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Council Member Richard G. Fimbres

City of Tucson



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LETTER

from Council Member Fimbres

Dear Friends:

Another school semester will be starting soon. The school zone 15 miles per hour signs are out in the morning and afternoon, with crossing guards helping students cross our streets to get to our elementary, middle and high schools. The University of Arizona and Pima College are starting their semesters and college students are moving into the dorms and houses in our neighborhoods.

With this, my office has received complaints about, including: loud parties, trash cans being left out, parking, fireworks and pet issues naming several issues and concerns that have been raised and 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: 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 it in your yard.

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

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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. 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.



The practice of social distancing and wearing masks, as well as washing hands have been strongly advised during this COVID-19 pandemic by the Pima County Health Department. Be safe and be healthy and also wash your hands.

In the newsletter, phone numbers for services are listed. We are also adding the Ward 5 Help Brochure for any other questions.

Be safe, stay hydrated and wear your mask.

Richard G. Fimbres

Your Ward 5 Council Member

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS

On Sunday, July 17, The first Kaycee Club Ballroom Community School Backpack and School Supply Giveaway took place. This is the first event and effort to get backpacks and school supplies to kids in need.

I want to thank Diego Rivera with Buena Vida Comida for his efforts for this event. I also want to thank my Ward 5 staff for their work on getting backpacks, supplies and getting them ready. Thank you to Maria Vianey Valdez Cardenas and United Hearts of Arizona for their help in this effort. I also want to thank Dr. Ed Ackerley, Val Romero and the Tucson Business Organization for their help getting backpacks and supplies. I want to thank TUSD and Imago Dei Middle School for being at the event in support. My appreciation to Skate Country and Proper Barbershop for their work on this, as well as the other businesses who helped to support the kids in need going back to school.



Lastly I want to thank Louie Valenzuela and Richard Michael Fimbres with the Kaycee Club for their work, commitment to the community and to Tucson's youth and hosting the event. Education is the key to success and committed people were there handing out those keys.

SUNNYSIDE SAFETY TOWNHALL

On Thursday, July 7, Sunnyside Unified School District partnered with Tucson Police, the Pima County Sheriff's Department, LPKNC, and various community members to host a townhall regarding school safety, in light of the recent events in Uvalde, Texas. This event was well-attended by several community members and stakeholders, and my office was also represented. Many great questions were asked and I want to express my sincere gratitude to SUSD, TPD, PCSD, and LPKNC for their commitment to prioritizing the safety and well-being of our students.



STEVE HOLMES

On June 28, I had the privilege of recognizing Steve Holmes for his work and accomplishments as the Superintendent of the Sunnyside School District. Steve was recently appointed by Pima County Administrator Jan Leshner to be a Deputy County Administrator. I want to thank Steve for his commitment and service to Sunnyside schools and look forward to working with him in his new role.



SUNNYSIDE LITTLE LEAGUE

The Sunnyside Little League Won the District 12 Championship for both Majors and Juniors for Baseball and Softball. Congratulations to the boys and girls on their success on the field, as well as their families and coaches for a successful season so far. The teams are participating in the All-Stars Tournament and Sunnyside Little League is trying to raise funds to help the kids get to the games.



Anyone can make a donation to the Sunnyside Little League by sending a check, payable to Sunnyside Little League, 1771 W. White Rock Court, Tucson, Arizona 85746. For more information, please call (520) 869-4884.

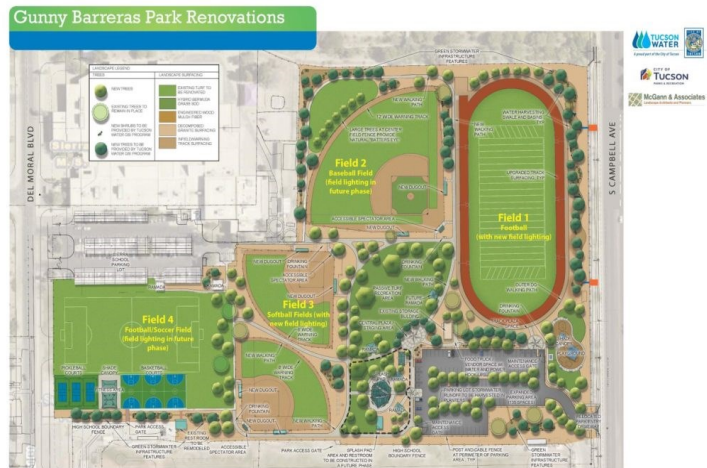


THANK YOU MARTIN

Martin Cortez's last day at Ward 5 was June 30, as part of the Student Intern Program. The Sunnyside High School graduate helped me and the Ward 5 staff tremendously during his time with us. Martin will be continuing his studies at Pima Community College and my staff and I wish him all the success in his endeavors.

