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Recently there had been reports in Forbes Magazine, Inside Tucson Business as well as in the Arizona Daily Star about the how the local economy is getting better and the ability to purchase a home in Tucson has improved. Tucson is seeing the light at the end of the dark economic tunnel our community has faced during the worst recession faced across our country since the Great Depression.



When I was sworn into office in 2009, I got the message voters sent in terms of what was needed: reforming city government, economic development and creating jobs.

Over the past four years, some of the accomplishments in Ward 5 include: development of the U of A Bioscience Park project, the construction at the Bridges Project, the opening of many retail stores such as: Costco, Wal-Mart Super Center, QuikTrips, Goodwill Stores and Curacao - resulting in the creation of 1,100 jobs alone in Ward 5 and others across the City.

As your Ward 5 Councilmember, I have held Town Hall meetings, Business Forums and have updated constituents on issues of concern as well as through E-mail, a personal blog, Facebook pages and a newsletter. Communications with neighborhoods are essential to my work as your Ward 5 Councilmember, for which many meetings around the table have taken place on issues of concern so that we may reach a consensus.

During my time as your Ward 5 Councilmember, some of the proposals I brought forward included: Streamlining the Certificate of Occupancy Process: With these changes, 71 new businesses have opened in the City of Tucson since August 2010 when the new rules were implemented. Other changes to city procedures were made, such as streamlining the Land Use Code, changing parking rules and creating Infill Incentive Districts, resulting in more than \$475 million in commercial and construction development permits being taken out by Planning and Development Services.

For Tucson to succeed again, revenues must be generated to cover the costs of the services constituents expect and over these past four years, we have seen revenues increase again. Tucson is getting back to work.

Working with the private sector, I helped to form "Bring Back the Splash," which raised \$100,000 in sponsorships and opened six city swimming pools that were to be closed due to budget cuts through sponsorships and advertising - lifting the 25 year old restric-

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tions that had been placed upon the Parks and Recreation Department.

In addition, in 2011, I brought forward a proposal to lift the limitations of bus advertisements that could be placed on Sun Tran buses. Since 2011, this revenue for the transit system has more than tripled.

For Tucson to succeed, the City government must spend its limited dollar wisely, and with that, in August 2010, I brought forward changes to how the City spends its money for goods and services by using the P-Card Program.

I have led the effort to change how the City purchases materials by utilizing the P-Card, instead of writing checks. To be implemented over the next two years, with a potential savings of more than \$10,000,000 dollars. The City of Tucson also gets a rebate for using the P-Card, which has increased to \$440,000 (or four times what it was in 2010), thanks to Mayor and Council actions taken to get more use of the P-card program.

I worked with the business organizations to bring forward the Local Purchase for Procurement Policy, so that locally owned businesses would receive preference points on RFP's (Request for Proposals) for City contracts for goods and services. This new policy will benefit Tucson owned businesses.

I also brought forward a review of city contracts to ensure that Tucsonans were being hired to do the work and a study showed that 88% of those hired were from the Old Pueblo. To compare, the City of San Francisco has only a 25% local hire rate.

One of my proudest achievements was getting the City of Tucson to use an all, vote-by-mail election system, which increased turnout city wide by more than 15% (36% alone in Ward 5) and saved the City \$600,000 through this process.

My diligent staff and I have worked to try to keep you informed of what is going on and to make Ward 5 a better place to live, work and raise a family. During these tough economic times, the Ward 5 office has worked to provide the best constituent services possible.

I have worked to keep the costs down and to operate the office under budget. My predecessor in this position had 6.5 employees, I have operated the office with 3.5 employees. Unlike the previous office holder, who had a budget of more than \$460,000 for staff and expenses, I have had less to work with but have accomplished more. This year alone, the staff and expense budget will total a little more than \$279,000, the least of all the Mayor and Council Offices.

To those businesses who have opened their doors and importantly to those who have worked hard to keep their doors open, our collective hat comes off in salute to you.

To those neighborhoods and neighborhood associations who continue their work to better the lives of those residing there, the City of Tucson government owes you all a debt of gratitude for your work and commitment, especially during these tough economic times.

There are those neighborhoods, such as Pueblo Gardens in Ward 5 and Midvale neighborhood in Ward 1, who have worked with the Tucson Police Department in efforts to help lower the crime rate and according to TPD statistics, these efforts are working.

