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Letter from Council Member Fimbres

Dear Friends:

It is National Hispanic Heritage Month (through October 15) , which traditionally honors the cultures and contributions of both Hispanic and Latino Americans as we celebrate heritage rooted in all Latin American countries.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month gives us an opportunity to reflect on what makes Latinos such a strong, contributing force in America. Latinos were among the earliest European settlers in the New World, and Latinos as a people, like their many cultures, share a rich history and great diversity.

Latinos have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their commitment to family, faith, patriotism, hard work and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community.

And to say our culture has little impact on our community would be a major understatement. Thanks to our Latino community and cuisine, we played a part when Tucson became the first City of Gastronomy as designated by UNESCO. You can see Latino influence on culture from here to New York but we think very little of it.

With over 50 million Latinos across the United States, Latinos now make up the largest minority group and represent billions in buying power. Latinos also represent the fastest growing segment of the American electorate.

In Arizona, Raul Castro served as our first Latino Governor in the 1970's. In 1991, Ed Pastor was the first Latino elected to represent Arizona in the U.S. Congress. Today there are two Latinos in Congress representing Arizona: Raul Grijalva and Ruben Gallego. The City of Tucson elected its first Latina Mayor, Regina Romero. Other notable local Latino Leaders include former Supervisor Dan Eckstrom, former South Tucson Mayor Jennifer Eckstrom and current Supervisor Adelita Grijalva.

In Tucson and Pima County, Latinos have sent a strong message by turning out to vote and leading the state in the number of Latinos that have been elected to governing bodies. In a recent article in "Inside Tucson Business," entitled "Hispanics a Key to Tucson's Rebound," it discussed the importance of buying power of the Latino Community in Tucson, Pima County and throughout Arizona.

It noted, "the Latino impact on the local and national economy and that their purchasing power represents \$8 billion per year in Pima County, a number that is expected to increase by 88% in the next decade." By 2024, Latinos are estimated to spend \$14 billion in the Tucson economy, equating to 28 percent of the total market spending.

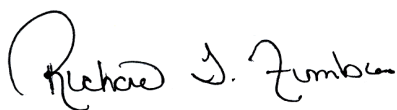
Hispanics are the largest group that has earned the Medal of Honor and have a wall dedicated with their names and how they earned their accommodations at the Pentagon. Sixty-one men of Hispanic heritage have been awarded the Medal of Honor, the most of all groups. Of the Sixty-one Medals of Honor presented to Hispanics, two were presented to members of the United States Navy, thirteen to members of the United States Marine Corps and forty-six to members of the United States Army. Forty-two Medals of Honor were presented posthumously.

The Latino Community has had to overcome many challenges, but as a community, we are very resilient and we persevere. In Tucson, we have pushed to grow our workforce, which in turn, has grown our businesses and in Ward 5, which has resulted in 15,000 jobs created during my time as your Ward 5 Councilmember.

The City of Tucson relies on sales tax to provide public safety, streets and parks, it's four core services. The Latino community, through purchases of goods and service, provides a lot for our entire community. Hard work, resilience, perseverance, patriotism and family have made our Latino community great and one with a remarkable heritage. It is sad though to see members of the Latino community, who served this nation in the armed forces, have been deported as well as children being locked up. We must do better as a nation.

With more than 50 million of the population, we also need to be heard and counted at the ballot box, by voting on November 8. Su voto es su voz.

Thank You



Richard G. Fimbres
Your Ward 5 Councilmember



SHOP WITH A COP: On Saturday, September 10, Shop With A Cop was held benefiting underprivileged students. My office worked with the Tucson Police, Chief Chad Kasmar and the Sugar Hill Neighborhood Coalition to hold the event in which 44 students received clothes, shoes and school supplies to use for the new school year. I want to thank Lupita Robles from my office for her work, Kevin Woodard with the Sugar Hill Neighborhood Coalition for his efforts and Chief Chad Kasmar and the Tucson Police Department for holding the effort and helping those school kids and families in need.

CONCERT FOR INDEPENDENCE: On Thursday, September 15, our friends, the Mexican Consulate held their annual Concert of Independence at the Fox Theatre. The Mexican Consulate awarded Mr. Humberto Lopez the Ohtli Award, for his work for our community, including the creation of the HS Lopez Family Foundation Center for Opportunity, the work for Sister Jose Women’s Center, support of the Tucson Homeless Work Program and other efforts in Tucson.



