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## JULY 2014 NEWSLETTER

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### A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILOR ROMERO

Hello Neighbor,

Many great things are happening in Ward 1 this summer. We just celebrated the *17th Annual El Dia De San Juan Fiesta* and it was a beautiful celebration of community, tradition and culture! The event was wonderful as always, and I am very proud to be apart of this annual Westside tradition.

Save the date! The street car will begin its services on Friday, July 25th! Enjoy 3 days of *FREE* rides and check out all the events taking place along the street car route! Come by the Westside at the Mercado San Agustin and join us for a Fiesta with Mariachi's, floklorico, food, drinks and much more! You can join us at the Mercado at 6 p.m. or all day long as free rides begin at 10 a.m. This voter approved, economic development project has sparked downtown's revitalization and I welcome the community to join us in celebrating a wonderful new asset to our City.

As the discussion continues to find a new City Manager, I am pleased to welcome Martha Durkin as the Interim City Manager. Durkin has worked in the City and County government since 1984 and at TUSD. I know that Martha will be an outstanding leader for our staff and I trust that Mayor and Council work to select our next City Manager. I'd like to thank Richard Miranda for his service to our City and wish him the best in his newest endeavors.

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Please join me in welcoming the newest member of my staff, Steve Arnquist! Steve brings lots of great experience to the job, and we look forward to serving Ward 1 and city residents together.

Steve graduated from the University of California at Santa Cruz in 1998 and has lived in Tucson since 2002. Steve has worked for a number of Arizona environmental, labor and civic participation organizations to secure a just, accessible and sustainable future for all of us. Most recently, Steve was the Executive Director of the bi-partisan environmental advocacy organization, Arizona League of Conservation Voters, where he served from 2005 -2013. Steve works on environmental issues; including water, open space, and sustainability, arts & culture, bicycle and pedestrian issues & historic preservation. If you would like to contact him directly please call [520-837-4263](tel:520-837-4263) or email him directly at [steve.arnquist@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:steve.arnquist@tucsonaz.gov).

# WARD I NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PAINTED HILLS

A wonderful accomplishment that would not have been possible without the work of so many individuals and organizations! Council Member Paul Cunningham and I worked together and rallied the Mayor & Council to vote against providing water service to the Dallas pension fund and to use City of Tucson designated open space funds to help with the purchase of the Painted Hills.



Greg Bryan / Arizona Daily Star 2010

This is another great partnership between Pima County, the City of Tucson and the community to preserve an additional 286 acres of open space!! Special recognition to Tucson Mountains Association, Gates Pass Neighborhood and the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection!

## 6TH ANNUAL FERIA DE LECTURA

Come celebrate our **6th annual Bilingual Literacy Fair** featuring Spot the Dog! The *Feria de Lectura* is an event organized by our Ward 1 office in collaboration with the Consulate of Mexico. We are excited to continue the tradition of providing 1,000+ books to children before the beginning of the new school year. The Bilingual Literacy Fair is to promote reading literature in Spanish and English. All attendees will receive FREE Spanish Language books, backpacks, and children can enjoy educational activities! Thank you to our sponsors at Uni Más Arizona, La Poderosa, La Estrella de Tucson, Food City, Univision Arizona and Arcos de Oro. If you would like to volunteer please contact my office at 791-4040 and ask for Anakarina Rodriguez.



**The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bilingual Literacy Fair will take place:**

**When:** Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
**Where:** El Pueblo Activity Center  
101 W. Irvington Rd. (corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.)  
**Time:** 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

Since October of 2013, migrant families from Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Mexico and other parts of Central America have been driven out of their country by escaping gang violence and civil conflict.



I thank Casa Mariposa for leading on the issue by providing relief to the women and children who are being dropped off at the Greyhound station by ICE in order to return to their families.

Our office has been working diligently at finding a solution to this reoccurring issue with the help of community organizations. If you would like to do-



ate items such as toiletries, baby wipes or diapers, jackets, traveling snacks, water bottles, cup of noodles, or for more information on what to donate, please contact Catholic Community Services at [\(520\) 623-0344](tel:5206230344) or you can simply drop items off at 140 W Speedway Blvd #130, Tucson, AZ 85705. If you would like to Volunteer please contact Sabrina Lopez at [\(520\) 591-6390](tel:5205916390).

