



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

Bash Season

Council Member Scott would like you to know that she will be hosting the 15th Annual Back to School Bash on Saturday, August 1st so mark your calendars. If you have never been to our bash, well...you're missing out! On what exactly you ask? Well for starters a free breakfast that includes pancakes, eggs, and sausage all prepared by the men and women of the Tucson Fire Department. There were also be free, yes FREE, backpacks and other school supplies like pencils, paper, rulers, etc., all provided by our fabulous sponsors. There will even be free prizes given away, like bikes, along with some really great surprises by TPD and Ashton Construction. This event is scheduled from 8 am till noon and will be held at the William Clements Center. We will keep you in the loop and give you reminders on the events of this great day in the upcoming newsletters. If you would like to donate or are a great company who would like to donate to this event, please call the Ward 4 Office at 791-3199. We hope to see you all there!



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COT - HCD

The City of Tucson's Department of Housing and Community Development is preparing to open the waitlists for three subsidized housing programs.

The City of Tucson is accepting waitlist applications for public housing units at Silverbell Homes, Martin Luther King Apartments, and Lander Gardens. The City is also accepting waitlist applications for Moderate Rehab housing. The moderate rehabilitation program provides project-based rental assistance for low-income families. The units are privately owned and available at Bel Air Apartments, Coronado Apartments, Flores Apartments, and Miracle Square Apartments.

Waitlist applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program will be open starting on July 1 at 10 a.m. Section 8 is a federal housing assistance program for low-income individuals administered by the City of Tucson.

For detailed information regarding waitlist openings and online applications, visit http://tucsonaz.gov/files/hcd/6-3-2015_FINAL_legal_ad.pdf or call 791-4742.

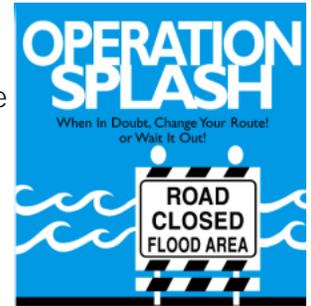


Need Paint?

Beginning July 1, 2015, the City of Tucson's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program paint sales will be at Gerson's Building Materials, 4726 S. Country Club Rd. and managed by the Beacon Group. The HHW program will continue to collect paint at its sites and outreach collection events. "This will provide a substantial savings in our operating costs yet continue to provide a sales outlet for the public," said Andrew H. Quigley Director of Environmental Services. Latex paint collected by the program is not hazardous, and can be easily processed by a sub-contractor. More information is available on-line at www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw or by calling ES Customer Service at 791-3171.

When In Doubt...

If you lived here during monsoon season, then you know how quickly a wash can fill up with flowing water. There are many people who have tried to go through these flooded streets and washes thinking that the water isn't as deep as they thought, and end up getting stuck. Many have also tried to go around a barricade to cross a wash. Well hello Idaho Joe or Native Ned, they put that barricade up for a reason! Who's THEY you ask, well it's the City of Tucson Transportation department, Streets and Traffic Maintenance and they are in Operation Splash mode! They are there day and night putting up barricades and emergency flashers where ever city streets cross flooded areas.



Now you would think that we would all know better than to enter a flooded wash, even if it isn't currently raining, but there are more deaths each year that occur due to flooding. Many deaths occur in vehicles that have been swept downstream. In order to help keep you safe, here are a few tips:

- Driving around barricades is illegal and dangerous.
- Do not let children play near storm drains or washes after a heavy rain.
- Avoid low-water crossings.
- Avoid camping in a wash or in the bottom of a canyon with steep side slopes.
- Be especially cautious at night. Flood dangers are much more difficult to see in the dark.
- Avoid areas already flooded, especially if the water is flowing fast.
- Do not attempt to cross flowing streams.
- If flooding occurs, get to higher ground. Get out of areas subject to flooding. This includes dips, low spots, canyons, washes, etc.
- If your vehicle is suddenly caught in rising water, leave it immediately and seek higher ground.
- If a traffic signal is out, treat the intersection as a 4-way stop.
- As little as ten inches of water can float average-sized cars, mini-vans, SUVs and trucks. Strength of the flow is the critical force.

