



ABOUT WARD 4

Tucson's Ward 4 is represented by Council Member Shirley C. Scott. Shirley has represented the Ward since 1995 and is honored to continue serving the constituents of Ward 4 and the City of Tucson.

In the Know

Tucson Ranked

A recent ranking done by WalletHub gave Tucson, AZ a ranking of 12 out of 65 for the Best & Worst Run Cities in America. Our ranking was for the best, not the worst. How did we rank #12 you ask? Well, Wallet Hub tallied scores of 65 of the most populated U.S. cities on the three key expenditure categories including; education, police, parks & recreation. This is how it breaks down; Tucson got a ranking of 5 for Education, 58 for Police, and 33 for Parks & Recreation.



Now there were some limitations. Ideally their analysis would have taken into consideration a city's spending efficiency on public transportation and health expenditures. Also the Parks & Recreations pending metric would have included a combination of park acreage and quality. However, such comparative data for those metrics were not available.

In case you're wondering, the #1 spot went to Lubbock, TX. Actually 7 of the top 10 spots went to cities in TX.

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C2E



The Tucson Conserve2Enhance Program is pleased to announce that they are now accepting applications for their 2015 C2E Grant Program. Each year C2E awards a small number of grants to local neighborhoods and organizations to enhance

washes and riparian areas throughout Tucson. This funding comes from Tucson Water customer bill donations and C2E participants. Nearly 900 individuals donated to C2E in 2014 to make this grant program possible!

Grants will be awarded in the range of \$2,500-\$7,500 and applications are due Monday, April 13th, 2015.

For grant details including the application and info packet, please visit:
<http://www.conserve2enhance.org/>.



Adopt Love

Are you looking for a new companion, well look no further! On Saturday, April 11, from 9am-4pm at the West Hall of the Tucson Expo Center (Irvington & Alvernon) hundreds of pets of all shapes, colors, sizes, breeds, ages and backgrounds will be looking for their match at a ONE-DAY, family-friendly event that will feature dozens of local animal rescue organizations in one convenient location. No worry about cost of admission, because it's FREE! How great is that!

This is Tucson's first mega-adoption event that is being presented by the Pima Alliance for Animal Welfare (PAAW). This is an all-volunteer organization that has been working since 2012 to ensure that all Pima County companion animals have loving homes and humane care. This event will include pet-focused entertainment and demonstrations. Head out to this great event and take home a loved one.

For more information about this event, check out their website at <http://adoptloveadoptlocal.org/>.

Broadway Corridor Expansion

The Broadway Citizens Task Force (CTF) is made up of 13 people representing nearby residents and businesses, including members of the Bicycle Advisory Committee, the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee, the Tucson Planning Commission, and the Commission on Disability Issues.



After 35 public meetings that began in June 2012, the CTF made a unanimous decision to recommend a 6-Lane Including Transit alignment to the Mayor and Council that will go for adoption in May. The alignment prioritizes preservation of historic buildings and adds lanes for vehicles and bicycles, and sidewalks for pedestrians. The CTF also supports enhancing transit service on the corridor, and unanimously supports dedicating lanes to transit should the Mayor and Council choose to do so. The task force will continue to work with the project team during the technical design process.

The CTF recommendations will be presented at an evening open house on April 23, 2015 at Sabbar Shrine Hall (time to be determined). The \$71.3 million project is one of 35 major regional corridor projects that are part of the 2006 voter-approved, \$2.1 billion Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Plan. The project is funded by the City of Tucson, Pima County, and the RTA.

The City has designated a webpage for this project. You can get update and more information by visiting this page at www.tucsonaz.gov/broadway.



A Little Extra

We would like to say congratulations to Liz Baechler who recently announced her retirement from the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department. Liz has worked for the City for 23 years. Prior to the City, Liz worked for Pima County Parks & Recreation for 11 years. She clearly knows her stuff! ? Liz was the Recreation Supervisor for the William Clements Center, and if you attended any of the events here at the Clements Center, then you know what a delight it was to meet her. Liz isn't sure what she will be doing with her spare time now, but she knows she will be staying busy with her husband and their Shit-Zu, Lana. Her and her husband are planning their son's wedding and planning a trip for now. We here at the Ward 4 office wish Liz a very happy retirement, and thank her for all that she has done here at the William Clements Center!