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### HOUSING REHABILITATION FROM OLD PUEBLO

12th Ave residents; do not miss out on this great opportunity for housing rehabilitation monies from *Old Pueblo Community Services*! Old Pueblo Community Services provides home repair/rehabilitation grants to low and moderate income home owners. The grant funds can be used to make repairs on your home that are health and safety related. To apply for the grant program, please call or e-mail Terry Galligan at 445-7084 or [galligan@helptucson.org](mailto:galligan@helptucson.org)



### 12TH AVE. WIN AT PIMA COUNTY BOND MEETING

At the last Pima County Bond Committee meeting, 12th Avenue neighbors, merchants, and South Side Business Coalition members united to appeal for investment in 12th Avenue or La Doce. The committee approved moving this project forward and investing **\$3.1 million** in the corridor. 12th Ave or La Doce is a major corridor that connects culture and tradition with food and community.



I look forward to the future of this project with high hopes for a newly modified corridor with sidewalks, better roadway surface, bike lanes and much more. We look forward to continued efforts to improve the area and our city!

For more information on how to be more involved, please contact Anakarina Rodriguez in our office at [791-4040](tel:791-4040).

### URBAN AGRICULTURE UPDATE

The City is in the process of modifying its zoning rules to revamp regulations on community gardens, farmers' markets, urban farms and the keeping of small animals. Cities around the United States are re-visiting their rules in response to public interest in support of local food production and sustainability. The policy recommendations in Tucson stem from Plan Tucson, the City's General and Sustainability Plan, which was approved by voters last year. On June 10th, the second public meeting was held on the proposed urban agriculture standards. The purpose of the meeting was to present details on the proposal, to gather input and to answer questions. Staff will take the comments and suggested revisions received at the two public meetings held so far and the upcoming Spanish language public meeting when preparing the next draft proposal. Please email [Rebecca.ruopp@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Rebecca.ruopp@tucsonaz.gov) for any comments or questions or call her directly at [837-6973](tel:837-6973).



¿Vive en la Ciudad de Tucson y tiene pollos y otros animales pequeños de corral, opera una granja pequeña, participa en mercados sobre ruedas, o en hortalizas comunitarias? El gobierno de la Ciudad de Tucson está proponiendo cambios en los reglamentos de zonificación para aclarar y ampliar las opciones para los usos y actividades vigentes relacionados a la agricultura urbana. **Por favor tome nota:** Existen reglamentos adicionales aplicables a estos tipos de actividades y usos del suelo, y para algunos de éstos, se quiere obtener permisos de la Ciudad de Tucson.

**Próximo reunión pública en español para discutir la propuesta: miércoles 23 de julio, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM, Centro Regional El Pueblo, edificio para personas de la tercera edad, 101 W. Irvington Rd. Tucson, AZ 85706. Habla a Maria Gayosso al [837-6972](tel:837-6972) si tiene preguntas.**

# WARD I COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

## STREET CAR BEGINS JULY 25TH!

Join us on the Westside for a Fiesta as we kickoff the grand opening of the Streetcar! I'm excited that Ward 1 is a sponsor of the Fiesta on the Westside of the City. Come join us at the Mercado San Agustin where you can enjoy food, drinks, Mariachis and folklorico dancers, plus much more! This voter approved, economic development project has sparked downtown's revitalization and I welcome the community to join us in celebrating a wonderful new asset to our City.

Free public service will be available to the community through the entire weekend following the ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:00 a.m.

The Westside Streetcar Fiesta will begin:

**When:** Friday, July 25, 2014

**Where:** Mercado San Agustin—100 S. Avenida Convento

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



- ◆ If you would like to know more about the Streetcar visit: <http://www.sunlinkstreetcar.com>
- ◆ For parking information along the Streetcar visit: [http://www.sunlinkstreetcar.com/documents/SCRRoute\\_Parking\\_0412.pdf](http://www.sunlinkstreetcar.com/documents/SCRRoute_Parking_0412.pdf)



**Be Street-Smart**  
As the Sun Link Tucson Streetcar vehicles go through testing in preparation for a summer start, the streetcar's management team continues to educate community members and streetcar operators about safety. Visit <http://tucsonstreetcar.com> for more information and to watch the safety video.



### July 25: 4 Ribbon Cuttings & 1 Grand Opening Kicks Off 3 Days of Free Rides

Friday, July 25, 2014 kicks off Sun Link service with a short, 15-minute ribbon cutting at four different district streetcar stops, followed by a grand opening. The public is invited to attend any of these events.



