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Council Member Richard G. Fimbres

City of Tucson



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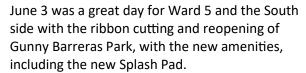
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#### **Letter from Council Member Fimbres**

Dear Friends:





This park was named in honor of Chief Master Sergeant Martin "Gunny" Barreras, who paid the ultimate sacrifice serving our nation during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, in 2014.

The project was primarily funded by a \$7.04 million budget allocated from the 2018 voter-approved general obligation bond dollars. In addition, the park is a recipient of a \$500,000 Arizona State Parks American Rescue Plan Act Grant, \$150,000 of American Rescue Plan Federal funding for fitness equipment, and \$220,282 from Tucson Water's "Storm 2 Shade" Green Infrastructure funding.

Gunny Barreras Park features a variety of new amenities, including: a new playground with shade, a new ramada, and a splash pad; the renovation of the existing track surface, the addition of a new walking path, an exercise court and the renovation of the irrigation system ensure that the park is in excellent condition for all outdoor activities.



I want to thank all the neighbors, Sunnyside High School, the Sunnyside School District, and the stakeholders who took part in this process. I want to thank my colleagues on the Council for supporting my efforts for the park.



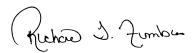
I want to thank Tucson Parks and Recreation Director Lara Hamwey and her team for their work on this project.

I want to thank everyone who came out for the dedication, as well as the Barreras family, Assistant City Manager Liz Morales, Tucson Water Director John Kmeic, as well as Edgar Soto, President of Pi-

ma College Desert Vista Campus for their presence at the dedication, work and support for our park.

I want to thank Sunnyside School District Superintendent Jose Gastelum and SUSD Board Members, President Beki Quintero, Bobby Jaramillo, Consuelo Hernandez, Ted Rodriquez, and Edgar Bustamante, for their work and Marcos Moreno for his advocacy for the park naming and helping to preserve Gunny Barreras' memory and legacy. I want to thank my staff, Lupita Robles,

Mary Kuchar and Mark Kerr for their work on this. It was a great day for Ward 5, for our neighborhoods and for the south side.



Richard Fimbres
Your Ward 5 Councilmember

**JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AT THE QUINCIE DOUGLAS CENTER**: The Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center held their Juneteenth Holiday Celebration June 16 at the Center. Mayor Regina Romero joined me for the event.

Pastor Otis Brown delivered the prayer, the Barbea Williams Dance Studio gave an illuminating performance to those present, Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center Director Jerry Neely spoke on former Tucson City Council Member Chuck Ford and community member Fred Archer, Donna Liggins spoke, Richard and Doreen (Quincie Douglas' daughter) spoke about Quincie Douglas and her impact on our community, Dr. Michael Engs spoke about the Buffalo Soldiers and Pastor Grady Scott addressed those in attendance.

The GSAAC Buffalo Soldiers had a table, as well as James Christopher and his African American History Museum. I want to thank Jerry Neely, the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center staff, as well as everyone involved in this successful event.















**GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT DEDICATED**: On Tuesday, May 30, a new Gold Star Families Memorial Monument (GSFMM) honoring the families of servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives while serving in the military was dedicated at Veterans Gold Star Family Park in Tucson.

Families, servicemembers, veteran organizations, first responders, Pima County Supervisor Rex Scott and I were present for this dedication of the first Gold Star Monument in Tucson, the first monument for the families of military service members who paid the ultimate sacrifice defending this nation, in Tucson and Southern Arizona.

During my remarks, I said that wreath laying ceremonies and memorials have been held in Tucson and Southern Arizona prior and he was proud that this Monument was created and dedicated to the families. Many families in Tucson have lost their sons and daughters, including Martin Lugo Jr., Chris Moon, Darrell Kasson, Stefano Panchesin and others.



The Gold Star Family Memorial was created by Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams to remember those families.

Our soldiers and our families' loved ones died defending our freedoms and we must never forget them. This monument will continue their memories.

I want to thank Barbra Brownlie, and the committee and everyone with this effort for their work and commitment.

I want to thank everyone, including the Pima County government and City of Tucson, for their efforts for this monument.

This Monument was a private/public partnership, with funding from Pima County, as well as the Gold Star Monument organization and businesses. This effort honors those families, and we will



never forget the service members for their sacrifice. I also thanked the American Patriot Memorial for their work, and Bobby Rich, who emceed the event.

As part of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument effort, I had designated \$7,000 in funding to help with the costs to honor those families who lost loved ones, that paid the ultimate sac-

rifice while serving our nation in the military.

Part of the monument is the plaque, for which I want to thank Barbara Brownlie and the members of the Committee for this recognition. We will never forget.

