



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

Act of Courage

Picture this scene. You are a 16 year old girl riding along on the Sun Tran bus and notice that the driver doesn't seem to be feeling well. All of a sudden the driver is slumped over. What do you do? Well first you would look around to see if Keanu Reeves was on the bus and was going to save you. But your 16 and you probably never even heard of the movie Speed, but we digress. If you are Carolyn Turk, you grab the wheel and drive the bus, trying to keep it from harm's way. Luckily, fellow passengers try and help out. One young man tries to remove the driver from the seat and another gentleman gets off the moving bus and runs ahead to stop traffic and clear the intersection of Kolb and Stella.



Meanwhile the bus slows down while other passengers try and evacuate the moving bus and as it enters the intersection, another Sun Tran bus driver, coming from the opposite direction notices what is happening. She pulls her bus over, run over to still moving bus and jumps on, and finally stops the moving bus.

Incredible story, we know! Ward 4 was lucky enough to present the two of the four people that were part of saving lives, and damage to property. Carolyn Turk and Susan Carty, we here at Ward 4 greatly appreciate your Act of Courage!

SALETC 13-4

For a lot of these men and women, it took a great deal to get to this point, a lot of hard work and dedication. The moment when they are handed their own badge, where that badge number is engraved and assigned to just them. A proud moment when they get to look out there and sigh a breath of relief, and say, "I did it." To be able to listen to their family members out in the audience applaud and cheer for their proud moment, makes even the rest of us proud of their accomplishment. They are now part of the family of blue. But what we know is that the same hard work and dedication that got them there has to continue to help them through this tough career they chose. Their job is not easy, we know, but what we do know is that we have gained some new officers who took an oath and when we call, they will come. So, to the SALETC (Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center) 13-4, we congratulate you on receiving your badge and we thank you for serving our community. We wish you all the best!

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ES Love

The City of Tucson Environmental Services Department (ES) is offering a tour of the Los Reales Landfill and the ReCommunity, Inc. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Participants will get a 'behind the scenes' view and learn how ES operates the landfill and how recyclables collected in the blue barrels are sorted and marketed. The first stop will be the ReCommunity recycling facility which opened in July 2012. This facility has allowed ES to accept an expanded list of materials for recycling. At the Los Reales Landfill, participants will see how ES handles household hazardous waste and hear how construction of the landfill cells protects groundwater.

Tour participants will meet in the upper level parking lot at 4004 S. Park Avenue on Friday, February 14, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. The tour will be complete by 12:15 p.m. The tour is not for children younger than age 14. To reserve a seat, call ES at 791-3175 by Tuesday, February 12, 2014.

If You Like Hearts

Valentine's Day! It's the day some would call a day of romance. Others may think it's just a gimmick, a big waste of time to purchase flowers double the cost they were the day before and what they will be the day after. And why does candy have to come in those heart shaped boxes. Does it make the chocolate taste better than its normal packaging?



Well however you feel about the holiday, the reasoning behind it started way back in the name of St. Valentine. The question however remains, who was this mysterious Saint? According to history.com, one legend says that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Another suggests that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl--possibly his jailor's daughter--who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression we still use today.

The truth to any of these legends is questionable. It's even questionable about which Valentine they are referring too. The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. But what does remain as a common theme is that whomever Valentine was, he was a heroic and romantic. So on Feb 14th find that little special someone, lover, friend, a stranger or a pet and give them a little token of love.

A Little Extra

Today, according to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for Christmas.) Women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines.



SUPERSTAR

Everyday, we have City of Tucson Employee's who do an outstanding job for the City, Let us introduce you to Kristi Ringler.

1. What's your name and position with the City?

Kristi Ringler, Executive Assistant to Chief Roberto A. Villaseñor



2. How long have you worked for the City and has this been your only position with the City?

I have worked with the City for 16.5 years. I have been in my current position for 7.5 years. I have held various positions my entire career within the Police Department except the five weeks I spent in Development Services in the Summer of 1998 to become a permanent City employee.

