

WARD 5 NEWSLETTER

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Letter from Council Member Fimbres

Dear Friends:

The City of Tucson, Ward 5 Council Office 2023 Safety Calendar is printed and out.

I want to thank Lupita Robles from my office for her work, coordinating this year's calendar.

I also want to thank Mark Kerr and Mary Kuchar from my office for the work they did on the 2023 calendar.

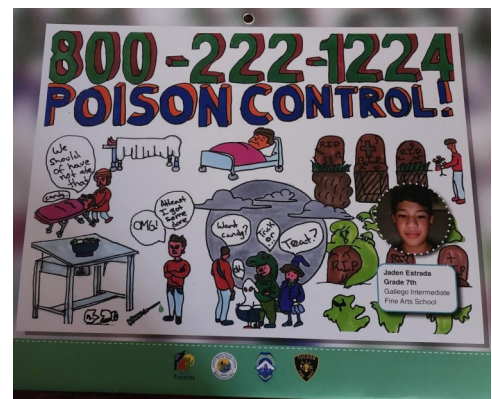
I want to thank the City Manager, Mike Ortega, Police Chief Chad Kasmir and Fire Chief, Chuck Ryan, for their support for this year's calendar.

I also want to thank Mayor Regina Romero for her letter of support again in the calendar.

I want to thank all the students who submitted artwork for consideration for this year's calendar.

I also want to thank the teachers for their help with their students' submissions.

This year's winners were:

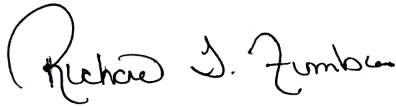


This year's winners were:

Ayanna Lopez - Gallego - Front Cover.
Gabriel Palma - Gallego - January.
Kandhy Estrada - Gallego - February.
Milena Myro - Carrillo - March.
Yulissa Rascon Hernandez - Craycroft - April.
Lanica Rodriguez - Gallego - May.
Selena Carrillo - Carrillo - June.
Joleesa Brandenburg - Gallego - July.
Alyah Romero - Carrillo - August.
Kyla Cannon - Gallego - September.
Yuliett Hirsh Davila - Carrillo - October.
Emilia Carlsen - Carrillo - November.
Jade Urias - Carrillo - December.
Jaden Estrada - Gallego - Back Cover.

The Ward 5 office has been in the process of distributing the calendars and I am proud to have this calendar available again for the eighth consecutive year.

Thank you.



Richard G. Fimbres
Your Ward 5 Council Member

ABF & SION POWER IN WARD 5: Tucson's Mayor and Council on Tuesday, January 24, gave final approval for two Primary Jobs Incentive development agreements for American Battery Factory (ABF) and Sion Power.



The Primary Jobs Incentive is a financial tool that supports the City's efforts to attract quality jobs and investment. The incentive provides up to 100% reimbursement of construction sales tax to qualifying expenses, such as required public infrastructure improvements, offsets to impact fees, and job training.

ABF intends to hire 1,000 new employees over the next several years, with an average salary of \$65,000. The overall economic impact of the ABF project is estimated at more than \$2.5 billion over five years. Construction is expected to start in June, with completion in late 2024.



Sion Power has more than 100 current employees, with an average salary of \$85,000, and intends to create more than 150 new engineering and manufacturing jobs with this expansion. The overall economic impact of the Sion expansion project is estimated at more than \$85.2 million over five years. The new manufacturing facility is expected to be operational in late 2024.

The renaissance of Ward 5 and the south side continues with the construction of ABF and the expansion of Sion Power, with more than 1,100 jobs being created in these fields of new technology and sustainability. Both companies will be working with the surrounding schools and educational institutions to help with creating educational programs and job training.

PGNA MLK VIRTUAL BREAKFAST: This year's Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association MLK Junior Breakfast event was virtual again, and will air on the City of Tucson YouTube Channel that started Monday, January 16. Prior to the pandemic, Pueblo Gardens held an annual breakfast to honor the work and legacy of Doctor King, as well as raise funds for educational scholarships and school supplies for students in the surrounding neighborhoods. This will mark the 33rd year the neighborhood has held an event and the second consecutive virtual event.