Please click [here](#) for a printable version of this map.

Event	Approximate Time	Area
1	7 AM	Mercado District: Ribbon Cutting at Avenida del Convento & Congress Streetcar Stop
2	7:40 AM	University of Arizona: Ribbon Cutting at Helen Street & Warren Avenue Streetcar Stop
3	8:05 AM	Main Gate Square: Ribbon Cutting at University Boulevard & Tyndall Avenue Streetcar Stop
4	8:28 AM	4th Avenue Business District: 4th Avenue and 7th Street Streetcar Stop
5	9 AM	Congress Street and Fifth Avenue: Grand Opening

Public rides on the streetcar will start at approximately 10 am on Friday, July 25, 2014 along the entire streetcar route. Free rides will be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

## COUNCILOR REGINA ROMERO, WARD I

### SOUTHWEST KEY JOB OPPORTUNITY



After working with the City to facilitate a temporary use permit, I'm pleased to see Southwest Key will provide shelter to the mostly Central American unaccompanied minor children who currently are housed in a Border Patrol facility in Nogales, Ariz. Southwest Key currently has 272 job openings at its new shelter on Oracle, north of Downtown Tucson and is looking to fill numerous positions for care providers, cooks, social and case workers as well as administrative assistants. For more information on how to apply or for information on becoming a volunteer, please visit [www.swkey.org](http://www.swkey.org) and click on "careers."

### \$ LOCAL CONTRACTING \$

This month, Mayor and Council approved a plan to encourage the use of local contractors and subcontractors for projects that are awarded the Primary Jobs, GPLET, Site Specific Sales Tax incentives, and the HUD 108 loans. I have always been an advocate of incentivizing development to support our communities needs; whether it's addressing economically stressed areas, or encouraging the hiring of local contractors and subcontractors.

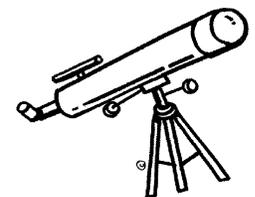
Though the city cannot require contractors to hire local firms, the local contractor and subcontractor plan requires incentive applicants to lay out a plan to reach out to local firms on construction work within the City of Tucson. This plan can then be considered by Mayor & Council upon approval. The goal is to highlight opportunities to hire locally -- keeping more local jobs and dollars in the paychecks of Tucsonans.

### EXPLORE THE MOON!



**The Lunar and Planetary Laboratory** is hosting a **FREE** public open house on Everything Lunar: Celebrating the Past and Exploring the Future, on **Sunday, July 20**, the 45th anniversary of the Apollo Moon landing, **from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm** in the **Kuiper Space Sciences Building, 1629 E. University Blvd. (next door to Flandrau Science Center)**. There will be ex-

hibits on the Moon, lectures, and lots of great activities for children. For more information on Everything Lunar, please visit: <http://www.lpl.arizona.edu/july20>.



### SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK SUMMER PROGRAMS

**Saguaro National Park** is offering a variety of hikes and talks this summer that explore the park's wonderful natural and cultural history. Program listings also are available on the park's website at [www.nps.gov/sagu](http://www.nps.gov/sagu), or you can like them on Facebook. Interpretive programs are free, but park entrance fees apply and programs maybe subject to change. For more information, please call the visitor centers for updates or reservations. You can contact Melanie Florez with Saguaro East at [\(520\) 733-5153](tel:5207335153) or Saguaro West - Richard Hill at [\(520\) 733-5158](tel:5207335158).



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### WINGS FOR WOMEN SUMMER PROJECT

The **NO HUNGRY KIDS TUCSON Project** is a program that will provide meals for children during the summer months, and will feed 50 families (approximately 200-300 kids). The program will be piloted at **Roskruge Magnet School during the summer of 2014**; now through **July 20th**. The cost per child will be \$10 per week.



**Wings for Women has partnered with Zanes Law where they are accepting donations.** Their offices located at: 1185 W Irvington Rd, Tucson, AZ 85714 or 3501 E Speedway Blvd #101 Tucson, AZ 85716

If you would like to make a monetary donation, donate food items or volunteer to help with the delivery of these meals, please call [520-406-6345](tel:520-406-6345) or email at [wingsofhopetucson@yahoo.com](mailto:wingsofhopetucson@yahoo.com).

