

WARD 5 NEWSLETTER

Council Member Richard G. Fimbres

City of Tucson



Letter from Council Member Fimbres

Dear Friends:

February marks the 96th anniversary of the creation of Black History Month.

From the struggles of Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglas 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. Black History Month in Tucson is marked with virtual events, celebrations, discussions and symposiums across our community. In Ward 5, we have the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial Plaza at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center. The Buffalo Soldiers Memorial was part of Proposition 407 Parks Bond Measure, which the good citizens of Tucson approved in 2018.



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.

This is 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.

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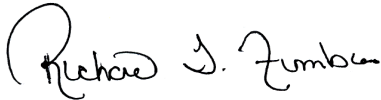
El Charro is 100!

Buffalo Soldiers Memorial Plaza Flag Raising

AND SO MUCH MORE!

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



Your Ward 5 Council Member

WARD 5 UPDATE: The Renaissance of Ward 5 continues. The Mayor and Council approved the proposal for the aeronautics repair facility located near the Tucson Airport Authority. This will create an additional 50 jobs and create opportunities for students from the Pima College Aeronautics Program as well as JTED's Center for Innovation. Also opening or in development are the Waterwalk Hotel, Spring Hill Suites Hotel, Mexico Lindo, the Tucson Airport Center, Salad to Go, Reay's Barbecue, Cane's, Mod Pizza, JTED Center for Innovation expansion and the Newport at the Rodeo affordable housing project.

CONGRATULATIONS CHIEF KASMAR: I want to congratulate and welcome our new Tucson Police Department (TPD) Chief, Chad Kasmar, who was appointed by the Mayor and Council at the February 8 meeting. Chad spent more than 20 years as a TPD officer and had been the Deputy Chief. For the past year, Chad was tasked to oversee 911 Communications and has made improvements, for which new Director, Tucson Fire Deputy Chief Sharon McDonough will continue the work and changes for Communications.



WELCOME SKYWEST: At the February 23 Mayor and Council meeting, the final agreement for SkyWest to develop their new airplane facilities at the Tucson Airport was approved by the Mayor and Council. This will be a \$5 million dollar capital investment and creating 50 new, good paying jobs. I met with SkyWest management prior to Council consideration and look forward to working with them and SkyWest to be working with the Pima Aeronautics program, JTED, schools in the Sunnyside and Tucson Unified School Dis-



CHERRYBELL UPDATE: I want to congratulate State Representative Andrea Dalessandro for her work on HCM 2002, having the Arizona Legislature going on record to support our Cherrybell Post Office and Processing Center, which serves more than 26,000 businesses, the Tohono O'odham nation and Pascua Yaqui Tribe, seniors, veterans and 1.5 million people in Tucson and Southern Arizona. The vote in the Arizona House was 51-7 and now HCM 2002 goes to the Arizona Senate. Please Email your Senators and let them know to support the Cherrybell Post Office and Processing Center.



TEP UPDATE: As previously reported, Tucson Electric Power (TEP) had previously attempted to ask the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) to place new electric lines and power poles, mostly along several neighborhoods and roads in Ward 5 and other Wards in Tucson. Back in September, I made the motion to have the City formally oppose the proposal and work to defeat it, if the ACC considered this. Due to the City of Tucson's work and public outcry, TEP withdrew their proposal, announcing they would start over with a new proposal, going through the process again. This is a victory of the first skirmish over this. In a future edition, we will have an update on this.



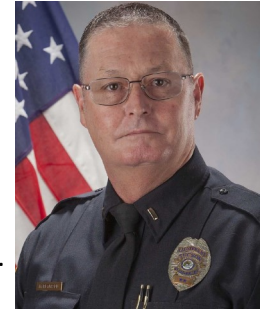
FREE COVID-19 HOME TESTS: Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. I encourage you to order your tests now so you have them when you need them. If you would like to place an order for your free set of 4 COVID-19 tests, please visit <https://special.usps.com/testkits> or call 1-800-232-0233. Be safe, get tested and vaccinated if you have not already.