I want to congratulate James Christopher and the Pueblo Gardens MLK Breakfast Committee, including Traci Hockett and Willie Blake for their 33 years of work and commitment for the event. I want to thank all the volunteers, the Pueblo Gardens neighbors and the Boys and Girls Club for their support of the event, for which my wife Mary Fimbres, Melinda Jacobs, the late Abe Marques and Mark Kerr, from the Ward 5 office, helped with the annual breakfast. I want to thank Mayor Regina Romero in joining me in delivering remarks for this year's event. I want to thank City Manager Michael Ortega, Andy Squire and James Rundel for producing this year's video. I also want to thank Pastor Grady Scott and the staff at Grace Temple Baptist Church for their support and providing the church to record the video. Please see the video on the City of Tucson YouTube page, if you want to help with the Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood scholarship efforts.

SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 16: By a vote of 6 to 0, Tucson's Mayor and Council voted to call a May 16 special election to put a new franchise agreement with Tucson Electric Power (TEP) before Tucson's voters. The 25-year-agreement would include a renewal of the existing 2.25% franchise fee on monthly electric bills of TEP customers within the city, as well as a new 0.75% Community Resilience Fee. If the agreement is approved by voters, the extra revenue generated would be used to cover the cost of undergrounding infrastructure and to fund efforts that support the City's Climate Action Plan.

EGSD COMMUNITY UPDATES TO BE HELD: The Environmental & General Services Department (EGSD) has worked with neighborhoods to offer services and programs that help keep our community clean and environmentally safe. Public meetings are being held to present information about existing services as well as new initiatives that will support neighborhoods. Services like Brush & Bulky+, Code Enforcement, and Neighborhood Clean-ups have been on-going. More recently, EGSD has established crews to clean up illegal dump sites, homeless encampments, the Team Up to Clean Up program, and the homeless work program. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about the City's new Homeless Protocol. Join us for the upcoming meetings to learn more about how EGSD can work with residents to strengthen and beautify our neighborhoods.

The Ward 5 meeting will be held Thursday, February 9, 6:00 pm, at the Quincie Douglas Center 1575 E. 36th St. It will also be online to: Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87183251202>

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE: Congratulations to the Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association (PGNA) on their grant from the Tohono O’odham nation for their efforts in getting street lights. Cindy Ayala, President of PGNA and the PGNA Board, worked with staff and others and was successful and is now working with Transportation on the next steps. Recently the Sunnyside Neighborhood had clean ups. Neighborhoods can work with Environmental & General Services Department and the office on holding clean ups. For more information, call (520) 791-3171.

