

# WARD 5 NEWSLETTER

Council Member Richard G. Fimbres

City of Tucson



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## LETTER

from Council Member Fimbres

Dear Friends,

Memorial Day means a lot to me as a 27 ½ year retired Army veteran.

As your Council Member for Ward 5, I continue my work to instill the values of patriotism in young people and for them to remember those who served this nation in the military. I'm working to ensure the City works with our Veterans groups and that we have a Veteran's Day Parade this year, which I'm proud to be a part of.

For the past thirteen years, during Memorial Day and Veteran's Day, a contingent of elected officials, groups and organizations join me in going out to the Southern Arizona V.A. Hospital to present thank you cards to veterans at the hospital or getting treatment and the VA hospital staff for their work. More than three dozen schools across Tucson and Pima County, as well as groups and organizations, have volunteered to make thank you cards for our veterans.

To remember the 396 Tucsonans of the Greatest Generation, who volunteered to serve our country during World War II and made the ultimate sacrifice, I worked to ensure the completion of the World War II Memorial that is located in Armory Park.

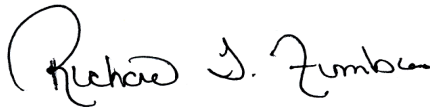
This was the idea of the late Gilbert Quintanilla, who had served our country and saw our community had no memorial to those Tucsonans who served and died in World War II. Thank you to the families of those who served our nation in the military. To all those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice, God bless you, you are not forgotten and here is the Veteran's Prayer:

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“Dear Lord, we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country’s heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America’s victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen. Let us remember all of the veterans that sacrificed so much to keep our country safe. God bless all of our troops and may He watch over them forever.”

Thank you.

Richard G. Fimbres



Your Ward 5 Council Member

## UNITED HEARTS COVID-19 MEMORIAL

I want to thank Maria Vianey Valdez-Cardenas and United Hearts of Arizona for holding the COVID-19 Memorial on May 6. Pima County Supervisor Rex Scott, Tucson Vice Mayor Lane Santa Cruz, Pascua Yaqui Tribal Vice Chairman, Robert Valencia and the Consul of Mexico-Tucson Rafael Barceló Durazo addressed those in attendance. Then the names of those who lost their battle to COVID were read. Those who fought the virus and won were also recognized. I want to thank the Desert View ROTC and American Legion Yoeme Post 125 for posting the colors, Pastor Abel Leon for the invocation and Paul Cicala for emceeding this community event.

## LINDA RONSTADT MUSIC HALL

On May 7, I had the privilege of attending, with my wife Mary, the celebration and commendation of the naming of the Tucson Music Hall to the Linda Ronstadt Music Hall, to honor her work and legacy in music. I presented her with the Ward 5 Medallion of Hope and the Ward 5 First Responders Coin that has St. Michael on it. I want to thank Mayor Regina Romero for her work and efforts to get the Hall named in Linda's honor. I also want to thank artist Rock Martinez and David Valdez who created the beautiful mural that will be displayed. That night was a great night for our community.



## CENTER OF HOPE APARTMENTS

On Friday, May 13, Mayor Regina Romero joined me at the grand opening of the Center of Hope Apartments at the H.S. Lopez Family Foundation Center for Opportunity. These apartments are the work of Dan Ranieri and La Frontera and are a milestone for the Center.



In 2016, I initially met with Humberto Lopez, Omar Mireles and the late Armando Rios about the Tucson Homeless Work Program and the idea and need to have something to provide services, healthcare and assistance to those in need. It was suggested to get Rev. Roy Tullgreen, Lisa Chastain, Gospel Rescue Mission and Dan Ranieri of La Frontera involved. The rest is history with the ribbon cutting for the 100 apartment complex. Congratulations to you all. At the ceremony, I gave Dan Ranieri, Lisa Chastain, Guillermo Andrade of La Frontera and Liz Morales of the City of Tucson HCD, the Ward 5 Medallion of Hope. We showed we are One City, One County and One Community.

## PROP 411 PASSES

I would like to thank the good citizens of Tucson who cast their ballots Tuesday, May 17, in favor of Proposition 411, which will continue the investment and repair of neighborhood streets. I also want to thank my staff, the City Manager's Office and Sam Credio for their work on the Ward 5 Informational Town Hall for Proposition 411, as well as the turnout by neighborhood leaders who asked great questions. Our neighborhoods and the Ward 5 staff and your Council Member will work together to get the roads done in our Ward.