97TH TUCSON RODEO PARADE: On Thursday, February 25, the 97th Annual Fiesta de Los Vaquero Parade took place. The parade route was in Ward 5 and many Tucsonans came out in person to witness the parade. This year's Grand Marshall was University of Arizona Women's Basketball Coach Adia Barnes. My office presented Coach Barnes a Ward 5 Certificate of Appreciation and Ward 5 Medallion of Hope. I want to thank everyone who turned out and participated in the largest, non-mechanized parade in the United States. Congratulations to the Rodeo Parade Committee for their work and being able to have the parade again on the streets of Ward 5.



WELCOME CAPTAIN MICKEY PETERSEN: With our new Police Chief, Chad Kasmar, he has initiated a new command structure for the Tucson Police Department. Captain Monica Prieto, who has served as Commander of Operation Division South (ODS), Ward 5 and the South side, was promoted to Assistant Chief and will be a key part of Chief Kasmar's team. I want to thank the now Assistant Chief Prieto for her service and commitment to Ward 5 and our community. I want to welcome Captain Mickey Petersen as the new Commander to ODS and look forward to working with him.



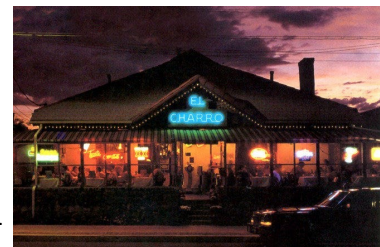
THANK YOU ROGER RANDOLPH: Roger Randolph retired as Tucson's City Clerk. Roger had served as the City Clerk since 2008 and worked in the office for a total of 30 years. I worked with Roger, Suzanne Mesich and Deborah Rainone to implement the all-Vote By Mail election process for City elections, which has increased turnout and saved taxpayer dollars. I recognized Roger with a Ward 5 Certificate of Appreciation and Ward 5 Medallion of Hope. It was my honor to make the motion to have Suzanne Mesich succeed Roger as Tucson's City Clerk.




CONGRATULATIONS READY, SET, REC!: February 25, marks the first anniversary of Ready, Set Rec! mobile program that has brought recreation and activities to parks in Ward 5 and across the city. I made the motion last year to use some of the federal CARES dollars to launch it, so that the community of Tucson could get recreation outdoors and safely due to our current circumstances. The Ready, Set Rec! staff stopped by Ward 5 to say thanks and report that more than 7,800 people took part in Ready, Set, Rec! I thanked the staff for their work and success and gave them a Ward 5 First Responders Coin. Congratulations to Lara Hamwey, Parks Director and the Ready, Set, Rec! team for their success.




EL CHARRO'S 100!: This year marks an important anniversary, the founding of El Charro Restaurants. Established in 1922, El Charro Café of Tucson, Arizona is the nation's oldest Mexican restaurant in continuous operation by the same family. Featuring traditional Northern Mexico-Sonoran style and innovative Tucson-style Mexican food, El Charro Café is truly as Gourmet Magazine wrote: "A Taste Explosion". Congratulations to Carlotta Flores and the Flores Family on their anniversary.




The Unit Flag




The 9th Cavalry was organized at Greenville, Louisiana in September 1866 under the command of Colonel Edward Hatch. The 9th Cavalry came to Fort Huachuca in 1898 and rotated in and out of the fort until 1900. The 9th Cavalry participated in the Spanish-American War, the Philippine-American War and the Punitive Expedition of 1916. The 10th Cavalry Regiment
Motto: Ready and Forward




The 10th Cavalry was organized at Fort Leavenworth, KS in September 1866, under the command of Colonel Benjamin Grierson. The 10th Cavalry arrived in Arizona in the mid-1880s and was the first black unit assigned to the state. The 10th Cavalry participated in the Spanish-American War, Philippine-American War and Punitive Expedition of 1916. The 24th Infantry Regiment
Motto: Semper Paratus (Always Prepared)



