

# WARD 5 NEWSLETTER

Council Member Richard G. Fimbres

City of Tucson



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## Letter from Council Member Fimbres

Dear Friends:

I want to thank everyone who has sent cards, letters, emails and called the Ward 5 office, sending good thoughts and prayers on my recuperation from the back and shoulder surgeries that I had.

My physical therapy continues, and I am working on my recovery, following my doctor's orders and recommendations. Thank you for your help so far on this road back.

My medical team has limited me on what I can do presently, including sitting for only short periods of time.

It has been a challenging time, but I want to thank my staff, Mary Kuchar, Lupita Robles, Robbin Brown and Mark Kerr for their work and efforts to deal with constituent services, issues at hand and keeping the Ward 5 office open and operating.

I want to thank my dear wife, for her love and support, as well as my family, through all this.

Lastly, I want to thank my colleagues on the mayor and council, as well as staff, for their support and encouragement during this time for me.

Thank you again .

Richard G. Fimbres  
Your Ward 5 Council Member



**CINCO DE MAYO:** Cinco de Mayo is the holiday held on May 5, commemorating the Mexican Army's victory over French Forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, under the leadership of General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguín.

In the U.S., Cinco de Mayo has taken on significance beyond that in Mexico and the date is best recognized in the United States as a date to celebrate our culture and experiences of Americans of Mexican ancestry.

Latinos have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their commitment to family, faith, 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.

Through the years, Latin Americans have played an integral role in our Nation's success in science, the arts, business, military service, government, and every other field of endeavor and their talent, creativity, and achievement continue to energize our national life.

The United States is a melting pot of a country made of and made for immigrants. But the Latinos have been in this area for thousands of years. And to say our culture has little impact on our community would be a major understatement.

I have worked to give the Latino community more economic opportunities by getting new businesses opened and current businesses to expand, resulting in more than 20,000 jobs since taking office as your Ward 5 Council Member.

Latinos also represent the fastest growing segment of the American electorate and served in many offices, including:

Raul Castro, Arizona's first Latino Governor; Ed Pastor, Arizona's first Latino Congressman and today there are two Latinos in Congress representing Arizona: Raul Grijalva and Ruben Gallego; Victor Soltero, Ramon Valadez, the late Olivia Cajero Bedford and Rosanna Gabaldon, who served or are serving in the Arizona Senate; Alma Hernandez Consuelo Hernandez, Andres Cano, Daniel Hernandez and Tom Prezelski, who served or are serving in the Arizona House; Dan Eckstrom, Ramon Valadez, the late Richard Elias and Adelita Grijalva who served or are serving on the Pima County Board of Supervisors; F. Ann Rodriguez as Pima County Recorder, Jennifer Eckstrom, Bob Teso and Paul Diaz who served or are serving as Mayor of South Tucson; Marco Lopez served as Mayor of Nogales and Tucson, with its first Latina Mayor in its 144 year history, Regina Romero, as well as Lane Santa Cruz, as the Ward 1 Council Member, along with myself, serving Ward 5 as your Council Member, and previously on the Tucson Council, including: Steve Leal, Rudy Castro, Roy Laos, Eva Calunga, Bruce Wheeler, Rudy Bejarano and Jose Ibarra .

Tucson is the only city to adopt a holiday honoring the work and legacy of Cesar Chavez and has had Dolores Huerta at Tucson's Cesar Chavez Holidays and celebrations. As we reflect on the Latino contributions in this great country, let us not lose sight of where we, as Americans, Arizonans, Tucsonans need to go.

We must continue to work together to solve the challenges of today, so our community and our children will have a better tomorrow.





**QUINCIE DOUGLAS EGG HOP SUCCESS:** The annual Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center Easter Egg Hunt took place on April 8, with a great turnout of families from Ward 5. I want to congratulate Jerry Neely and the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center staff and volunteers, including Mary Kuchar from my office, for organizing another successful event for our families and kids.



**CYCLOVIA SUCCESS:** I want to congratulate the Living Streets Alliance and organizers of the 2023 Spring Cyclovia Event, held this past Sunday, April 16. Many participants took part in this, going through neighborhoods in Wards 5 and 6, where everyone had a wonderful time. For more information about Cyclovia, go online to [cycloviatucson.org](http://cycloviatucson.org).

