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Council Member Richard G. Fimbres

City of Tucson



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LETTER

from Council Member Fimbres

Dear Friends,

During the June 7 Mayor and Council meeting, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the City Manager's proposed \$2.1 billion dollar budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

The Mayor and Council vote culminated the work between the City Manager, his staff and the Mayor and Council, over these past months. Discussions were held previously about Council and city priorities, as well expenditures, revenues and funds received from the American Recovery Plan Act. The budget approved by the Mayor and Council is a structurally balanced budget. In previous years, the City had to use "one time fixes," selling buildings or city owned land to balance a budget.

Now, the City of Tucson has a structurally balanced budget, where revenues cover city expenses. Under this approved budget, city employees will receive an additional \$2,000 annually and the health insurance increase that active employees were initially going to have to pay, will be covered this year by the City of Tucson thanks to my efforts and the support of my colleagues on the Council.

I want to thank City Manager Michael Ortega and his staff, for their work on this budget. I also want to thank my colleagues on the Council for their work on this budget, their questions, suggestions and their support of this budget

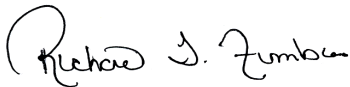
The City of Tucson relies on sales taxes received to pay for services to constituents, including police, fire, parks and streets. When sales are down, the City of Tucson feels this immediately.

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When businesses open and the good citizens of Tucson are able to spend their hard earned money, Tucson feels that immediately as well. The City Manager reported that sales tax revenues have increased as well as other revenues going up too. Tucson is closer to that light at the end of the economic tunnel, but we have work to do.

My staff and I will continue the efforts on expanding on the success of the Renaissance of Ward 5. Thank you.

Richard G. Fimbres



Your Ward 5 Council Member

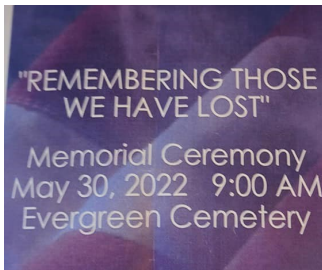
THANK YOU CARDS TO THE VA

On Friday, May 27, a contingent of elected officials presented more than 1,200 cards and banners to the veterans and staff at the Southern Arizona V.A. Hospital.

These cards were made by students from schools in Ward 5, Tucson and Pima County. This marks the 13th year that I and my Ward 5 office staff have worked with the schools to create these cards for veterans during Memorial Day and Veterans Day. I want to express our thanks to the students and teachers for making the cards and banners for the veterans and V.A. staff. This project has helped to instill the values of community and patriotism in our young people. Joining me were State Representative Andrea Dalessandro, South Tucson Mayor Bob Teso and South Tucson Vice Mayor Herman Lopez.



I want to thank the Southern Arizona V.A. for their work and commitment to help those who have served this country in the military.



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

On Monday, May 30, I had the privilege of speaking at the Memorial Day Ceremony held at Evergreen Cemetery. I want to thank Morgan McDermott American Legion Post 7 for giving me the opportunity to speak, as well as Evergreen for hosting the event.



UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

On Saturday, May 28, I had the privilege of attending the Unity in the Community Sugar Hill Coalition event. This was another event by the Coalition doing neighborhood outreach, which had many community organizations present that help those in need. This also showed Tucson Police's community outreach. I recognized Captain Chris Dennison, Kevin Woodard of the Sugar Hill Coalition, Mary Woodard. Willie Blake of the Western Hills II Neighborhood, as well as the veterans present at the event. Congratulations to the Sugar Hill Coalition on another successful event.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIMBRES HONORED

Tucson Ward 5 Council Member was recognized by the Tucson African-American Community and organizations for his years of service to them. Dr. Damond Holt of The Minister's Alliance, Pastor Grady Scott of Grace Temple Baptist Church and Annie Sykes, Vice President of the Tucson NAACP, made the presentation at the June 7, Mayor and Council meeting, in the form of a plaque, which read:



“Presented to Councilman Richard Fimbres for your many years of dedicated service to the African American community and its organizations. The Ministers Alliance, the Minister’s Alliance Community Action Team, The NAACP, The Tucson Urban League, The MLK Committee, The MLK Prayer Breakfast Committee and The Greater Southern Arizona Area Chapter of the 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association Buffalo Soldiers appreciate your service.”

