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Letter from Council Member Fimbres

Dear Friends:

On August 24, at the Ward 5 Council Office, City Manager Michael Ortega recognized my Ward 5 Council Office Staff for their years of service to the City, and their work and commitment for our community.

City Manager Ortega expressed his thanks to Lupita Robles and Mary Kuchar, for their 7 years of service. Mr. Ortega expressed his thanks and appreciation to Mark Kerr, who is in his 28th year of service at Ward 5 and the City of Tucson. Mr. Ortega gave Lupita Robles and Mary Kuchar each a City of Tucson Five Year Service Pin. Mr. Ortega gave Mark Kerr a City of Tucson Twenty-Five Year Service Pin. Mark Kerr holds the record for the longest time anyone has worked as an aide in a Tucson City Council Office. They have been Guardian Angels for those in need in our community and I want to express my gratitude for their work for Ward 5 and the Council Office.



Thanks

Richard G. Fimbres

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR: Another school year has started. The school zone signs are out in the morning and afternoon, with crossing guards helping students cross our streets to get to schools. The University of Arizona and Pima College have started their semesters and college students are moved into the dorms and houses in our neighborhoods.



In years past, my office has received complaints about loud parties, parking and noise issues. So let us be good neighbors. My office has gathered information to inform everyone who may not know about some of the rules about parking; dates of times for trash pickup; dates for upcoming Brush and Bulky pickup; noise levels and what to do about loud parties.

SAFE PARKING IN ACCORDANCE WITH TUCSON CITY CODE: Be aware of signage to alert you to restricted parking areas. Park with both of your wheels within 18 inches of the curb. This will keep your vehicle out of travel lanes and away from bicyclists moving with vehicular traffic. Leave some distance between your vehicle and all driveways, alleys, intersections, traffic control devices, and of course, fire hydrants.



Park your car in the same direction as vehicles moving in the adjacent travel lane. Don't cross the opposing path of travel in order to park in a parallel or angled spot with the front of your car pointing in the direction of oncoming travel.

Make sure your vehicle registration is current and up-to-date and that your updated registration is displayed on your license plate(s). Watch for signs indicating that an angled space is "back-in only" and follow that direction. Do not block alleys, driveways, or traffic control devices such as stop signs.

GARBAGE AND TRASH CONTAINERS: Most residents have a green garbage container collected at the curb. Collection times vary. Set out container by 6 a.m. on your collection day.

Place container within one foot of the curb and leave at least three feet between containers. Place container with lid opening towards the street. Place the containers at least three feet away from parked cars, mailboxes, and other obstacles.



Do not leave your containers at the curb on non-service days and put away after service. Please do not place hazardous or toxic waste in your trash bin.

The City provides other ways to properly dispose of these items. Residents who repeatedly violate the rules and regulations may incur a service fee on their utility service bill or be subject to court imposed fees.

Don't leave your containers out past your pickup up date. Please return it to the space you have in your yard. For any damaged trash containers and to find out your trash pickup date, either call Environmental Services at (520) 791-3171 or go online to maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/

The City collects your residential recycling every other week.

Place empty, clean, and dry recyclable items in your blue bin and set out on the same day as your garbage pickup-up. Have the barrel at curb by 6 a.m. to ensure service and only set out when it is more than half full to help decrease fuel consumption and air pollution.

Some things to remember:

No plastic grocery bags or film (find out why). No glass (instead take glass bottles and jars to glass drop-off site). No garbage or food waste. Food containers can be lightly rinsed to recycle, but just throw it out if it's very dirty! Leave labels on containers. Bottle and jar caps and lids should be left on the container. All recyclables go loose into the blue barrel, together - - no sorting! Please put them in individually, not inside a box or bag. Do not flatten cans and bottles to ensure sorting equipment works properly. Cut or flatten corrugated cardboard boxes to fit in container. Remove plastic wrapping and liners.