CONGRATULATIONS: On August 26, I had the privilege of presenting Ward 5 Certificates of Appreciation and Ward 5 Medallions of Hope to Raul Aguirre of REA Communications and Julie Gallego of VIVA Performing Arts & Dance Center, for their work in and for our community. Thank you Raul and Julie for what you do and accomplished. On August 19, I had the privilege of presenting Soleste Lupu and Joey Rodgers with Dancing in the Streets Ward 5 Certificates on Appreciation and Medallions of Hope for their work for our community.

HOW TO REPORT TRANSPORTATION CONCERNS: 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.

WELCOME CRISTIAN AND KRYSTLE: I want to welcome Cristian Moreno to the Ward 5 Council Office team. Cristian is studying at the University of Arizona and is working as a Staff Assistant. I also want to welcome Krystle Federico to Ward 5 as a Staff Assistant and thank them for joining the team.

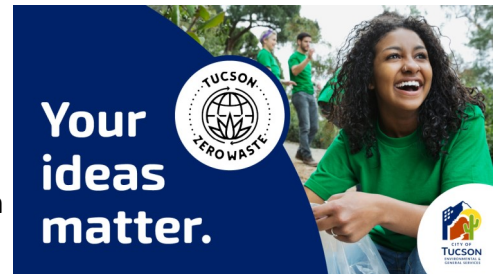


LAS VISTAS FIESTAS MEXICANA: On Saturday, September 10, at James Thomas Park, the Las Vista Neighborhood Association had their Fiesta Mexicana block party, attended by the neighbors, who enjoyed games and prizes, as well as other activities. Consul Rafael Barcelo Durazo, from the Mexican Consulate was present, as well as Folklorico Dancers who entertained the neighbors. Congratulations to the Las Vistas Neighborhood Association on their successful event.



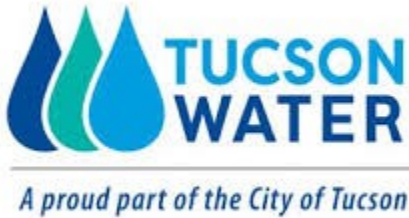
SUN TRAN SURVEY STUDY: Speak up, Tucson! There is still time to share your thoughts on the future of transit fares. Whether you ride transit or not, please fill out the online survey by clicking the link below. Transit fares have been free since March of 2020. We need your input to help decision-makers determine how to move forward. Online at: <https://www.suntran.com/publicinput2022/>.

EGSD SURVEY:The City of Tucson is taking the first step to Zero Waste by creating a Roadmap to Zero Waste. This means we are developing a guide on what Zero Waste means to Tucson before we develop a Zero Waste Plan. This is where you come in! We want your feedback on what Zero Waste means to you and Tucson. Take our survey now through September 30 and share it with your Tucson Community. Send us your thoughts today: <https://bit.ly/tucsonzw>



FIND THE 'READY, SET, REC!' MOBILE RECREATION VANS THROUGHOUT TUCSON: Tucson Parks and Recreation's mobile recreation program, 'Ready, Set, Rec!', will be touring parks throughout the fall. This engaging program was made possible by recommendation from Ward 5 Council Member Richard Fimbres to use federal CARES Act funds to acquire six vans and equipment. Play is for all ages, and the fun includes cornhole, hula hoops, giant chess, giant checkers, giant Connect 4, music, dominoes, giant Jenga, giant ring toss, etc. Find a schedule of where the vans will be on the website, <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/readyssetrec> or follow @readyssetrec on Facebook or Instagram.





TUCSON WATER REBATE PROGRAMS: Customers can apply online for residential clothes washer and premium high-efficiency toilet rebates. This means no more paper and quicker processing times. You can apply at the link below.

As of July 1, the residential toilet rebate increased to \$100 per premium high-efficiency toilet for homes and buildings constructed before 2011. These toilets

must have a "MaP Premium" rating and flush at a maximum of 1.1 gallons per flush (gpf).

The clothes washer rebate now provides customers a \$200 rebate only when replacing a top-load machine with a front-load clothes washer from the qualifying product list. Customers replacing a front-load machine or new customers not replacing a machine will be eligible for a \$100 rebate.