Bronze Star Donors

Council Member Richard Fimbres, Ward 5
Rebecca and Sid Johnson
Graesser Foundation
TMC Hospice - We Honor Veterans



**UA COMMUNITY MEET AND GREET**: On June 13, I had the privilege of speaking at the UA Community Meet and Greet event at American Eats.

Pima County Supervisor Adelita Grijalva, Mayor Regina Romero, Council Member Lane Santa Cruz, as well as U of A President Dr. Bobby Robbins, Athletics Director Dave Heeke and Football Coach Jedd Fisch and Retired County Supervisor Dan Eckstrom,



were there and spoke to the great crowd for this successful event.

Thank you American Eats for hosting the event again. This is an event that I had the privilege of working on since I've been your Ward 5 Council Member with Dan Eckstrom, for our community.

**WELCOME MADDOX:** Ward 5 is glad to have Maddox Jones as a Summer intern. Here is a write up that he did about himself.

"Hi! I'm Maddox Jones and I will be going into my senior year at Tucson High School this August. I play for the Tucson High Baseball Team, and I love being able to play for my school while also competing against other schools; it's a very unique experience. I've lived on the Westside of Tucson for most of my life, so I think it's a very cool experience to work for the city that is such a large part of me. This is my first job in an office setting, and I'm super grateful to be here because the staff is so welcoming and understanding. I've already learned so much in the two weeks that I've been here."



We are so glad to have Maddox here at Ward 5!

**HOW TO REPORT TRANSPORTATION CONCERNS**: Did the recent storms cause any damage to City property that needs to be fixed? 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 toTDOTConcerns@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.

**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.

**SUMMER POOL SCHEDULE**: Tucson Parks and Recreation will offer swim lessons, competitive swim team, and synchronized swim team this summer. Swim lessons will be \$15 per two-week session, meeting four days per week. StarBabies classes are available for ages 6 months to 2 years old, and Starfish Swim School is available for ages 3-12 years old. To register or for more information, call (520) 791-4877 or online at: https://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/pools-and-splash-pads.

POOL	LOCATION	ADULT LAP	RECREATIONAL SWIM
Amphitheater	125 W. Yavapai Rd.	MonThurs.: 11 a.m1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.	Mon-Thurs.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.
	(520) 791-4359	Sun.: Noon-7 p.m.	Sun.: Noon-7 p.m.
Archer ■●★①■	1665 S. La Cholla Blvd.	MonThurs.: 6-8 a.m., 11 a.m1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.	MonThurs.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.
	(520) 791-5388	Sun.: Noon-7pm	Sun.: Noon-7 p.m.
Catalina 🔳 🕽	2005 N. Dodge Blvd.	TuesFrl.: 11 a.m1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.	TuesFrl.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.
	(520) 791-4245	Sat.: Noon-7 p m.	Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Clements ♦ ■ ● ① ■	8155 E. Poinciana Dr.	MonThurs.: 6-8 a.m., 11 a.m1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.	MonThurs.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.
	(520) 791-5643	Sun.: Noon-7 p.m.	Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Edith Ball ARC Recreation Pool   ①	3455 E. Zoo Ct. (520) 791-5643	MonThurs.: 6-7 a.m., 11:30 a.m1 p.m. Mon. and Wed.: 5:30 p.m7 p.m. Fri.: 6-8 a.m., 11:30 a.m1 p.m., Sat. Noon-5 p.m.	MonThurs.; 1-5 p.m. Mon. and Wed.: 5:30-7 p.m. Frl.: 1-4 p.m., Sat. Noon-5 p.m.
Edith Ball ARC Therapy Pool	3455 E. Zoo Ct. (520) 791-5643	By Reservation: MW: 6:40-7:40 a.m., 7:50-8:50 a.m., 11 a.m12:15 p.m., 2-3:15 p.m., 3:30-4:45 p.m., 6-7:15 p.m.) Tu/Th: 6:40-7:40 a.m., 7:50-8:50 a.m., 2-3:15 p.m., 3:30-4:45 p.m., and 6-7:15 p.m. Friday: 6:40-7:40 a.m., 7:50-8:50 a.m., and 2:40-3:50 p.m Saturday: 12:30-1:45 p.m. and 2-3:15 p.m.	
El Pueblo	5100 S. Missiondale Rd.	TuesFri.: 11 a.m1 p.m.	TuesFri.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.
	(520) 791-4176	Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.	Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Fort Lowell	2900 N. Craycroft Rd.	MonThurs.: 11 a.m1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.	MonThurs.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.
	(520) 791-3232	Sun.: Noon-7 p.m.	Sun.: Noon-7 p.m.
Freedom • *	5000 E. 29th St. (520) 791-2585		MonThurs.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sun.: Noon-7 p.m.
Himmel ■ ★ ①	1000 N. Tucson Blvd.	TuesFri.: Noon-1 p.m.	TuesFri.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.
	(520) 791-4157	Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.	Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Jacobs	1020 W. Lind St. (520) 791-4358		TuesFri.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Jesse Owens ■ ★	400 S. Sarnoff Dr. (520) 791-4821		MonThurs.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sun.: Noon-7pm
Kennedy ■ ★	3700 S. Mission Rd. (530) 791-4863		TuesFri.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Mansfield ■ ★	2275 N. 4th Ave. (520) 791-4405		TuesFri.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Menio	1100 W. Fresno St. (520) 791-4356		TuesFri.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Oury	665 N. Hughes St. (520) 791-4375		MonThurs.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sun.: Noon-7pm
Palo Verde	300 S. Mann Ave. (520) 791-4375		TuesFrl.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Purple Heart	9800 E. Rita Rd.	TuesFri.: 6-8a.m., 11 a.m1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.	TuesFrl.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.
	(520) 791-5941	Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.	Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Quincie Douglas 🌢 🌢 🕦	1563 E. 36th St.	TuesFri.: 11 a.m1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.	TuesFri.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.
	(520) 791-5941	Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.	Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Sunnyside ■① ■	1725 E. Bilby Rd.	TuesFri.: 6-8a.m., 11 a.m1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.	TuesFrl.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.
	(520) 791-5167	Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.	Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.
Udall ♦■ → ■	7200 E. Tanque Verde Rd.	TuesFri.: 6-8 a.m., 11 a.m1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.	TuesFri.: 1-5 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.
	(520) 791-4004	Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.	Sat.: Noon-7 p.m.

