



ABOUT WARD 4

Tucson's Ward 4 is represented by Vice Mayor 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

Boots Required

It all started back in 1925, during prohibition times. Frederick Leighton Kramer conceived the idea of La Fiesta de los Vaqueros to draw visitors to Tucson during the mid-winter season. Here's how it started. Mr. Kramer was president of the Arizona Polo Association, and a winter visitor. Yes, we had



Photo by: Louise Serpa

snowbirds then too! He decided to gather a group of men: a President and the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, a local car dealer, an architect, and two, very well respected cattlemen. Kramer's idea continued to flourish and on February 21, 1925 you had the beginning of the La Fiesta de los Vaqueros and the Tucson Mid-Winter Rodeo and Parade. The original spot was held at Kramer Field, what is now a neighborhood called Catalina Vista. Eventually it would get too big and in 1932 it would be held at an abandoned municipal airport field at South 6th Avenue and Irvington Road.

Local ranches were represented on horseback, mounted polo players wore their white helmets and bright silk shirts, and the 10th Cavalry and 25th Infantry bands from Fort Huachuca provided rousing music. It was such a grand event that City leaders and the University declared February 21, 1925 a city holiday.

Tucson's first rodeo featured four events -- steer wrestling, steer tying, calf roping and saddle bronc riding. The purse was a fabulous \$6,650 in prize monies. An added event of the 1932 Rodeo was Jack Rabbit Roping. Wild jack rabbits were released in the arena and contestants attempted to rope them.

Today, the Tucson Rodeo is a five-day event and is one of the top professional rodeo events in North America, with prize monies exceeding \$200,000.

Leighton Kramer's vision of creating an event to attract more tourists to Tucson has certainly been realized. But the residents of Tucson adopted La Fiesta de los Vaqueros as an honored tradition from the very beginning. To catch this year's action, go to www.tucsonrodeo.com/scheduledirections.html.

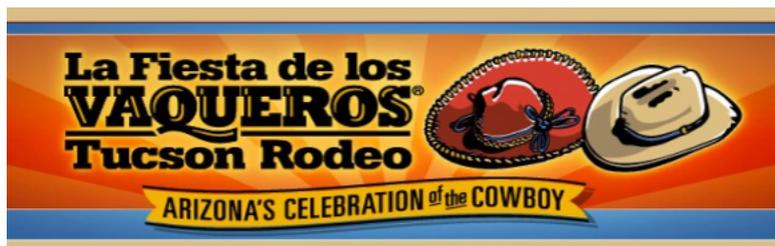
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Pop-Cycle

For the past seven months, staff of the Pop-Cycle shop have volunteered through the Tucson Clean & Beautiful Adopt-a-Park and Public Areas Program to adopt Groves Park 2. The Adopt-a-Street recognized these community volunteers for their ongoing commitment to remove litter, hand pull weeds, report maintenance needs, and special efforts to further beautify and improve their adopted neighborhood park site.

This ceremony marks the 289th ongoing Adopt-a-Park and Public Areas project to be coordinated through Tucson Clean & Beautiful. Pop-Cycle joins many other community organizations and businesses that clean and beautify more than 260 Tucson metropolitan area parks, streets, and washes on a regular basis throughout the year.

If you or your business would like to get involved, contact Tucson Clean and Beautiful at 791-3109.



Vail Pride

The fifteenth annual Vail Pride Day was held on Saturday, February 15th at the Pima County Fairgrounds. This event honored the many great successes that the students, staff, volunteers, clubs, businesses, and community service organizations accomplished. It was a great time for the community to come together and celebrate.

This was the 15th anniversary of Vail Pride Day. Vail, "Where Success is Crystal Clear," was this year's theme. They had the very 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 was lots of delicious food and fundraising activities that help support Vail school organizations and clubs. Congrats to all of you and we wish you continued success.

TPD Mediation

Do you have a complaint? Wait; let me be more specific, do you have a complaint related to customer service, rudeness, attitude or demeanor with the Tucson Police Department (TPD)? Then ask for mediation. Unsure what mediation is about, then let me fill you in. Mediation is an informal resolution through a face-to-face meeting in which a professional mediator serves as a neutral facilitator. This is a process that is voluntary and confidential, and is conducted in a neutral environment. Like many relationships, you have to correct a misunderstanding, an "oops, I really didn't mean to say that," kind of moment. Most of the citizen complaints of police misconduct usually stem from poor communication and misunderstanding between the parties involved. It's bound to happen, it's not like you ever call the Police for dinner, it's always when help is needed, and that usually involves a rush of adrenaline and the perfect opportunity for such miscommunication to take place. If you have such a complaint, call the Tucson Police Department's office of Internal Affairs at 791-4426 or the independent Police Auditor at 791-4593. They will help determine if your complaint is eligible for mediation. Just a heads up, complaints that are made for excessive force, Criminal Conduct by a Department member, arrests, biased based policing and threats or intimidation will not be discussed with a Mediator. Those you will have to take to court.