Progress has been made but there are still things that need to be done to get the City completely back on track. The Mayor and Council has made tremendous strides but more steps need to be taken to complete this task.

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Kino Overpass

Construction of the Kino Parkway/22nd Street intersection project began in the summer of 2012 and is anticipated to last approximately 2 1/2 years. Ashton Company has been contracted to conduct the work which will cost \$23.7 million. Construction of 22nd Street from Kino Parkway to Tucson Boulevard is anticipated to begin in the third period of the RTA funding in 2015. However, as part of the planning process, residential properties were acquired in advance of construction on the north side of 22nd Street east of the Union Pacific Railroad bridge. These properties have been vacated and demolished and the construction of a buffer area with landscaping amenities has been completed.

This Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)-funded project consists of reconstructing the intersection of Kino Parkway and 22nd Street by elevating Kino Parkway over 22nd Street to provide two continuous through lanes of traffic in each direction. On and off ramps will have one left turn and one right turn lane for drivers wishing to enter and exit Kino Parkway. 22nd Street will be widened to provide three through lanes in each direction, exclusive right turn lanes, and dual left turn lanes. Both roads will have bike lanes and a landscaped center median separating the traffic lanes.



If you have questions regarding the overall project, please contact TDOT Project Manager, Janice Cuaron at (520) 791-4371, or email her at janice.cuaron@tucsonaz.gov or contact Project Engineer Edie Griffith-Metty at (520) 299-8700, or e-mail her at edie.griffith-metty@aecom.com. If you have specific questions about the CAC or other posted public meetings, please call Josh or Nanette at (520) 885-9009.

Tucson Marketplace at the Bridges

The construction has begun for a McDonald's Restaurant and the permits have been taken out to begin the construction of 23,000 additional square feet of retail store space at the Bridges. These new additions are expected to be completed by the Summer of this year.

Cherrybell Post Office Processing Center Update

The United States Congress continues their discussions about reforming the Postal Service and federal legislation specifically dealing with the closure of Processing Centers, such as Cherrybell, have been introduced while others will be soon filed. Recently, the Arizona Legislature passed HCM (House Concurrent Mandate) 2007, sending official notice to the U.S. Congress of its opposition to close the Cherrybell Post Office and Processing Center.

South Park Drug Free Communities Coalition

Amistades offers capacity building services in the area of drug prevention to organizations that support the African American community. Capacity building services help organizations in the development of a coalition-based prevention infrastructure similar to the one that Amistades has put in place for the Latino population it serves. Through these efforts, and under the mentorship of the Amistades Substance Abuse Coalition, the Tucson Urban League has created the South Park Communities Drug Free Coalition to provide prevention services to the 85713 area as well as other parts of Pima County. This partnership between Amistades and the Tucson Urban League is a result of a call to action made to the African American community by Amistades during their annual Juneteenth Youth Prevention Conference that examines the im-

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pact of underage drinking in the African American community.

The program is supported by a Drug Free Communities mentoring program grant from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and provides the following services to prevent substance abuse among youth:

- Action Planning & Group Facilitation
- Capacity Building Workshops
- Community Mobilization Trainings
- Creating Adult-Youth Partnership Workshops
- Monthly Neighborhood Meetings
- Youth Development Training



Tucson Urban League, Inc.

Meetings are held the last Thursday of the month at the Tucson Urban League (2305 S. Park Ave.) from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Participation and insight are welcomed. RSVP's may be made to Debra Johnson, (520) 791-9522 Ext. 2605 or djohnson@tucsonurbanleague.org

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Employee Compensation

On December 15, 2009, just eight days after being sworn as the Councilmember for Tucson's Ward 5, the City Manager informed the Mayor and Council, the City faced a \$33.5 million dollar budgetary shortfall. The Mayor and Council dealt with that budgetary crisis, as well as the budget deficits of \$44 million six months later, \$55 million the following fiscal year and \$20 million for this current fiscal year, by working together to solve the problems to continue the city services and programs constituents expected. During this time, no public safety employees were laid off or police or fire stations shut down. The City of Tucson currently has 1,100 less employees from when I took office in 2009. This was done through attrition and retirements. Those City employees remaining had been tasked to do more with less, to provide those services to the good citizens of Tucson require under the City Charter and expect, during the worst economic times since the Great Depression.

