



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

The Good News

Congratulations to newly pinned Tucson Fire Assistant Chief Laura Baker. She has made history with this new position being the first female to hold this high rank. She is a 20-year veteran of the Tucson Fire department, and currently one of only 32 women within the department. She has worked hard over the years holding positions of Firefighter, Paramedic, various Captains and Deputy Chief. Laura has earned a Master of Science in Fire Service Administration from Arizona State University and graduated from the Executive Fire Officer Program, the highest academic honor a firefighter can have. Laura had done great work within the community, being a co-founder of Camp Fury. This is a great camp that offers young ladies the opportunity to get a first hand view of what it takes to work in public safety.



We here at Ward 4 would like to congratulate Assistant Chief Baker on her recent promotion. We wish you well in your new position and look forward to seeing how she can help continue making the Tucson Fire Department an even greater department than it is.

The Bad News



Information was recently brought to the Tucson Police Department notifying them that some individual has been placing spikes into the ventilation holes of manhole covers. These manhole covers are on busy roads as well as

residential roads. These spikes will protrude from the center portion of manhole covers approximately two inches. The protruding end of the spike is sharpened and running over the spike will result in severe tire damage. If you encounter these manhole spikes, please call 911 and advise of the location of the spike. In addition to that, if a subject is seen loitering or placing something into a manhole cover, please call 911 and report it.

In other news, if you have yet to sign up for nextdoor.com, please do. This is the type of information you can receive from the Tucson Police Department as well as getting information and placing information for your neighbors. Nextdoor.com is a great private social networking tool for you to keep up with what is happening in your area.

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SunGo Pass

Sun Tran and the City of Tucson's Department of Transportation recently launched a SunGo 7-Day Pass that is available now through May 2015. The pilot program will provide unlimited rides on Sun Link, Sun Tran and select Sun Shuttle routes for seven consecutive days after first activated on transit vehicles, offering an alternative to the current 1-Day and 30-Day pass options. The passes can be purchased online (www.suntran.com/) at ticket vending machines at Tucson's three transit centers, and at various sales locations. The passes will cost \$15 or \$13 for an already existing SunGo card. This is a testing period to see if the pilot program or similar program will be permanently integrated.

Investing in Sun Link by Lane Mandle

We can understand that living out here in Ward 4, that you might have the mindset of who cares about the Sun Link Tucson Streetcar, that it will never come to Ward 4! Well we took this question to the City Managers Office and asked the Communications Coordinator who works very closely with the Sun Link project the same question.

The Sun Link Tucson Streetcar recently celebrated its six month anniversary of shuttling passengers along the nearly 4-mile route between the University of Arizona, Main Gate Square, 4th Avenue, downtown, and the Mercado District. And while average daily ridership has exceeded projections, the success of the streetcar system can be measured in more than just passengers.

So far, Sun Link has generated \$900 million in public and private investments along the corridor and revitalized Downtown Tucson. Since 2008, 194 new businesses have opened downtown according to reports from the Downtown Tucson Partnership. The development in downtown benefits the entire city as employers look to locate their offices in areas that will attract in-demand workers to an urban environment that offers multi-modal options. In total, 19 new offices, including three corporate headquarters have set up shop in the city center. Downtown Tucson is once again becoming a vibrant core with the kind of energy and idea-sharing that spark innovation. Both seasoned and young professionals want to be a part of its future. As Biz Tucson magazine said in its fall 2014 cover story, "it could be called a streetcar named prosperity".

The high ridership and increased interest have spun off a Corridor Investment Guide for businesses and developers wanting to invest along the streetcar route. Created by the City's Office of Integrated Planning, the guide - as well as an Opportunity Sites Web Map, and the Streetcar Land Use Planning - are all valuable tools to maintaining the momentum of downtown's economic development renaissance, which benefits the entire community.

Thank you Lane Mandle for the insight. So there you have it, even though it isn't directly affecting you, it is actually a great asset for the City. Not only does it bring more business into downtown Tucson, it is also becoming a place for us locally to go downtown and try a new restaurant or do some local shopping. We encourage you to take a ride on Sun Link. You will be surprised at the view you get of downtown while riding Sun Link Tucson Streetcar.



District 2

District 2 Pima County Supervisor Ramon Valadez will be holding a Town Hall Wednesday, February 11th, 6pm, at the Clements Recreation Center, 8155 E. Poinciana.