### LAS MILPITAS SUMMER ACTIVITIES

#### Honey Harvest Workshops

Twice a month during the summer, a group of gardeners at *Las Milpitas Community Garden* will be having honey harvesting workshops. Anyone interested in learning more about bees is welcome to join. Contact Kat Martinez for more details:

[kmartinez@communityfoodbank.org](mailto:kmartinez@communityfoodbank.org)  
[505-231-6150](tel:505-231-6150)



#### Farm Camp

Your child is invited to have fun and learn at the *Las Milpitas* farm this July during the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual *Farm Camp*! The dates of the camp are the second and third weeks of July, Monday through Friday from 8-11am.

The campers will be divided into 3 groups according to age:

- ♦ July 14-18 is for campers ages 11 to 12

Trained teenagers will act as mentors and counselors during the camp. If you know of youth who may be interested in this opportunity, contact Efen Martinez: [efrenm@cityhighschool.org](mailto:efrenm@cityhighschool.org)

If you have any questions or to register your child contact Lauren Sullender: [lsullender@communityfoodbank.org](mailto:lsullender@communityfoodbank.org), [520-241-3189](tel:520-241-3189).



### SOUTHLINE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

Reminder! The Bureau of Land Management and Western Area Power Administration will accept formal written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Resource Plan Amendment for the Southline Transmission Line Project. Comment Deadline ends July 10, 2014. Your participation is an important part of the decision-making process. Please e-mail your comments to:

[blm\\_nm\\_southline@blm.gov](mailto:blm_nm_southline@blm.gov) or for more information please visit the BLM's webpage at [www.blm.gov/nm/southline](http://www.blm.gov/nm/southline) or call Mark Mackiewicz, National Project Manager at [435-636-3616](tel:435-636-3616).



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## MOST FREQUENTLY USED CONTACTS:

City of Tucson Resource Directory – 792-CITY (2489) or [www.tucsonaz.gov](http://www.tucsonaz.gov)

Business Licenses and Information: [791-4566](tel:791-4566) or [www.tucsonaz.gov/business](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/business)

City Manager's Office: [791-4204](tel:791-4204)

City Attorney: [791-4221](tel:791-4221)

City Clerk and City Council Agendas: [791-4213](tel:791-4213) or <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

City Courts Administrator: [791-4189](tel:791-4189)

City Prosecutor: [791-4104](tel:791-4104)

Code Enforcement: [\(520\) 791-5843](tel:520-791-5843), Report violations online <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/code-enforcement>

Community Services: [791-4742](tel:791-4742)

Disability Transportation and Services: [791-5409](tel:791-5409)

Downtown Tucson Partnership: [837-6504](tel:837-6504)

Environmental Services (Trash, Household Hazardous Waste, Brush and Bulky): [791-3171](tel:791-3171)

Elections: [884-8683](tel:884-8683)

Fire Department: [791-4512](tel:791-4512) Emergency: 911

Graffiti: [792-2489](tel:792-2489) – [Graffiti@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Graffiti@tucsonaz.gov)

Graffiti on State Property? Call [388-4200](tel:388-4200)

Housing and Community Development: [791-4171](tel:791-4171)

Illegal Dumping: [\(520\) 791-5843](tel:520-791-5843)

Neighborhoods: Request a free rolloff? Call [791-4605](tel:791-4605)

Neighborhood Watch: Police Department Community Services Officer – [837-7241](tel:837-7241)

Parks and Recreation: [791-4873](tel:791-4873)

Parking Tickets: [791-4216](tel:791-4216) or go to: 103 E. Alameda St. or pay online: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/cwp/>

Planning and Development Services Director: [791-5612](tel:791-5612)

Police Emergency - 911

Police (Non-Emergency): [791-4444](tel:791-4444)

Pothole Reporting, Street Lights (report outages - give pole number or address by the light pole), Street Maintenance

[791-3154](tel:791-3154) or [tdotstreettrafficismaint@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:tdotstreettrafficismaint@tucsonaz.gov)

Recycling: [791-5000](tel:791-5000) or <http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/>

Senior Citizens Services: Pima Council on Aging – [790-7262](tel:790-7262)

Sewer (Pima County): [740-6609](tel:740-6609)

Small Business Enterprise Program: [791-4593](tel:791-4593)

Tucson Clean and Beautiful (adopt a park or street to cleanup): [791-3109](tel:791-3109) – Jean Hickman

Voting district? Find your elected officials by entering your address <http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/>

Water Department Customer Service: [791-3242](tel:791-3242)