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LETTER

from Council Member Fimbres

Dear Friends:

We have received the good news from Congressman Raul Grijalva that the U.S. Postal Service has announced it is ending all area mail processing (AMP) studies to consolidate mail processing facilities. This means that the AMP study at the Tucson Processing and Distribution Facility (Cherrybell) will end. Here is the news release:

The Postal Service announces that it is ending all open area mail processing (AMP) studies to consolidate mail processing facilities. This process ramped up in 2011 with hundreds of facilities being studied for consolidation. Currently, 57 AMP studies are still open, and these open studies will be ended. In Arizona an AMP study at the Tucson P&DF located at 1501 S Cherrybell will end.



The Postal Service is moving forward with the Delivering for America Plan, which includes strategies for the development of a mail processing network that enables more precise, efficient, and reliable service. By using best-in-class logistics practices, the Postal Service is driving efficiency and service performance improvement to fuel revenue growth and customer retention.

Most importantly, the plan establishes a new operating model that dramatically improves on-time delivery performance. As part of this plan, the Postal Service will re-assess the role of all processing facilities. The Postal Service will adhere to all legal, statutory, contractual and regulatory requirements as this network design is developed.

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President Joe Biden signed the Postal Reform Act in April and this announcement from the Postal Service about Cherrybell is our victory in the 11 ½ year battle to keep Tucson and Southern Arizona's post office and processing center, which serves more than 1.5 million people, 26,000 small businesses, the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Nation and the Tohono O'odham Nation, Seniors and Veterans open.

I want to thank Congressman Raul Grijalva, who has been a part of this effort since 2011, as well as the Pima County Recorder F. Ann Rodriguez, State Representative Andrea Dalessandro and Connie Sadler Nelson with the Postal Workers Union.

I want to thank Arizona's current Congressional and Senatorial delegation for their work for Cherrybell, as well as those who previously served and worked for our post office and processing center from both sides of the aisle: Senator Martha McSally, Senator Jeff Flake, the late Senator John McCain, Congressman Ron Barber and Congressman Mark Meadows, the former chair of the House Government Operations Committee.

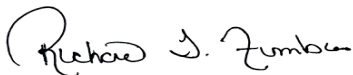
I want to thank my colleagues on the Council, past and present, for their support of Cherrybell.

I want to thank our federal lobbyists, Tracy Tucker and BTBV and the City of Tucson IGR Director, Andrew Greenhill for their work.

I want to thank everyone, residents, business owners and concerned citizens, who wrote in, emailed, and called in support for Cherrybell.

With hard work, perseverance and determination, we did it! Victory!

Thank you everyone.



Richard G. Fimbres
Your Ward 5 Council Member

22ND STREET BRIDGE

August 11 was a great day for Ward 5 and the City of Tucson. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg was in Tucson to announce the awarding of the \$25 million RAISE Grant for the construction for our 22nd Street Bridge. These additional funds will go to the reconstruction of the bridge.

I, along with other elected officials, had the opportunity to meet the Transportation Secretary and thank him for this grant. I presented the Transportation Secretary the Ward 5 Medallion of Hope and the Ward 5 First Responders and Military Coins. I had also sent a letter to the Transportation Secretary urging him to support the RAISE Grant application.



I am grateful to President Biden and Secretary Buttigieg for awarding \$25 million to Tucson for the 22nd Street Revitalization Project. These funds will allow us to reconstruct the bridge and make improvements along a major transportation corridor that will enhance access for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists alike. I want to thank our Mayor and my colleagues on the Council, the City Manager and staff for their support and successful effort. Neighborhood/public open house meetings will begin in the next 30 to 45 days as the work on the bridge itself will not begin until early 2023.

PARKS PROJECTS

There are two Park Master Plans that were on the Mayor and Council agenda August 9, for consideration, Jacobs Park in Ward 3 and Santa Rita Park in my Ward. My office worked with Parks, surrounding neighborhoods, the Neighborhood Association, community groups, the skateboarding community, City Staff, the City Manager's office as well as the Mayor's office.



So far, more than a year and half of time has been invested in the Santa Rita Park effort. The public process involved three virtual meetings held in January 2021, June 2021 and April 2022, as well as three in-person meetings at the park in November 2021 and April 2022.

There were also two online surveys in June 2021 (239 responses) and November 2021 (375 responses). This included efforts at the park by staff to get responses. Paper surveys were also provided to neighborhood leaders to distribute in the neighborhood. Social media posts, advertisements, and signs in the parks and neighborhoods were also part of this effort. A total of 8,430 postcards were mailed to households in October 2021. In addition, a total of 279 emails were received by the city.

This was an effort to compile a plan, not start construction, displace anyone or gentrify the area. It is a starting point and the discussions can change plans as we have seen with other Proposition 407 projects to what further the neighborhoods want, as we saw with Gunny Barreras and Cherry Avenue, both in my Ward, and Mission Manor, Joaquin Murrieta, Iron Horse, Barrio Nopal, Santa Rita, Jacobs, and many other future projects. This is a part of Proposition 407, the voter approved Parks Bond measure, for which there will be further discussion under the auspices of Proposition 407.

Also, the Housing and Community Development Department, Housing First and the City's Homeless Outreach Team will also be involved, working with our homeless population at the park as well to help those who want services. There have been issues with the parks safety, which I had to move the Tucson Raiders Football and Cheerleading Program out of Santa Rita to another location, as well as assaults, including a 75 year old woman, stabbings and a murder at the park.