For several years, all remaining City employees have endured nine-day, unpaid furloughs, an equivalent of a 3.5% cut in their salary and they have had to pay more for their medical insurance coverage. These city employees have accomplished their work with less in the budget and unfortunately, less in their paycheck. They continued to do their job and commitment to the good citizens of Tucson. They worked with City staff and the Mayor and Council to get the job done. The financial situation had improved to the point that City staff had recommended to the Mayor and Council that it was financially feasible to give a 1% Cost of Living Adjustment to City Employees (COLA). The Mayor and Council accepted this recommendation and this went into effect in January 2012.

Thanks to the actions by this Mayor and Council, more businesses opened their doors, such as the Costco, Walmart Supercenter and Curacao (in Ward 5) creating new jobs (1,100 alone in Ward 5) and importantly, more sales tax revenue.

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Since the City operates on sales tax revenue, it felt the economic downturn immediately and when the situation improves, as it has, the city's financial situation has gotten better. During the past two months, this Mayor and Council had been discussing the upcoming budget for the next fiscal year. From the discussions for the upcoming budget, the Mayor and Council have implemented steps to improve the solvency of the Tucson Supplemental Retirement System, identified several revenue sources now dedicated to funding our self insurance and risk fund.



The funding reserves have increased, while other measures (debt refinancing) to save the City funds have been taken through action recommended by the City Manager. The Mayor and Council have received updates that tax revenues the City collects have increased. We are beginning to see the light at end of this economic tunnel. The City has taken some important financial steps to spending more efficiently and the City has a workforce of more than 1,000 positions less than when I took office in 2009. The City employees who have stuck it out are to be commended but steps must be taken for the City of Tucson to remain competitive in terms of constituent services.

Other governmental entities, such as Pima County, Marana and Oro Valley as well as educational institutions, such as Pima College, are making adjustments or considering changes to their compensation plans for their employees, including those for public safety. This Mayor and Council approved a salary adjustment for all City employees in the amount of 55 cents an hour, effective January 1, 2014. They also voted to deal with the compression in salaries in the Communications/911 Department and also directed the Human Resources Director to work with staff, employees and otherwise to bring back a proposal for annual review of employee's in terms of potential raises in salary.

Does this mean automatic pay raises as well? The City needs to fully review this, have further discussions and also see what the state of the City's financial picture is further down the line but when the financial picture improves to the point of consideration of this, the City needs to have a procedure in place to do so. The City employees have done a lot with less in their budget and in their paycheck and this was an attempt to send a message that the Mayor and Council values them and appreciates their work and commitment.

Annexations and Incorporation: Why we need them *(Courtesy of Mayor Jonathan Rothschild)*

This past year, we received the unwelcome news that Tucson is the 6th poorest metropolitan area in the nation. There are a lot of Tucsonans who cannot afford the basics. To me, this means that government cannot afford to do things that don't make sense. If we are to transform our community, we must be relentless in refusing to accept the status quo where that no longer makes sense.

This problem of poverty in Tucson didn't happen overnight. Solutions won't either. Choices made decades ago, including choices not to pursue, or to resist, annexation, have helped bring us to where we are at today. I spoke of this last year, and since then the city has completed a handful of annexations, with more on the way. The City Council has committed additional resources to fund these efforts. To recapture the \$70 million or more we lose in state-shared revenue every year, we must become an incorporated valley. Those dollars are our roads. Those dollars are our parks. Those dollars are our police and fire departments.

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I like our friends in Maricopa County as well as the next guy, but it is time we stopped building their roads, their parks, and their police and fire departments with our tax dollars.

This problem of the state sharing revenue based on population living in incorporated areas is not just Tucson's problem. It's a regional problem. That's why I'm pleased to announce that the mayors of the four cities in our region who can do annexations—Oro Valley, Sahuarita, Marana, and Tucson—have committed to meet regularly, along with our managers, to cooperate in this effort. And we encourage our friends in Vail in their efforts to incorporate.

Finally, we invite Pima County to join us in actively encouraging annexation and incorporation. The role of counties, as set forth in state statute, does not change with annexation.

With an incorporated valley, all governments in the region get back more of their tax dollars. We could have more services, and lower property taxes, paid for with our own state-shared revenue.



We can no longer afford to do things that don't make sense. Having urban and suburban areas that aren't incorporated, giving \$70 million back to the state every year, going without needed services, and making local businesses carry a higher property tax burden than businesses in other parts of the state—these things don't make sense. Fortunately, the status quo does not have to be our destiny.