● Water toys/ splash pad ■ Diving Board ● Water Slide ★ Wade Pool

Competitive Swim Team ■ Synchronized Swim Team

**TOM CHABIN**: Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes is committed to fostering a positive relationship with southern Arizona by promoting open communication and working with cities like Tucson on the issues facing municipalities and their constituents. One example is AG Mayes' reversal of the prior Attorney General's opinion on the legality of Tucson's source-of-income ordinance. Attorney General Mayes is fully committed to promoting and fostering productive relationships with local government partners across the state. As such, Attorney General Mayes has designated Tom Chabin as a liaison for Community Outreach. Mr. Chabin is based in Tucson and is actively reaching out to various civic and elected leaders to foster improved communication and make the resources of the Attorney General's Office more accessible to southern Arizonans.

DONOVAN DURBAND: I want to extend my condolences to the family of Donovan Durban on his sudden passing, a loss for the City of Tucson and the many events and organizations he worked with as Park Tucson Director. I had the privilege of working with Donovan when he was also at the Ward 6 Council Office, as well as his time as Park Tucson Director on the Tucson Change Program, for which he worked to get the parking meters which could accept credit card donations, as well as the placement of these in downtown to the U of A and out to the airport. For much of his career, Park Tucson Administrator Donovan Durband, was a champion for Downtown Tucson. His contributions in helping revitalize downtown were honored over the weekend at arts events and venues, even having the main music stage at 2nd Saturdays Downtown Tucson renamed in his honor. Before Park Tucson, Durband served as a council aide in Ward 6 and was executive director of the Downtown Tucson Alliance, vice presi-



dent of the Southwest Parking and Transportation Association, a board member of 2nd Saturdays Downtown, and founder of the Festivals and Events Association of Tucson and Southern Arizona. We have lost a good public servant but we have gained another Guardian Angel.

**WATER BILL HELP**: Did you know Tucson Water offers bill assistance? A monthly discount is available for qualified Tucson Water customers. Call (520) 791-5443 to make an appointment or visit the website: https://www.tucsonaz.gov/water/low-income-assistance-program.



Additionally, the City of Tucson and Arizona Department of Economic Security are partnering to provide additional

payment assistance for qualifying Tucson Water customers. Households currently enrolled in a Low-Income Assistance Program are now eligible to receive \$3,000 in additional credit to be applied to past-due bills or future bills. You must register to claim your credit before Sept. 30, or you will lose this opportunity. If you're already on the assistance program, call (520) 791-3253 to learn more and register.

CITY OF TUCSON OPENS COOLING CENTERS TO HELP COPE WITH EXTREME HEAT: With high temperatures expected to top 100 degrees for a long stretch, the City of Tucson is offering cooling centers seven days a week, from noon-4 p.m. (closed for holidays June 19 and July 4). The centers are located at Donna Liggins Center, 2160 N. 6th Ave.; El Pueblo Center, 101 W. Irvington Road; El Rio Center, 1390 W. Speedway Blvd; Morris K. Udall Center, 7200 E. Tanque Verde Road; Randolph Center, 200 S. Alvernon Way; and William M. Clements Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive.