Thanks for saving resources, energy and landfill space by Doing More Blue! **For more information, call (520) 791-3171 or online at: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Environmental-and-General-Services>.**

Brush and Bulky: Environmental Services offers Brush and Bulky twice a year. Environmental Services will pick up 10 cubic yards of materials with the following guidelines: They will take brush, cacti (must be contained), lumber up to five feet, scrap metal, piping up to five feet, appliances, refrigerator and freezers with doors removed, automobile tires (limit five), and home furnishings. Environmental Services will not collect: Dirt, stone, concrete, gravel, glass, household hazardous waste (i.e. paint, oil, pesticides and liquids). To find out your Brush and Bulky pick up date, either call Environmental Services at (520) 791-3171 or go online to [/maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/](https://maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/).



Cleaning up after your dog: It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you are liable to step in one such reminder! When walking your dog out in our community, remember that it should be leashed. Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste and then dispose of it properly. By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community.

Loud Parties and Red Tags: With the start of a semester come loud parties. Although I understand student excitement about the school year, there are codes that are in place and must be followed. A loud party or unruly gathering can result in a red tag, which has several consequences. If red tagged, a visible "red tag" will be placed in street view, notifying the neighborhood of the issuance. The red tag comes with a fine and if a college student is involved, a report to the Dean of Students of the respective school. The "red tag" states that if another unruly gathering occurs within 180 days that fines will be given in amounts of \$500-\$1500. To report loud parties, call (520) 791-4444. People can also go online to: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Police/TPD-Patrol-Divisions> and report them as well.



The following numbers are meant to be tools for our University neighbors if there should be an issue with loud parties (520 area code): TPD Red Tag: 837-7318, UAPD Non-Emergency: 621-8273, UA Neighborhood Hotline: 282-3649, UA Dean of Students: 621-7057, Pima College Police – West Campus: 206-6643, Pima College Police - Downtown Campus: 206-7087, Pima College Police - East Campus: 206-7652, Pima College Police - Desert Vista Campus: 206-5052, Pima College Police - Northwest Campus: 206-2286.

WELCOME TO WARD 5: American Battery Factory, a lithium iron phosphate (LFP) battery manufacturing company, will be holding its groundbreaking on October 26th, 2023.



The groundbreaking will commemorate the start of phase 1 construction on their new manufacturing facility, which will add 300 jobs in approximately 250,000 sq/ft of manufacturing, warehousing and office space, and serve as ABF’s Global HQ right here in Pima County-Tucson.

NEW BLUE LIGHTS: The City of Tucson's Department of Transportation and Mobility and the Tucson Police Department are partnering to install blue lights on top of traffic signals at certain intersections within the City of Tucson. These lights will illuminate when the red light is active, allowing officers to observe red light runners from a safe distance. **The blue lights are not cameras and do not take pictures.**



In other communities, these lights have been shown to reduce the frequency of crashes when motorists understand the presence of the blue lights allow enforcement to take place from a distance, and the officer may not be seen. The first intersection scheduled to receive a blue light will be at Grant Road and Craycroft Road, which was selected based on the historically high frequency of left-turn collisions and the amount of heavy travel in the area.

WELCOME DANIEL! I want to welcome Daniel Conorque to the Ward 5 staff. Here is a rundown from Daniel about himself. My name is Daniel Conorque and I'm from Los Angeles CA. I am a proud father of three beautiful little girls. I served in the United States Army for 5 years. While enlisted, I was able to accomplish several different training from combat, to computer, petroleum, logistics, and some medical. After completing my military term, I proceeded to the medical field where I felt I could make a difference. Being able to help others is a huge goal of mine. I worked as a medical assistant in family medicine, and rheumatology. I'm very grateful to be a part of the Ward 5 team with Council Member Fimbres. I look forward to helping serve my community as I did for my Country.



SUN TRAN UPDATE: The City of Tucson, in partnership with the Pima Association of Governments and the Regional Transportation Authority, is proposing transit service changes to Sun Tran, Sun Express, and Sun Shuttle. Changes may be coming to your route. Provide your thoughts on the proposed improvements, which include realigning and extending routes, investing in high-frequency service, improving access and quality of service, extending service hours, and adding weekend frequency. Visit tucsoncoa.com to learn more about the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) process, ask questions, and to take the survey! You can provide your comments now! To request a reasonable accommodation, language interpretation, or translated materials, please contact (520) 792-9222.