The 24th was organized at Fort McKavett, TX in November 1869 under the command of Colonel Ranald Mackenzie. The 24th was the first black regiment assigned to Fort Huachuca in 1892. In 1893 the entire regiment garrisoned at the fort until 1896. The 24th Infantry participated in the Spanish-American War and the Punitive Expedition of 1916. The 25th Infantry Regiment
Motto: Onward



The 25th was organized at Jackson Barracks, LA in April 1869 under the command of Colonel Joseph A. Mower. Companies of the 25th took up residence at Fort Huachuca in 1898, after returning from the Spanish-American War in Cuba. The regiment remained there until the end of April 1899. The 25th Infantry participated in the Philippine-American War.



**BUFFALO SOLDIERS
MEMORIAL PLAZA
FLAG RAISING CEREMONY
TUCSON, ARIZONA**

The right side of the image features a map of Arizona with various military forts and camps marked, including Fort Huachuca, Fort Apache, and Camp San Carlos. Below the map is a historical photograph of Buffalo Soldiers on horseback. Logos for the City of Tucson Parks & Recreation and the Moqui Indian Agency are also visible.

BUFFALO SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PLAZA FLAG RAISING CEREMONY: Friday, February 25 was a great day for our community with the raising of the Unit Flags at the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial Plaza, located at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center in Ward 5. Tucson Mayor Regina Romero and Tucson City Manager Michael Ortega and Fort Huachuca Garrison Commander Colonel Jarrod Moreland joined me as part of the ceremony. This event marked the completion of the first phase of the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial Plaza, the first, voter approved, project to honor those African-Americans who served in the U.S. Army from 1866-1948, to also mark Black History Month.

For me, this will mark seven years of work with the GSAAC on this project. From the initial meetings, presentation before the Pima County Bond Advisory Board, holding events and taking part in the annual Rodeo Parade to showcase the Buffalo Soldiers, presentation to my colleagues on the Tucson City Council and putting the project as part of Proposition 407 Parks and Recreation Bond Package in 2018 and the approval by the good citizens of Tucson for the Proposition and this project.

I want to thank Jon Covington, Sam Freeman, Dr. Michael Engs, Pastor Otis Brown, Phyllis Montgomery and the members of GSAAC for their work and efforts with me. I want to thank former Parks Director Brent Dennis, Tim Thomure and current Parks Director Lara Hamwey, as well as Jerry Neely, the Program Coordinator at Quincie Douglas. As One City, One Community, we made this dream become a reality.

DAVID BRADLEY AND OLIVIA CAJERO BEDFORD: Our community lost two great leaders. Former State Senator David Bradley and former State Senator Olivia Cajero Bedford passed away. Both worked hard to improve the quality of lives for our young people, families and our senior citizens. My condolences go out to the Bradley family and the Cajero Bedford family. They will be missed.

JON MILES: Jon Miles has passed away after a long bout with cancer. Jon was a community hero and Tucson's most beloved activist. A Vietnam veteran turned peace activist, a proud member of the United Steelworkers, an advocate for migrants, homeless, the marginalized and everybody else who needed support and solidarity. Tucson will miss Jon,

CONGRATULATIONS SUNNYSIDE ATHLETICS: I want to give a huge shout out to Sunnyside High School Boys Soccer for a fantastic season. The Blue Devils finished their season 15-6-1. A job well done this season by SSSH Coach O'Brien, his staff, and of course the players! I also want to congratulate the Sunnyside High School wrestling team for making history in February, with all 14 wrestlers qualifying for the state tournament. Twelve out of 14 of the wrestlers were champions. Great job Sunnyside!

KERRI LOPEZ-HOWELL: I would also want to thank Kerri Lopez-Howell for her work as the Executive Director of the Sunnyside District Foundation, and her efforts to help students, teachers and those in need. Especially during these times, the Foundation and Kerry were there to help many people in Ward 5, the Southside and the community. Good luck Kerri in your next endeavors and your work, knowledge and expertise will be missed.