These are great tips to remember including not letting children near storm drains or washes after a heavy rain. Yes it is magical to see a running wash in the desert, but it can also be extremely dangerous. And remember the slogan when in doubt, change your route or wait it out. You have plenty of options to make it home safe! For more information about the Streets and Traffic Maintenance Operation Splash, you can visit www.tucsonaz.gov/files/transportation/Op-Splash.pdf. If you're interested in getting more safety tips, including how to keep your home safe from flooding, please go to <http://www.monsoonsafety.org/safety-prep/>.

Superstar

The Superstar section of our newsletter is set out to highlight City employees that have done an exceptional job, and allowing us to get to know them better by asking them 5 personal questions. This time our Superstar is our very own Ward 4 crew member Renée Sowards. It is with great happiness and sadness to inform all of you that Renee will be retiring at the end of this month. She has worked for the City of Tucson for 25 years and 15 of those years right here as a Council Aide for Council Member Scott. Many of you who have contacted the Ward 4 Office have either spoken with Renée or meet her at one of the many City of Tucson events. Here are Renee's top 5.



KaBoom!

We are Playful! This is according to KaBOOM! who has honored Tucson as a 2015 "Playful City USA" designation for the ninth time! The national recognition program honors cities and towns across the country from making their cities more playable.

"Play provides a competitive advantage for cities looking to attract and retain residents." - James Siegal, president of KaBoom!

This is great news for the City of Tucson and also for the Tucson Parks and Recreation staff, we congratulate all of you for your hard work!

1. You have worked in multiple departments within the City, which department has been your favorite and why?

WOW! That's a hard one. I think each department had a "favorite" aspect to it, or I never would have wanted to work there! When I started with the City of Tucson in what was then the Operations Department as a Fire/Medical Dispatcher, I loved the fact that I was able to help people through some serious tragedies. When I went to work at Parks & Recs as a



Zookeeper it was such a privilege to be able to care for the animals in the wonderful collection at the Reid Park Zoo. When it was 100+ degrees outside and I'd be hosing out the giraffe barn, it would hit me that I'd be the only person in Tucson that had the "honor" of doing that job. Working with the animals and the people who share that love of animals with you is a rare opportunity. When the opportunity arose for me to take on an internship in the City Manager's Office working in Citizens' & Neighborhood Services it

opened up so many new prospects for me. I was able to work with many departments within the city. From their I have had the distinct privilege for the past 15 years of serving in the Ward 4 City Council Office and working for the best boss ever!

2. What was your best day at work?

I think one my best day at work was being able to witness the birth of a baby giraffe at the Reid Park Zoo. I even got to help the little girl stand up for the first time! That was pretty awesome. Another "best" has to be being able to see the how the "Ward IV Back to School Bash" has grown into a signature community event! It is amazing to see an idea come together with the hard work of others and see the community directly benefit – and see the generosity of the community in helping to make that happen.



Furry or Not

This is just another friendly reminder about staying safe during our hot summer days. Please make sure not to leave your child or pet in your vehicle during these hot summer days, not even for a second. Check buckles and other metal objects once you get inside the vehicle, caution they will be hot. Please make sure that your child does not touch these objects. If you see a child or pet locked inside a vehicle, please call 911 right away!

If you have a pet, please walk them early in the morning before temperatures rise. Get "paw booties" at your local pet store to put on their paws. It may sound silly, but would you want to walk barefoot on asphalt or cement in these temperatures? Please bring your pets in during the day and always leave them with more than enough water. Let's take care of those who depend on us for their care. Have a safe and happy summer!

3. We know you have a bucket list hanging on your fridge, what is #1 and why? My husband and I don't have anything listed as #1 – that way we don't put any pressure on ourselves to get those things accomplished and we can add or subtract to that list at any time! We may decide that due to certain conditions, going to a certain country may not be a wise choice, so that will come off the list. We may also decide that simple things may be easier accomplished so they may go on the list. Retirement is supposed to be low pressure and we intend to keep it that way.