3. When you were little, what did you dream of becoming?

When I was little I ran the gamut of careers through my plan. Some of the ones I tended to go back to often were teacher (I really liked writing on a chalkboard); secretary (I thought having a lot of papers around me was fun and cool...I was young!); mom/wife (that part came true); waitress (that part came true for a little while too); professional hunter jumper.



4. What are some of your most stressful days like?

My most stressful days come with the requirement of information or written product usually needed an hour ago. I don't like to fail and I certainly don't like to let others down. So I put that added pressure on myself to get whatever it is needed done as quickly as possible with complete accuracy.

5. How do you deal with that stress?

I think I deal with it pretty well...in fact I think I enjoy it. It helps the days to pass by quickly and there is a sense of satisfaction to see a tangible result and the self-satisfaction knowing that I was a part of whatever the end result is.

6. What is home life like for you? (married, single, cats, dogs)

I am married with a six year old daughter. We have two cats, one fish and way too many grownup toys!



Big and Pretty

The big white tents being set up, so you know right away that can only mean one thing, the Tucson Gem and Mineral show. This year marks number 60. This is the largest gem and mineral show in the United States. There are 41 exhibits around town including the one at the TCC. There are an expected 50,000 people that will be here for this year's show, hopefully bringing in 100 million dollars into the City. There is so much more to this show. There are lectures and seminars, and school visits. If you have a little one that loves earth and science, then make sure to take them out there. This is a great educational tool.

The show is open to the public, Feb. 13 – Feb. 16th. If you would like more on these gems and minerals, check out the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society at this web address <http://www.tgms.org/2014show.htm>

And if you are planning on attending, here is a link to a coupon worth a buck off of admission!
[http://www.tgms.org/2014_TGMS_Coupon%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.tgms.org/2014_TGMS_Coupon%20(1).pdf)

7. What is the best thing about your job?

The best thing about my job is the people that I get to work with. I have had the opportunity to work with some incredibly amazing people who, whether they know it or not, have become mentors for me in developing who I am today. I also love the diversity that comes in working at the Police Department. There are so many different aspects to law enforcement that the possibilities to learn something new are endless.

8. If you retired today, what would you do tomorrow?

If I retired today I'd have to go out and find another job. Partly because I'm not old enough to retire and have way too much life ahead of me to live on whatever money I have banked so far. Partly because I have a hard time being idle. I think I could enjoy not working for about two months, tops. Then I would need something to do, something to challenge me. Maybe it would just be a part-time gig, so I could do some more volunteer opportunities that I haven't had a chance to fit in to my schedule yet.

9. What are some of your hobbies?

I love to do pretty much anything outdoors. I ride a quad (the sand dunes are my favorite place to ride), hunt large game and go to the lake to wakeboard and play. I love hanging out with friends and all around good people. Food tends to revolve around that hanging out, which I'm always a fan of!



10. What are some of your hopes for the City of Tucson?

My main hope for the City of Tucson is to see it rise back from its financial woes. It won't be easy and it certainly won't be fast. But I have worked here when the times were good and we as a City were able to do some amazing things in and for the community. I would hope that the citizens were able to understand the tough times and not expect the same as they have always received. Just as many people in the community have had to make adjustments in their own lives to adjust to the tough economic times, the City needs to do the same. I would hope there is patience, both internally and externally, to allow us to be able to get back to being able to provide the services we would like to give.

Thank you to Kristi for being our Superstar. If you know a City Employee that has doing a great job, then nominate them so we can say thank you!



Coming UP...

M&C

Tue, Feb. 4, 255 W. Alameda St. Mayor & Council study session will be starting at 12:00pm (subject to change). If you can't make it down there, then you can watch it live via streaming at www.tucson12.tv. Regular Session will begin at 5:30. Remember this is your time to let Mayor & Council know how you feel about issues happening in the City.

2nd Saturday

Sat, Feb. 15, 6:30 pm, Downtown Tucson.

Enjoy the music, food and other live entertainment. For more information about the local musicians that will be playing on this Saturday, go to www.2ndsaturdaysdowntown.com.

