a big sacrifice in serving our great country in order to protect our freedom. It is with this gratitude that we would like to welcome all veterans to our program. It is our intention to administer the most dynamic and effective pre-college program in the country for our Tucson veterans. Whether you would like us to assist you in selecting and applying to a university/college or to help you improve your academic skills; we are here to help. The Veterans Upward Bound staff considers serving our veterans a privilege and an honor. Again thank you and please consider allowing us to be of service to you!

How much does it cost? All services are provided at no cost to you. To name a few like tutoring, college placement instruction, one on one GI Bill guidance are all free.

How long is the program? The answer to this question depends on several factors, including current levels of preparedness, and scores on assessments and your internal drive to succeed. Some veterans may require less time before they prepare to enter post-secondary education, while others may need more academic tutoring/coaching before enrolling. Ultimately it is up to each veteran to decide when he/she is ready to enroll in the school of his/her choice.

TRiO Veterans Upward Bound is funded under a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education.



Need help paying rent and utilities?

You may be eligible for 12 months of back rent and three months in advance. Your landlord can apply, too.

Visit www.pimaep.com for program details and to APPLY. There could be a long waiting list, so sign up NOW.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM AN EVICTION

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an eviction moratorium for people impacted by COVID-19 through July 31, 2021. To be eligible, you must take these steps:

- 1 Give your landlord a copy of the CDC declaration form.
- 2 Apply and show your landlord the email you received when you applied for rent assistance.
- 3 Discuss a payment plan with your landlord.

Get the declaration form, a template for a payment plan, and information on legal resources, utility bills assistance and much more at: pima.gov/RentHelp

Need rent assistance, but your reason isn't related to COVID-19?

Call the Pima County Community Action Agency 520-724-2667 (Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.)

Just overwhelmed and need to get started? Call 2-1-1.

Visit www.pimaep.com or call 831-292-4308 for program details and to APPLY. Programs available to any resident in Pima County



¿Necesita ayuda con la renta y servicios públicos?

Puede ser elegible para 12 meses de renta atrasada y tres meses adelantados. El arrendador también puede aplicar.

Visite www.pimaep.com para obtener detalles del programa y para APLICAR. Podría haber una larga lista de espera, así que regístrese AHORA.

PROTÉJASE ANTE UN DESALOJO

Los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC) emitieron una moratoria de desalojo para las personas afectadas por COVID-19 hasta el 31 de julio de 2021. Para ser elegible, debe seguir estos pasos:

- 1 Tiene que darle al arrendador una copia del formulario de declaración de los CDC.
- 2 Aplique y muéstrele al arrendador el correo electrónico que recibió aplicó aplico para la asistencia de la renta.
- 3 Discuta un plan de pago con el arrendador

Obtenga el formulario de declaración, una plantilla para un plan de pago e información sobre recursos legales, asistencia con las facturas de servicios públicos y mucho más en: pima.gov/RentHelp

¿Necesita ayuda con la renta, pero su motivo no está relacionado con COVID-19?

Llama a Pima County Community Action Agency 520-724-2667 (de lunes a viernes, de 8:30 a.m. a 10:30 a.m.)

¿Estás abrumado y necesitas ayuda? Llama al 2-1-1.

Visita www.pimaep.com o llama al 831-292-4308 para obtener detalles del programa y para APLICAR. Programas disponibles para cualquier residente en el condado de Pima.

Important Numbers
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need.
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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

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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