



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.



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In the Know

Taking Back Our Parks

Recently the Ward 4 Office had a meeting with the Tucson Audubon Society. Within the discussion, parks and some issues with the Atturbury Wash came up in discussion. In the end, an idea emerged, "Taking Back Our Parks." In this edition of Inside Ward 4 we will hear from 3 people who can offer a way that we can make our parks safer and offer a way we can all pitch in to help preserve our parks. Our parks are a great City asset. They are a place that is free and open to all in the community. We should all feel a great sense of pride and ownership to our great parks.

Ward 4 Parks

There are many parks within the City of Tucson, but we are going to tell you the ones that are in the Ward 4 area. Glenna Overstreet, a Supervisor that oversees the Ward 4 parks, was kind enough to give us the following information.

Parks in Ward 4: Park Type:

Escalante	Neighborhood
Freedom	Community
Golf Links Sports Complex	Metro
Groves	Neighborhood
Harriet Johnson	Neighborhood
Chuck Ford Lakeside	Metro
Abraham Lincoln	Regional
Michael Perry	Community
Purple Heart	Community
Rolling Hills	Neighborhood
Vista del Prado	Neighborhood



Highlights:

Purple Heart Park, located in the Rita Ranch area, has a skate park and an off-leash dog area called "Ivan's Spot," which was named in honor of a TPD K-9 who lost his life in the line of duty. Park improvements that are slated to begin in the next few months, include additional parking near "Ivan's Spot," two new playground areas, for 2-5 year olds and 5-12 year olds with security lighting and an accessible swing, and



Neighborhood Meeting

In 1979 the 22nd Street Baptist Church purchased the corner of 22nd Street and Houghton Road with the intent to relocate to this site. Time had passed and the decision was made that the Church would sell this property because the current location is best for their congregation.

The buyer is proposing a development including a Fry's Grocery Store, 9-pump gas station, and two pads proposed for retail and/or restaurant use. This property is located within the Houghton East Area Plan (HEAP) and the HEAP land use policies encourage commercial development at this intersection.

This meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 1st at 6pm at the Miller-Golf Links Library (9640 E. Golf Links Rd.) At this meeting they will present the proposed site plan and receive comments on the plan amendment proposal. For more information please contact Kelly Lee at The Planning Center at 623-6146 or email Kelly at klee@azplanningcenter.com

an extension of the walking path along the south boundary of the park. The pool will be open for the summer season, from May 28 through August 5.

Groves Park is a popular spot for Disc Golf enthusiasts. This small neighborhood park boast a full 18-hole disc golf course. The Tucson Disc Golf Association members who utilize the course are great partners in helping to keep the park clean and safe.

Chuck Ford Lakeside Park is heavily used year-round by those who like to picnic, and play soccer, softball and outdoor basketball. Lakeside Lake is the best feature of the park, with plenty of opportunities for urban fishing. The lake is stocked year-round as part of the Arizona Game & Fish Community Fishing program.



Abraham Lincoln Park has many exciting features including the Children's Outdoor Performance Area (COPA), a perfect venue for weddings and celebrations of all kinds, with a gazebo, amphitheater, ramadas and restrooms in an enclosed gathering area. With eight competition-level softball fields, Lincoln Park is also the home of a number of community and tourism-based tournaments and City League softball play. The Atturbury/Lyman Bird & Animal Sanctuary is located in the environmental section of Lower Lincoln Park, and is maintained through the volunteer efforts of the Groves/Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association and the Tucson Audubon Society. This tranquil natural open space area is a haven for bird watchers, hikers, dog walkers and many others.

Tips for helping keep the parks clean and safe:

- * Please pick up after yourself and use trash receptacles provided to discard litter.
- * Follow park rules with regard to not driving on turf areas. This is for the safety of park users, as well as to protect the irrigation systems and grass from damage. Keep vehicles in authorized parking areas only.
- * Report any hazards, lights out, graffiti/vandalism to the Tucson Parks and Recreation East District office at 791-5930, or the main TPRD Administrative office at 791-4873.
- * Report any suspicious or illegal activity by calling 911 immediately.
- * Accompany your children to the restroom, playground, etc. and know where they are at all times.



