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SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILOR ROMERO

Hello Neighbor,

It has been a busy summer here in Ward 1; the Modern Streetcar is operating nicely and has connected the east end and west end of Downtown, our 6th Annual Feria de la Lectura/Literacy Fair gave over 1,150 back packs filled with bilingual books to prepare students for a successful school year, and Ward 1 received \$102,000 from the Tohono O'odham Nation to improve our neighborhoods.

The two projects submitted for the Tohono O'odham Gaming Grant funds include the beautification of 12th Avenue/La Doce as well as improvements to San Juan Park, located at La Cholla and San Juan Trail in the A Mountain Community. A Mountain Community will soon see small scale improvements to San Juan Park that have been long overdue. Along with more trees, water harvesting, and other improvements to 12th Ave., the grant also includes two bus shelters and public art. I am so happy to see fresh improvements in our Ward!

A big Thank You to the Tohono O'Odham Nation for providing opportunities for neighborhoods and community groups to solicit support for these projects. This funding will go a long way for our residents!

Included in this issue:

- ◆ Impact Fees
- ◆ Medical Marijuana
- ◆ Way to Well Health Tour
- ◆ Thousands Walk Tumamoc!
- ◆ KIDCO Educational Day at the University of Arizona
- ◆ Drop off Site for Migrant Families
- ◆ Free Movie Screening
- ◆ Barrio Sustainability Event
- ◆ Tucson Clean & Beautiful
- ◆ Unified Community Advisory Board
- ◆ Operations Division West Meeting
- ◆ Baby Elephant!
- ◆ Next Pima County Bond Advisory Meeting
- ◆ Neighborhood Leadership

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Mayor and Council Meetings

*The next City of Tucson Mayor and Council meeting this month will be held on **September 23rd beginning at 5:30 PM.** Meetings are held at the Mayor & Council Chambers, located at City Hall, 255 W. Alameda on the 1st floor.*

*For any changes to Mayor and Council meeting locations, please contact the City Clerk's office at **791-4213.***



Visit our website for updates on what's happening around Ward 1!
<http://government.tucsonaz.gov/ward-1>

- ◆ CPLC Home Assistant Programs
- ◆ Carrillo Elementary Students Helping the Community
- ◆ I Am You 360- Coupon Challenge
- ◆ The Grrrls Project

Share the love! ! If you would like to inform your community about projects or events happening in your neighborhood, please send any information to Ward1@tucsonaz.gov with "Newsletter" in the subject, and it may be displayed on our Ward 1 website or the next issue of our newsletter. Follow CM Romero on Facebook and Twitter!

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WARD 1 NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPACT FEES



Development or impact fees are mechanisms that ensure that “Growth pays for Growth” by charging developers a set fee to offset the costs of additional transportation, recreation and public safety infrastructure associated with a new development. There are some interests who would prefer that we charge minimal impact fees or do away with them altogether. A new state law requires cities to toss out existing impact fee schedules and begin a public process for determining new schedules. The first public hearing was held at the Mayor and Council meeting on September 9th. Mayor and Council moved ahead with a long term phase in process for adjusted fees.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

This week Mayor and Council made adjustments to city code regulating medical marijuana cultivation and dispensary sites in Tucson. This includes removing the size limits on cultivation sites in Industrial zones, permitting infusion kitchens as an associated use to dispensaries, and setting a date of two years for the amendments. Previously there was a 3,000 square foot cap on cultivation sites in industrial zones in Tucson, limiting the ability of local businesses to develop their product.

In several Phoenix valley cities, there is no square footage cap in these same zones, allowing entrepreneurs to operate in larger facilities, increase production scale and hire more workers. Because employment in this industry is heavily regulated and workers are licensed by the state, employees are well compensated and well trained, resulting in job growth that is high-wage and long term. Previously Tucson region imported marijuana from valley cities which sends local dollars out of the community, and leaves Tucson without the employment opportunities our city needs. Medical marijuana is a highly regulated industry that represents a real opportunity for economic development in southern AZ.

WAY TO WELL HEALTH TOUR VISITING WARD 1

The Walgreens and National Urban League *Way to Well Health Tour* will be visiting Ward 1 and is **FREE** to the public!