MARTIN R. "GUNNY" BARRERAS PARK

CSM Martin R. "Gunny" Barreras Memorial Park, 5702 S. Campbell Ave., is undergoing nearly \$7.9 million in renovations and development. Some of the park improvements underway include new items, such as a walking path, a playground with shade, a ramada, LED lighting, an outdoor fitness equipment court, a splash pad with a restroom, and renovation of the current restroom. The park will remain closed during renovations. The project is funded primarily by 2018 voter-approved general obligation bond dollars, with additional funding from state and federal sources.



<https://tucsondelivers.tucsonaz.gov/pages/gunnypark>

WELCOME JACOB

We would like to welcome our newest summer youth intern, Jacob Yanez. Jacob is 17 years old and is soon to be a senior in high school. He is one of 5 siblings, and says that they help motivate him to succeed. Jacob enjoys listening to music, sports, and playing video games. Jacob's favorite school subject is English because he enjoys creating characters and including them in stories. Welcome to Ward 5, Jacob!

ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Last year, Council Member Fimbres, along with the Mayor and the other council members, unanimously voted to allocate \$14 million to improve neighborhood streets allocating \$2 million per ward. I am pleased to announce that the improvements in Ward 5 are complete.

Roadways resurfaced were White Rock Avenue/Jeanette Boulevard from Minorka Road to Bilby Road, Minorka Road, as well as Liberty Avenue from Calle Margarita to Irvington Road. The Grand View Neighborhood also received improvements which included the widening of 37th and 39th streets from 20-feet-wide to 24-feet-wide.

Please see the attached pictures of the completed projects:



REPORT TRANSPORTATION CONCERNS AFTER A STORM

Is there a pothole you'd like to see filled? Is a street sign missing? Is a tree limb hanging too close over a roadway or sidewalk? You can report these issues to the City of Tucson's Department of Transportation and Mobility, (520) 791-3154, or email the exact location to TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov.

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/transportation>

PIMA COUNTY'S TEST TO TREAT PROGRAM

If you test positive for COVID-19 (on an at-home test or at a testing site) and meet certain eligibility requirements, you may be able to receive a prescription for a free oral antiviral treatment. This program is already available at some health care providers and clinics in our community, but to increase access, the Pima County Health Department recently implemented a free "Test to Treat" program available to everyone (no insurance card necessary). The walk-in service is at the Health Department's East Clinic, 6920 E. Broadway Blvd. You can be evaluated by a provider at no cost if you test positive. If you already have a positive test, you can walk into the clinic or call (520) 724-7895 to discuss eligibility for treatment and get a prescription if you medically qualify. The clinic and the phone number are staffed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekends.

[Read the news release](#)

["Test to Treat" program](#)



TUCSON HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

City of Tucson Housing & Community Development is accepting applications for the Tucson Home Repair Program (THRP). This program focuses to provide financial and technical assistance to low-income homeowners faced with urgent housing repairs in the City of Tucson limits. This program focuses on four areas:

- Tucson Home Repair Program
- Home Access Program
- Mobile Home Repair
- Lead Hazard Reduction

Visit <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/home-owner-programs?> or call (520) 791-4171 for more information.

ABE CAMPILLO

On July 16, Abe Campillo, a wonderful person, community advocate, dear husband to Cecilia and their son, departed from his temporary home to his eternal Heavenly home. Abe had served as a LULAC, local council President and worked to better the lives of those in our community with the El Rio Center and El Rio Clinic. I had the privilege of recognizing Cecilia and Abe for their work for our community, awarding them the Ward 5 Certificate of Appreciation and Medallions of Hope. Heaven does have a new Guardian Angel and our hearts go out to Cecilia and their family for their loss.



KIDZ EXPO

On Saturday, July 23, Arizona Bilingual will hold its 11th annual “Kidz Expo” at the Tucson Convention Center. Approximately 2,000 backpacks will be given out to students to help them prepare for the upcoming school year. There will be lots of great food, music, raffles, and community resources available. My office is proud to sponsor this event, as we have done in the past. I want to thank Alma Gallardo, the volunteers, community sponsors, and everyone at Arizona Bilingual for helping to put together such a successful annual event.

THANK YOU U.S. REPS. GRIJALVA AND KIRKPATRICK

The U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation that includes funding requests for projects in Ward 5 and Tucson. Thank you Congressman Grijalva and Congresswoman Kirkpatrick for your joint request for \$2.74 million for the El Pueblo Neighborhood Center. Also, thank you Congresswoman Kirkpatrick for your request of \$2.5 million for the improvement projects in Western Hills. Also, Congressman Grijalva requested \$2.9 million for improvements for the Mission Manor Aquatic Center. This bill now goes to the U.S. Senate.