Richard Fimbres’ community service dates back to: the Tucson Civil Rights Coalition as an officer of LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens); working with the NAACP on rights issues and honoring those with the Rosa Parks Awards he helped to co-found; his thirty two years of work and support of the Pueblo Gardens MLK Prayer Breakfast Committee, his work to ensure the continuation of the MLK March and as Council Member, and working to ensure the first voter approved Buffalo Soldiers Memorial honoring African-Americans who served in the U.S. Army from 1866 to 1948 and its construction at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center.

"Council Member Richard Fimbres continues to serve the African American community by making sure that events are fully supported by the City," Pastor Grady Scott said. "He not only helps navigate the system, but he can be seen at the events. His many decades of support is commendable and we are grateful for the opportunity to acknowledge that support."

"I want to thank the Tucson NAACP, the Minister’s Alliance, the Minister’s Alliance Community Action Team, the Tucson Urban League, the MLK Committee, the Pueblo Gardens MLK Prayer Breakfast Committee and the GSAAC for this honor and I am humbled for this recognition of my work and commitment to our community," Council Member Richard Fimbres said.

COOLING CENTERS

When temperatures reach 110 degrees, the City of Tucson will open six cooling center locations, one in each Ward. The centers will be open from noon-6 p.m. These locations will be open regular hours on any day when temperatures are expected to reach 110 degrees.

Donna Liggins Center, 2160 N. 6th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85705

(Monday-Friday, noon-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m.)

El Pueblo Center, 101 W. Irvington Road, Tucson, AZ 85714

(Monday-Friday, noon-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m.)

El Rio Center, 1390 W. Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85745

(Monday-Friday, noon-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m.)

Morris K. Udall Center, 7200 E. Tanque Verde Road, Tucson, AZ 85715

(Monday-Friday, noon-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m.)

Randolph Center, 200 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85711

(Monday-Friday, noon-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m.)

William M. Clements Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive, Tucson, AZ 85730

(Monday-Friday, noon-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m.)

SUMMER POOL SCHEDULE

Tucson Parks and Recreation will have 10 pools open for summer swim activities from June 2 to August 3. Responding to a lifeguard shortage, the City has focused on making water safety and quality aquatic programming the top priorities. The summer schedule will allow for recreational swimming, lap swimming, learn-to-swim lessons, and new Aqua and Deep-Water Fitness classes.



For complete information on City pools, visit the Tucson Parks and Recreation [website](#).



STEVE HOLMES

I would like to express my congratulations to Sunnyside Schools Superintendent Steve Holmes for accepting a new position as the Deputy Pima County Administrator. Mr. Holmes has left a tremendous impact on our south side schools during his 7-year tenure as the SUSD Superintendent. Superintendent Holmes finished out his last school year with over \$20 million awarded in scholarships to graduates this year. He will be missed in Sunnyside but we look forward to the great things that will come out of Pima County.

LIFEGUARDS

Lifeguard recruitment remains a top priority for Tucson Parks and Recreation. Hiring remains open to give the City the ability to explore expanding schedules or locations if staffing increases. Applicants must be at least 15 years of age and must have lifeguard certifications. For those lacking the lifeguard certification, call (520) 791-4245 for information on where to get certified.



Lifeguard classes: <https://bit.ly/3x0UqmG>

Apply for City of Tucson lifeguard jobs: <https://bit.ly/3lz80YT>



SWIM LESSONS

Tucson Parks and Recreation swim lessons for children ages 6 months-17 years old are now available online. Lessons will be offered for three, two-week sessions, June 20-July 28, for \$15/session. Separate classes will be available for parent and child. Registration will open on June 7, at 8 a.m. on www.EZEEreg.com.

Session 1: June 20-30

Session 2: July 5-14

Session 3: July 18-28

SUMMER POOLOOZA

Join Tucson Parks and Recreation at the Summer Poolooza, free pool parties happening across the city. Events will include Ready, Set, Rec! vans with games and activities, food, music, inflatables, pool fun, and more.

More info: www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/announcement/summer-poolooza



FATHER'S DAY

I want to wish a Happy Father's Day, which takes place Sunday June 19, to all the fathers working and raising families and those who are in Heaven, looking down and smiling at their families. I am proud of my two sons and everything they have accomplished and have done for our community. I am also blessed with two grandchildren and I look forward to seeing them and being a grandfather.