When: Saturday, October 4th, 2014

Where: Walgreens Store at 550 N. Silverbell Rd. 85745

Time: 12pm to 6pm



Each guest ages 18 and older can receive over **\$100** in **FREE** health tests, including glucose, total cholesterol, blood pressure, and a complete weight assessment. This bundle of health tests and risk assessments is designed to provide participants with personal health insights that may indicate symptoms and potential risks for cancer, heart disease and diabetes. The tests are administered by certified wellness staff and can be completed in approximately twenty minutes.

The tour is apart of Walgreen’s four-year, \$100 million commitment to improve health and wellness. Don’t miss out on this perfect opportunity for you and your family. For more information, please contact our Ward 1 office at **791-4040**.

WARD 1 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

THOUSANDS WALK TUMAMOC HILL



Did you know that walkers at Tumamoc Hill make between 300,000 and 500,000 trips up the Hill every year? Wow! Because the road is open in the mornings and evenings. Ward 1 has partnered with Inovus Solar, Downtown Tucson Partnership, the University of Arizona, St. Mary's Carondelet and PACE electrical to provide lighting on West Anklam Road and to improve security. There will be a ceremony to dedicate the lights on **September 16th** where new educational signs to add value to the walking experience will be revealed. Funded by Arizona Game & Fish, and illustrated by the acclaimed artist Paul Mirocha, these colorful signs will focus on a few important wildlife species.

People love Tumamoc Hill for its peace and quiet, scenery as well as good, healthy exercise. The road is available to walkers every evening from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM and all day during the weekends.

The Tumamoc Fall Lecture Series begins **Tuesday, September 9th** and is free of charge.

♦ **Tuesday, October 14, 2014 6:00 PM**

Tumamoc Hill: an Island in the Desert Tortoise Landscape

Taylor Edwards, Assistant Staff Scientist, University of Arizona Genetics Core

♦ **Wednesday, November 12, 2014 6:00 PM**

Social and Individual Intelligence: Insect Colonies as Models for Organized Societies

Anna Dornhaus, Associate Professor, U of A Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Please email Cynthiaanson@email.arizona.edu or call **629-9455** to make a reservation.

KIDCO EDUCATIONAL DAY AT THE U OF A

Ward 1 is organizing an exciting new partnership between the University of Arizona and KIDCO.

Working in coordination with the University of Arizona's Community Relations department and KIDCO, we will be giving the opportunity to young students and their parents/guardians to take a tour of the U of A campus, and learn the importance of academic achievement and a continued education. This program will be offered to the KIDCO youth from Archer Center, El Rio Neighborhood Center and Oury.

In-Betweeners' Club (ages 11-14) students and their guardian will receive a ticket to a U of A home football game. I will be joining the first group this September 13th, as part of their orientation. We will tour the campus and work towards the success of their education. Thanks to Sun Link, we will take the Streetcar to the University for a quick educational workshop followed by the U of A home game vs. Nevada. I look forward to this program as an incentive for our youth to feel connected with our University, and I am hoping for their continued education and academic success!



COUNCILOR REGINA ROMERO, WARD 1

WARD 1 DROP OFF SITE FOR MIGRANTS



Please help support migrant families by donating today! Ward 1 will now be a drop off site for donations for Central American migrant families. A big Thank You to Catholic Community Services for all their efforts in being a continual donation site and to Pio Decimo for taking on leadership from Project Mariposa. This project was named after the Mariposa Clinic who were the first essential volunteers to assist migrant families who were released here in Tucson by Immigration, and are being reunited with their family. Other organizations I would like to recognize are Temple Emmanuel, the Jewish Federation and all the volunteers who have donated their time and efforts towards Project Mariposa. Donations can be brought to Ward 1 at 940 W. Alameda, Monday– Friday between 9am- 4pm (or call 791-4040 to schedule your drop off).



Donated items include:

Baby/Child care items

- ◆ Diapers, sizes 3 and 4
- ◆ Diaper cream
- ◆ Wipes (in travel packs)
- ◆ Socks for children
- ◆ Underwear for children



Food for bus trips:

- ◆ Bottle water
- ◆ Gatorade
- ◆ Pedialyte
- ◆ Ramen Noodles in cups (chicken)
- ◆ Snacks like granola bars (non-melting ingredients)

Travel Size toiletry items:

- ◆ Toothpaste
- ◆ Toothbrushes
- ◆ Hair combs/ brushes
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Lotion
- ◆ Hand Sanitizer
- ◆ Sanitary pads for women
- ◆ Lip balm

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FREE MOVIE SCREENING

underwater
DREAMS



September 17th, 5:30pm

An epic story of how the sons of undocumented Mexican immigrants learned how to build an underwater robot from Home Depot parts. And defeat engineering powerhouse MIT in the process.