For questions, Email: pico@tucsonaz.gov, or call (520) 791-4331.

PFAS UPDATE: At the August 23rd council meeting, Tucson Water Director John Kmiec gave the quarterly update on PFAS activities in the Tucson Area.

“First and foremost, Tucson Water’s water supply is safe from the impacts of PFAS. The utility has been proactive in identifying the areas of the aquifer where PFAS is found and avoiding those areas with our groundwater supply wells.

“To date, Tucson Water has turned off or highly restricted use on at least 25 production wells throughout the community. The City of Tucson, along with our partners at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, are continuing to put pressure on the potentially responsible parties to act in cleaning the areas of the aquifer that have been impacted by PFAS releases.

“The City of Tucson and the Town of Marana are still plaintiffs in a multi-district litigation against the manufacturer of the aqueous film forming foams (AFFF) that contain PFAS compounds and were used at Tucson International Airport and Davis-Monthan Airbase.

“A federal court in South Carolina is hearing the case and the case includes hundreds of affected communities, like Tucson, from throughout the country. As activities change in the case, Tucson Water and the City Attorney’s Office will be providing updates to the Mayor and Council through the quarterly PFAS updates that are received.”

TUCSON ONE WATER: Tucson Water is committed to using all of our water resources wisely. We are addressing climate change and drought impacts through our One Water 2100 master plan. Learn more and help shape our water future at tucsononewater.com.

HELP SHAPE OUR WATER FUTURE!




REID PARK ZOO UPDATE: Reid Park Zoo is committed to providing experiences to inspire children and adults to care for animals and conservation of our world.

Here are some of those programs: Reid Park Zoo offers a \$4 discount on admission tickets to guests who participate in Arizona SNAP/WIC programs. This discount is available at the front gate when a valid EBT card is presented.

Library cardholders can receive two passes at Pima County libraries at no charge that are good for seven days. Active military and veterans receive 20% off Zoo memberships as well as free admission on July 4th, Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

Reid Park Zoo will be participating in Family Festival in the Park at Reid Park with \$1 admission on November 19, and all proceeds from admission that day will be donated to conservation organizations.

PARKS AND REC UPDATE: Tucson Parks and Recreation's fall 2022 indoor leisure classes schedule boasts hundreds of fun and engaging opportunities for the community, and the deadline for registering for the second session is Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 8 a.m.



"To enrich our community through inclusive, innovative, fun programs, and safe, beautiful, sustainable places."

Classes range from arts and crafts, Little Movers and Shakers, dance, gymnastics, jewelry making, glass fusing, music, and more for youth and adults. Get active in a health and fitness class, learn digital photography skills, or create beautiful pottery and ceramics pieces.

There is something for everyone. Be sure to check out some of the new class offerings, such as Chair Yoga, BollyX, and Pom. For more information, call (520) 791-4873 Ext 5.

Take advantage of fitness opportunities and recreation center amenities by purchasing a Tucson Parks and Recreation Center pass. Two types of passes are offered. The Universal Pass can be used at any center. The Restricted Pass can only be used at Fred Archer, Cherry Avenue, Donna R. Liggins, El Rio, Freedom, Quincie Douglas, Randolph, and Santa Rosa centers. Depending on the location, benefits may include the use of the gymnasium, weight room, indoor track, racquetball courts, locker rooms, and game areas.

All participants must take a certification class prior to using weight equipment. For more information on locations and fees, visit the website: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/recreation-centers#passes>.

REMINDERS ON 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.

About your trash: To reduce flies and odor, please bag and securely tie all your trash and do not over-fill 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.

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.

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.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Emergency Tucson Police and Tucson Fire Departments
DIAL 911

Permits Planning and Development Services Department
(520) 791-5550, pdsinquiries@tucsonaz.gov.

Housing Assistance Community Services Department
(520) 791-4739, hcdadmin@tucsonaz.gov.

Code Enforcement
(520) 791-5843, codeenforcement@tucsonaz.gov.

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

Graffiti Removal
(520) 792-CITY (2489), graffiti@tucsonaz.gov.

TPD Non-Emergency
(520) 791-4444

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services
(520) 791-3171, eshelp@tucsonaz.gov.

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

Tucson Water
Billing (520) 791-3242, Public Information (520) 791-4331,
tw_escalation@tucsonaz.gov.

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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