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

On May 20, I had the privilege of attending the ribbon cutting of Ignacio "Nacho" Gamez's home dedication by Habitat for Humanity. Nacho was a 20 year U.S. Navy Veteran. I presented Nacho with the Ward 5 Medallion of Hope and the Ward 5 Military Coin for his service. I also presented the Habitat leadership Ward 5 Medallions of Hope for the hope they bring to our community with their work.

## NOCHE DE LAS ESTRELLAS

After a 2-year hiatus due to COVID-19, Sunnyside High School's Noche De Las Estrellas returned to the AVA Amphitheater on Saturday, May 21. Headlining this year's concert was Graciela Beltran, along with over 20 mariachi and folklorico groups from all across Southern Arizona. My office was represented to present an award to the committee for putting on such a wonderful event and for bringing back Noche De Las Estrellas once again.



## CONGRATS GRADUATES!

This year has been an especially sobering one for our nation and world. We have had to make changes to our lives to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. The future of Tucson, our young people, also have had difficulties, especially with their education. With the COVID-19 pandemic, our young people finished their courses, exams and the other obstacles they faced.

Congratulations to all the students on your academic success. Graduation is just one giant step in a very important direction. For some of you, this step has been a struggle full of obstacles, barriers, and distractions, for others it has not been that easy. However, through your struggles you have still accomplished your goal, and we are here today to celebrate your achievements, this awesome achievement that you have made with the support of your parents and family.

I hope your schooling has taught you that life is an adventure. Don't be afraid to learn. Knowledge is weightless, a treasure you can always carry easily. Treat others the way you expect to be treated and you will never have a problem. Remember the key to success is through education. In today's age of technology we have to all become lifelong learners. Remember, always give a hand to another in need and remember your civic responsibilities as citizens.



As stated, this accomplishment is the culmination of a lot of work, a lot of sweat, a lot of tears-but you are not finished. This is not final. It is, however, a significant milestone. Like Colin Powell has said, "There are no secrets to success: Don't waste time looking for them. Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty to those for whom you work, and persistence."

Don't underestimate this accomplishment. Your education will open doors—it will serve you well. But what will serve you even better is the persistence you have demonstrated in working toward your diploma. Congratulations and good luck, Class of 2022.



## THANK YOU CARDS TO THE VA

On Friday, May 27, a contingent of elected officials will be joining me in presenting thank you cards and letters, made by school students, to Veterans at the Southern Arizona V.A. Hospital. This marks the 13th year that I and my office have coordinated these efforts for our Veterans, thanking them for their service to this nation and to instill the values of patriotism and commitment in our future generations.

## FRANCES ERUNEZ

Frances Erunez has done so much for our community through her work and endeavors. She owns Los Jarritos, one of the great restaurants in the south side. I've been informed that Frances had been hospitalized and I am calling all Prayer Warriors to pray for her recovery

## SUMMER POOL SCHEDULE

Tucson Parks and Recreation will have 10 pools open for summer swim activities from June 2 to August 3. Responding to a lifeguard shortage, the City has focused on making water safety and quality aquatic programming the top priorities. The summer schedule will allow for recreational swimming, lap swimming, learn-to-swim lessons, and new Aqua and Deep-Water Fitness classes. Learn-to-swim lessons information will be released next week.



Lifeguard recruitment remains a top priority, and hiring will remain open to give the City the ability to explore expanding schedules or locations if staffing increases. Applicants must be at least 15 years of age and must have lifeguard certifications. Apply online at <http://www.Tucsonaz.gov/jobs>. For those lacking the lifeguard certification, call (520) 791-4245 for information on where to get certified.



## TUCSON WATER BILL ASSISTANCE

Did you know that Tucson Water provides up to a 75% discount on your monthly water bill? Qualified customers can receive the discount for up to 3 years after approval. Eligibility for Tucson Water's low-income assistance program is determined by total household size and income. Call 520-791-5443 to make an appointment or visit <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/water/low-income-assistance-program> for more information.

## REID PARK REIMAGINED

The City of Tucson announced the kick-off of the three-phase master planning process for Gene C. Reid Park: Reid Park Reimagined. A map-based survey was launched to gather input about how the community uses the park and its priorities for the future of the park. In order to better assist the community in taking the survey, Tucson Parks and Recreation is making staff and public access computers available for free at recreation centers across the city. Staff will be available at each location during their regular operating hours. Members of the public can come in to receive free access to a computer and receive help walking through the survey map and supplemental questions.