AMC TUCSON
FOOTHILLS MALL
(La Canada & Ina Rd)

Arrive early
LIMITED SEATING

POST-FILM RECEPTION
7:15-8:30pm

Goldman & Goldman, PC,
1575 West Ina Road, Tucson, AZ
(2-3 minute drive from the theater)
Food & drinks provided. Cast members from
the film have been invited to attend.



Co-sponsored by Jewish Community Relations Council & ScholarshipsA-Z

You are invited....

BARRIO SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE JUSTICE EVENT



Wakefield Middle School
101 W. 44th St (6th Ave/44th St)

Saturday, September 20, 2014, 8AM to 12PM

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TUCSON CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL

Community Volunteer Clean Up & Beautification Program
Tucson Clean & Beautiful volunteers donated 30,500 hours to beautifying Tucson in 2013!

This is our community- let's clean it up and volunteer today!

TCB is seeking community volunteers to adopt parks, streets, washes, and other available public areas on an ongoing basis! There are over 700 sites available for adoption! What does "adopt" mean? Your group agrees to clean 'your' site up (remove litter and debris) once a month! TBC will provide supplies such as litter grabbers, gloves, and bags! Who can adopt? Groups of at least five individuals commit to monthly cleanups. A permanent sign recognizing your group will be placed at the adopted site and we will celebrate your first six months with a ceremony!



We can make Tucson better with everyone's participation! Give a few hours of your time to bettering your community! Adopting a park allows groups to show pride in their community, it is set up for groups to visit the chosen park on a regular basis, pick up litter, and perform other tasks to help keep the park clean. Adopting a street or traffic circle allows groups to take an active role in the appearance of neighborhoods by transforming a litter strewn and weed infested area into a clean area. Adopting a wash allows groups to free the washes of litter so that these corridors are clear for wildlife and prevent flooding. Make a meaningful, long-lasting contribution to Tucson. Adopt a park, street, or wash today!

To become a part of Tucson Clean and Beautiful's environmental stewardship efforts and for more information visit www.tucsoncleaningandbeautiful.org, email adoptapark@tucsonaz.gov or call **791-3109**.

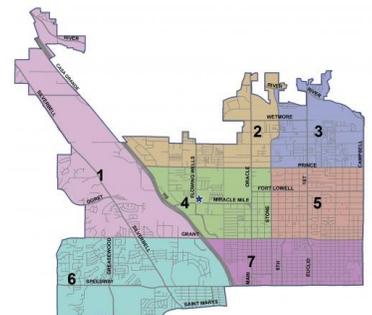
UNIFIED COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD



Unified Community Advisory Board (UCAB) is a forum where stakeholders work together to resolve issues and participate in the cleanup process at the Tucson International Airport Area Superfund Site. The next UCAB meeting is on October 15th in the Activity Center at the El Pueblo Neighborhood Center on 101 W. Irvington Road in Tucson. Please contact community Co-chair: Yolanda Herrera (520) 991-3307 or acuinteriors@aol.com for more information.

TPD OPERATIONS DIVISION WEST ADVISORY MEETING

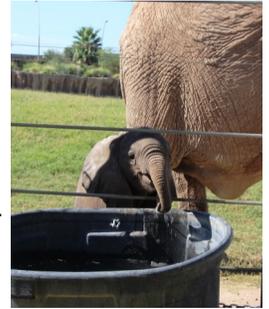
Please join us for the **Division Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting** on **Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 6:00 PM**. It will be held in the meeting room at **1310 W. Miracle Mile**. Captain Fabian Pacheco will be there to answer any questions or concerns. This is a great opportunity for Neighborhoods, businesses and schools to have a one-on-one conversations with the Tucson Police Department Operations Division West team. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kara Curtis, the Community Service Officer at **837-7241**.



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BABY ELEPHANT AT REID PARK ZOO

The new born baby elephant at the Reid Park Zoo has finally arrived! The female baby was born at 10:55 PM on Wednesday August 20th weighing 245 lbs and is growing fast each day. This is the first African Elephant born in Arizona. "This birth, literally the largest in the history of the State of Arizona, represents a significant milestone for the Zoo," said Zoo Administrator Jason Jacobs. "This birth would not have been possible without the vision and partnership of the City of Tucson, Reid Park Zoo, Reid Park Zoological Society, and San Diego Zoo Global."