4. What is your advice or words of wisdom to those of us who still have many years before retiring? Hmmm – first, make sure you are not consumed by your work – make your family #1. Have some outlets to work off the stress of the job. There is light at the end of the tunnel and the time will pass quickly and when you leave the job, your family will still be there – so make sure they know where they rank! Second, start putting into deferred comp ASAP! It will come in handy at the end of the day and you will not miss it in the long run. Third, take time out for yourself and don't take yourself seriously. Laugh a lot! By that, I mean, as important as you know your job is – someone else will be sitting at your desk the day after you retire and the world will keep turning when you walk out that door.

5. What will you miss most, IF anything about coming to work every day? I will miss the many wonderful people that I have had the privilege and honor of working with throughout my 25 years with the city. There are so many that have helped me along the way. I have learned so much about the inner-workings of municipal government. I will miss being able to help solve problems for constituents. I will also miss the gorgeous view of the city from my office window!

Mrs. Renée we will greatly miss having you here, you are not only our co-worker, but our friend. We wish you a very happy retirement and enjoy all your grandkids!



Touch A Truck

Do you have a kid that is interested in trucks, well then this event is for them. Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 25 from 7:30 am to noon for the Family Festival and 1.5 mile "Truck Trot" Fun Run.

There will be many cool trucks at this event like the TPD SWAT vehicle, TFD Fire Truck, Army Trucks, City Street Sweeper, TV News van and many more.

There will also be craft vendors, free fingerprinting, DJ and live country music from "Southern Reins", BBQ, raffles and more! Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20 for family of 5. The Fun Run entry is \$8.00 which includes: run and festival admission, a goody bag and bagels. This event is presented by Larry H. Miller Dodge team and will be held at the La Mariposa Resort (1501 N. Houghton Rd.) Proceeds of this event will be benefiting the Erik Hite Foundation.

If you would like more information on this upcoming fun filled event, please call 495-0430 or email grhind@erikhitefoundation.org.

Coming Up...

Ringling Bros-Barnum & Bailey Circus

Thurs. June 18 – Sun. June 21, Thu - 7:00pm; Fri - 11:00am & 7:00pm; Sat - 11:00am, 3:00 PM, & 7:00pm; Sun - 1:00pm & 5:00pm, Tucson Convention Center
Come one, come all, the Circus Xtreme is in town! An all-New Red Tour from Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey has breathtaking daredevilry, superhuman stunts, and never-before-seen performances at TCC Arena. You can phone 1-800-745-3000 for ticket information.

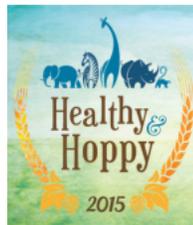


Movies in the Park

Fridays, June 19 - July 17 & 31 and August 14, Reid Park Zoo, Demeester Performing Arts Pavilion, 920 S Concert Pl
Cox Communications Movies in the Park will feature free family friendly activities, beginning at 5:30pm prior to each movie, including face painting, balloon twisters, arts and crafts activities, performers and more to provide an evening of entertainment and fun!

Brew at the Zoo

Sat. June 20, 6:00-9:30 pm, Reid Park Zoo



Sample a wide variety of craft brews from over 25 Arizona breweries and also help fund the building of a new health center for the Zoo's animals. There will be food to enjoy, games, animal encounters, and listen to live music. For more information about this event and to purchase tickets, please visit <http://reidparkzoo.org/events/public/brew-zoo/>.

Día de San Juan Fiesta

Weds, June 24, 5:00 pm- 10:00 pm, 100 S. Avenida Del Convento, Mercado San Agustín

A traditional start of Tucson's summer, Dia de San Juan celebrates the coming monsoon rain season and honors St. John the Baptist (patron saint of water). Highlights include a ceremonial procession and the blessing of an altar--the public is welcome to join in procession. There are many events staged at the corner of Congress Street and Avenida del Convento, west of downtown Tucson, at the Mercado San Agustín retail and restaurant plaza.



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.