This effort is to reactivate Santa Park for the community, the young, young at heart, skateboarders, baseball and softball players and the families. Nothing more and nothing less. I want to thank the City Manager, the Parks Director and city staff for answering these questions and getting this out to the public on the work that had been done on the Santa Rita Park Master Plan project. I also want to thank my staff for their work on this which will benefit Ward 5.

STILL BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

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/

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/.

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



BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION

The Ward 5 Council Office distributed backpacks and school supplies to the following schools in TUSD and Sunnyside School District for students in need: Apollo Middle, Gallego, Sierra, Drexel Elementary, Summit Elementary, Utterback Middle School, Cavett Elementary, Holladay, Van Buskirk Elementary, Santa Cruz, Saint John's and Saint Ambrose. I want to thank my Ward 5 staff for coordinating this effort and to our community partners who helped to get these 300 backpacks and supplies for this annual Ward 5 event.



BACKPACK WINNERS

On July 21, at the Ward 5 Council Office, Maria Vianey Valdez Cardenas and United Hearts of Arizona, Council Member Richard Fimbres and Ward 5, gave the two student winners of the school backpacks raffle. Congratulations to Vivian Tovarez and Eric Mateo Lopez!

THANK YOU JACOB

Jacob Yanez's last day at Ward 5 was July 28, as part of the Student Intern Program. The Desert View High School student helped me and the Ward 5 staff tremendously during his time with us. Jacob will be continuing his studies as a senior at Desert View and my staff and I wish him all the success in his endeavors.



THANK YOU MANNY AND SHAWN

On August 12, I had the privilege of recognizing Manny Mendez for his work for Tucson Parks and Rec and Shawn Cote for his work with SAHBA. Manny is now with TPD and Shawn is with the Tucson Association of Realtors. Thank you for what you have done for our community and I look forward to working with you in your new roles.

TRANSIT FARE POP-UP

Sun Tran is hosting numerous pop-up events in August to allow for in-person feedback on transit fares. The next one will be held Wednesday, Aug. 24, from 5-6 p.m., at the University of Arizona Student Union Santa Cruz Room.

An online survey also is available to give the public a further chance to comment. Community feedback is essential to help transit policymakers and City leadership make informed decisions about the future of fares. These opportunities follow a series of public input meetings held in July, helping community members learn about transit policies and how to access the fares survey. This month, fares will be the primary focus of the meetings. English and Spanish-speaking staff will be available at many of the events. Along with the online survey and in-person opportunities, the public can also leave a comment by calling Sun Tran Customer Service at (520) 792-9222 or emailing suntraninfo@tucsonaz.gov.

Wednesday, August 24 •

*New Time: 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

University of Arizona, Student Union: Santa Cruz Room
1303 E University Blvd.

Take Route 15 or the Sun Link streetcar

For more information, please visit: <http://www.suntran.com/PublicInput2022/>

For online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SunTranFares>

WE NEED YOUR INPUT! *Necesitamos su opinión*

JOIN US AT A
POP UP
EVENT! COMING TO A
TRANSIT CENTER
NEAR YOU!

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.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/transportation>

WELCOME LIEUTENANTS BRADY AND ZEIS

The Ward 5 Office would like to welcome Lieutenants Matt Brady and Deanne Zeis to TPD's Operation Division South.



Lt. Brady was assigned to Operations Division South effective July 3, 2022. He is a native of Tucson and 3rd generation Arizonan. He has served with the Tucson Police Department since 2006. He started his career in Operations Division West and has also worked in Operations Division East for a short period. Lt. Brady served as a field training officer (FTO) in both divisions. He was promoted to the rank of detective in 2012 and worked in Nova (night detectives) and Organized Crime units. In 2014, he worked as part of the Gang Tactical Unit (GTAC), then was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2015. In 2017, he was assigned to the Office of Professional Standards, then assigned to the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center in 2020. Prior to joining the police department, he was a high school science teacher in Tucson and Phoenix.

Lt. Zeis was born and raised in Tucson, and has been with the police department since February of 2008. As an officer, she worked in a patrol capacity in Operations Division Midtown before becoming a member of the Community Response Team. Lt. Zeis also worked in the street-level narcotics squad for the Counter Narcotics Alliance. During her tenure as an officer, Lt. Zeis received two Chief of Police Citations of Excellence. In July 2015, she promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was assigned to patrol in Operations Division Midtown. Between April 2019 and July 2022, Lt. Zeis worked in the Office of Professional Standards. She promoted to the rank of lieutenant in February 2022, and was reassigned to Operations Division South in July 2022. Lt. Zeis has a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and Sociology and a Master of Science in Leadership with an emphasis in disaster preparedness.



Welcome to Operation Division South!



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, and Lead Hazard Reduction

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

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.



THANK YOU MARCOS LARES

Thank you Marcos Lares: I want to thank Marcos Lares for his work and commitment to our community. Marcos has been a Public Safety Communications Department dispatcher for over 35 years, as a trainer and floor supervisor and will be retiring. Marcos' knowledge and expertise will be missed. Good luck in the next chapter of your life.

A graphic with a dark purple background featuring stylized fireworks. The text "Ready, Set, REC!" is prominently displayed, with "REC!" in large white letters on a green rectangular background. Below the text, it says "CLICK HERE FOR THE SCHEDULE or visit https://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/readyssetrec". The City of Tucson logo is in the bottom right corner.

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FACING EVICTION?

You may be eligible for rental assistance and other resources for your household.

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¿SE ENFRENTA A UN DESALOJO?

Usted puede ser elegible para acceder a ayudas al alquiler y otros recursos para su hogar.

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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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