He will be providing updates on District 2 and address any concerns or questions you may have as it relates to Pima County issues.

Ward 4 falls within the boundaries of both Pima County Board of Supervisors Districts 2 and 4. If you are not sure which district you are in, you can find out by going to http://www.recorder.pima.gov/voterweb/voter_info.aspx.

Even if you are not a resident of District 2, you are more than welcome to attend. If you have any additional questions, please contact District 2 at 520-724-8126, or email them at dist@pima.gov.

Free Commode

Are you in need of a commode? Then there is great news for you! There is a program in place to help those who live in low-to-moderate income households receive a free toilet, with the help of Tucson Water. The program offers free replacement of older toilets which consume 3.5 or more gallons per flush.



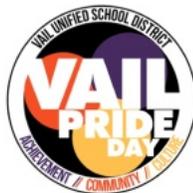
Toilets qualifying for replacement are typically manufactured before 1991. The date of manufacture is generally stamped inside the tank or lid of the toilet. You must be a Tucson Water customer and live in a home, mobile home park, condo, etc. Rental properties are not eligible.

The program provides an American Standard Cadet 3 high efficiency toilet and hardware, as well as the installation, at NO cost. If you are particular about the thrown in which you sit in, no need to worry. There are three models available, all are white. You have a choice of:

- Round front, standard height
- Elongated, standard height
- Elongated, raised height (1-1/2 inches higher)

Households of one person are eligible for one toilet replacement. Households of two or more persons can receive two toilets. For more information, see the Tucson Water website at <http://water.tucsonaz.gov/water/het-low-income>, or call Tucson Water at 791-4331. To sign up for a free toilet replacement, call Community Home Repair at 745-2055.

Vail Pride Day



This year marks the 15th anniversary of Vail Pride Day. Vail, Where Success is Crystal Clear is this year's theme for their anniversary event. Activities will include the popular Academic Jeopardy and Math Bowl competitions, Fun Run, classroom, educational, art and science displays, special performances, and the opportunity to learn about local organizations. There will also be loads of delicious food and fundraising activities that go to help support Vail school organizations and clubs. The fun filled event is FREE and will be held on Saturday, February 15th at the Pima County Fairgrounds, 11300 S. Houghton Road. The festivities begin at 8:30 a.m. and run until 5:30 p.m. To view the full schedule of events, please visit <http://www.vail.k12.az.us/blog/feb-21-vail-pride-day/>.



Trees for Schools

Tucson Clean and Beautiful (TCB) with the generous support from Sierrita Mountain Pipeline and Hamstra Heating & Cooling are helping schools plant trees. TCB so far has planted 76 trees at 5 schools with over 1,000 enthusiastic young tree stewards who've turned out to help dig, plant and celebrate trees. If you want to plant trees at your school, please contact www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org. They will help you plan your school tree project and grow future environment stewards.

Summer Job + Credits

Earn minimum wage and gain valuable experience this summer by working for Pima County, the City of Tucson, the University of Arizona, or dozens of other participating local businesses. Pima County One-Stop Career Center's Summer Youth Programs are accepting applications from youth age 14-21 who want to work this summer or catch up on school credits. That's right, earning credits for high school while learning a trade, what a great opportunity! Work hours range from 20 to 40 hours per week. Placements range from four to seven weeks depending on the specific work or education program.



Administrative support, clerk, child care aide, recreation aide, library page and patient care technician are some of the jobs applicants will be applying for. However, jobs with the Department of Transportation or Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department involve outside manual labor. Applicants for the positions will be placed in a special pool of applicants and may increase the chances of being selected for a summer job.

The county received more than 4,500 applications last year, with a little more than 1,450 young people put to work, so positions are limited. Program participants are selected based on their applications, assessment scores and work interests.

The deadline to apply and set up an assessment test is Friday, March 13, 2015. Apply online at <https://secure.pima.gov/summeryouth> or pick up an application form at a local high school, community center or library. Applicants also can call 724-9639 for more information.



TFD Safety Reminder

Safety Message: Drowning is the #1 cause of unintentional death for children ages one to four years of age. Drowning is called the "silent killer" because there are no cries for help. It is imperative that children are supervised around water at all times. So often the focus on drowning prevention takes place during the summer months but water can be deadly 12 months out of the year. Again, children must ALWAYS be supervised around water.



