



City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

The Renaissance of Ward 5 continued with the annexation of 447 acres of Arizona State Land into my Ward and the announcement of a company opening their West coast center in Ward 5 and Tucson.

Tucson's Mayor and City Council, unanimously, gave final approval for the annexation and rezoning of 447 acres of state-owned land in Ward 5.

I am very proud of this proposal, which will bring services and businesses to the area that the residents have requested. I want to thank the Arizona State Land Department and City staff for working on this proposal, which I look forward to working on its completion.



The action was the culmination of several years' collaboration between the City of Tucson, Arizona State Land planners, local consultants, and surrounding neighborhoods and results in the first major land annexation for the State of Arizona in two decades.

The area near Alvernon and Valencia was also successfully rezoned to provide for additional housing, commercial and retail services, and light industrial use. The light industrial use includes manufacturing, craft work, and distribution centers and would serve as a buffer for the industrial area south of the property. The area is currently served by Tucson Water and surrounds the Valencia Reserve subdivision, which was annexed by the City in September of 2016.

The rezoning of the parcel turns the vacant land into a development-ready property in advance of a sale by the state. Additionally, the Larrea Planned Area Development requires all future developers to comply with all City codes and regulations and create design guidelines that will include sustainable design, low impact development, and green infrastructure standards. Future development on the property will generate impact fees, add to the City's tax base, and lead to future job creation.

The action to both annex and rezone an area both in the City's Water Service Area and its Municipal Planning Area marks the thoughtful and strategic growth and development strategies that are a hallmark of the current Mayor and Council and is reflective of the voter-approved City General Plan, Plan Tucson.

PackDash, a third-party logistics partner for small to mid-sized ecommerce companies, announced it is moving its headquarters from Chicago and establishing a west-coast delivery operation in Tucson.



PackDash has leased 6,000 square feet for its new operation at 820 East 16th Street. The company plans to add 50 jobs, including managers, directors, warehouse and additional c-level headquarters positions, with an estimated 10-year economic impact of \$84 million.

PackDash operates under a unique micro-fulfillment model, which leverages strategically located facilities that ensure fewer clients per location and unparalleled client service.

Every client gets their own private Slack channel through which to communicate directly with their dedicated warehouse team. Services include standard ecommerce fulfillment; creation of premium unboxing experiences; ecommerce technology integration; inventory onboarding; 2-day delivery; and faster, more personalized service for companies shipping fewer than 20,000 packages/month. PackDash's technology platform supports Shopify, Amazon, Etsy, Walmart, Google and more.

With the growth of Ecommerce and logistics, Tucson is becoming the choice for companies and Ward 5 is becoming the economic hub for our city.

PackDash's mission is to enable ecommerce brands to grow and succeed by providing a better and more worry-free fulfillment experience, thanks to more premium, personalized and cost-efficient service. PackDash believes there's a better way to fulfill online orders—with simple pricing, no hidden fees, and no postage markups.

Tucson's businesses have another viable option to distribute their products, something that will benefit local business, PackDash and most importantly, our community.

I want to thank my colleagues on the Council for their unanimous support of this proposal. I also want to thank Barbra Coffee, Director of the City of Tucson Economic Initiatives Office, as well as Mike Czechowski from Economic Initiatives for their work on both measures and their work for the Renaissance of Ward 5.

For more information, go online to packdash.com.

Thank you.