Locations and hours are as follows:

### **Donna Liggins Center**

2160 N. 6th Ave.  
(520) 791-3247  
Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm  
Fri 8am-6pm  
Sat 8am-4pm

### **El Pueblo Activity Center**

101 W. Irvington Road. Bldg. 9  
(520) 791-5155  
Mon-Thurs 6am-8pm  
Fri 6am-6pm  
Sat 8am-4pm  
Sun 10am-4pm

### **El Pueblo Senior Center**

101 W. Irvington Rd. Bldg. 13  
(520) 791-3250  
Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

### **El Rio Center**

1390 W. Speedway Blvd.  
(520) 791-4683  
Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm  
Fri 8am-6pm

### **Fred Archer Center**

1665 S. La Cholla Blvd.  
(520) 791-4353  
Mon-Fri 9am-6pm  
Sat 8am-4pm

### **Freedom Park Center**

5000 E. 29th St.  
(520) 791-4969  
Mon-Fri 9am-6pm

### **Quincie Douglas Center**

1575 E. 36th St.  
(520) 791-2507  
Mon-Fri 8am-7pm

### **William M. Clements Center**

8155 E. Poinciana Dr.  
(520) 791-5787  
Mon-Fri 8am-2pm

Input from this survey will influence the design ideas that are generated. Community input is a critical component of the planning process, and the City wants to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to provide their feedback and ideas. The survey will close on Tuesday, May 31, at 11:59 p.m.

For more information, or to take the survey, visit the project website:

English ([bit.ly/reidparkreimagined](https://bit.ly/reidparkreimagined)) or Spanish ([bit.ly/reidparkreimaginedSP](https://bit.ly/reidparkreimaginedSP))



**PERIOD POVERTY  
AWARENESS WEEK  
MAY 23RD - MAY 29TH  
PERIOD PRODUCT DRIVE**



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**DONATION SITES**

- District 5, Board of Supervisors, 33 N. Stone 11th Floor
- Diaper Bank, 1050 S. Plumer Ave.
- YWCA Tucson, 525 N Bonita Ave.
- Pima County Recorder's Office, 240 N Stone Ave.
- Abrams Public Health Center, 3950 S Country Club Rd.
- Pima County Youth One Stop, 320 N Commerce Park Loop #200
- Sahuarita Library, 670 W Sahuarita Rd.
- Miller-Golf Links Library, 9640 E Golf Links Rd
- Richard Elias-Mission Library, 3770 S. Mission Rd.
- Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia Rd.
- Eckstrom-Columbus Library, 4350 E. 22nd St.
- Kirk-Bear Canyon Library, 8959 E Tanque Verde Rd
- Nanini Library, 7300 N. Shannon Rd.
- Woods Memorial Library, 3455 N. 1st Ave.
- Wheeler Taft Abbett Library, 7800 N Schisler Dr.
- Himmel Library, 1035 N. Treat Ave.
- Oro Valley Public Library, 1305 W Naranja Dr, Oro Valley, AZ
- Tucson City Council, Ward 1, 940 W Alameda St.
- Tucson City Council, Ward 3, 1510 E Grant Rd.
- Tucson City Council, Ward 5, 4300 S Park Ave.
- Tucson City Council, Ward 6, 3202 E 1st St.
- Westbound at the MSA Annex, 267 South Avenida del Convento
- Pop Cycle Shop, 422 N. 4th Avenue

**Donate new, unused pads, tampons, and menstrual cups  
May 23rd - May 27th**



[www.adelitasgrijalva.com/endperiodpoverty](http://www.adelitasgrijalva.com/endperiodpoverty)

Ready, Set,  
**REC!**

**Find the  
Ward 5 van!**



- June 1, 4-6 p.m. - Manuel Herrera Jr. Park**
- June 2, 4-6 p.m. - Ochoa Park**
- June 7, 4-6 p.m. - Swan Way**
- June 13, 4-6 p.m. - Parkview Park**
- June 25, 5:30-8:30 p.m. - Reid Park Zoo**
- June 28, 4-6 p.m. - Bristol Park**



# 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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Check out our other information outlets



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www.tucsonaz.gov/  
ward-5](https://www.tucsonaz.gov/ward-5)

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