For updates on when the best times are to see the baby elephant and to have a part in naming the baby elephant and visit the Reid Park Zoo on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



Donate today! Click on the icon for more information on how to donate to help "support, advocate for, and enhance the value of the Reid Park Zoo for the community."

NEXT PIMA COUNTY BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Keep an eye out for the next Pima County Bond Advisory Meeting! Our office has been working diligently by advocating for our 12th Ave./ La Doce. Joaquin Murrieta, San Juan Park and other Ward 1 investments are also included in our list of items in the bond. If you would like to know more information regarding the project and how to be a strong voice and advocate, contact Laura Dent via email laura.dent@tucsonaz.gov or by calling **837-4264**.

NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Join the Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program for a back-to-school leadership training. The Neighborhood Leadership Institute training will take place:

When: Saturday, September 13th, 2014

Where: Pima County Housing Center– 801 W. Congress Street

Time: 9 AM– 2 PM



The training is free of charge and will include lunch. This training is for representatives of Pima County neighborhood associations and community groups which focus on neighborhood issues. Residents who attended the January 2014 training are invited to attend this session, as new topics will be presented. Workshops include:

- ◆ Leading great meetings
- ◆ Strengthening government partnerships
- ◆ Sharing neighborhood successes and challenges



Reserve your place today! Call **243-6769** or email leslie.nixon@pima.gov for more information. No registration fee for designated representatives of neighborhood groups; \$50 for other registrants.



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CPLC HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Chicanos Por La Causa Tucson is offering a **Homeownership Assistance Program**. Save money towards the purchase of your new home! Receive these services at no cost to you:

- ◆ Down Payment & Closing Costs Assistance
- ◆ Homebuyer education workshops
- ◆ One-on-one counseling to help you with the process
- ◆ Referrals to Lenders & Realtors
- ◆ Counseling will be provided if you have any credit problems or issues



For more information on the Homeownership Assistance Program, contact Chicanos Por La Causa at **520-882-0081**

CPLC ROOF REPLACEMENT PROGRAM



If you are in need of roof repair assistance and you own your own home within the City of Tucson, you live in your home and your family earns less or meets the maximum HUD income guidelines, Chicanos Por La Causa has just what you need!

The **Roof Replacement Program** is an opportunity to apply for funding which will be awarded on a first-come first-serve basis according to the receipt of the completed application with the appropriate documentation. All applications must be accompanied by the following:

- ◆ Copy of deed & recent utility bill
- ◆ Proof of income (most recent year tax returns, W-2's, social security awards letter)
- ◆ Current pay check stubs
- ◆ Picture I.D. and Social Security Card
- ◆ Current bank statements
- ◆ Birth Certificate for children under 18



You can pick up your application at: **CPLC Tucson– 250 N. Silverbell Rd. 85745**. For more information contact **520-884-5567**

CARRILLO ELEMENTARY STUDENTS HELP OUT COMMUNITY

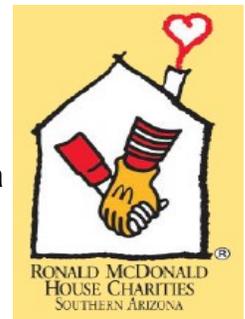
I was invited by five student ambassadors from **Carrillo Elementary School** to talk about city government and I was inspired by how intelligent and involved they are in the community! The students I

met with introduced me to their project; they will be collecting aluminum can tabs to help support the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Arizona.



The goal of this project is to collect tabs and the students will then be recognized in the "Thanks a Million Club". Every day, the Ronald McDonald House provides a "Home Away from Home" for families of children facing serious illness and injury. The Ward 1 office will be supporting Carrillo Elementary in their efforts for bettering our community. We will be collecting aluminum can tabs here at Ward 1. You can help us by dropping off aluminum can daps at our office (940 W. Alameda).

Good Luck, Carrillo Elementary Students! I look forward to working with you in community!



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I AM YOU 360 –EXTREME COUPON CHALLENGE!



Hey all of you wonderful couponers out there in Tucson, *I Am You 360* needs you!