**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.

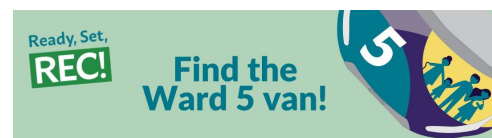


**EL PUEBLO HONORED:** On Saturday, May 6, 5 to 7 pm, an exhibition honoring El Pueblo's past, present and future through photography and storytelling will take place at the El Pueblo Neighborhood Center Patio and Multipurpose Room, 101 West Irvington. For more information, please call the Sunnyside Foundation, 520-451-1113.

**ROAD REPAIR:** 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](mailto:TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov).

**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.

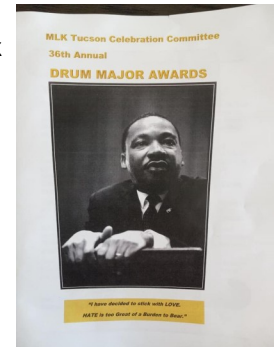
**READY, SET REC!** Tucson Parks and Recreation's mobile recreation program, "Ready, Set, Rec!", is touring parks throughout Tucson. Play is for all ages, and the fun includes cornhole, board games, hula hoops, giant chess/checkers, giant Connect 4, music, giant Jenga, giant ring toss, walking sticks, etc. Find a schedule of where the vans will be on the website: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/readyssetrec>.





**DRUM MAJOR AWARDS:** On April 1, the 2023 Tucson Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major Awards took place at Dunbar Pavilion. I want to congratulate Supervisor Adelita Grijalva, Barbea Williams and Terry Thomas on being recognized this year for their work for our community. I also want to congratulate Ronald Davis Jr., and his award winning essay, "I Dream of a World." Mary Kuchar, from

my office, was there and presented all the honorees with Ward 5 Medallions of Hope. I want to also congratulate Clarence Boykins and the organizing committee for their work in bringing this community event back as an in person event.



**WASHER AND TOILET REBATES:** Tucson Water customers can apply to get rebates when purchasing and installing qualifying high-efficiency toilets and/or clothes washers. Single-family rebates are \$100 for the purchase of a qualifying high-efficiency clothes washer or replacing your old front-loading machine with a new front-loading machine. Get a \$200 rebate if replacing your old top-loading machine with a new front-loading machine. Residential, multi-family, and commercial customers can also get a \$100 rebate when buying Premium High-Efficiency toilets. Learn more about the rebate programs and see eligibility and requirements by following the link: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/water/apply-for-rebates>.

**ADU HELP:** Tucson homeowners who have an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) on their property that needs improvements can obtain financial and technical assistance from a new program created by the City of Tucson's Housing and Community Development (HCD) department. The program is aimed at low-income homeowners who live on their property and wish to upgrade their backyard casitas or have existing structures that can be converted into ADUs. Applicants must have a gross annual income equal to or less than 80% of the Area Median Income. The owner-occupied property must be within the City limits, and mortgage and tax payments must be current. Applicants will be able to repair or replace gas, electrical, and water lines, refurbish kitchen and bathroom cabinets, and make other on-site improvements. The program does not allow new construction or total remodeling. More information on HCD's Home Repair Program can be found at: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/home-owner-programs>.

**22<sup>nd</sup> STREET BRIDGE PROJECT:** Preparations continue ahead of construction on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge Revitalization Project between Kino Parkway and Tucson Boulevard. The Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM) held four public meetings and met with nearby neighborhoods to share the design and get feedback from residents.

The contractor, Old Pueblo Segmental Constructors, a joint venture between Malcom International and KE&G, and DTM are working on the final details before work can begin in late Spring. Public pre-construction meetings will be scheduled prior to the project starting to update the traveling public and residents on impacts and schedule. When work begins on the bridge, 22<sup>nd</sup> Street will close to all travel between Tucson Boulevard and Warren Avenue, as well as the on and off ramps to Aviation Parkway. The 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 visit, <https://dtmprojects.tucsonaz.gov/pages/22nd-street-bridge>.