Valencia & Kolb by Michael Holder

We have selected a design consultant EPS Group who has been involved in the project over the last several years when they were working with Pima County on traffic analysis of this very busy intersection. EPS Group is now under contract with the RTA for the design work which started several months ago following completion of the traffic analysis and analysis of a couple of different alignment options. This work was overseen and conclusions approved by a Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

The design work is estimated to be complete in approximately a year and will basically turn the intersection into an indirect-left intersection whereby no left turns are allowed at the main intersection but are made by constructing ramps on the NE and SE quadrants and U-turn bulbs for the other two left turn movements similar to what exists at the Grant/Oracle intersection. This arrangement allows greater green time for the other movements in the intersection primarily the southbound to westbound in the morning and the eastbound to northbound in the evening. We have been working with the major landowners in the area who have agreed to this concept. The RTA Board approved it in September.

Although the design work will take another year, we would like to accelerate the construction phase by proceeding with the ramp construction on the NE and SE corners as soon as we can finalize that portion of the design. This way we can compete that work without disruption to existing traffic and then open the ramps up to traffic which will allow us more flexibility to perform the construction work in the intersection. Prior to proceeding with the work on the ramps we will need to acquire the necessary right-of-way from the affected property owners and that work should begin as soon as the design work can identify the exact limits of the acquisitions.

We are planning on two public open houses in the area once we have something to look at probably in another couple of months.

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Congrats Volunteers

For the past eight months, members of the Desert Lightning Team Top 3, stationed at Davis-Monthan have volunteered through the Tucson Clean & Beautiful Adopt-a-Park and Public Areas Program to adopt Golf Links Road between Craycroft Rd and Swan Rd. Congratulations to the Desert Lightning Team Top 3 in earning your own public area, and thank you for helping make our city beautiful!



Coming Up...

M&C

This month Mayor and Council meetings will be held on February 4th (Wednesday) as well as February 18th (Wednesday).

Study session will begin at noon for the February 4th meeting with the first item going into Executive Session for the recruitment of City Manager. Regular Session will be at 5:30pm. There are two garages one off of Pennington and the other off of Alameda that are the closest to City Hall, located at 255 W. Alameda.

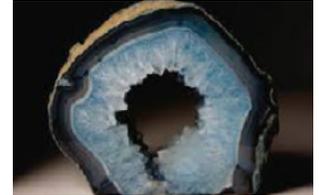
If you can't make it to the City Council meetings, then there is also the option for watching the live stream on www.tucson12.tv.

To view what is coming up on the next Mayor and Council Agenda, please visit the City Clerk's website at clerks.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mc

Tucson Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase

Jan. 31 – Feb. 15, various locations and times

International marketplace of gems, minerals, fossils, beads and jewelry-making supplies as well as a museum exhibits and other treasures includes more than 40 different locations across town. For more information go to <http://www.visittucson.org/GemShow/>.



Major League Soccer Preseason in Tucson: Desert Friendlies

Sat. Jan 31 – Sat. Feb 7, various times, Kino Sports Complex, 2817 E. Ajo Way
 MLS preseason training camp and tournament featuring six MLS teams at Kino Sports Complex. Each evening, FC Tucson will host games at Kino North Stadium at 5:30pm and Kino North Grandstand at 6pm. A third match will kick off at 8pm at the Kino North Stadium. General admission tickets are priced at \$18 to allow fans to enjoy all three games each evening. For more information please visit, www.visittucson.org/events/sports/mls/.

Little Critters Workshop

Wed. Feb 4, 9am-10pm, Reid Park Zoo

Zookeepers have to count every animal in the zoo every day and this is a great time to practice your counting too! The program is appropriate for ages 2-5 years old. An adult chaperone is required. Prices are \$10 for Zoo Member children and \$16 for non-member children; chaperones may attend at no charge. For more information, please visit, www.reidparkzoo.org/events/public.



Great Paper Airplane Fly Off

Sat. Feb 7, begins at 9am, Pima Air Space Museum

The Great Paper Airplane Fly-Off is a great competition for kids ages 6 to 14. Fold your own paper airplane and then fly it to see how far it goes! If your plane flies the furthest, then you can win some great prizes! The age groups are: 6-8, 9-11, and 12-14. The competition begins at 9am. Advanced registration is required and closes on February 4th. More information and registration is available at <http://greatpaperairplane.org>.



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/hcd/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.