Woo at the Zoo

Fri, Feb 14, 5:30pm and 7:00pm, Reid Park Zoo

"Woo" your Valentine at the Reid Park Zoo. A delicious dinner, smooth music, tantalizing desserts and humorous stories of passionate – sometimes tawdry-love in the wild animal kingdom. \$65 per person, \$60 per person for Zoo Members, includes gourmet dinner, live music and champagne toast at Zoofari Market. For more info go to <http://reidparkzoo.org/events/public/>

Little Tikes – by Teresa

Tucson Parks and Recreation Center has a variety of youth classes available for toddlers to children starting at 6 months old. Drop-ins are always welcome. My son just turned 1 year old and loves the Little Movers and Shakers class held at the Clements Center. They focus on large motor skills while the kids are having a blast playing games, singing songs and going through obstacle courses. With small class sizes and enthusiastic coaches, it's a great introduction to gymnastics. *Coach Mike and Coach Nikita have over 10 years of combined experience teaching children.



The following are Youth Classes held at the Clements Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive (next to Pima Community College East)

- Little Movers and Shakers (2-3 yrs) - Saturdays 8:30-9:15 am
- Little Movers and Shakers (12-18 mo) - Saturdays 9:15-10am
- Little Movers and Shakers (18-24 mo) - Saturdays 10-10:45am
- Little Movers and Shakers (2-3 yrs) - Saturdays 10:45-11:30am

Check the Spring Program Guide more classes and information at www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec

Tax Time!

April 15th rolls around, and the questioning in your head starts. What was I supposed to get done today?

I don't know about you, but we certainly don't need the IRS to come knocking on our door. So who do you turn to for professional help? Well...if you make over \$52,000 a year, I am sorry to say this service isn't for you. HOWEVER, if you make less than that, then you can use the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provided by United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona. For free, yes, I said FREE, accredited IRS-certified volunteers will help you file your Federal and State taxes. Here is what you will need to bring:



Picture I.D. for taxpayer and spouse (if applicable), ORIGINAL Social Security card for EACH family member, proof of income, including W-2s and 1099 forms, documentation of deductible expenses, account and routing numbers of checking and/or savings accounts for direct deposit of refunds, **and** prior year tax return (if possible).

There are many locations for you to go to. If you don't feel like going, and want to try to do your taxes on your own, then there is a link for that too. Go to <http://www.unitedwaytucson.org/FreeTaxPreparation> for all the info. And don't forget to see if you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit. That info is located here <http://apps.irs.gov/app/eitc2012/SetLanguage.do?lang=en>.





Road Work Update by MJ Dillard

Houghton, and Broadway:

As you may have noticed we have been installing new water lines along the north side of Broadway and the west side of Houghton. In addition, we have been installing the box culverts on those sides of the roads as well. This has caused temporary driveway closures at the various businesses as the work moves along, and we encourage everyone to keep patronizing the businesses in this area, there are always several driveways open when we have one closed.

In the next two weeks we should be building up the west side of Houghton so we can shift traffic over to that side while we perform similar work on the east side, and we will eventually do the same on Broadway.

Houghton, Irvington to Valencia:

We are installing the Florida T intersections, and as soon as these are in we are going to open the entire roadway for travel. I am sure everyone is anxious to get to that point. We are installing irrigation for the landscaping, and as soon as we are certain we are out of the frost season, you will see the landscaping going in.

In April we will put the rubberized asphalt in. The project is expected to conclude on schedule in May, 2014.

Overall Corridor:

We finally have our corridor art rail colors. You are free to look these up on line, as scanning, copying etc. electronically often alters the colors:

Tanque Verde to Broadway (5th St)	ICI 1275 Kingfisher Blue
Broadway (5th St) to Escalante	ICI 1226 Deep Pool
Escalante to Valencia	ICI 1180 Great Lake
Valencia to I-10	ICI 1139 Racing Green

You can see the Great Lake color on the Houghton, Irvington to Valencia project, and in the near future, you will see the Deep Pool color going in at Broadway.

Thanks to one of our Corridor Planning artists, Nina Borgia Aberle, for these selections. Our artists are saying they plan to bring the Cocoon out in April, we are trying to encourage them to do it a bit sooner. We will keep you posted, but it appears they are looking to bring it in on a large flatbed truck and have a crane set it in place. I know everyone is anxious to see how this will unfold.

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>

Williams 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

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 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.