Public transit's new "Ride with Respect" campaign is aimed at providing a respectful, safe, and clean transportation system for everyone. The campaign, involving Sun Tran, Sun Link, and Sun Van passengers, features a comprehensive set of rules for riding, detailing what is and isn't allowed on vehicles, and what to know before you go. Riders can see a complete list of rules by following the link below.

Passengers will notice a new decal on board each transit vehicle and at transit centers. Both English and Spanish decals will feature the Top 10 rules for riding and a QR code directing passengers to the complete set of rules. Videos highlight some of the new rules and are available on Sun Tran's website and YouTube channel (links below). You can also direct questions to Customer Service, (520) 792-9222.

The Sun Link streetcar is operating with extending route hours. Sun Link now runs until 2 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Sun Tran, Sun Express, and Sun Shuttle also have new schedules. To see the new schedules, go to <https://www.suntran.com/news/fallschedules/>, or call Customer Service at (520) 792-9222 to plan your trips.



SISTER JOSE WIN: August 17 marked another win for the Sister Jose Women's Center with the dedication of the expanded laundry room facility with new machines, which is essential for the women who are unhoused in our community.



Mark Kerr, my Chief of Staff, represented me and Ward 5 for this great event. Mayor Regina Romero was present, as well as Eddie Baron, representing Council Member Lane SantaCruz and Cynthia Lopez representing Council Woman Nikki Lee.

Sister Jose has been at 1050 South Park, the former Cummings Plumbing location. Jean Fedigan worked with me and late George Kalil of Kalil Bottling, to help to get the center from its previous location in a 750 square foot building. My office has worked with the Center to help them with their mission. Jean Fedigan was presented the Ward 5 Medallion of Hope and the Ward 5 First Responders Coin in appreciation for her work, efforts, and commitment. Congratulations to Jean, the leadership team, and the staff of Sister Jose Women's Center on this latest win, and their continued work to help houseless women in our community.

YOEME AL POST 125: On August 17, at the Ward 5 Council Office, Commander Jose Hernandez of American Legion Yoeme Post 125, the leadership, and members formally presented me with my hat and investitures as a member of Post 125. I want to thank Commander Hernandez and Pastor Gene Chewning and the leadership and those present for this wonderful ceremony. I am honored and touched by the presentation. In return I gave them each a Ward 5 Medallion of Hope and Ward 5 Military Coin of Freedom.



JOSIE HERRERA: Tucson has lost a great lady, matriarch of a family who have all done so much for our Sunnyside Schools and our community. Josie Herrera passed away August 1.

Manny and Josie helped to create Sunnyside All American Awards, which recognized students from the schools for their academics and community work. My heart goes out to the entire family for their loss. Our condolences and prayers go out to the family. Our community has lost a great person, but gained another guardian angel.



It's **SUMMER** in the desert

Summer in Arizona is more than hot, it can be dangerous

Learn how to stay safe and cool when playing or working outdoors

Know the risks

- Summer temperatures exceed 100°F (38°C) nearly 50 days a year
- The risk for getting sick is highest when temperatures are over 90°F (32°C)
- Heat-related illness, or "overheating," is common in hot weather and can be fatal
- Visitors who are not used to climates like the Sonoran Desert and those with medical conditions are at even higher risk

Watch for signs of heat illness

- Muscle cramps
- Throbbing headaches
- Weakness or tiredness
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Dizziness



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If you start to feel ill, immediately get indoors and drink water slowly. Take a cool shower or bath. If you don't get better or symptoms get worse dial 9-1-1 for emergency services.



