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Letter from Council Member Fimbres

Dear Friends:

Friday, March 31 marks the ninth anniversary for the City of Tucson Cesar Chavez Holiday and Day of Service.



Cesar Chavez was an Educational Advocate, Environmentalist and a Civil Rights Leader. One of his most famous sayings was: "We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community. Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own."

The City of Tucson was the first city or governmental entity in Arizona to have a paid holiday and day of service to honor Cesar Chavez.

Chavez's words ring true, especially during these times. We need only to look at Cesar Chavez's motto, "Si, se puede," which means "Yes, it can be done."

We can win when we work together. The beauty of Tucson and Pima County is that we do not scapegoat, place blame or point fingers, we roll up our sleeves to solve the challenges that we face. As Cesar Chavez said, "We draw our strength from the very despair in which we have been forced to live. We shall endure. The people united will never be defeated."

Latinos are now the largest racial and ethnic population, affecting the cultural and political landscape and changing the way America does business. The presence and influence of Latinos has increased significantly in the United States through remarkable growth over the past 20 years. But according to recent polls, Latinos in the United States see education as the most important issue facing their community.

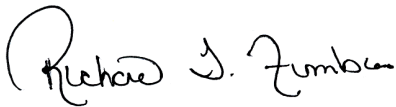
Latinos have a rich heritage of educational innovation and achievement. The Spaniards established two universities in Lima and Mexico in 1541, and a total of seven universities in the new world before Harvard opened its doors. I believe Cesar Chavez would tell us today that we need to recover their spirit and create our own renaissance in education. He said, "It is possible to become discouraged about the injustice we see everywhere. But God did not promise us that the world would be humane and just. He gives us the gift of life and allows us to choose the way we will use our limited time on earth, an awesome opportunity."

Our community came together, Saturday, March 18, to honor, march and celebrate Cesar Chavez, who inspires people to become involved in all the causes which continue his extraordinary legacy and shine in controversy.

I want to thank my colleagues: then Council Member Shirley Scott, then Council Member Karin Uhlich, then Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, Regina Romero, Steve Kozachik and Paul Cunningham on the Council and the many organizations who joined me in support for the City of Tucson true Cesar Chavez holiday in 2014.

Chavez's selfless dedication for farm worker and worker rights, economic justice, civil rights, environmental justice, peace, nonviolence, empowerment of the poor and disenfranchised, is a monumental legacy that will inspire all and the generations to come. What is most important is that remembering and honoring Cesar Chavez inspires more people to become involved in all the causes which continue his extraordinary legacy that will inspire all and the generations to come.

Thank you.



Richard G. Fimbres
Your Ward 5 Council Member

EGSD SERVICES TO NEIGHBORHOODS: EGSD provides basic services to all residents including weekly trash collection, every-other-week recycling collection, and brush & bulky collection twice each year.

Other services available include: Neighborhood Clean-ups. Any neighborhood association, HOA, or group of 10 neighbors can request assistance with a clean-up.

Upon request and availability, EGSD will provide up to 4 roll-off containers in a neighborhood that can be used for all residents who are cleaning up in their home or neighborhood areas. The roll-off is delivered on a Friday and picked up on Monday. This service is provided for Free.

Graffiti clean-up. EGSD contracts with a company that will clean-up graffiti. Residents can download the My Tucson app to report graffiti that is visible from roadways. No smartphone? Call Customer Service at 520-791-3171 or e-mail ESHHelp@tucsonaz.gov to report.

Brush & Bulky. EGSD is in the process of hiring new staff for Brush & Bulky. Through this program, EGSD will also work with neighborhoods to identify problem areas in alleys, along rights-of-way, missing traffic signs, graffiti, and illegal dumping. EGSD will reach out to neighborhood associations prior to the scheduled B&B collection to identify these additional issues.

Recycled paint. If your neighborhood has a project requiring paint, EGSD will provide paint collected from the monthly HHW drop-off collections. Paint colors are limited and varied, but it is free.

SIGN UP TO TOUR THE LOS REALES SUSTAINABILITY CAMPUS AND RECYCLING FACILITY: The City of Tucson Environmental and General Services Department (EGSD) is offering a tour of the Los Reales Sustainability Campus and the Republic Services Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) on Tuesday, April 11.

Participants will get an exclusive behind-the-scenes view and learn how EGSD manages waste diversion in Tucson. The tour will begin at the Price Service Center, 4004 S. Park Ave. From there, the bus will take participants to the ReCommunity Materials Recovery Facility or MRF. The recycling facility sorts, bales, and markets recyclable materials collected in the blue barrel program.



Tour participants will meet at the Price Service Center in the upper parking lot. The bus will begin loading at 8:30 a.m. and leave promptly at 8:45 a.m. The tour will be finished by noon. Those who join the tour should bring a water bottle and wear long pants, closed-toe shoes, hats, and sunscreen. A minimum of 15 participants is needed. The tour is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call (520) 791-3171 or register for the tour online at: <https://c0hbr227.caspio.com/dp/a9c29000117ad19e127a4821b188>

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.



ACCELERATE QUALITY: United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona is committed to increasing the supply of high-quality early care and education opportunities for young children in Pima County so that all children have a strong start in learning and life. A high-quality equitable early learning system is essential in addressing systemic educational inequities in the community and because of this, United Way rolled out the Accelerate Quality

program in 2021. Accelerate Quality works directly with local child care providers implementing specific strategies to increase the number of high-quality settings so that families have more options for early care and education. Accelerate Quality supports several child care providers in Ward 5. If you are a child care owner, director, or are interested in becoming a child care provider, you can apply to participate in Accelerate Quality by going online to unitedwaytucson.org or calling (520) 903-9000.