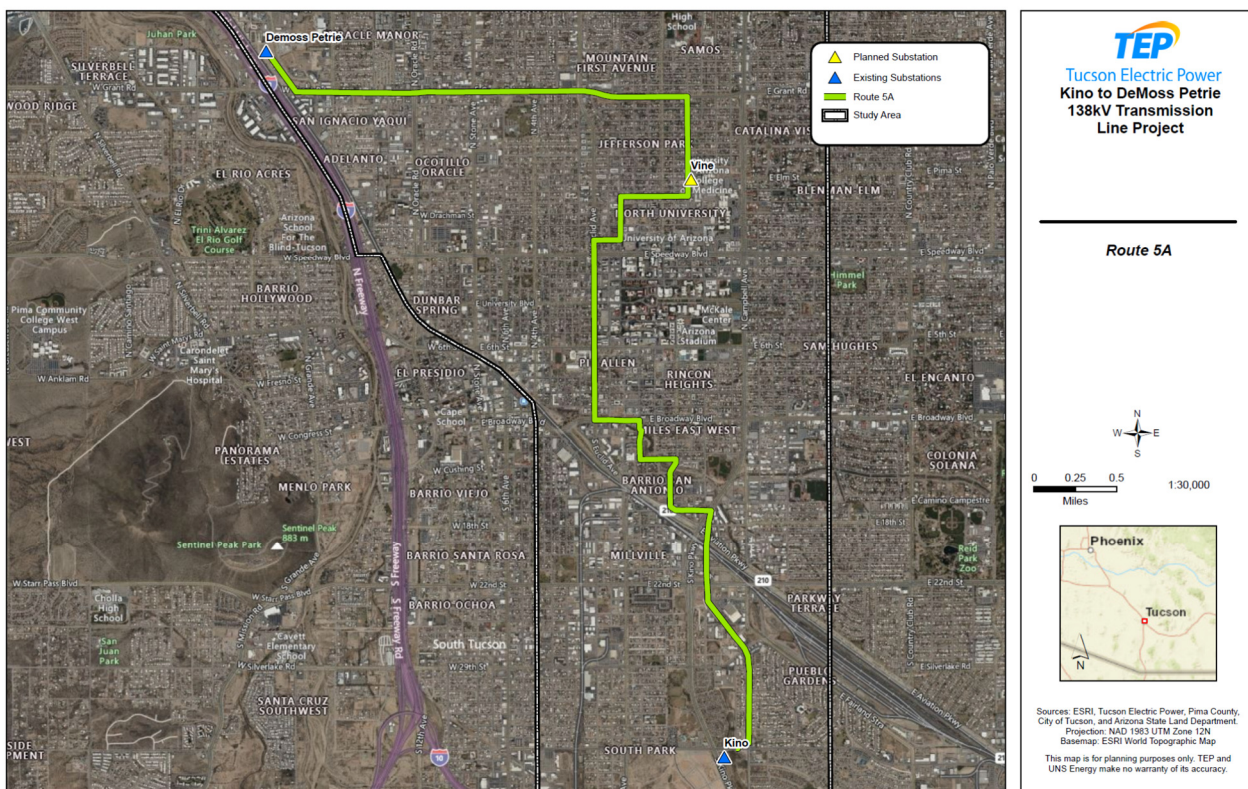
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard G. Fimbres".

Richard G. Fimbres
Your Ward 5 Council Member

TEP POWER LINES: Tucson Electric Power (TEP) has filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) to construct power lines for the Kino to DeMoss-Petrie Transmission Line Project and build the second major power plant.

TEP had built the first major power plant, at the intersection of Kino and 36th in Ward 5. The surrounding neighborhoods in the area had worked with TEP for the first part of this project.

TEP proposed the second part of the project, and has had five public meetings. According to neighbors, controversy arose over their proposed route and at the last minute, TEP proposed putting these power lines in the



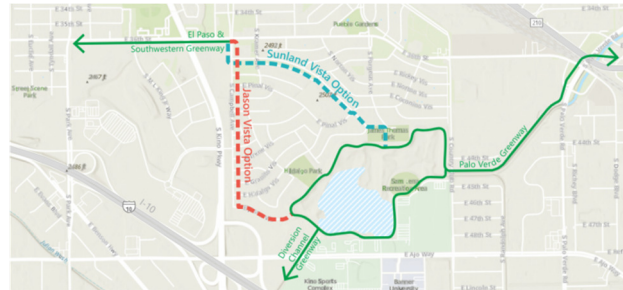
same area in Ward 5 where the first plant was built. These neighborhoods are upset and are saying, “Why should Ward 5 and the South side be the dumping ground again?”