I Am You 360 is a Tucson, AZ based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization working in the community to promote cultural personal hygiene, positive self-image and self-esteem among Tucson's foster children (see website: iamyou360.org).



Established by President and Founder Desiree Cook in November 2013, *I Am You 360* is connecting and establishing partnerships with many Tucson agencies in order to educate not only the foster children, but the foster parents and caseworkers as well, on how to best care for their specific skin and hair type. This is done by first gifting the foster child with their own personal "Empowerment Bag", which contains skincare and hair care hygiene items for their particular hair and skin care needs, not just once, but every 6 to 8 weeks!



This is where you come in. We need hygiene items. Please check out the list on the website Your donation will make an incredible difference in the life of a foster child! Are you in? Then please challenge a friend, co-worker or family member to step up and be a part of the *I Am You 360* movement. And don't forget, you can be a monthly supporter by contributing \$20.00 every month to the cause. For more information, email Felicia Wright at covet1957@yahoo.com

THE GRRRLS PROJECT



The Grrrls Project is designed to give girls the skills and knowledge they need to plan for a future of success. Youth who participate in the program are more likely to: make healthier choices such as avoiding drugs and alcohol and eating right, enjoy school and have better educational outcomes, and have better self control and higher self esteem.

Meetings are on **Saturdays, September 27-November 22 2014**, from **1:30PM – 3:30PM** held at **Child and Family Resources, 2800 E. Broadway Blvd** (no workshops on October 11th).

Pre Registration is required. Request forms to pre-register via phone, fax or email or come to the registration session, which will take place right before the first session: Saturday, September 27, 2014 1:00-1:30pm to register. To pre register by mail, send completed and signed forms to:

The Grrrls Project
C/o Child and Family Resources
2800 E. Broadway Tucson, AZ 85716
Phone: 520.881.8940
Email: grrrls@cfraz.org



Connect with other girls your age while learning about communication, decision making, and building your self image! Girls also receive small prizes and snacks. We'll see you here on Saturdays!

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- ⇒ City of Tucson Resource Directory – 792-CITY (2489) or www.tucsonaz.gov
- ⇒ Business Licenses and Information: 791-4566 or www.tucsonaz.gov/business
- ⇒ City Manager's Office: 791-4204
- ⇒ City Attorney: 791-4221
- ⇒ City Clerk and City Council Agendas: 791-4213 or <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>
- ⇒ City Courts Administrator: 791-4189
- ⇒ City Prosecutor: 791-4104
- ⇒ Code Enforcement: (520) 791-5843,
Report violations online <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/code-enforcement>
- ⇒ Community Services: 791-4742
- ⇒ Disability Transportation and Services: 791-5409
- ⇒ Downtown Tucson Partnership: 837-6504
- ⇒ Environmental Services (Trash, Household Hazardous Waste, Brush and Bulky): 791-3171
- ⇒ Elections: 884-8683
- ⇒ Fire Department: 791-4512 Emergency: 911
- ⇒ Graffiti: 792-2489 – Graffiti@tucsonaz.gov
- ⇒ Graffiti on State Property? Call 388-4200
- ⇒ Housing and Community Development: 791-4171
- ⇒ Illegal Dumping: (520) 791-5843
- ⇒ Neighborhoods: Request a free roll off? Call 791-4605
- ⇒ Neighborhood Watch: Police Department Community Services Officer – 837-7241
- ⇒ Parks and Recreation: 791-4873
- ⇒ Parking Tickets: 791-4216 or go to: 103 E. Alameda St. or pay online: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/cwp/>
- ⇒ Planning and Development Services Director: 791-5612
- ⇒ Police Emergency - 911 Police (Non-Emergency): 791-4444
- ⇒ Pothole Reporting, Street Lights (report outages - give pole number or address by the light pole),
- ⇒ Street Maintenance 791-3154 or tdotstreetstrafficmaint@tucsonaz.gov
- ⇒ Recycling: 791-5000 or <http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/>
- ⇒ Senior Citizens Services: Pima Council on Aging – 790-7262
- ⇒ Sewer (Pima County): 740-6609
- ⇒ Small Business Enterprise Program: 791-4593
- ⇒ Tucson Clean and Beautiful (adopt a park or street to cleanup): 791-3109 – Jean Hickman
- ⇒ Voting district? Find your elected officials here: <http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/>
- ⇒ Water Department Customer Service: 791-3242