TDOT Street Maintenance

The Streets & Traffic Maintenance Division is tasked with maintaining the City streets. Please call 911 for any emergencies related to:

- Dangerous obstructions in roadways
- Traffic or pedestrian signal malfunction
- Traffic control signs missing or damaged

For high priority items, please call (520) 791-3154 or (520) 791-3191. After normal working hours or on weekends, please telephone Communications at (520) 791-4144. Communications will then call out repair crews to address high priority items including:

- Traffic visibility problems resulting from trees or shrubs blocking the view of oncoming traffic
- Damaged pavement markings: Striping, Crosswalks, or Legends
- Median island problems such as overflowing water or damaged landscaping
- Flooding in washes or in roadways

For normal priority items, please call (520) 791-3154 or email TDOTSR@tucsonaz.gov for items including:

- Pothole Repairs

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- Paved Surface maintenance
- Dirt road maintenance
- Street sweeping
- Removal of *non-dangerous* items from roadways or rights-of-way
- Alley grading
- Tree limbs overhanging to streets or sidewalks
- Trees and shrubbery in median islands
- Drainage & wash maintenance (not flooding)
- Speed humps maintenance
- Repair of missing or damaged street names signs or other informational signs (not traffic control signs)
- Reports of street light problems (not traffic signal malfunctions)

Sun Link Tucson Streetcar Update

As construction of the Sun Link Tucson Streetcar nears the one year mark, the project team would like to thank the citizens of Tucson for your patience and provide a brief update on the work that has been completed so far, along with information on some upcoming activities and anticipated milestone completion dates.

As of April, 2013 construction is approximately 80 percent complete. The following has been accomplished:

- 90 percent of the demolition and underground utility work has been completed. This work included major reconstruction and improvements to water and sewer lines.
- Significant progress has been made with the overhead electrical system (OCS) that will provide power to the streetcar vehicles: 430 (out of 530) OCS pole foundations have been drilled and 230 poles have been installed, and one $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of contact cable installed.



Upcoming construction activities in the downtown area include:

- Curved rail installation at Congress Street and Fifth Avenue
 - Crews have completed the installation of the specialty track at the intersection of Congress and Fifth Avenue.
 - The roadway is scheduled to reopen to motorists, bicyclist and pedestrians on April 12, 2013. This particular section of rail was custom made to fit into the alignment of the Congress and Fifth Avenue intersection. Because of the complexity to manufacture specialty rail, it took several months to finish, and it could not have been installed at the same time as the straight rail along Congress Street.



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- Congress Street between Church and Granada Avenues
 - Aggregate base course, sidewalks and the bus bay are being installed. Installation of rail is set to begin April 6th, 2013.
 - Paving is scheduled to be complete and the roadway open to at least one lane by mid-May.
- Work along Broadway, between Church and Granada Avenues is scheduled to begin April 7, 2013. The work will require Broadway to be reduced to one travel lane from Granada Avenue to Stone Avenue.
- One lane of north and southbound Church Avenue will be maintained. There will be turn restrictions in place for all large vehicles at the intersection. Officers will direct traffic during peak travel times.
- North and south pedestrian traffic may cross the intersection along the east side of Church Avenue only. East and west pedestrian traffic may cross along either side of the intersection.
- Construction crews will be completing curb, ramp, and sidewalk work, as well as installing overhead electrical system poles and stop structures along Broadway and Congress Street over the upcoming months.
- From July through September 2013, businesses can expect periodic moving lane restrictions for overhead electrical system work and the completion of sidewalk work and stop structure installations. All intersections will remain open during this time.

For more information, please visit <http://www.tucsonstreetcar.info/>

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Play it Safe This Cinco de Mayo!

The Ward 5 Council Office wants to make sure that everyone lives to see, and enjoy, Seis de Mayo so please remember that *Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving* and never get behind the wheel after drinking alcohol.

As party-goers celebrate Cinco de Mayo with sombreros, mariachi music and authentic cuisine, many will also indulge with their favorite margarita or tequila, and then, unfortunately, choose to get behind the wheel.

That's why the Ward 5 Council Office is encouraging everyone to plan ahead this Cinco de Mayo and to never drink and drive.



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From 2007 to 2011, 38 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities that occurred each year around May 5th involved impaired drivers or motorcycle operators with blood alcohol concentrations (BACs) of .08 and above, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

During the 2011 Cinco de Mayo holiday alone, 35 percent of motor vehicle fatalities involved an alcohol-impaired driver or motorcycle operator with a BAC of .08 and above. A disturbing 80 percent of the alcohol-impaired fatalities involved a driver or motorcycle operator with nearly twice the legal limit of .15.