SATURDAY  
5-7B



Join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Utterback Middle School

BLOCK  
PARTY

3233 S PINAL VISTA, 85713

Celebrating Academic Excellence:

STEAM Probability Fair  
Talent Showcase  
Resource Fair

11 AM TO  
3 PM



For additional details  
or for partner registration,  
please call Cheryl  
@ 520-991-1079.





# CHERRY AVENUE CENTER HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

May 2nd, 2023  
10:00a.m-12:00p.m

| 20+ Agency Representatives |  
FREE Raffles/Giveaways | Health Checks | Educational Info |  
Blood Pressure Checks | Glucose (Blood Sugar) | Cholesterol |  
Triglycerides | A1C | HIV/Hep C Test | Body Measurements |  
Covid Kits | Covid Vaccine| Vegetable Giveaway And More!!



CHERRY AVENUE CENTER | 5085 S. CHERRY  
AVENUE | (520) 791-4497

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Anyone in need of an accommodation should contact the department at least two weeks in advance if possible. For more details email the Inclusion Coordinator at [TPRD-Therapeutics@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:TPRD-Therapeutics@tucsonaz.gov) or contact call 520-791-4504.

**OPERATIONS DIVISION SOUTH  
DIVISIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**(DAC)**

**MEETING**

**DATE:**

**MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023**

**TIME:**

**6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

**DEPARTMENT**

**LOCATION:**

**SUNNYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
1725 E BILBY RD**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT CSO KASSANDRA TAPIA AT (520)784-4840**

**OR SGT. LUIS BUSTAMANTE AT (520) 539-7796**



It is springtime and for many middle school and high school students and their families that means promotion, prom and graduation festivities. During this exciting time, LPKNC would like to offer you these reminders to ensure that this celebratory season is a healthy and safe time for all.

Unfortunately, one third of all alcohol related traffic deaths involving teenagers occur between the months of April, May, and June. In addition, you will find that most youth will not use substances. It is for this reason that LPKNC **encourages** parents to communicate their expectations about underage drinking and substance abuse with their teenager. Talk to your teen about underage drinking, buzzed driving and drugged driving (using marijuana and driving). Parents have the best opportunity to influence their teenager's decisions and attitudes.

We would like to remind parents that it is illegal to buy or provide alcohol or marijuana to anyone under 21. Also it is important to know that if you choose to host a party where underage drinking is occurring, you can be held liable for any minor who drinks alcohol on your property and subsequently harms themselves or others.

If you would like more information about underage drinking or drug use (opioids, fentanyl, marijuana, vaping), please visit [lpknc.org](http://lpknc.org) email [lpknc@lpknc.org](mailto:lpknc@lpknc.org) or call 520-488-3200. Working together, we can protect Tucson's young people and make this the safest promotion, prom and graduation season yet!

LPKNC





# UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

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CÓDIGO

SATURDAY	RAINWATER HARVESTING WORKSHOP	10AM – 12PM
<b>06</b>	WARD 5	
MAY	4300 S Park Ave	
	IN ENGLISH	
SABADO	TALLER DE CAPTURA DE AGUA DE LLUVIA	10AM – 12PM
<b>13</b>	WARD 5	
MAYO	4300 S Park Ave	
	EN ESPAÑOL	
WEDNESDAY	RAINWATER HARVESTING WORKSHOP	9:30AM – 11:30PM
<b>14</b>	Online - ZOOM	
JUNE	IN ENGLISH	
JUEVES	TALLER DE CAPTURA DE AGUA DE LLUVIA	9:30AM – 11:30PM
<b>15</b>	En línea - ZOOM	
JUNIO	EN ESPAÑOL	

For more information/Para más información visite [seriaz.org/calendar](http://seriaz.org/calendar)

# 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](mailto:web1@tucsonaz.gov)**

**Park Tucson**  
(520) 791-5071

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

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

## STAY INFORMED!

Check out our other information outlets



[https://  
www.tucsonaz.gov/  
ward-5](https://www.tucsonaz.gov/ward-5)

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