According to neighbors, TEP’s new alternative route, 5A, was rejected two years ago, 5A, due to the number of “sensitive receptors” and neighborhoods it would damage. The exit route, A, proceeds right down a neighborhood street between homes. The neighbors added that TEP had only one public meeting on this and allege that they have not been fair and consistent in their process.

What can people do? The ACC Line Siting Committee meets September 13-27 in Tucson. It will be a virtual meeting and the public can comment and need to comment.

Let your voices be heard and go online to: <https://efiling.azcc.gov/online-services/utilities-public-comment-external>. When you do, a form comes up, fill in all of your pertinent information, name of Company - Tucson Electric Power, Docket number L-00000C-21-0288-00192, and if you are for, against, or neutral and then you fill in the comments section. An example: According to neighbors, TEP's new alternative route, 5A, was rejected two years ago, due to the number of "sensitive receptors" and neighborhoods it would damage. The exit route, A, proceeds right down a neighborhood street between homes. According to neighbors, TEP had only one public meeting on this and neighbors have stated they have not been fair and consistent in their process. The Mayor has called a special meeting of the Tucson City Council for Wednesday, September 1. Call the City Clerk at 791-4213, or Email: cityclerk@tucsonaz.gov, to register your comments and concerns on this issue.

EL PASO & SOUTHWESTERN GREENWAY UPDATE: Over the past several months, Ward 5 and the City of Tucson's Department of Transportation & Mobility have been seeking input from Ward 5 residents on the preferred alignment for a funded extension of the El Paso and Southwestern Greenway. Input from the community was collected via four public in-person and virtual events, two online surveys, an interactive web map, phone calls, emails, and neighborhood association meetings. The



greenway, envisioned as a linear park connecting downtown Tucson with the Kino Environmental Restoration Project and The Loop, will feature a walking and biking path, lighting, and landscaping. After listening to feedback from the public, we are happy to announce that the Jason Vista Option, which runs along S. Campbell Ave before turning east on Jason Vista, is the public's preferred alternative. This recommendation will be presented to the Proposition 407 Bond Oversight Commission next month, which has the authority to approve changes to projects funded through the voter-approved bond package passed in 2018. If the Bond Oversight Commission approves this recommendation, we can start designing the greenway extension this Fall. There will be multiple additional opportunities for Ward 5 residents to provide feedback on the design later this year and in 2022.



BUENA VIDA COMIDA: On Sunday, August 29, I had the privilege of attending the ribbon cutting for Tucson's newest, locally owned business, Buena Vida Comida at 919 North Stone #1104. Diego Rivera, proud member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, is the owner. Rivera received help from the Pascua Yaqui Tribe for his business. Francisco Valencia,

Secretary of the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council was present for the grand opening. Rivera's family will help with Buena Vida Comida. Diego said he had worked two years, during the health pandemic, to get to this day. He is excited about being a part of the revitalization of Stone Avenue. A good crowd was in attendance for the grand opening. Congratulations to Diego and his family on their successful grand opening.



NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING: The Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association will be holding a virtual neighborhood meeting on September 21. For more information, go online to: <https://www.facebook.com/Pueblo-Gardens-Neighborhood-Association-Community>.

SIDEWALK SHARED COST PILOT PROGRAM: Did you know, the repair and replacement of a damaged sidewalk is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner, per Tucson City Code Chapter 25-12? The good news is, residential property owners may be eligible to receive 50 percent off of the replacement of the sidewalk.

The City of Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM) will pay for the labor and equipment to remove and replace the damaged sidewalk, in an effort to improve sidewalks and safety within the City. If you would like to participate in the shared-cost sidewalk repair pilot program contact DTM at: (520) 791-3154 or TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov.