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.



CYCLOVIA UPDATE: Cyclovia Tucson is returning Sunday, April 16, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and volunteers are needed to make the event successful and safe.

During Cyclovia, 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.

Organizers are asking for volunteer help with the event. For more information, go online to livingstreetsalliance.org or call (520) 261-8777.



TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION PAYS APPLICANTS TO GET LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION - Are you or someone you know looking for a part-time job? Tucson Parks and Recreation is hiring lifeguards to operate and maintain the safety at City pools year-round.



The minimum age to be a lifeguard is 15 years old, and pay starts at \$16.75 per hour. The City will pay applicants to get their Lifeguard Certification through the City’s certification path.

The lifeguard class is an intense, fast-paced course, and strong swim skills are required. All applicants must pass a swim test to qualify. For more information on becoming a lifeguard or to register for the swim test, go online to <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/lifeguard>, or call (520) 791-4873.

HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT PROTOCOL & REPORTING TOOL: The Homeless Encampment Protocol is initiated when a homeless camp, located on City property or private property, poses a threat to public safety, causes a major criminal or health concern, or when there is camping in any City park after hours.

The encampment online reporting tool will allow our community to help the City identify encampment locations and assess the level of response needed, including outreach, clean-up, and enforcement.

To report an encampment online, go to: <https://reportencampments.tucsonaz.gov/>, or call the Resource Hotline (520) 791-2540.



**Veteran Stand Down March 15
and Career Fair March 16**
from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. both days

Open to ALL Veterans, National Guard and Reservists

VETERANS STAND DOWN HELD: It was great to see our community come together to help veterans and veterans in need with the 2023 Stand Down and Career Fair that was held March 15-16 at the Grand Luxe Hotel. I want to again thank Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans for organizing the event and getting many groups, organizations and governmental entities out to provide services and potential opportunities to veterans.



TPD'S NEWEST OFFICERS: The Tucson Police Department (TPD) had their ceremony for their recent graduation class. I want to congratulate them for their work and efforts and our new police officers will benefit our community. My Chief of Staff, Mark Kerr, went out to SALTEC, and presented the graduates with the Ward 5 Medallion of Hope and Ward 5 First Responders Coins. Good luck to you all and thank you for serving our community.



GILBERT RODRIGUEZ: Our community lost a great advocate but gained a Guardian Angel with the passing of Gilbert Rodriguez.

I worked with Gilbert and his wife Lupe on many community issues and in their neighborhood. My condolences and prayers go out to Lupe and his family and friends.

HOP IN EGG HUNT, APRIL 8: Join Tucson Parks and Recreation for Hop-In Egg Hunt at Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th Street, on Saturday, April 8, from 8-10:30 a.m. Kids will enjoy an egg hunt, crafts, games, and other fun activities. Please bring your own basket or bag for the egg hunt. For more information call the center at 520-791-2507.

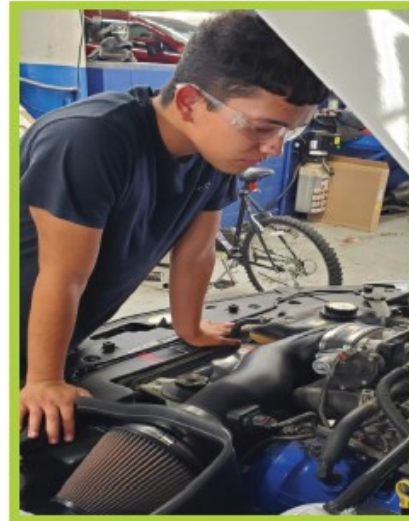
WELCOME TO WARD 5: I want to welcome First Watch restaurant, which opened a location at 3460 S. Kino Parkway at the Bridges, as well as the Whataburger, with their new location at 5050 E. Valencia Road.

looking for a summer job?

Make some money,
gain valuable work
experience and earn
high school elective
credit this summer!

Youths ages 14-21 can
apply to the 2023

pima county summer youth program



**apply
online:**

summeryouth.pima.gov



Deadline to apply: March 24, 5 p.m.

Applicants must be 14 to 21 years of age by May 19, 2023

Call (520) 724-9639 for more information.

Equal Opportunity Employment Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities

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Ready, Set,
REC!

Find the Ward 5 van!



- April 6, 3-5 p.m.- Bristol Park
- April 7, 3-5 p.m.- Silverlake Park
- April 8, 8-11 a.m. - Quincy Douglas Center
- April 10, 3-5 p.m.- Parkview Park
- April 12, 3-5 p.m.- Bravo Park
- April 14, 3-5 p.m.- Santa Rosa Park
- April 19, 3-5 p.m.- Pueblo Gardens Park
- April 25, 3-5 p.m.- Cherry Park
- April 27, 3-5 p.m. - Manuel Herrera Park
- April 28, 3-5 p.m.- Marisol Park



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PARKS & RECREATION

HOP-IN EGG HUNT

SATURDAY APRIL 8
8 - 10:30 a.m.

Quincie Douglas Center
1575 E. 36th St
520-791-2507

Egg Hunt
8:15-8:30 (4 and Under)
9:00-9:15 (5-9 years)
9:30-9:45 (10 + years)

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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