Adopt Love

Are you looking for a new companion, well look no further! On Saturday, April 11, from 9am-4pm at the West Hall of the Tucson Expo Center (Irvington & Alvernon) hundreds of pets of all shapes, colors, sizes, breeds, ages and backgrounds will be looking for their match at a ONE-DAY, family-friendly event that will feature dozens of local animal rescue organizations in one convenient location. No worry about cost of admission, because it's FREE! How great is that!

This is Tucson's first mega-adoption event that is being presented by the Pima Alliance for Animal Welfare (PAAW). This is an all-volunteer organization that has been working since 2012 to ensure that all Pima County companion animals have loving homes and humane care. This event will include pet-focused entertainment and demonstrations. Head out to this great event and take home a loved one.

For more information about this event, check out their website at <http://adoptloveadoptlocal.org/>.

* Follow all dog leash laws and pick up pet waste. Dogs MUST be on a leash at all times unless they are inside a designated dog park area. If you see others who are violating these laws, please call Pima Animal Care at 724-5900.

* Do not bring glass containers to the park.

* Lock your vehicle and keep valuables out of sight.

Atturbury/Lyman Bird & Animal Sanctuary

One great park you might be unaware of is the Atturbury/Lyman Bird & Animal Sanctuary. This area has brought in many visitors for some great bird watching. We asked Andy Bennett to give us some information on this sanctuary, but first here is a little more about Andy. Andy Bennett is a Restoration Project Manager at the Tucson Audubon Society who co-manages the Atturbury Wash Restoration Project. Andy has a background in conservation ecology, fieldwork, and environmental education.



For the past 3 years, the Tucson Audubon Society has been expanding upon work begun 20 years ago by Michael Lyman, former President of Groves-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (GLPNA). Michael Lyman wanted to improve wildlife habitat and visitor enjoyment at Lower Lincoln Park. In 2007 they renamed the park in Mr. Lyman's honor. The Park hosts a verdant ribbon of vegetation along Atturbury Wash as it meanders through the property that supports native wildlife and human wellness; it is one of the last fairly healthy riparian areas left in Tucson. Despite this lush vegetation, Atturbury Wash's natural facets are declining due to prolonged drought, overuse, and erosional problems in the wash channel. In the mid-1990's, the GLPNA recognized the decline of vegetation and the alarming prevalence of illicit and offensive activities at the Park.

The GLPNA decided to take back their neighborhood's park. They organized a crew of volunteers and summer teenage workers to clean up Lower Lincoln Park, build walking trails, install informational signage, and plant hundreds of native trees and shrubs. Tucson Audubon is continuing this legacy in new and innovative ways. Relying largely on volunteer assistance and, an Arizona Water Protection Fund grant, and a Conserve to Enhance grant, Audubon has planted over 900 native plants in degraded areas at Atturbury Wash and completely reshaped the way water flows over the site.

A key ecological problem at Atturbury Wash is unnatural erosion occurring in the wash channels. Tucson Audubon addressed this issue by installing over five-dozen specialized rock structures that help to slow down and spread out floodwater so it can sink into the ground, thus benefitting vegetation and the creatures that depend



Pantano Road

The reconstruction project on Pantano Road from Escalante Road to Irvington Road will begin on Tuesday, March 31st. Crews will work Monday – Friday from 6:30am – 2:30pm. Crews will being the project by diverting all travel on Pantano Road to the east side of the roadway or northbound travel lanes. There will be one lane of travel in each direction on Pantano Road.

With this reconstruction project, new water lines will be installed in the work area. There will also be one lane of travel in each direction that will be maintained. Please expect delays and obey all traffic control signals and watch for construction personnel and equipment in the work area. Completion is scheduled for mid July 2015.

on it. Now, floods in Atturbury Wash are slower and less erosive, and moisture sticks around much longer.