WARD 5 UPCOMING TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS: The Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM) has multiple improvements planned within Ward 5, which include both roadway and walkability projects. With the Proposition 101 - Tucson Delivers Better Streets Program, there are still projects planned through the next two years. They will include reconstruction of major roadways as well as pavement preservation projects, see attached map for locations. Park Avenue from 18th Street to 36th Street, for a total of 5.5 miles, will be reconstructed, as well as 10th Avenue from 18th Street to 19th Street. You can visit the project website at tucsondelivers.tucsonaz.gov.

When Mayor and Council approved the fiscal year 2021-22 budget, \$14 Million was allocated for road repairs. Ward 5 will receive a \$2 Million allocation, with that funding portions of the Grand View Addition subdivision, portions of Rodeo Addition No. 1 & No. 2 subdivisions and portions of Emory Park and Los Ranchitos No. 6 subdivisions will receive a roadway surface treatment. The final treatment type will be finalized after an Engineering assessment of the selected roadways.

In early 2022, construction of the new 22nd Street Bridge, over the Union Pacific Railroad between Kino Parkway and Tucson Boulevard, as part of the Regional Transportation Authority Plan. This project will increase traffic capacity and improve freight access. Improvements will also include a separated pedestrian path. You can read more about this project at dtmprojects.tucsonaz.gov

DTM staff is currently in the design phase of two bicycle boulevards within the Ward 5 area. The 18th Street Bicycle Boulevard will provide east-west connectivity from the Barrio Kroeger Lane Neighborhood through Five Points before turning southeast along Warehouse Avenue and Fairland Stravenue through Pueblo Gardens.

The project is four miles long and connects nine parks, five schools, and one library. The Campbell/Pinal Bicycle Boulevard connects to the 18th Street Bicycle Boulevard at Campbell Avenue/Fairland Stravenue and provides access to destinations along Campbell Avenue before turning east along Pinal Vista.

This Bicycle Boulevard will connect to an existing segment of the El Paso and Southwest Greenway in the Kino Environmental Restoration Project, which connects to the Julian Wash Greenway. This project is two miles long and connects three parks, four schools, and one library. DTM staff is currently in the final stages of the alignment study for the El Paso & Southwest Greenway extension. Lastly, within the next six months, the 36th St Pedestrian Safety and Mobility project will begin design.

Read more about the bicycle boulevard projects at: tucsonaz.gov/transportation

EVICTION PREVENTION: Tucson's Mayor and Council approved spending \$27.1 million (\$19.1 million from the City of Tucson and \$8 million from Pima County) for the Tucson and Pima County Eviction Prevention/Emergency Rent and Utility Relief Program.

Through the coordinated efforts of the City, County, and the Community Investment Corporation, both tenants and landlords/property managers (acting on behalf of tenants) can apply for funds. Dual enrollment of tenants and landlords is accepted. Funding requests for unpaid rent and utilities are available for up to 12 months in arrears, and three months in advance.

For information, eligibility requirements, and to apply online, visit the Tucson and Pima County Eviction Prevention Program website <https://tucsonpimaep.com/>. Those without internet access can call (520) 447-4423 to apply. Bilingual case managers are available.

Resources Toward Eviction Prevention

Option 1: Emergency Rental Housing Assistance Program (ERAP)

Community Investment Corp. (CIC) still has ample rental and utility assistance available. People can call or visit the website to apply for assistance. The phone number for assistance is (520) 447-4423.

Option 2: Constables

The constables are working directly with Community Investment Corp., and are able to get help for people who are at risk of being evicted. If a tenant has received a notice of eviction, they should communicate with the constable. For more information, please contact Constable Randall at (520) 850-3973.

Option 3: Primavera Foundation and Community Investment Corp.