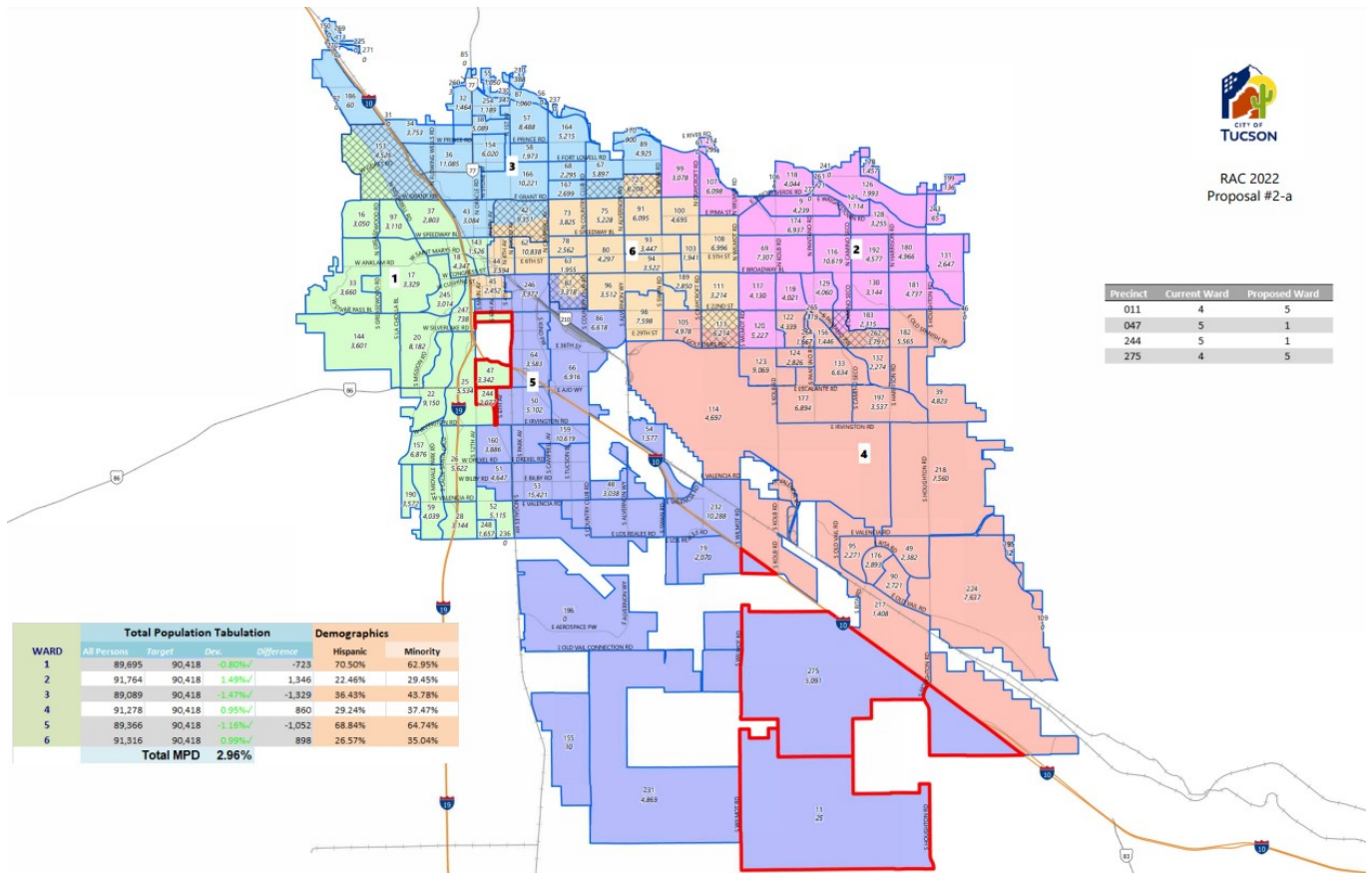
DENTAL PROS OPENS OFFICE IN WARD 5: On Saturday, January 21, Dental Pros opened their newest office in Ward 5, at 1402 East Tucson Marketplace Boulevard at the Bridges.



I want to welcome Dr. Caroline Kacer and her staff to Ward 5.

A Smile Says So Much!

REDISTRICTING UPDATE: After discussions the Mayor and Council, by a vote of 5-2, approved a new map of the boundaries for each of the Wards, which will be in effect for the next two years, when the maps will be reviewed again per City Charter. With this new map, Santa Rita Park area, Barrio Santa Rita and Wakefield area (Precincts 47 and 244) will be in Ward 1. My office worked with the neighborhoods on various issues and we thank them for the opportunity to help. I have the utmost confidence that Ward 1 Council Member Lane Santa Cruz and her staff will be able to help these neighborhoods as well. For more information, call (520) 791-4213.



RAC 2022 Proposal #2-a

HOMELESS UPDATE: The Tucson Homeless Work Program (HWP), which I worked to create and started in 2016, has received \$4 million in additional funds to greatly expand the program which helps to get people who are homeless into housing and services.

The Tucson HWP has been recognized nationally and in Arizona for its work and efforts, helping more than 1,500 people and support from businesses, non-profits, such as Assurance, who donated a van, the H.S. Lopez Family Foundation, which donated \$50,000 to start the program, St. Andrew’s Prebyterian Church, who donated their mobile shower and recently, the Pantano Christian Church, which had donated \$100,000 for HWP. More than two dozen organizations have helped to make HWP a success.

