



Council Representation: B.J. Cordova, Ward 4

Ward 4 is located on the southeastern border of Tucson. Lacking an urban center, the area has more rural characteristics. As there is relatively low density development, residents have to travel longer distances for resources. There is also less transit infrastructure in this area, so many residents rely on vehicles for transportation. While pedestrian infrastructure is a major issue for this area, ultimately safety in reducing the number of pedestrian fatalities and injuries is a priority and the unique needs of children and elderly are of particular concern.

Pedestrian Enhancement In Progress: The **Houghton Road Corridor** project includes enhancements to pedestrian infrastructure including sidewalks and landscapes. Plans to construct a multiuse pathway on the east side of the corridor, and the addition of **public art installations** will add to a more walk-friendly environment. The corridor is characterized by stretches of desert and with very few businesses and no bus route along this road, the improvements presumably would further support recreational walking in this area. The project has been split into several phases and it is anticipated to be completed in 2016.



(clockwise) A stretch of paved pathway along Houghton Corridor; A HAWK under construction at Houghton & 7 Generations Way; Countdown signals and mid intersection crossing @ Houghton Rd. & Valencia Rd.



In front of La Paloma Academy, a HAWK crossing and shaded sidewalks. In the distance, children can be seen darting across Golf Links Rd

Complete Pedestrian Enhancements:

One of the more recent pedestrian improvements in the area was installation of a **HAWK crosswalk at Golf Links Road at La Paloma Academy** funded as a part of a **Safe Routes to School grant**. Improvements included installation of concrete curbs, sidewalk, a median island, curb access ramps, striping, and handrails. This project was supported by parents, schools, and community leaders in an effort to encourage walking and biking as a safe and convenient way to commute to school.

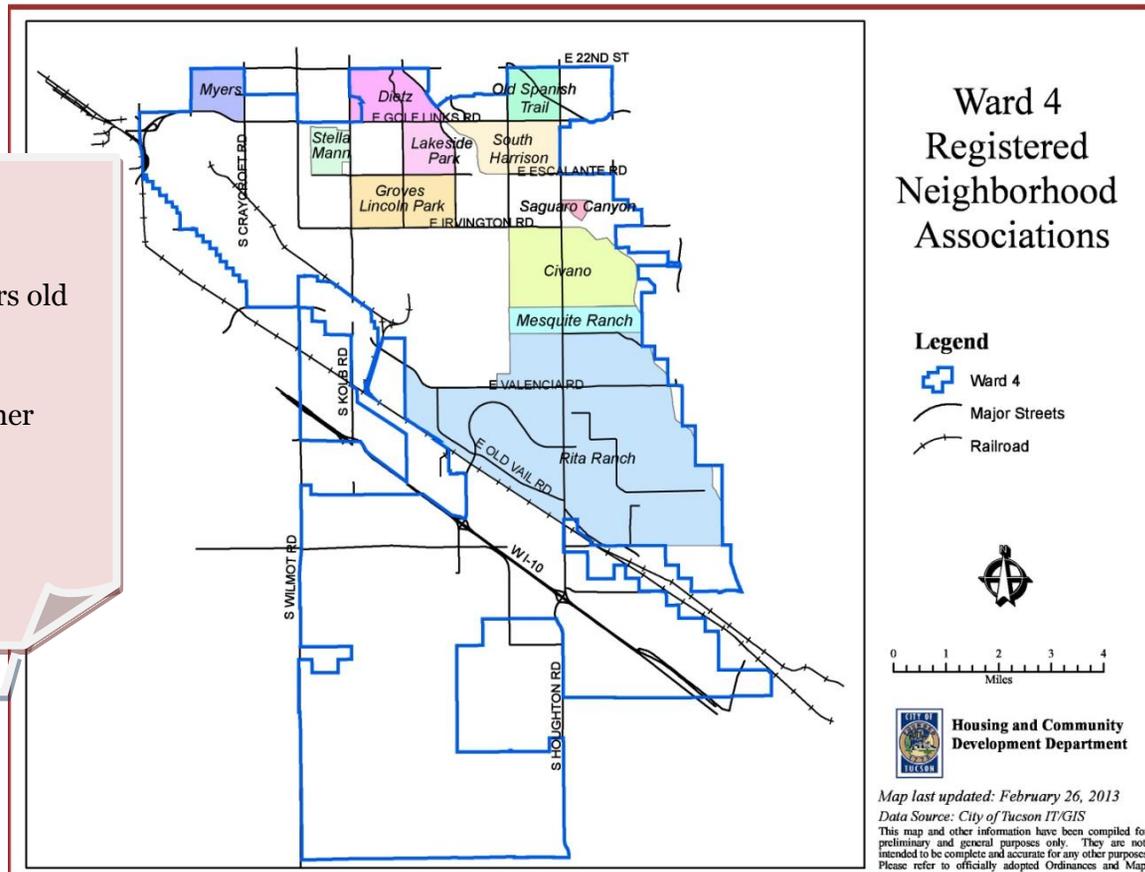
Ward 4 Demographics

- 76% White; 25% Hispanic
- 26% of residents are children under 18 years old
- 11% of residents are 65+

Resources compared to other wards:

- Highest rates of home ownership (67% owner occupied housing)
- Highest median income (\$57, 930)

Ward 4 Total Population of 91,896 ¹



Implications to pedestrian issues: Higher income households in less densely populated areas are more likely to use cars for transportation. However, for those who do decide to walk, having more vehicles on the road places pedestrians at higher risk, especially if there are high speed roads and lack of infrastructure, which are characteristic of more rural areas.²

Urban pedestrian trails: [Atturbury Wash Greenway](#)

is part of a larger network of “urban greenways” planned throughout the city. Just shy of one mile in length, the [first phase](#) of the project completed from Escalante Road to Fred Enke Drive has a paved path used for recreation and transportation and will eventually connect the future Irvington Road Greenway to the Pantano River Park

Completed in 2011, [Pantano Wash Linear Park](#), is a 2.4 mile linear park, part of The Loop network with a multiuse path following the east bank of the wash. The ward’s Commemorative Tree Park is located here, and is a pleasant and shaded walkway for pedestrians.



Pantano River Park accommodates recreational pedestrians



Completed Lincoln Park Segment

Sources: 1. City of Tucson Census 2010; City of Tucson Poverty & Stress Report, 2012. 2. Transportation for America. (2011). Dangerous by design.