



## 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

### New Year for Paws

It's a New Year a time to start anew and the outlook is a positive one. The hopes of a new job, a birth in the family, maybe even a raise? We get another 365 days to make 2015 a memorable one. But while you are ringing in the New Year and singing the words to Auld Lang Syne incorrectly, don't forget about your furry friend. Here are a few tips to help make sure your best pal rings in the New Year safely.



1. Keep your dog(s) inside during fireworks, preferably with human companionship. If it's hot, air conditioning will help. Bringing your dogs to a fireworks display is NEVER a good idea.
2. Provide a safe place inside for your dogs to retreat. When scared of sounds they can't orient, dogs often prefer small enclosed areas. If your dog is comfortable in a crate, that is a good option, mine prefers to go into the closet.
3. If possible, keep the windows and curtains closed. Covering the crate or lowering the blinds can also be helpful. Removing visual stimulation can also help calm dogs.
4. Make sure all your dogs are wearing ID tags with a properly fitting collar. Dogs have been known to become Houdini around the 4th of July.
5. Leave your dog something fun to do – like a frozen Kong filled with his favorite treats, peanut butter works really well.

Remember to make sure you keep alcohol away from your dogs, why? Vet visit. Also, make sure you are aware of streamers, and other party favors. Why? Vet visit. The point is, don't start your New Year on the wrong paw and end up at the vet.

And while we have your attention, let us just help remind you to please DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE. Call a cab company or sleep on a friends couch. Remember to be safe and have a fabulous start to a New Year!



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## HHW

Residents who live within 1 mile of Purple Heart Park should have received a postcard notifying you that on Saturday, January 10, 2015, Environmental Services (ES) will be hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection. If you would like to participate in this program, head over to 10050 E. Rita Rd., from 8am-noon. But, before you go, here are a few things you should and should not bring:

Bring:

- Automotive Fluids
- Engine Oil Filters
- Rechargeable Batteries (Ni-Cd, Ni-MH, Li-ion, Pb)
- Cooking Oil
- Fluorescent Lamps
- Paint Products
- Solvents
- Pesticides
- Lawn and Garden Products
- Pool Chemicals
- Propane Cylinders
- Computer Equipment
- Items Labeled: Acid, Flammable, Caustic, Poison, Caution, Toxic, Danger or Warning



Do NOT Bring:

- Televisions
- Business or Commercial Wastes
- Medical waste such as sharps, syringes or old medications.

For more information on what you should and should not do, visit ES website at [es.tucsonaz.gov/es/hhw-list](http://es.tucsonaz.gov/es/hhw-list) or call 791-3171.

## Mortgage Assistance

Need Mortgage down payment assistance. There still might be some assistance grants that remain for the Tucson NeighborhoodLIFT® program, sponsored by Wells Fargo, NeighborWorks America®, and the Primavera Foundation. Each grant provides \$15,000 toward a mortgage down payment for eligible homebuyers with annual incomes that do not exceed 120 percent of the Tucson area median income – about \$68,400 for a family of four – with income maximums varying depending on family size and type of loan. Among other things, potential buyers must complete an eight-hour homebuyer education session with the Primavera Foundation or another HUD-approved counseling agency. For more information, contact Primavera at (520) 882-5383, or take the eligibility test to see if you qualify by visiting the Primavera Foundation website at <http://bit.ly/1wey480>.





### For the School Pantry

The "School Pantry Initiative" is a partnership between the Community Food Bank, Sponsoring Agencies, and schools to establish a food pantry located within the school. The goal is to provide a readily accessible source of food to children and their families who are in need of food assistance. Distribution and frequencies are determined according to the needs of each school.



Food donation containers will be placed at VISTA sites across Tucson, Tucson Police Department office locations and Community Food Bank. Cash donations for the "School Pantry Initiative" may be made through the Community Food Bank web site, [www.communityfoodbank.org](http://www.communityfoodbank.org) or mailed to the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, P.O. Box 26727, Tucson, AZ 85726 (please note in the memo line "BackPack - School Pantry Initiative").