# Find the Ward 5 van!



July 3, 9-11 a.m. - Manuel Herrera Park
July 4, noon-3 p.m. - Pinecrest Park
July 14, 9-11 a.m. - Silverlake Park
July 18, 9-11 a.m. - Pueblo Gardens Park
July 22, 8-11 a.m. - Quincie Douglas Center
\*Back to School Bash\*
July 29, 9-11 a.m. - Bravo Park
July 31, 9-11 a.m. - Santa Rosa Park



**HOUSING FIRST UPDATE**: At the June 6 Mayor and Council Study Session, Brandi Champion, Housing First program director, provided updates on the first 18 months of the Housing First program. Liz Morales, Assistant City Manager, also provided updates on the Point In Time (PIT) Count, Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8), and affordable housing development in Tucson.

In the first 18 months of the City of Tucson's Housing First Program began:

1,017 people served through Housing First's Outreach Team

163 people housed through Housing First's Outreach Team

651 people served through Coordinated Entry Navigation

197 people housed through Coordinated Entry Navigation

The 2023 Point in Time Count Report for Pima County was released on May 15. Key findings show that homelessness rates have steadily increased since 2018, due to the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic and housing cost inflation on the housing crisis. However, this trend has begun to reverse with decreases in overall homelessness reported among many populations between 2022 and 2023.



#### Student Services

Las Artes supports students emotionally, financially and academically with an array of services. Students often come to Las Artes facing many obstacles that made them unsuccessful in the traditional school system. Our qualified case managers offer the support students need to thrive.

Apply here: http://bit.ly/2lmNhpALasArtes

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#### Earn and learn





#### Want to get paid while earning your GED?

#### Are you between the ages of 17 & 22?

Las Artes offers a unique learning environment for youth ages 17-22. We combine structured classroom study with community art projects that help prepare students for the General Education Development (GED) test and learn valuable job-readiness skills.

Classes are held 30 hours per week and students must attend daily. The aim is to blend the best of classroom instruction with a hands-on project where attention to detail is emphasized. Las Artes pays students a weekly stipend.

Students who meet all of the program's academic and attendance requirements can earn a bonus!



#### Curriculum

Students are required to complete basic education courses and an eight-week community art project. They begin by taking a placement assessment called TABE that matches their level of education with coursework.



The time frame to complete the GED, when entering at: Level 1: 32 weeks, Level 2: 24 weeks, Level 3: 16 weeks Placement levels are determined at the time of assessment.



#### Art Projects

Las Artes students create magnificent tile art murals that have beautified neighborhoods throughout Pima County.

Through an eight-week project, students work in teams on real-world projects that promote community involvement and build self-confidence. They gain a sense of pride and accomplishment, tools that are essential in developing a strong work ethic.



Educators

## CONNECT, SHARE, AND INSPIRE OUR NEXT GENERATION

#### WHAT IS COMMUNITYSHARE?

**The Pima County School Superintendent's Office** has joined the CommunityShare online network that connects YOU with community partners. Partners can increase your students' engagement and help them discover their future career and life aspirations.

#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

One of the most powerful ways to actively engage your students is to connect their interests with community partners on real-world learning projects. We know finding community partners can sometimes be challenging and time-consuming. Through our online platform, you can quickly create a profile and post a "request" describing your unique needs or project ideas. The platform will immediately find partners that match your request and you can easily browse and directly contact partners who can serve as mentors, content advisors, speakers, internship hosts, and more!







Share your project ideas based on learning needs & goals



Match
with a partner
with the right
skills &
interests



a virtual or in-person connection



Engage with a community partner



Celebrate by sharing an impact story

Join us today! www.communityshare.us/pima







Did you know...





These are our family, our friends, and our neighbors - our community.

There are resources and supports to help.

#### **LEARN MORE**

Join us for a special Community Resource Fair + Activities for Kids

> Thursday, July 13th 3-6pm @ the Flowing Wells Library 1730 W Wetmore Rd, Tucson

Every attendee will receive free Funtastics Splash Passes (while supplies last). For more information, contact Sarah Reed at (520) 724-6600.









Sabías...





Estas son nuestras familias, nuestros amigos y nuestros vecinos,
- nuestra comunidad.

Hay recursos y apoyos para ayudar.

#### APRENDE MÁS

Les invitamos a una feria de recursos comunitarios y actividades para niños

> Jueves, 13 de julio 3-6pm © la biblioteca de Flowing Wells 1730 W Wetmore Rd, Tucson

Todos los asistentes recibirán Funtastics Splash Passes gratis (hasta agotar). Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Sarah Reed al (520) 724-6600.







### **IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

**Emergency** Tucson Police and Tucson Fire Departments DIAL 911

**Permits** Planning and Development Services Department (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, <u>TW\_web1@tucsonaz.gov</u>

#### **Park Tucson**

(520) 791-5071

#### **Pima Animal Care Center**

(520) 724-5900

### **UA Neighborhood Hotline**

(520) 282-3649

#### **STAY INFORMED!**

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https:// www.tucsonaz.gov/ ward-5

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