Statistics show 31 percent of traffic fatalities in 2011 involved an impaired driver. But death or injury are not the only consequences from impaired driving. When caught and arrested, violators often face jail time, loss of their driver's license and it could cost up to \$10,000 in legal fees, fines, and result in higher insurance rates.

Police officers will be on the look-out for impaired drivers during Cinco de Mayo, and those who are caught drinking and driving will be arrested. Be sure to designate a sober driver before the party begins or plan on using an alternative mode of transportation that will keep you and others safe and out of trouble.

Save a Life Foundation - Continuous Chest Compression CPR Courses

Great strides have come about in the ability to respond to a cardiac arrest. A new method of CPR increases the number of compressions a responder should administer to a victim's chest and is highly effective in saving lives. This method, called Continuous Chest Compression CPR, is recommended by the Sarver Heart Center at the University of Arizona and the Tucson Fire Department. CPR results in an increased success rate in saving a victim of cardiac arrest!



Course length is one hour and there is a \$10 fee per participant. A "Course of Completion" card is issued upon completion.

Please contact Save a Life at 623-8484 or visit them online at www.savealifefd.com to obtain more information and to register.

Upcoming Classes:

Ward 2 City Council Office, 7575 E. Speedway

- May 2nd, 6:00-7:00 PM
- June 6th, 6:00-7:00 PM

Ward 3 City Council Office, 1510 E. Grant Rd.

- May 24th, 9:00-10:00 AM
- June 28th, 9:00-10:00 AM
- July 26th, 9:00-10:00 AM

Ward 5 City Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue

- May 14th, 5:30-6:30 PM
- June 11th, 5:30-6:30 PM
- July 9th, 5:30-6:30 PM



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Southern Arizona VA Health Care Systems Activities **Memorial Day Program Scheduled for Thursday, May 30, 2013**

SAVAHCS is inviting patients, staff, visitors, and guests to the Annual Memorial Day Program. The program will be held on Thursday, May 30th in the R.E. Lindsey Jr. Auditorium located in building four at 10:00 a.m. Numerous local dignitaries as well as active duty military service representatives from Davis-Monthan AFB, and Ft. Huachuca Army Post, Reservists, National Guard, and Veteran Service organizations from Tucson and the surrounding area will be in attendance. The "Avenue of Flags" display will welcome all Veterans, their families, visitors and the public as they enter the Sixth Avenue Gate. The public is invited to enjoy the Memorial Day Program, paying tribute to those military men and women who dedicated their lives in defense of this great Nation. Refreshments will be provided following the program. Attendees to this program are asked to enter using the 6th Avenue and Veterans Blvd. Gate. Parking will be available in parking lot "Q." Questions on the program can be directed to the Voluntary Service Office at (520) 629-1822. Media interested in covering this program are asked to contact Pepe' Mendoza, at the SAVAHCS Public Affairs Office at (520) 629-1819.



VA 2K Walk and Roll

The third annual VA2K Walk and Roll will be taking place at SAVAHCS on Wednesday, May 15, 2013; this event benefits Homeless Veterans and supports Employee Wellness at the same time. VA employee participants are asked to donate any of the following items for use in the Homeless Veteran support program: Reader glasses, Hygiene kits (razors, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, q-tips, lotion/sunscreen, chap stick) backpacks, small & medium size underwear/boxers, foot care items (nail clippers, lotion for feet, foot deodorizer sprays/powder), reusable water bottles, and rain ponchos. Non-SAVAHCS personnel are invited to participate, but not required to donate items. The registration for the walk will be in the R.E. Lindsey Jr. Auditorium in building four at 6:30 a.m. There will be a group walk at 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., and open walking available from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Questions can be directed to Karen Cayce, RN at (520) 792-1450 ext. 4971.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

SAVAHCS is actively recruiting volunteer drivers to transport Veterans to-and-from their medical appointments at SAVAHCS main campus in Tucson, AZ. The program is coordinated by the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), who provide 7 to 12 passenger vehicles to transport Veterans during the week. Volunteer drivers are needed for Yuma, Sierra Vista, Casa Grande, NW and SE Tucson area. For more information on how to become a volunteer driver contact Cathi Starr at (520) 629-1822.