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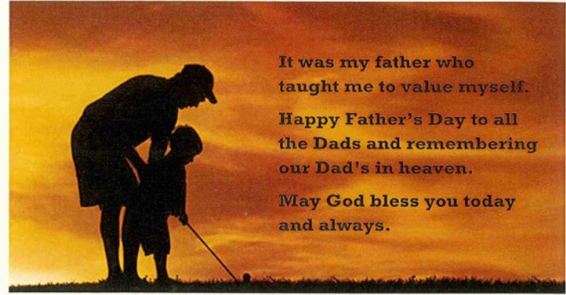
June 19 marks the 157th anniversary of Juneteenth. The holiday commemorates June 19, 1865, the day slaves in Galveston, Texas, learned about the Emancipation Proclamation, making them among the last to be freed. Celebrations in Tucson and around the USA aim to increase knowledge and appreciation of the roles, achievements and contributions of African Americans to our society and pay tribute to this important milestone in our nation's history -- the annual commemoration of the end of slavery, when our nation finally and truly became "the land of the free."

This year, the Annual Juneteenth Festival will be taking place at the Kennedy Park Bandshell from 10am to 9pm on June 19. For more information, please visit <https://www.visittucson.org/event/tucson-juneteenth-festival/11270/>

OPERATION SPLASH

Protecting the public on city streets during Tucson's summer thunderstorm season is the objective of the Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM) Operation Splash campaign.

With the first official day of the monsoon (for record-keeping purposes), crews from DTM's Streets Maintenance Division have barricades ready to go at hundreds of dip crossings throughout the City. DTM staff is on-call 24/7, through mid-September. As washes flood, crews will close roadways at dip crossings and washes using the more than 500 barricades that have been delivered and placed on the side of the roadways, near the crossings. Also, for the seventh consecutive year, DTM will assist residents concerned with flooding by offering free self-serve sandbags in the east parking lot of Hi Corbett Field, 700 S. Randolph Way, at Reid Park. This location will be open 24/7. Sandbags will be placed in the east parking lot of Hi Corbett Field ahead of the first forecast storm. Follow DTM on social media for updates on when sand will be delivered. Residents should bring their own shovels. Sand and sandbags will be provided by DTM staff. To accommodate as many residents as possible, there is a limit of 10 sandbags per vehicle.



It was my father who taught me to value myself.
Happy Father's Day to all the Dads and remembering our Dad's in heaven.
May God bless you today and always.

June 19, 2022

Dear Honored Father,

You are celebrated today for all of the sacrifices, support and love you have given to your family. You are appreciated and loved more than you know. May this father's day bring you joy and good health. God Bless you and have a Happy Father's Day!

Sincerely,

Richard G. Fimbres
Council Member, Ward 5

WELCOME MARTIN

The Ward 5 Council Office is happy to welcome our new summer youth intern, Martin Cortez. Martin is a 2022 Sunnyside High School graduate and has a strong passion for digital film. Martin has plans to go to college and study film-making. In his free time, Martin enjoys spending time with his dog Wendy. Welcome to Ward 5, Martin!



ODW'S NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

CSO Montserrat Rangel is a native Tucsonan. She grew up on the northwest side of town and attended the Flowing Wells School District. She graduated in 2009 and studied Criminal Justice at Pima Community College. CSO Rangel's parents ran a soccer league at Menlo Park for many years and she spent a lot of time on the Westside. She has 3 other siblings and recently married her life partner, Itzayana, in March of this year. They have four fur babies, Boots, Coco, Oso, and Zoey! Operations Division West(ODW) is so excited to welcome CSO Rangel to her new role.

24/7 RESOURCE LINE

In response to community needs, Tucson's Mayor and Council directed the Department of Housing and Community Development to expand the City's resource telephone line to provide information on various services and shelters. The service, which expanded June 1, provides information on how to access resources and assistance for those who are experiencing, or are at risk of, homelessness. It also provides information on other services, with call takers in both English and Spanish. The 24/7 resource telephone number is (520) 791-2540.

Community Resource Line

Get Connected to:

- Medical and Mental Health Services
- Meals and Food Assistance
- Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter
- Domestic Violence Resources
- Mainstream Benefits
- Housing Resources
- Much More!

Call 24/7:
(520) 791-2540



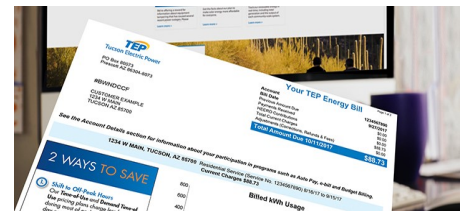
TUCSON WATER BILL ASSISTANCE

Did you know that Tucson Water provides up to a 75% discount on your monthly water bill? Qualified customers can receive the discount for up to 3 years after approval. Eligibility for Tucson Water's low-income assistance program is determined by total household size and income. Call 520-791-5443 to make an appointment or visit <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/water/low-income-assistance-program> for more information.

