

# WARD 5 NEWSLETTER

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City of Tucson



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## Letter from Council Member Fimbres

Dear Friends:

Even during these times, this is the time to be thankful for what we have and to be close to our families and friends. I want to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

Here are some safety tips for this Thanksgiving Holiday:



Be responsible and don't drink and drive.

Stay alive and put your phone down to drive.

Keep kids safe by paying special attention to hazards in the kitchen.

Follow food safety rules, especially when it comes to cooking the turkey.

Be proactive about protecting yourself from stress.

Don't leave cooking food unattended.

Be aware of fire hazards while cooking and entertaining.

Make sure your kitchen is fully equipped in case of a fire.

Find a safe place outside to fry your turkey.

Make sure your turkey has thawed and is dry before deep frying outside.

Dress smart when you fry your turkey outside.

Keep your pets away from dangerous and toxic foods.

Don't make your Thanksgiving travel plans obvious.

Secure your home against break-ins.

Be careful and use caution.

Please don't become a statistic and end this holiday in a tragedy.

Even during these times and health pandemic we have a lot to be thankful for in Ward 5 and in Tucson:



The JTED Center for Innovative Learning grows; businesses are opening creating jobs, new industries are moving into Ward 5, the U of A Tech Park at the Bridges has opened and is thriving, other companies are expanding their workforce.

I will have an update in the next edition on two companies, one expanding and another to locate in Ward 5, resulting in more than 1,000 potential new jobs.

Organizations held successful events, such as the Arizona Bilingual's Kidz Expo and United Hearts of Arizona Shoe and Jacket event, helping kids and families, with more than 3,000 backpacks, school supplies, food, and clothes. The Ward 5 Council Office is working to get FEMA blankets and sleeping bags for those in need.

I want to express my thanks to all TPD, TFD and the groups and organizations, including the Ward 5 Council Office staff: Mark, Lupita and Mary, who work to get help and assistance, including food boxes, meals, clothes and other items to those in need during these times.

Even after this holiday, the work continues to help those in need, so please support those organizations who help our community. Ward 5 will continue its work as well.

Again to everyone, my thanks to you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Council Member for Tucson's Ward 5. I want to thank my hardworking staff for their work and commitment to Ward 5.

May you, your friends and family, have a Happy Thanksgiving and the happiest of holidays.

Peace.

Richard Fimbres  
Your Ward 5 Council Member



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**VETERANS CARDS PRESENTATION:** On Thursday, November 10, I presented more than 4,500 thank you cards, letters, and posters made by students from 25 schools from Ward 5, Tucson, and Pima County to the Southern Arizona V.A. Hospital.

The schools that took part for this presentation were:

Rivera Elementary, Drachman Montesorri, White Elementary, St. Joseph Catholic School, Davis Bilingual, Bonillas, Liberty Elementary, Robison Elementary, Miles Exploratory, Summit, Wright Elementary, McCorkle Academy, Mission View, Los Amigos, Drexel Elementary, Alta Vista H. S., Ochoa Community School, Ocotillo, Hollinger, Challenger Middle School, Nosotros Academy, St. Peter & Paul, Esperanza Elementary, Tucson International Academy, Gallego Intermediate and Pueblo Gardens K-8.



This was the 13th annual presentation done by me and the Ward 5 Council Office for the Southern Arizona V.A. Hospital on Veterans Day. I presented the cards to Dr. John Kettelle, Chief of Staff of the Southern Arizona V.A. Hospital, Cliff Baser with the VA and Ariana Leonardi Martinez, nurse with the Southern Arizona VA.

I want to thank the students at these schools and their teachers who created these wonderful cards and letters thanking our veterans who have served this nation. I want to thank Lupita Robles from my office for leading and coordinating this Veterans Day effort, as well as Mark Kerr, Mary Kuchar and Cristian Moreno from my office for their work on this.