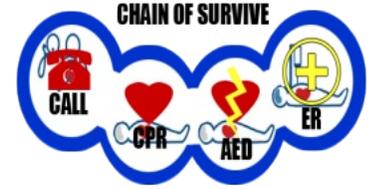


Just so you realize that this program allows citizens and the Tucson Police Department members to discuss citizen concerns, clarify issues, to improve communication and to discuss the issues and come up with a mutual agreement that resolves conflict. So let's just talk about it! For more information on the process or additional information on TPD, check out their page at www.tucsonaz.gov/police.



Chain of Survival

The Tucson Fire Department has recognized three individuals whose actions played an integral part in saving a life after witnessing a sudden cardiac arrest event. On January 28th, Mr. Michael Chaison, while refereeing a soccer game, collapsed on the field. The three members of the Salpointe staff, as well as an off duty Tucson Fire Department Captain, recognized the situation and immediately started the "Chain of Survival". The Chain of Survival is early access, early CPR, early Defibrillation, and early advanced cardiac life support. Every aspect to the chain was used in this event, starting with a phone call to 9-1-1 and finishing with TFD paramedics transporting Mr. Chaison to the hospital.



Thanks to the quick response and the Chain of survival, Mr. Chaison lived. This is a reminder to all of us to be prepared to help out if someone is in trouble. First thing to do is take a CPR class. The American Red Cross offers classes as well as many other local places here in town. You can do a search and find a class that fits into your schedule. This is something that everyone should know how to do. You can find more info on the CPR and additional classes offered by the American Red Cross by going here, www.redcross.org. You can even take some classes online, so there's no excuse to not be prepared for an emergency.

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Grill It!



Summer isn't here yet, but it sure is nice out, which also means we can fire up that grill! But before we do that, let's take precaution on the side and double check that propane tank. Here are some NFPA safety tips.

- Handle any propane-powered equipment cautiously and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Cylinder tanks for equipment such as stoves and ovens must be located outside of the home.
- Never store or use propane gas cylinders larger than one pound inside the home.
- Never operate a propane-powered gas grill inside the home.
- Have propane gas equipment inspected periodically by a professional for possible leaks or malfunctioning parts.
- Carefully follow the manufacturer's instructions when lighting a pilot.
- If you smell a strong odor of gas, leave the area immediately and call the fire department from outside the home.
- For more information, visit the www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/gasoline-and-propane/propane-safety.

These are just a few little reminders for when you heat up that grill. After all, no one wants a charred burger!



Coming Up...

M&C

Tue. March 4, 255 W. Alameda
Mayor and Council will be in session. Study Session will start at 1:00 pm (subject to change). Regular Session will be starting at 5:30. If you can't make it, you can check it out on www.tucson12.tv.

Tucson Invitational Softball Games

Feb. 26 - March 28, Lincoln Park, 4326 S. Pantano Road
The Tucson Invitational Games (TIG), home of collegiate softball and baseball spring training, hosts 55 DIII, NAIA, and Junior College collegiate softball teams. \$6 Daily Pass; \$25 7-day pass; free kids ages 12 and under. More info, go here
www.tigsports.com/softball/whos_in.php.

Lego Robotics Experience

Feb. 22, 1PM - 2:30PM, Pima Air Space Museum, 6000 E. Valencia Rd
Join your child age 8 and older for this 90-minute adventure they learn about robots. Space is extremely limited so reservations are required. Free with paid or member admission. Call 574-0462 for more info.

Road Work Update by MJ Dillard

Houghton, Irvington to Valencia:

This Thursday (Feb. 20) and Friday (Feb.21), we will be paving the areas where we have been installing Florida Ts or medians at intersections. Specifically, Seven Generations, Drexel, Bilby, Poorman and Forrest Glenn.

We will have TDP officers, numerous flaggers, reader boards and signs to help get people through the area as we perform this work.

The traffic shifts for this will be slightly more complicated as follows:

Thursday:

Shut down Drexel and Poorman and shift traffic to the outside lane in these areas. Please use alternative access into the neighborhoods on this day only.

Friday:

Shut down Bilby and Forest Glen and shift traffic to the outside lane in these areas. Please use alternative access into the neighborhoods on this day only.

We will try to keep this work to non-rush hours (9am to 4pm) and get out of the area as fast as we can.

Overall, after next week we will start striping the entire project (Week of the 24th) so we can open up the entire roadway to everyone. Keep in mind the following:

1. At the intersections we will not have rubberized asphalt coming in later, so these areas will be slightly higher in elevation than the rest of the roadway (slight bump up and down). If you recall, the rubberized asphalt is not performing well in areas where there are heavy turning movements, so we are not putting it down in those locations.
2. When we start planting and wrapping up minor issues with the project, we might have to close off parts of a lane here and there to provide a safe work space for the landscapers and construction workers.

In April, or when the temperatures are warmer, we will be placing the final rubberized asphalt. This will be done by shifting all traffic to the outside lanes while we pave the inside lanes, and then we will swap traffic to the inside to pave the outside.

The art piece is still scheduled for installation in April, we will let you know when we have an official date.

If you have any concerns, please contact MJ Dillard at mj.dillard@tucsonaz.gov

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 - 791-5758 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 - 4171

320 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 or to make a complaint at <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.