



## 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

### Thank a Cop

Every day those who are sworn to uphold the law put on their uniform and pin on their badge. Every day is a new day with new challenges, not knowing if they will be able to come home safely to their loved ones. It takes a different kind of person to run towards danger instead of away. For those of us who have ever needed help, you know what I mean. So on this day, May 14, remember to Thank a Cop.

**THANK A COP  
DAY  
MAY 14, 2015**

You can do this in many ways. You can stop at your nearest Tucson Police Station and pick up a Thank a Cop bumper sticker. While you are there feel free to chat with the officers or even leave a card/note thanking them for their service and the protection they provide to the community. If you can't make any of those perhaps then you can make an online donation to The Tucson Police Foundation. The funds will be used towards critical life-saving equipment, as well as for technology and training for TPD officers. If you would like to donate to the Tucson Police Foundation, you can do so by going to <http://www.tucsonpolicefoundation.org/>. While there check out some of the other events they will be having.

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## TPD Volunteers

Since we are already talking about TPD, are you getting ready to retire or have an interest in volunteering? Well, why not spend some of your volunteer time with TPD for their Police Assist Group (PAG). Currently TPD has volunteers from 18 to 95 years of age, helping out by performing a variety of functions. Like what, you ask? Well volunteers can help out in Patrol and Support Services. There is some orientation and training required, but remembers volunteers of all backgrounds, interests, and skill levels help make up PAG.

Now there is a commitment of eight work hours per month, plus Emergency Service callouts and special events, is required for Patrol Service volunteers. If you choose volunteer for Support Service, then volunteers are required to work 8 hours per month after training.

If you would like more information on this program and a description on Patrol and Support Services, please go to [www.tucsonaz.gov/police/police-assist-group](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/police/police-assist-group).



### Summer Safari Nights

Reid Park Zoo's Summer Safari Nights, presented by Tucson Medical Center, are back with more entertainment and activity options than ever! Enjoy the Zoo each Friday during cooler evening temperatures with the added benefits of live music, family-friendly animal features, special dining options, and even gift shop discounts! Bring a blanket and purchase your dinner or snacks (or even a cold beer or glass of wine) then relax and enjoy a picnic concert. Wander through the Zoo for Keeper chats, animal encounters, sponsor booths, and wildlife activities. The bands and animal themes will change each week, so be sure to mark your calendar for every Friday, May 22 - July 10! To find out more information about Summer Safari Nights, please visit the Reid Park Zoo's website at [www.reidparkzoo.org/events/public/summer-safari-nights/](http://www.reidparkzoo.org/events/public/summer-safari-nights/).

### The Last Monday in May

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. The day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor those who died during battle. It was officially proclaimed May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.



The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I, when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war.

It is now observed in every state on the last Monday in May. There are several southern states that have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19th in Texas; April 26th in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10th in South Carolina; and June 3rd (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

The above information was taken from this website [http://www.usmemorialday.org/?page\\_id=2](http://www.usmemorialday.org/?page_id=2). If you would like to know more about Memorial Day and the meaning behind it, visit the website. We will be celebrating Memorial on May 25th, so remember to take a moment for all of those who have served our Country, off and on the battle fields.

### Movies in the Park

What a better way to spend a summer evening than at the park in front of a giant screen, watching a great movie? Starting on May 22, this will all be possible thanks to Cox Communications. Every other Friday you can head down to Reid Park, Demeester Performing Arts Pavilion (900 S. Randolph Way) and watch a free movie. There is also, popcorn, soda, food vendors, live music, jumping castles, arts and craft exhibits, and balloon twisters.

The first movie of the summer will be "Penguins of Madagascar." The movie is expected to start at dusk which is around 7-7:30 pm. Remember to bring your chairs or blankets. For more information and to see the full list of movies that will be shown this summer, please go to [http://www.saaca.org/Cox\\_Movies\\_in\\_the\\_Park.html](http://www.saaca.org/Cox_Movies_in_the_Park.html)



## COT Composting

The City of Tucson's pilot commercial composting program will expand to become a regular service, involving more grocery stores, restaurants, food service businesses and other commercial customers throughout the City.

The City of Tucson's Environmental Services Department estimates that 80 percent of what is disposed of in landfills is compostable or recyclable, and that about 50 percent of food thrown away is compostable.

The City of Tucson is one of only two Arizona communities currently collecting food scraps for composting. Its pilot composting program began June 30, 2014, with the University of Arizona, and 16 restaurants, grocery stores and hotels. The program has grown incrementally since then. Businesses interested in compost collection service are invited to call 520-791-3171 to speak with a commercial service representative from the City's Environmental Services Department.