For more information about the food and fund drive, please contact Sarah Smolowitz at 800-950-8681 x 7232 or cell at (520) 282-0697. Sarah may also be reached at [ssmolowitz@communityfoodbank.org](mailto:ssmolowitz@communityfoodbank.org). This food drive will run through January 19, 2015.

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### Tree RE-Cycle

**IMPORTANT:** The City of Tucson will not collect Christmas trees from curbs and alleys. However, you can recycle your Christmas trees through the City of Tucson's TreeCycle Program. The program will run through Sunday, January 11, 2015. Please remember to remove all ornaments, decorations and tree stands before dropping off at the TreeCycle sites.

The following TreeCycle sites are open during daylight hours, seven days a week:

1. Oro Valley lot, "Naranja Town Site," 660 W. Naranja Dr.
2. Rillito Race Track, 4502 N. 1st Ave., east parking lot (follow signs)
3. Udall Park, 7200 E. Tanque Verde Rd., south of ball fields (follow signs)
4. Golf Links Sports Park, northwest of Craycroft Rd. and Golf Links Rd.
5. Tucson Rodeo Grounds, northeast of Irvington Rd. and 6th Ave.
6. Los Reales Landfill, 5300 E. Los Reales Rd., (follow signs)
7. Silverbell Site, northeast of Goret Rd. and Silverbell Rd. (follow signs)
8. Purple Heart Park, southeast corner of Rita Rd. and Esmond Loop
9. Randolph Golf Course, 600 S. Alvernon Way, southeast portion of parking lot

Also, January 2nd through January 11th, 2014, the City of Tucson will have wood chips from shredded Christmas trees available for pick-up at Udall Park, Randolph Golf Course, and the Los Reales Landfill. Bring your own container and take home some free Merry Mulch for your garden.



## Coming Up...

### The Beach Boys

Sat. Jan 03, 8pm - 10pm, Tucson Convention Center Arena, 260 S. Church Ave.  
The Beach Boys, "America's Band," will be performing their greatest hits in the newly remodeled Tucson Convention Center arena. Tickets run from \$27 - \$37, call ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000.

### Beyond: Together We Move! Main Event

Sat. Jan. 10, 12:00pm - 3:00pm, Armory Park, 220 S. Sixth Ave.  
Beyond is an annual community-wide event that commemorates the anniversary of January 8 by encouraging Arizonans to come together in physical activity. 12pm - Living Streets Alliance Family-Friendly Bicycle Ride; 1pm - Uzo Dance Methods and partners will be teaching Mandisa's "Overcomer" flash mob dance routine; 3pm - Meet Me Concepts will host Meet Me at Armory Park Walk/Run. You will find classes for Ballroom Dancing, Table Tennis, Shuffleboard, Double Dutch Jump Roping, Jumping Castles, Rock Climbing and more. Admission is FREE. For more information call 975-8443.

### Zoppe Family Circus

Jan. 09 – Jan.18, Starting ( Fri. 7pm, Sat. 1pm, 4pm, 7pm, Sun. 1pm, 4pm), Reid Park Rose Garden, 1100 S Randolph Way  
UAPresents welcomes back the Zoppe Family Circus. The family patriarch Giovanni Zoppe as Nino the clown takes the audience on a journey that features acrobatic, equestrian showmanship, canine capers, clowning and plenty of audience participation, at Reid Park. Tickets run \$25 - \$35. To buy tickets online or for more information go to <http://uapresents.org/zoppefamilycircus> or call 621-3364. A bonus, the UApresents Family Festival is on Saturday, January 10, 2015, noon - 4:00 pm by the circus tent! There will be live music and dance, games, booths, art activities and more. The Family Festival is FREE and open to the public.

### 2nd Saturdays

Sat. Jan 10, 6pm, Downtown Tucson  
2nd Saturdays is an urban street festival that has food to sample, vendors to check out, fun for the kiddies, and the magic of street performers to entertain. Some of the downtown businesses also offer specials or their own entertainment. It's family friendly and fun for all ages. Many of the vendors and sponsors have drawings during the evening. For more information visit, <http://www.2ndsaturdaysdowntown.com/>.



## 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/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.