Community Investment Corp. has a contract with the Primavera Foundation to assist people who are being evicted. Primavera will provide navigation and resources to help people find another place to live. CIC also has resources to help pay for deposits and up to three months of rent. Primavera's phone number is (520) 308-3079.

Option 4: City of Tucson, Housing and Community Development Department (HCD)

HCD has designated a staff person to act as a resource for people who are being evicted. Please call HCD at (520) 791-4171 or email Eviction-Help@tucsonaz.gov for assistance and referrals.

FACING EVICTION?

Emergency rent and utility assistance is still available to tenants and landlords in Pima County and the City of Tucson.

For more information and requirements, visit tucsonpimaep.com or call (520) 447-4423 to apply. Bilingual case managers are available.



Option 5: Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness

If a household is within 14 days of losing their housing (meaning that the household will be locked out within 14 days), the household should complete a Coordinated Entry assessment for homelessness prevention. Coordinated Entry assessment can be completed at any location listed at www.tpch.net/coordinatedentry.

STILL BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR: 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. Please ensure all vehicles have current registration and are operable.



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/](http://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.

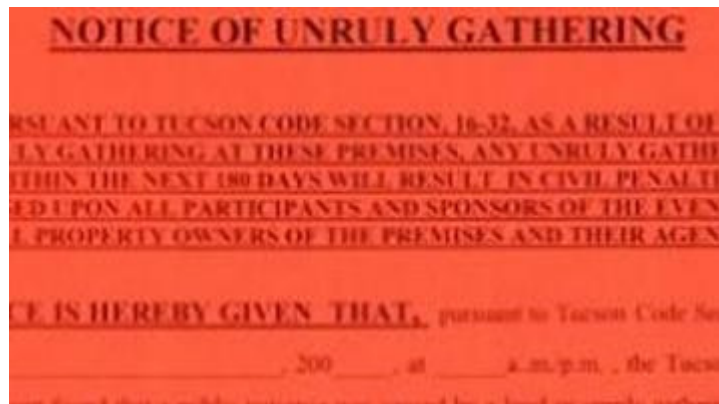
By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community.

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

WARD 5 BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION: Fourteen schools in the Ward 5 area received backpacks with school supplies for students in need. Utterback, Holladay, Cavett, Van Buskirk and Drachman. Apollo, Summit View, Craycroft, Drexel, Sierra, Riviera and Liberty. St. John's and Santa Cruz

Each school received 20 backpacks - total distributed: 280.

I want to thank the businesses and individuals who provided the backpacks and supplies for this effort.

I also want to thank Lupita Robles and Matthew Taylor from my office for their work in coordinating the supplies and distributing the backpacks.



UTTERBACK SCHOOL AND IT'S PRINCIPAL: Utterback Middle School is located at 3233 S. Pinal Vista in Ward 5, serves the 6th through 8th grades. Its curriculum includes subjects, such as special education, business, science, mathematics, English, fine arts, social studies, foreign languages and driver education. The school's subjects also include physical education, computer technology and social sciences. The sports activities provided by the school include basketball, volleyball, soccer, tennis, cross country, softball, baseball and track. The school also offers a variety of extracurricular activities that include intramurals, yearbook, band performance, choir, dance and field trips. I had the privilege of meeting Taranika Sanders, the Principal at Utterback recently. She began her work as a teacher and her commitment and passion for education has shown and she became the new Principal. Here is more about herself and career:



“As a teacher, I have devoted my craft to developing students’ capacities as lifelong learners and as empathetic beings. By converging social justice components with literacy skills and project based learning, my students were able to remain engaged and excelled in their achievement because they understood the relevancy of their work. It is through this lens that I have formed and implemented my vision of leadership for a school environment. It is with this same vigor and passion that I have approached my leadership.