Ready, Set, REC!

CLICK [HERE](https://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/readyssetrec) FOR THE SCHEDULE
or visit <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/readyssetrec>

CITY OF TUCSON



Save A Life Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing basic first aid and CPR instruction. We provide American Heart Association certification courses. We now offer Tucson Fire Department continuous chest compression CPR for the layperson.

Save A Life provides private and open enrollment training sessions. Open sessions are available two to three times per week. Private sessions are available to groups and organizations with a five student minimum requirement, and are scheduled two to three weeks in advance. Sessions are also available in Spanish.

Our courses are taught by off-duty members of the Tucson Fire Department and is sponsored by Tucson Electric Power and the Tucson Firefighters Union. Save A Life has offered CPR and first aid instruction in Tucson since 1979.

For more information, visit www.savealifetfd.com or call (520) 623-8484.



Community Resource Line

Get Connected to:

- Medical and Mental Health Services
- Meals and Food Assistance
- Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter
- Domestic Violence Resources
- Mainstream Benefits
- Housing Resources
- Much More!



Call 24/7:
(520) 791-2540

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



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4300 S. Park Ave.
Tucson, Arizona 85714
(520) 791-4231
ward5@tucsonaz.gov

Contact lines operate during normal business hours unless noted otherwise.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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

Tucson Electric Power
(520) 623-7711

Southwest Gas
(887) 860-6020

Park Tucson
(520) 791-5071

Pima Animal Care Center
4000 N. Silverbell Rd.
(520) 724-5900

Pima County Public Libraries
(520) 791-4010 (Call for locations)

Job Training
One-Stop Career Centers
340 N. Commerce Park Loop
(520) 724-7650 (Call for locations)

Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona
3003 S. Country Club Rd
(520) 622-0525

El Rio Community Health
(520) 670-3909 (Call for locations)

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Emergency Services
Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department—DIAL 911

TPD Non Emergency
(520) 791-4444

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

Housing Assistance
City of Tucson Community Services Department
(520) 791-4739

City of Tucson Code Enforcement
(520) 791-5843
TPD Red Tag Unit
(520) 837-7318
Email: redtag@tucsonaz.gov

Graffiti Removal
(520) 792-CITY (2489)

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

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

SHELTERS

Gospel Rescue Mission Center for Opportunity
4500 S. Palo Verde Rd.
(520) 740-1501 (Call for other locations)

Primavera Men's Shelter
200 E. Benson Hwy.
(520) 623-4300

Primavera Casa Paloma Women's Shelter
Near Speedway/Main (Call for location)
(520) 882-0820

Salvation Army Hospitality House
1002 N. Main Ave.
(520) 622-5411

Sister Jose's Women's Shelter
1050 S. Park Ave.
(520) 909-3905

Our Family Services Family/Youth Shelter
2590 N. Alvernon Way.
(520) 320-5122

Old Pueblo Community Services
4501 E. 5th St.
(520) 546-0122 (Call for locations)

24/7 Community Resource Line
(520) 791-2540
A 24/7 resource hotline to provide information on services/housing

Call for hours, availability and locations

MEALS

Casa Maria
401 S. 29th St.
8:30am - 11:30am DAILY
(520) 624-0312

Southside Presbyterian Church
317 W. 23rd St.
9:00am - 11:00am M & F
(520) 623-6857

MENTAL HEALTH

La Frontera
(520) 884-9920 (Call for locations)

COPE Community Services Inc.
(520) 792-3293 (Call for locations)

CODAC
(520) 327-4505 (Call for locations)

Community Bridges Inc.
(520) 323-1312 (Call for locations)

Crisis Response Center
2802 E. District St.
(520) 301-2400
Open 24/7

24/7 Southern AZ Crisis Line
(520) 622-6000

National Suicide Prevention Hotline
800-273-8255

EVICITION PREVENTION

Tucson and Pima County Eviction Prevention Program
(520) 447-4423 or (831) 292-4308

Chicanos Por La Causa
(602) 257-6726

Primavera Foundation
811 S. 6th Ave.
(520) 308-3132

UTILITY/RENT ASSISTANCE

Pima County Community Action Agency
2797 E. Ajo Way
(520) 724-2667
8:30am - 10:30am

Interfaith Community Services (ICS)
101 W. Irvington Rd. Suite 2A
(520) 297-6049

Community Investment Corp. (CIC)
2033 E. Grant Rd.
(520) 529-1766

City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department
(520) 791-4171

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

24/7 Community Resource Line
(520) 791-2540 A 24/7 resource line to provide information on services/housing

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