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Letter from Council Member Fimbres

Dear Friends:

On Friday, February 17, the dedication for the Maclovio Barraza Parkway took place as part of the Downtown Links Project and completed nine years of work honoring a great man and labor leader with this part of the road project.

I met with two of Barraza's children in 2013, Frank and Mary Lou Barraza to honor their father. At the February 4, 2014, Mayor, and Council Study Session, I brought forward a proposal to rename Barraza-Aviation Highway to Maclovio Barraza Parkway in honor of the longtime labor advocate and leader Maclovio Barraza.



Maclovio Barraza was a prominent member of the Latino community here and across the country as well as a strong leader in organized labor. Maclovio worked extensively in the copper mining industry.

While in this industry, he was a union leader with the Mine-Mill and Smelter Workers, then later with the United Steelworkers of America. During this time, Maclovio worked hard to ensure that working conditions, wages and benefits improved for many of the copper miners throughout Arizona.

Maclovio was also responsible for helping to establish many Latino organizations that still work today to improve the lives of underrepresented populations in the Southwest and elsewhere. He was the founding chairman of the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), organized the Southwest Voter Registration Project, helped found the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), and helped found Chicanos Por La Causa (CPLC).



Maclovio was an ardent supporter of public education as a vehicle to improve the lives of young people. He fought for all day kindergarten and free textbooks and advocated for the location of the first Pima Community College campus to be placed on the Westside of Tucson for increased accessibility to the Latino community.

The Mayor and Council at the February 4, 2014, meeting voted 7-0 to support the renaming to the Maclovio Barraza Parkway and nine years later, this project was completed.

Members of the Barraza family were present at the ribbon cutting on February 17, 2023. It may have been a cold, windy day, but the warmth of those present, there to honor and recognize a great man gave everyone a positive feeling. The design of the road saved historic buildings, provided for multimodal transportation, and featured great artwork from Creative Machines.

I want to thank Frank and Mary Lou for working with me, as well as my colleagues on the Council for their support, so that this day, honoring the work and legacy of a great man, could happen.

Your Ward 5 Council Member

THE 22ND STREET BRIDGE PROJECT: My office had received calls and Emails about the construction of a new bridge, which is overseen by the City of Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM).

I worked with DTM to hold the first meeting with neighbors in Ward 5 to go over the project, the changes made and answer questions that had been raised, as well as those at the meeting.



If people have questions, they can send them to erica.frazelle@tucsonaz.gov and michael.graham@tucsonaz.gov. Erica and Mike are with DTM. My office is following up on the other questions raised and suggestions made.

FRANK LINARES: On February 19, I received the sad news that Frank Linares, Tucson High All American, community leader and activist has passed away. Frank recently served on the CODI, as my representative and was a neighborhood activist. My condolences go to the Linares family. Tucson has another Guardian Angel.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETINGS: Neighborhoods in Ward 5 are meeting again in person. Ward 5 has many neighborhood associations and with the pandemic, some stopped meeting or had virtual meetings. For more information on neighborhood meetings, please call the Ward 5 Council Office, (520) 791-4231.



RODEO PARADE HELD: The 98th Fiesta De Los Vaqueros Rodeo Parade took place in Ward 5, with crowds lining the route, enjoying the largest, non-mechanized parade in the world. Jessica Cox, the first person to get a pilot's license who does not have arms, was the Grand Marshall. Congratulations to the Rodeo Parade Committee on another successful event, as well as everyone who took part and attended the 98th Parade.



OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS HELD: The Environmental and General Services Department (EGSD), along with representatives from Housing & Community Development, Tucson Police Department and the Tucson Fire Department hosted open houses in each of the City's six wards to present information about services available to residents and neighborhoods that support a clean community. The Ward 5 meeting was held at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center, and I want to thank everyone who attended and asked questions of city staff. EGSD provided information about the Brush & Bulky program, Neighborhood cleanups, graffiti and Code Enforcement. There was also information about the City's Homeless Protocol, which brings together staff from multiple departments who are working to provide services to the unhoused population as well as addressing neighborhood concerns about encampments around the community. For more information go online at tucsonaz.gov/egsd or call 520-791-3171.

NAVY WEEK: Our City was part of Navy Week, seven days of activities and events highlighting the U.S. Navy in the Old Pueblo. At the February 22, Mayor and Council Meeting, a proclamation for February 22-26, as Navy Week was read by Mayor Pro Tempore Steve Kozachik and presented to Rear Admiral Brad Rosen. Commander, Navy Region Southwest, Navy Lieutenant Suzy Bigley. Aide to the Admiral, Navy Lieutenant Michael White. Public Affairs Officer, Navy Office of Community Outreach and Rick Spearman, Navy Office of Community Outreach. Council Member Paul Cunningham presented the delegation the Ward 5 Military Coins and Council Member Lane Santa Cruz took part. I want to thank Council Member Cunningham and the Rick Spearman, for whom my office worked with on this proclamation.





CHILDREN’S PEACE GARDEN MILESTONE: This month, the Children's Peace Garden celebrated its 20th anniversary with a community celebration at the Garden located in Manuel Herrera Park. Congratulations to Beki Quintero, the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association, the volunteers and TPD ODS and those who made the Peace Garden a success for these 20 years and will be for the next 20 years.

TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION CELEBRATES TWO YEARS OF READY, SET, REC!: Tucson’s Mayor and City Council and Tucson Parks and Recreation are thrilled to celebrate two years of “Ready, Set, Rec!,” providing mobile recreation in Tucson.

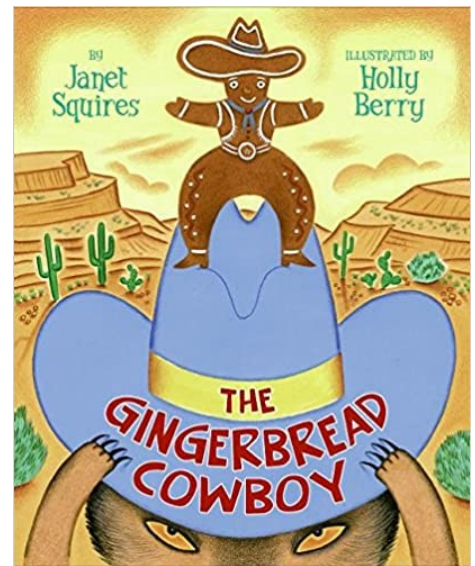
I worked with the Parks and Rec Department, Mayor Regina Romero and my colleagues on the Council, creating a safe and fun program to bring outdoor recreation to our children and families. I want to thank Tucson Parks and Rec. Director Lara Hamwey and her team for bringing Mayor and Council's vision to life. To find out where and when each Ready, Set, Rec! vehicle will be and what activities will be happening throughout the months, visit Tucsonaz.gov/parks/ReadySetRec.



LOVE OF READING: The Ward 5 Council Office staff, Lupita Robles, Mark Kerr, and Mary Kuchar, took part in Love of Reading at several schools, including: CE Rose, Craycroft Elementary, Southside Community and Mission Manor.

Favorites such as The Gingerbread Cowboy, as well as Journey Through Southern Arizona were a couple of the books read to the students. In the classes at the schools.

Thank you to the schools and teachers for their work and commitment for the students and letting Ward 5 take part in Love of Reading Week.



CESAR CHAVEZ MARCH RESUMES: The Cesar Chavez March in Tucson will take place, Sunday, March 18, 9 a.m., at Pueblo High School and will then march to Rudy Garcia Park for more speeches and activities.

For more information, go online to www.chavezaz.com.



CYCLOVIA – APRIL 16: Cyclovia Tucson is returning Sunday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

About 3.5 miles of car-free city streets, from the Lost Barrio to Himmel Park, will be open to people of all ages and abilities to walk, bike, roll, or skate and enjoy neighborhoods, participate in free activities, support local businesses, and connect with one another.

Soak up some of Tucson’s beautiful spring weather as you make your way between four activity hubs. Explore Sam Hughes, Rincon Heights, Miles, and San Antonio neighborhoods while you enjoy great entertainment, delicious food, and family-friendly activities.

For more information, go online to cyclovia-tucson.org, or call 520-261-8777.



SMOKE SHOP UPDATE: At the February 7 meeting, the Mayor and Council discussed the sue of smoke shops in the City of Tucson. I had placed this item on the agenda for discussion and action.

The Mayor and Council received a great presentation from Jamal Givens, CEO of LPKNC, and Angelica Martinez, Angela Moreno and Parth Verma from the Youth Empowered for Success (Y.E.S) clubs Desert View and Sunnyside High school, as well as TPD ODS Captain Mickey Petersen.

I want to thank Jamal, the students who worked hard on this, Heaven Rendon with LPKNC, TPD (Tucson Police Department) Captain Mickey Petersen and Lt. Deanne Zeis for their work, as well as Lupita Robles and Mark Kerr from my office.

It was great to see the neighborhoods, TPD and others in the audience to support the students and the agenda item, for which by a unanimous vote, they are moving forward on changing the zoning on smoke shops and will be bringing back Ordinance 11703 (Tucson Code Chapter 7-426 through 7-434) to Council for review and to update in 90 days.



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The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum

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2023 Silver Spike Railroad Jubilee

*The 143rd Anniversary of the Arrival of the First Train to Tucson
The 18th Anniversary of the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum*

Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 10:00am

Music begins at 9:30am



The Museum celebrates its 18th year Anniversary and the 143rd Celebration and Reenactment of the Arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad into Tucson.

The ceremony will display the Original Silver Spike of 1880, and feature a Mayoral Proclamation by Regina Romero, the 4th US Cavalry Band, craft show, the induction to the Silver Spike Hall of Fame and a reenactment by the descendants whose forefathers participated in that great historical event of March 20, 1880.



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Find the Ward 5 van!



- March 1, 3-5 p.m.- Bristol Park**
- March 3, 3-5 p.m.- Bravo Park**
- March 6, 3-5 p.m.- Parkview Park**
- March 7, 3-5 p.m.- Silverlake Park**
- March 14, 3-5 p.m.- Pueblo Gardens Park**
- March 16, 3-5 p.m.- Ochoa Park**
- March 20, 3-5 p.m.- San Antonio Park**
- March 21, 3-5 p.m.- Cherry Park**
- March 23, 3-5 p.m. - Manuel Herrera Park**
- March 25, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. - EGGstravaganza at
Mansfield Park**
- March 28, 3-5 p.m.- Santa Rosa Park**



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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

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,
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Park Tucson
(520) 791-5071

Pima Animal Care Center
(520) 724-5900

UA Neighborhood Hotline
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