SAVE ELECTRICITY, PREVENT BLACKOUTS

Hot summer weather often leads to higher energy bills. Here are seven energy-saving steps you can take now to help keep your home more comfortable and your energy bills in check as the temperature starts to climb. Turn your thermostat temperature setting up, especially between 3-7 p.m., and have your air conditioning system serviced to make sure it runs at peak efficiency. Consider moving to a time-of-use (TOU) rate, which has lower off-peak rates and higher rates for on-peak hours of 3-7 p.m. weekdays; or a “demand” rate, which offers lower usage rates but includes a charge reflecting a customer’s highest hourly usage in a month. TEP offers a rate-comparison tool at tep.com/compare-pricing-plans/. Here are some more tips.

Cooling costs drive your energy bills higher in the summer. Make sure your air conditioning unit is operating efficiently with an annual tune-up. You may even qualify for a rebate if you go through TEP’s Efficient Home program. Also, consider setting your thermostat a bit higher. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) recommends 78 degrees in the summer, or higher if you can safely tolerate a warmer home. Installing a smart thermostat, which automatically adjusts the temperature to your schedule and preferences, can lower your energy costs by 20 percent and often pays for itself within one year. Receive a \$35 rebate from Tucson Electric Power when you purchase and install a qualifying smart thermostat in your home.



Start with a sweep of your rooms to replace your inefficient light bulbs with LEDs. They’re just as bright but use less energy and run much cooler than incandescent and CFL bulbs, helping to reduce your cooling costs. Purchase discounted LED bulbs at local participating retailers such as Lowe’s, The Home Depot and Walmart. Your next step is to reduce indoor heat sources. Big screen TVs, ovens, clothes dryers and dishwashers radiate extra heat in your home when you’re trying to cool it down. Turn off the TV when you’re not watching it, grill outdoors or use the microwave oven instead of cooking inside, and run your dryer and dishwasher at night when it’s cooler.

To keep your home cooler, keep exterior doors and windows closed tightly and close the blinds in the morning before it gets hot. Next, make sure to caulk and weatherstrip around windows and doors. Repair or replace old, dried out caulk and weatherstripping to ensure a tight seal. Finally, install awnings or sun shades. According to the DOE, window awnings on south- or west-facing windows can reduce solar heat gain in the summer by 60 percent or more. Light-colored and tightly-woven synthetic fiber awnings or sun shades with grommets or vents are the most effective for keeping heat away from your home. Using ceiling or whole-house fans are a good way to keep cool air circulating in the rooms that you’re using. Many ceiling fan models have switches that allow you to change the rotation of the blade. Run the blades counter clockwise in summer to draw up cooler air from the floor.

Electric bills can vary greatly from season to season, creating stress for your family budget. Budget Billing levels out the peaks and valleys and allows you to make the same monthly payment year-round based on your average monthly usage. That way, you’ll know ahead of time how much to budget for your electric bill, even in the summer. You also can consider using a pricing plan that allows you to reduce your bills by shifting their energy usage habits. Call (520) 623-7711 for more information.

Ready, Set,
REC!

Find the Ward 5 van!



June 1, 4-6 p.m. - Manuel Herrera Jr. Park

June 2, 4-6 p.m. - Ochoa Park

June 7, 4-6 p.m. - Swan Way

June 13, 4-6 p.m. - Parkview Park

June 25, 5:30-8:30 p.m. - Reid Park Zoo

June 28, 4-6 p.m. - Bristol Park



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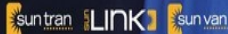
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National Human Trafficking Hotline

(Text "HELP" or "INFO") to **233733**

24 hours, 7 days a week, English, Spanish, 200+ languages

<http://humantraffickinghotline.org>



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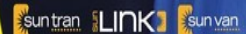
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IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Emergency Tucson Police and Tucson Fire Departments
DIAL 911

Permits Planning and Development Services Department
(520) 791-5550

Housing Assistance Community Services Department
(520) 791-4739

Code Enforcement
(520) 791-5843

TPD Red Tag Unit
(520) 837-7318, Email: redtag@tucsonaz.gov

Graffiti Removal
(520) 792-CITY (2489)

TPD Non-Emergency
(520) 791-4444

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services
(520) 791-3171

DTM Street Maintenance
(520) 791-3154, Email: tdotconcerns@tucsonaz.gov

Tucson Water
Billing (520) 791-3242, Public Information (520) 791-4331

Park Tucson
(520) 791-5071

Pima Animal Care Center
(520) 724-5900

UA Neighborhood Hotline
(520) 282-3649

24/7 Community Resource Line
(520) 791-2540 A 24/7 resource line to provide information on services/housing

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