Drink lots of water and stay in

- Drink water before you feel thirsty
- Drink 1-2 liters per hour when outdoors
- Spend the hottest times of the day inside
- Carry water wherever you go



Play early, relax often

- Plan your outdoor activities for the early morning (5-7AM)
- Return by 10AM and avoid strenuous activities if possible
- Eat healthy foods, even in small portions
- Take breaks in the shade often



Protect your skin

- Wear long sleeve clothing, pants, and a wide-brimmed hat
- Use sunscreen (30 SPF or higher) on exposed skin
- Stay in the shade if relaxing outdoors



Fight the Bite! Day & Night

- Mosquitos can carry diseases, avoid getting bit
- Use DEET repellent AFTER sunscreen
- Avoid or remove standing water



For more information and tips, visit pima.gov/heat





¡Un programa de recreación móvil llegará a un parque cerca de usted!
**A mobile recreation program
is coming to a park near you!**



Encuentra las camionetas
Follow us to find the vans

Tucsonaz.gov/parks @ReadySetRec #ReadySetRec

Ready, Set,
REC!

Find the Ward 5 van!



- Sept. 5, 3-5 p.m. - Bristol Park
- Sept. 6, 3-5 p.m. - San Antonio Park
- Sept. 8, 3-5 p.m. - Santa Rosa Park
- Sept. 12, 3-5 p.m. - Cherry Park
- Sept. 13, 3-5 p.m. - Bravo Park
- Sept. 14, 3-5 - Parkview Park
- Sept. 18, 3-5 p.m. - Mirasol Park
- Sept. 19, 3-5 p.m. - M. Herrera Park
- Sept. 20, 3-5 p.m. - Gunny Barreras Park
- RSR Fall Showcase!**
- Sept. 23, 9 a.m.-noon - La Madera Park
- Sept. 25, 3-5 p.m. - Silverlake Park
- Sept. 26, 3-5 p.m. - Pueblo Gardens Park
- Sept. 29, 3-5 p.m. - Bristol Park



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.

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.

HIGH-EFFICIENCY CLOTHES WASHER AND TOILET REBATES AVAILABLE: 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.

Qualifying low-income customers can purchase a discounted high-efficiency clothes washer for \$200. For more information, call (520) 791-3242 or online at: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/water/apply-for-rebates>.

TUCSON WATER UPDATE: Tucson Water Issues EPA-Required Drinking Water Notice. A drinking water notice has been issued by Tucson Water, per EPA requirements, notifying customers of a recent test of one groundwater well that tested positive for E. coli bacteria yesterday (sample date 8/18/2023). This test sample was of raw (untreated) water. Only treated (chlorine disinfection) water is served to customers through our drinking water distribution system. The subject well has been deactivated and locked out of the water system. It will be purged, disinfected, and retested to ensure the issue is resolved prior to returning the well to active service. For complete details, please visit: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Water/About-Your-Water-Quality>



SUMMER CITY POOLS TO REMAIN OPEN: Tucson Parks and Recreation recently announced it will keep six summer season pools, in addition to eight extended season pools, open through Saturday, Sept. 30. Admission to City pools is free for everyone. Pool locations and hours can be found online at: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Parks-and-Recreation/Pool-and-Splash-Pads#section-2>, or call (520) 791-4873. You can also cool off at one of the City's seven splash pads.

The newest splash pad is at CSM Martin R. "Gunny" Barreras Memorial Park, 5890 S. Campbell Ave. It was made possible through Tucson Delivers 2018 voter-approved Proposition 407 bond funds and Impact Fees. All of Tucson's splash pads are open daily, from 8 a.m. to sunset, through Oct. 31.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Emergency Tucson Police and Tucson Fire Departments
DIAL 911

Permits Planning and Development Services Dept.
(520) 791-5550, pdsdinquiries@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

Meals on Wheels

(520) 622-1600 <https://mobilemealssoaz.org/>

Tucson Diaper Bank

(520) 325-1400 <https://diaperbank.org/>

Community Food Bank

(520) 622-0525 <https://www.communityfoodbank.org/>

Pima County Community Assistance

(520) 724-2460 <https://www.pima.gov/887/Community-Assistance-Division>

ICS

(520) 297-6049 <https://www.icstucson.org/>

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