There has been more with the effort in dealing with the homeless in our community.

I worked with Tom Litwicki and OPCS (Old Pueblo Community Services) to get Low Barrier Housing Policy instituted by the City of Tucson in 2015. OPCS being the first provider to do so and more agencies use this now.

I brought forward a measure requiring service providers to follow the federal Housing and Urban Development’s Housing First Program to get funding from the Housing and Community Services Department to help the homeless and expand the Voucher system.

I worked to bring the H.S. Lopez Family Foundation, La Frontera and the Gospel Rescue Mission together, which resulted in the Center for Opportunity located at the former Holidome Hotel, which provides 350 beds, 100 apartments and services by three dozen service providers.

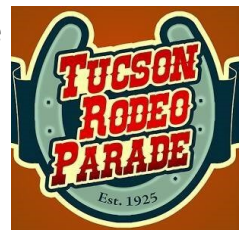
I’ve worked to resolve the FEMA blanket distribution issue now three times, to help those in need and the homeless, as well as the creation of the City Emergency Outreach Phone Number (520) 791-2540 to help people in need.

Old Pueblo Community Services, the Center for Opportunity, La Frontera, with operations in Ward 5 have increased. Housing and Community Development has expanded their Housing First program, TPD Homeless Outreach team continues its work and the Community Safety Health and Wellness Program, with these aspects have their operations out of the former DES Building at the El Pueblo Center.

To say that nothing is going on or the Ward, or the city is a disaster, waste or otherwise is not the case. More needs to be done and the City is working further on it, as well as in collaboration with Pima County. I’ve said “homelessness is not a crime,” but if something happens to someone or items are stolen, that is a crime, and will be dealt with.

RODEO PARADE FEBRUARY 23: On Thursday, February 23, the 98th Tucson Rodeo Parade will take place in my Ward. Jessica Cox is the Parade’s Grand Marshall for 2023. The Parade has a zero tolerance policy for animal cruelty.

For more information, go online to tucsonrodeoparade.com.



WELCOME ROBBIN: I want to take this moment to welcome Robbin Brown to the Ward 5 team as a staff assistant. So, when you call our office, you will speak to him and he will help you on your call, efforts and needs.



EGSD Working with Neighborhoods for a Clean Community

Upcoming Open House Meetings

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Meeting times and locations:

Date	Location	Time
Tuesday, January 31 st	Ward 3 1510 E. Grant Rd.	6:00 pm
Wednesday, February 1 st	Ward 6 3202 E. 1 st St.	5:30 pm
	Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86550082541	
Wednesday, February 8 th	Ward 1 El Rio Neighborhood Center 1390 W. Speedway Blvd.	6:00 pm
Thursday, February 9 th	Ward 5 Quincie Douglas Center 1575 E. 36th St.	6:00 pm
	Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87183251202	
Wednesday, February 15 th	Ward 4 Clements Center 8155 E. Poinciana Dr.	5:30 pm
	Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87239731662	
Thursday, February 16 th	Ward 2 7575 E. Speedway Blvd.	5:30 pm



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Find the Ward 5 van!



- Feb. 1, 3-5 p.m.- Santa Rosa Park**
- Feb. 2, 3-5 p.m.- San Antonio Park**
- Feb. 4, 9-11 a.m.- Country Club Annex Park**
- Feb. 6, 3-5 p.m.- Mirasol Park**
- Feb. 8, 3-5 p.m.- Cherry Park**
- Feb. 10, 3-5 p.m.- Manuel Herrera**
- Feb. 13, 3-5 p.m.- Bristol Park**
- Feb. 15, 3-5 p.m.- Ochoa Park**
- Feb. 21, 3-5 p.m.- Parkview Park**
- Feb. 23, 3-5 p.m.- Silverlake Park**
- Feb. 25, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**
- Himmel Park *Anniversary Roundup***
- Feb. 27, 3-5 p.m.- Bravo Park**



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

Homeless Encampment Protocol & Reporting Tool
(520) 791-2540, Reporting Tool website:
<https://reportencampments.tucsonaz.gov/>

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,
TW_web1@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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