Summer Job

Looking for your first job or a way to earn a few extra bucks while school is out? If so, then you might want to check out Tucson's Parks and Recreation Department's KIDCO program. They are currently hiring for their KIDCO summer program. KIDCO is an after-school program for kids 5-11 years old and includes sports, games, performing arts, and special events. Teens and young adults interested in applying for jobs (must be at least 16 years old) can do so online (link below) beginning Sunday.

Applications will be accepted for one week, with interviews taking place April 27.

For more information on this job or other jobs for the City of Tucson, visit <http://1.usa.gov/1BqUtFH>.

Crosswalk Enforcement

According to the Tucson Police Department, there have been four deadly pedestrian crashes thus so far this year. This is a good reason why the Tucson Police Dept will be using grant money from the Governor's Office of Highway and Safety to conduct a new crosswalk enforcement program.



The program will work like this:

Officer 1 will be dressed in plain clothes and will cross the street in a crosswalk. Officer 2 will be a spotter. He will be watching for those drivers who fail to stop for Officer 1 or others in the crosswalk. If Officer 2 spots someone not following the law, he will then radio Officer 3 who will be in a police vehicle. Officer 3 will then proceed to make the traffic stop.

Here is what you need to know:

Arizona State Law states: A pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles on the roadway.

As a driver it is your responsibility to make sure the roadway is clear. If there is a person(s) in or approaching a crosswalk, please stop. If a vehicle has stopped in front of you to wait for someone to cross the street, it is illegal to pass that vehicle. If you would like to read more information on the Arizona State Pedestrian Laws, you can find it here, <http://www.pagnet.org> and clicking on programs followed by pedestrian laws.

There is also some great information from the Arizona Department of Transportation on how to cross a street. Now I know that sounds silly, but everyone should know the proper way to cross a street and what other signs to watch out for while crossing the street. For example: Keeping your eyes open for speeding or merging vehicles that are approaching.

Take a look at the information provided by ADOT by following this link <http://www.azbikeped.org/images/ADOTPed.pdf>. Make sure to teach your students, kids, grandchildren, parents and others about the proper way to cross a street. It could help save their life one day.



Vail Vikings

For the past two years, members from The Vail Vikings Youth Football & Spirit Association have volunteered through the Tucson Clean & Beautiful Adopt-a-Park and Public Areas Program to adopt Purple Heart Park. The Adopt-a-Park ceremony will recognize these community volunteers for their ongoing commitment to remove litter and report maintenance needs at this site.

The Vail Vikings Youth football & Spirit Association prides themselves in teaching football and cheer fundamentals while building strong, young, community service-oriented men and women, challenging them to do more and make a difference.

This ceremony taking place on Saturday, April 11 at 10am, marks the 304th ongoing Adopt-a-Park and Public Areas project to be coordinated through Tucson Clean & Beautiful.

Water Rates

The Citizens' Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) is recommending rate changes for FY2016, and Tucson Water will be holding town hall meetings on this issue. CWAC's rate proposals and financial plan will be presented along with Tucson Water's cost of service and financial plan. These and other documents are available online at www.tucsonaz.gov/water/FY2016proposedrates.

Wednesday, April 8, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Tucson Parks & Recreation Building, Mesquite Room
900 S. Randolph Way

Tuesday, April 14, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Quincie Douglas Public Library, Meeting Room
1585 E. 36th St.

Thursday, April 16, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Clements Center Multi-Purpose Room
8155 E. Poinciana Dr.



All three town halls will feature the same content. Introductions and a PowerPoint presentation will begin at 5:45 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. Residents and customers are encouraged to attend to learn more about how Tucson Water covers costs associated with delivering high quality water and its plans for managing this resource in the future. For more information, call (520) 791-4331 or e-mail pico@tucsonaz.gov.

Be Aware

My father always told me the number one rule to driving is be aware of your surroundings. Good advice since it has been estimated that 1 in 4 car crashes involves cell phone use and eighty percent of Americans mistakenly believe hands-free devices are safer than non-hand-free devices. In all actuality this is not the case. According to the National Safety Council, more than 30 studies show hand-free devices don't make drivers any safer because the brain remains distracted by the phone conversation. Dang that brain!

Hands-free devices do allow for you to have both hands on the wheel, unless you just grabbed lunch and now you are trying to drive, eat, and talk on the phone. Yes, your right, that is not a smart idea either. Instead let that phone ring and let that text message wait for either after or before you start that car engine. April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, so remember to put down that phone and sandwich! Now that you are aware, be safe driving out there!