“As the Resident Principal at South Loop one my proudest accomplishments was forming the diversity committee. This collective of teachers helped to develop strategies for attacking the achievement gap by providing support for underachieving students. We examined data weekly to target areas of instructional concern. I instituted the reading of research articles to encourage the committees’ goals of including more diverse instruction to engage all students. Some of our successes included implementing a sophisticated mentoring system, including student voice and reporting these findings to the middle school team for consideration and implementation as they planned instruction. Additionally, I worked with teachers to develop internal professional development cycles around math instruction. Our work included instructional rounds, peer feedback, adapted professional developments and the institution of deprivatized practice. I created surveys to determine the effectiveness of the PD’s that included teacher voice in the upcoming sessions. Under my leadership the PLC worked really hard to produce innovative teacher-led PD’s that led to a successful and collaborative year.”

For more information about Utterback Middle School, go online to: <https://utterbackms.tusd1.org/>.

THREE STATUES FOR THREE NATIONS: On Sunday, August 8, Tucson marked Three Statues for Three Nations. Thirty years ago, Tucson gave a replica statue of Padre Eusebio Kino to his hometown of Segno, Italy.

THREE STATUES FOR THREE NATIONS



I want to thank Pima County Supervisors Rex Scott and Adelita Grijalva for attending and reading the County Proclamation.



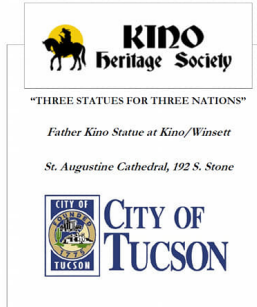
I want to thank Tucson City Manager Michael Ortega for attending and reading the City of Tucson Proclamation that was issued by Mayor Regina Romero. I want to thank Governor Doug Ducey and his staff, including CJ Karamargin for obtaining an Accommodation Letter for the event.

I want to thank Rosie Garcia, President of the Kino Heritage Society for her work on this event and the effort to Canonize Padre Kino.

I also want to thank South Tucson Mayor Bob Teso for attending. I also want to express my appreciation to Mexican Consul Rafael Barcelo Durazo and Italian General Consul Silvia Chiave for representing their governments at the event and wonderful words they expressed. I also want to thank Bishop Emeritus Gerald Kicanas for his attendance and enlightening speech. I want to also thank the various chapters of the Knight of Columbus present, and who also made up the Color Guard.

I also want to give special thanks to Lety Bazarro, City of Tucson videographer for her work recording the event. I also want to thank the Tucson City Manager's Office, the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department and Transportation Department for their efforts to make this a success. A special Mass followed at St. Augustin Cathedral and reception followed. It was a great day for Three Statues for Three Nations.

THIRD AVENUE ADA RAMPS: The Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM) recently installed Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant mid-block ramps on Third Avenue between 22nd Street and 25th Street, at the request of the Santa Rita neighborhood. This ADA connection is on the westside of the street and provides a safe and walkable space for all users. As funds become available, DTM will continue this project by installing ADA compliant mid-block ramps on the eastside of Third Avenue between 22nd Street and 25th Avenue to provide these same accommodations.





DON'T MISS YOUR SHOT TO STOP COVID-19

Ready, Set,
REC!

Find the Ward 5 van
near you!

Aug. 31, 4-6 p.m. - Bristol Park

Sept. 2, 4-6 p.m. - Swan Park

Sept. 7, 4-6 p.m. - Santa Rosa Park

Sept. 8, 4-6 p.m. - Mirasol Park

Sept. 9, 4-6 p.m. - Manuel Herrera Park

Sept. 14, 4-6 p.m. - La Mariposa Park

Sept. 16, 4-6 p.m. - Bravo Park

Sept. 21, 4-6 p.m. - Bristol Park

Sept. 22, 4-6 p.m. - Mirasol Park

Sept. 23, 4-6 p.m. - Swan Park

Sept. 28, 4-6 p.m. - James Thomas Park

Sept. 30, 4-6 p.m. - Manuel Herrera Park



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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

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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