## Thieves

There are many ways thieves steal from retailers. A few are:



**Renting/Wardrobing:** Buying merchandise for short-term use with intent to return, such as video cameras for weddings, big-screen TVs for a Super Bowl game, or a dress for a special occasion is a form of fraud.

**Returning old/damaged merchandise:** The process for consumers is simple: buy to replace old/broken item, keep new, return old. This system uses the retailer to keep personal items "up-to-date" at the retailer's cost.

**Shoplifting with a receipt:** Many thieves will shoplift with intent to return for full retail price. The classic example is when the fraudster makes a purchase, takes the item to his/her car, returns to the store immediately with receipt in hand, selects another of the same item from the shelf and proceeds to the return counter claiming he/she "changed his/her mind." The receipt is valid and the return looks legitimate, but you've essentially paid this person for keeping your merchandise.

Imagine you just did some shopping maybe got that new pair of jeans you have been eyeing or you just ran into the grocery store. As you're walking out, you check your receipt to make sure the item you got was in fact on sale and you got charged correctly. After noticing all is well with your current purchase you decide to toss it in garbage can outside the store. No big deal, right? Unfortunately it is a big deal to retailers. Let us tell you how...

Serial shoplifters are always watching. Once you dump your unwanted receipt, the thieves will then dig through the garbage cans or even pick up discarded receipts that were tossed in the street. The thieves then go into the store, pick up everything that is listed on the receipt to steal the items and then subsequently return them. This act is called Shoplifting. This fraud like the other ends up costing us, as retailers often times have to charge higher prices to recoup their loss.

Now who would have thought a simple act like throwing away a receipt could cause such an issue. Always have to be one step ahead of those thieves. So next time remember to take your receipt and bring it home and put it through that shredder. And make sure to spread the word around asking your friends and neighbors to shred that receipt, that way we can all do a little bit more to make the thieves "job" just a little bit harder and our cost less.

**M&C**

The Mayor and Council Study Session will begin at 12:30pm with Regular Session starting at 5:30pm.

**Study Session:**

Item #3: Discussion of the Recommended Fiscal Year 2016 Budget and the Pima Animal Care and Jail Board Intergovernmental Agreements

Item #5: Charter Review; Recommendations of the Charter Review Committee

**Regular Session:**

Item #7c: Agreement: with the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS)

Board to Participate in the State of Arizona Supplemental Defined Contribution Plan

Item #8: Public Hearing: Zoning (C9-14-13) Valley of the Moon - Allen Road, R-1 to HLR-1, City Manager's Report, Direct Ordinance Adoption

For the complete agenda please go to [www.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs). You can also watch the live stream provided by Tucson 12 by going to [www.tucson12.tv](http://www.tucson12.tv).

*Coming Up...*

**Greater Tucson Fire Foundation 4th Annual Motorcycle Poker Run**

Sat. May 16, 7:45am, Northwest Fire District Training Complex, 5125 W. Camino de Fuego

Motorcyclists join a "poker run" that follows a 60-mile route, starting at the Northwest Fire District training grounds and ending at Casino Del Sol Resort. There are stops along the way at which participants pick up a card to complete a poker hand by the run's end. Finish line festivities include music, food, items of interest to automotive and racing buffs, and grand prizes for high-low poker hands. Online registration and breakfast is at 7:45am, ride starts at 9am, \$35 for admission. For more on the Poker Run, go to <http://bit.ly/1FgMM9z>.



**Arizona Bacon Fest**



Sat. May 16, 6pm-10pm, Kino Sports Complex, 2500 E. Ajo Way

The Arizona Black Label Bacon Fest partners with Rock 102.1 and KLPX 96.1 for the 3rd annual bacon-lover event. Enjoy a fun evening of food from local restaurants, local craft beer and live music. This is a ages 21-and-older event. Ticket prices range \$45 to \$125 per person, for more info, click on <http://www.arizonabaconfest.net/>.

**41st Annual Rodders Day Show**

Fri. May 22 – May 23, 9am-3:30pm, University of Arizona BookStores, 1209 E. University Blvd.

Rodders Day 41st annual weekend is presented by the Tucson Street Rod Association. Come see pre-1972 hot rods, trucks, muscle cars, and vintage race cars. Host hotel is Doubletree by Hilton across from Reid Park. For more information about the event, check out <http://tucsonstreetrodassociation.net/rodders-days/>.

**A Hero's Salute Memorial Day Concert**

Mon. May 25, 3pm, Pima Air Space Museum, 6000 E. Valencia Rd.

Arts Express presents an uplifting and inspirational Memorial Day concert in recognition of all the men and women who have served and placed themselves before others. The program will feature the Arts Express Singers and Brass Quintet, along with inspirational speakers. Admission is \$20; ticket price includes admission to the event as well as admission to the Pima Air and Space Museum.



## 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](http://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](http://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.