PIMA COLLEGE SOCCER RULES! Congratulations to both the Pima Community College Men's and Women's soccer programs. The men's soccer program won the NJCAA soccer championship, their second. I recognized the students and coaching staff on their success with Ward 5 Certificates of Appreciation and Medallions of Hope. The women's soccer program got to the NJCAA soccer championship finals. I recognized the students and coaching staff's efforts on a successful season for both programs. This was the first time that both teams made it to the NJCAA Finals. Congratulations Pima College on your success on the pitch.



TUCSON WATER ARTIST IN RESIDENCE COMING TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD! Tucson Water's first artist in residence, Alex! Jimenez will be working in Ward 5 this Spring. Through this arts-water partnership Alex will be present in the southside of Tucson using art to talk about local water issues. You can find her set up with an art station where you can contribute to a community flipbook animation of water, listen to audio recordings of the monsoon rains, and make drawings about water to be used for small community murals.

These mini-murals will be small wall paintings around 5' x 5' that use community contributed ideas and art. She will be working within the Fairgrounds neighborhood during the month of March and is currently seeking donations of streetside wall spaces by residents. For more details, follow @tucsonwateraz on IG or Facebook or Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association on IG @_fairgrounds14.



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Wednesday March 2nd from 3-7pm at Mariposa Park

Friday March 4th from 3-7pm Fairgrounds Neighborhood Location TBD

Saturday March 5th 10am – 3pm Fairgrounds Neighborhood Location TBD

Friday March 11th from 3-7pm Fairground Neighborhood Location TBD

Sunday March 13th time TBD at Mariposa Park for Tucson Clean and Beautiful Park Cleanup

Friday March 19th 3-7pm Fairgrounds Neighborhood Location TBD

Sunday March 21st 10am-3pm Fairgrounds Neighborhood Location TBD

Ready, Set,
REC!

Find the Ward 5 van!



- March 1, 3-5 p.m. - La Mariposa Park
- March 2, 3-5 p.m. - Bristol Park
- March 3, 3-5 p.m. - Rudy Garcia (Rodeo) Park
- March 8, 3-5 p.m. - Swan Park
- March 9, 3-5 p.m. - Ochoa Park
- March 10, 3-5 p.m. - Bravo Park
- March 15, 3-5 p.m. - San Antonio Park
- March 16, 3-5 p.m. - Silverlake Park
- March 22, 3-5 p.m. - Mirasol Park
- March 24, 3-5 p.m. - Santa Rosa
- March 26, 9 a.m.-noon - Joaquin Murrieta Park
- March 29, 3-5 p.m. - Manuel Herrera Park
- March 30, 3-5 p.m. - Bristol Park



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Join us for a dedication ceremony in honor of

Pat Hubbard

SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH | 9AM

635 W ROGER RD TUCSON, AZ 85705

You're invited to remember Pat, the lifelong pet advocate and leader in animal welfare, with a dedication ceremony at HSSA Main Campus



Please RSVP by emailing
atofel@hssaz.org
 by March 4TH

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.



IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Emergency Tucson Police and Tucson Fire Departments
DIAL 911

Permits Planning and Development Services Department
(520) 791-5550

Housing Assistance Community Services Department
(520) 791-4739

Code Enforcement
(520) 791-5843

TPD Red Tag Unit
(520) 837-7318, Email: redtag@tucsonaz.gov

Graffiti Removal
(520) 792-CITY (2489)

TPD Non-Emergency
(520) 791-4444

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services
(520) 791-3171

DTM Street Maintenance
(520) 791-3154, Email: tdotconcerns@tucsonaz.gov

Tucson Water
Billing (520) 791-3242, Public Information (520) 791-4331

Park Tucson
(520) 791-5071

Pima Animal Care Center
(520) 724-5900

UA Neighborhood Hotline
(520) 282-3649

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