Bike Fest

April is Bike Fest month and there is still time to participate. Living Streets Alliance has put together many events like; the Greater Arizona Bicycling Bike Swap on April 12th, Cyclovia Tucson on April 19th, and you can part-take in Bike to Work Day on April 24th. There are also Tuesday night bike rides, bike to the brew and even a Bike-in Movie night. On April 24th you can bike to see "Goonies." How fun is that! For more information on this event and list of events, got to www.bikefesttucson.com/events/2014-04/.

Coming Up...

Young Explorers Program – Bugs For Breakfast

Sat. April 11, 9am-10:30am, Reid Park Zoo

Did you know that some animals were born to eat bugs? Meet several unusual creatures close up and learn how the Zoo feeds these very specialized eaters. We'll help prepare some unique animal meals, including some ant-errific treats for a very special anteater! This program is appropriate for ages 6-12 years. Parents, please plan on dropping your child off for this program. Prices are \$15 for Zoo Member children and \$20 for non-member children. You can register by going to



<http://reidparkzoo.org/events/public/young-explorers-program-6-12-year-olds-bugs-breakfast/>.

Pima County Fair

Thurs. April 16 – Sun. April 26, Pima County Fairgrounds, 11300 S. Houghton Rd.



The 104th annual Pima County Fair at Pima County Fairgrounds promises 11 days of old-fashioned fun. Spend the day with family and friends on carnival rides, concerts, prize-winning animal exhibits, and fair food. General Admission is \$8, children (6-10) \$4 and if your 5 and under your free. Parking is \$5. For more information visit the Pima County Fair website at <http://www.pimacountyfair.com/concerts-events>.

Earth Day Festival & Parade

Sat. April 18, 9am-2pm, Reid Park (off of Country Club Rd, north of 22nd St.

The theme for the 21st Tucson Earth Day Festival and Parade is To the Earth Be Kind; Leave Your Car Behind. This day will be a great day to celebrate alternate modes of travel by leaving your vehicle at home and taking the bus, carpooling, riding bikes or walking to the event and for the day's errands. Parade will start at 10 am, exhibitors will be on hand and food will be available for purchase. This event is FREE! For more information, visit www.tucsonearthday.org

Dine Out for Safety

Wed. April 22, Various Restaurants

Meet your friends and family at one of many participating restaurants and a portion of your bill will be donated to the Southern Arizona Against Sexual Assault to provide support services for survivors of sexual assault. You can view the full list of restaurants and details by visiting www.dineoutforsafety.com or call 202-1746.



In the 411

Eastside Police Substation – 791-5700

9670 E. Golf Links

For additional information in regards to tickets or other departments within the Tucson Police Department log on to <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/police>

Transportation (TDOT) - 791-4259

201 N. Stone Ave. 5th Floor.

Got a question about construction, traffic, streets, graffiti removal, landscaping, stormwater, RTA or anything along these lines? Visit

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/transportation> to get more info.

Environmental Services - 791-3171

Information on trash, recycling, landfills, brush and bulky and even neighborhood cleanups is what you can find here. They even do Hazardous Household Waste Collections. Visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es> for more info.

Tucson Water - 791-4331

310 W. Alameda St.

Have questions on billing, water conservation, water quality or general service, then call the public info line or check out <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/water>

William Clements Center - 791-5787 or 791-4730

8155 E. Poinciana

There is a lot happening here! Additional information, including calendar of events, go to <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/clements>

Miller-Golf Links Branch Library - 594-5355

9640 E. Golf Links Rd

Get info of scheduled events or what's currently happening at this library. Better yet go to www.library.pima.gov/locations/golfinks

Pima Council on Aging - 790-7262

8467 E. Broadway

This is a great place that offers programs and services to older adults and their families living in Pima County. Learn more about this great organization by going to

www.pcoa.org

Code Enforcement - 791 - 5843

310 N. Commerce Park Loop

Chapter 16 and 3 fo the City Code is what they enforce. If you suspect property or housing violations within the City give them a buzz or go online for more information visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/pdsd/code-enforcement>

Graffiti Removal Program - 792 - 2489

If you see someone "tagging" call 911. If The graffiti is already there, then call the number above to report it. Check out <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti> for more information on removal or reporting.