For the past 13 years on each Veterans Day and Memorial Day, I and the Ward 5 Council office staff have worked with the schools, teachers, and students to create thank you cards and letters for our veterans and we look forward to the 14th year of this effort.

**VETERANS DAY PARADE:** On Friday, November 11, after a two year absence, our parade honoring Tucsonans who serve and have served in the military took place in downtown Tucson.



I want to thank the Morgan McDermott Post 7 and Tucson Veterans Day Parade committee for their work and commitment to this event, as well as the branches of the military, school ROTC organizations, educational institutions, veterans organizations, community groups and Tucson for their support of our parade, for which I was glad to provide funds from my office to help bring back the parade.

**TUCSON VETERANS HONORED:** On Sunday, November 13, 71 veterans were recognized for their service during the 2022 Veterans Recognition Dinner held at the Kay-Cee Club.

These individuals were nominated by their fellow citizens to thank them for serving our nation.



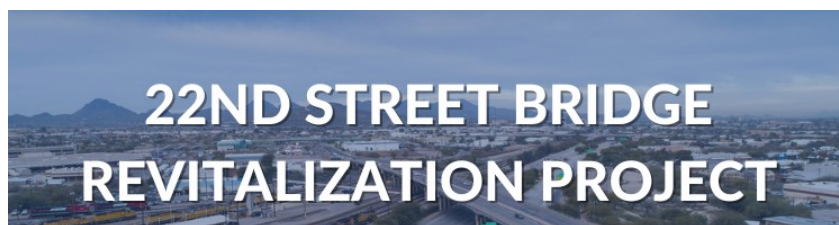


I want to thank U.S. Senators Mark Kelly and Krysten Sinema, Congressman Raul Grijalva, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey, Pima County Supervisors Adelita Grijalva and Matt Heinz, as well as Tucson Mayor Regina Romero, who joined me in presenting the 71 honorees Certificates of Appreciation to the veterans for their service. I want to thank retired Pima County Supervisor Dan Eckstrom for emceeding the event, as well as Arizona National Guard 162nd Major Erika Jaramillo (Retired) and United States Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer David Caballero (Retired) for being the keynote speakers for this year's event. I want to thank Little Mexico for the wonderful meal served at the event.

I want to thank my Ward 5 staff, Lupita Robles and Mary Kuchar, as well as Cristian Moreno for their work and being present at the event. I want to thank Jerry Neely for providing the music for the event this year. I want to thank Louie Valenzuela, Richard Michael Fimbres and Jim Rodriguez with the Kay-Cee Club for the venue. I also want to thank SAIL, American Legion Yoemi Post 125 and the Desert View High ROTC and Commander Robert Jaramillo for the Color Guard, American Patriot Memorial, LULAC Council 1002 and the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona for their support. Thank you to everyone who turned out for this annual event, honoring those who served our nation in the military.

**22ND STREET BRIDGE REVITALIZATION:** The Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM) would like to invite you to take part in the 22nd Street Bridge Revitalization Project.

The next public meeting is December 8, at the Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 East 36th Street, 5:30 p.m., for the public to participate and meet with DTM staff and the contractor to discuss the travel impacts during construction, provide information on the overall project and answer any questions. The 22nd Street Bridge will be widened to a six-lane divided roadway to match the lane configurations on each end of the project. These improvements would increase the operational capacity and would remove the bottleneck created by the current four-lane configuration. The 22nd Street bridge is structurally deficient and will be replaced with a new bridge along the same alignment with a separated pedestrian and bicycle facility. The replacement of the existing weight-restricted bridge would eliminate the need for truck detours and provide more direct lines of travel for freight and transit. For more information on the project and for meeting dates and locations visit, <https://dtmprojects.tucsonaz.gov/pages/22nd-street-bridge>



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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

**TPD Red Tag Unit**  
(520) 837-7318, 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,  
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**Park Tucson**  
(520) 791-5071

**Pima Animal Care Center**  
(520) 724-5900

**UA Neighborhood Hotline**  
(520) 282-3649

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