Tucson Audubon's work at the Sanctuary and along the Atturbury will continue into the near future, but its contract doesn't allow for park monitoring or maintenance. Ward 4 and the Audubon Society are looking for nearby residents who frequent the Park to "adopt the park" to help monitor for illicit activity and trail conditions; please contact us if you are interested. If you've never visited the area, please take a walk along the trails, this area offers a calming respite from the busy city just blocks way. The entrance is located on the south side of Escalante Road about halfway between Pantano and Camino Seco roads, and is open from dawn to dusk.

If you would like to see more of the Atturbury Wash and Sanctuary, check out this video produced by Channel 12, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d1xD3iqPixA>. If you would like to know more about The Tucson Audubon Society, you can do so by visiting their website at <http://www.tucsonaudubon.org/>.

Park Safety Tips - Tucson Police Department

- * Try to walk and or go to the park with a partner.
- * Be aware of your location and its surroundings –day or night. Vegetation and structures can be used for concealment.
- * Do not leave children unattended as other park goers may not realize which adults are with which children and not notice anything suspicious. There is also the danger of desert animals/insect bites.
- * Offenders often target parks because they can watch possible victims and go unnoticed.
- * Make sure you have a phone.
- * Make sure you report suspicious activity or people by calling 911.
- * Anything in progress, graffiti need to call 911. Graffiti with no suspect information can be reported at :
 1. <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti/report>
 2. Smart phone application "mytucson"
 3. 792-city (2489)
 4. Transportation in house number 791-3154
- * Report any lights that are out to Parks and Recreation.
- * Do not let children use park bathrooms by themselves.
- * Keep your vehicles locked while at the park.
- * Do not leave anything of value in your vehicle.



Southwest Gas Pipeline

Southwest gas pipeline replacement is scheduled to begin the week of March 30th, crews will begin installing gas pipeline on the north side of 22nd Street east of the Pantano Wash bridge. This work will begin in 22nd Street on the east side of Pantano Road/Parkway, heading in an easterly direction toward Sarnoff Drive; with the westbound curb lane restricted to accommodate this work.

Access to businesses and residences will be maintained. Please drive with caution through the construction area and obey traffic signage as it is placed for the safety of nearby residents, travelers and contractor crews. Thank you for your patience during this work.

For comments, concerns or additional information regarding the project, please feel free to e-mail or contact the project hotline at 520.547.5383.

Coming Up...

Spring Artisans Market

Fri. March 27 - Sun. March 29, 10am-5pm, Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave. The Tucson Museum of Art hosts more than 100 of the Southwest's best artists and artisans who showcase their works and wares in the Museum's beautiful outdoor courtyard. Find unique gifts for yourself or someone special. Also enjoy food and live music. Metered street parking and garages and lots are available near the Museum; for information on where to park, visit <http://tdot.tucsonaz.gov/park-tucson>.



EGGstravaganza

Sat, April 4, 10am-1pm, Donna Liggins Recreation Center (2160 N. 6th Ave.) The annual community-wide EGGstravaganza attracts more than 2,000 people. This is a FREE family fun event that includes activities such as; games, inflatables, prizes, egg hunts, music and the Easter Bunny. A variety of foods will be available for purchase from local vendors. Don't forget to bring an empty basket for the egg hunt.

Egg hunt times are as follows:

Ages 2 and under – 10:30 to 11am

Ages 3-4 – 11 to 11:30am

Ages 5-7 – 11:30 to noon

Ages 8-12 – Noon to 12:30pm



Canine Walk for Cops

Sat. April 4, 8am, Brandi Fenton Park, 3482 E. River Rd.

The 7th Annual Canine Walk for Cops is a great one-mile dog walk and breakfast that benefits the Tucson Police Department and TPD's K9 unit. The cost is \$20 per one walker and one doggie. With your entry you will get breakfast and your furry pal will get a goodie bag and bandana. Each additional dog is \$10. You can also purchase additional breakfasts for just \$5. On top of the walk and breakfast, there will also be TPD K9 demonstration, doggie contest/awards and a terrific raffle!

Online registration is now open and will close April 3 at noon. All participants will need to sign a Waiver at check-in to participate. Don't wait; this event is limited to the first 200 registrants! To register or for more information, follow this link <http://www.tucsonpolicefoundation.org/canine-walk-for-cops/>.



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.