Non-SAVAHCS Sponsored Veteran Programs

May 27, 2013 - Tucson Estates Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, 8:00 a.m. located 1.5 miles north of Ajo Way at Kinney Road, turn NE on Western Way. Contact Valerie Davis at AMVETS Post 770 at (520) 908-0774.

May 27, 2013 - Memorial Day Program 9:00 a.m., East Lawn Palms Cemetery, 5801 E. Grant Road, Tucson, AZ 85712. Co-sponsored by VFW Post 4903 at the Garden of Valor. For more information call Dignity Memorial at (520) 866-5561.

Congratulations and Thank You!

Graffiti Abatement Effort

Courtesy of Eric Watkins, Clubhouse Director

The staff and kids of the Holmes Tuttle Boys and Girls Clubs Clubhouse would like to say thank you to so many amazing people who helped make our community clean up a huge success! Today we were able to cover up a lot of graffiti in our community. There is an abandon house that sits just across the street of the clubhouse that gets tagged often along with the canal that sits just east of the clubhouse that is tagged, unfortunately, on a regular basis. Well today, I believe, was a true showing of what happens when people, neighborhoods, city support and local businesses can do when we all work together! Amazing things can and do happen!



We would like to thank Tucson Police Department officers Tapia, Brown and special thanks to Officer Ricardo Fernandez for helping me coordinate a lot for this event. His work on acquiring the paint and some supplies from the GPC unit of the Tucson Police Department was fantastic! Thank you to Mr. Brian Schield from Walmart Store #5626 for providing water, sodas and painting supplies as well! Walmart continues to be an amazing partner, not just for the Boys and Girls Clubs, but for the community. Brian always has his door opened to wanting to help when he can with all of our projects and we are thankful when he is able to help us out! Our kids are looking forward to tour the Walmart Store on May 3rd!

Thank you to Pastor Lewis of Rising Star Baptist Church for having members of his congregation come out to help with landscaping work around the clubhouse! The reason the clubhouse grounds are looking better each month is from their volunteers. I have come to work to see 4-5 folks raking, pulling weeds, picking up trash on their own time just to help us out. The awesome group from Gap Ministries who came out with about 30 youth and adults to do landscaping and painting in the neighborhood at several locations! We saw youth as young as 5 years old with a mini broom in hand sweeping the side walk! An amazing sight to see.

Thank you to Cindy Ayala of the Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association for taking time out of her busy schedule to sit for 20 minutes in front of a weed infested bush and hand cut the weeds out!! Even though her efforts produced a beautiful entrance way, she did get a few blisters, but she is a trooper and will push on!

We had 3 amazing women from the Tucson Monsoon, which is the local Women's Professional Football team, come out and join in the fun! They painted, pulled weed and did a lot of cleaning of paint supplies. I know they were tired because they had practice first before coming out to help!

We were lucky to have Mr. Richard Fimbres find some time in his congested schedule to show his support of our efforts! Thank you for your support in the clubhouse's efforts in our community. Mr. Fimbres has been beyond gracious in offering his support in any way he is able and we truly are thankful for that support.

Last, but not least, I'd like to thank our clubhouse members who came out to help. Seeing the kids taking pride in their clubhouse will only foster a sense of taking pride in their community.

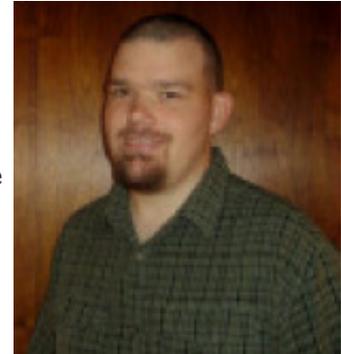
Thank you so much! It is truly an honor being here.

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Special Thanks to our Intern

It is with both sadness and excitement that the Ward 5 City Council Office announces that our intern Jonathan Simpson will be leaving us in May. Jonathan, who is a student with the Arizona State School of Social Work Tucson Component, will be graduating! Jonathan moved to Tucson in 2009, and now considers this city his home.

His goal is to eventually obtain a Master's degree in Social Work and serve the City of Tucson as a behavioral health counselor. Through his work with our office, Jonathan has gained valuable insight into local government and has been able to establish valuable connections to help him as he goes on to serve our local community.



We thank you for your hard work and dedication to our office and the constituents of Ward 5 and wish you the best in your future endeavors!

What follows are pictures of Jonathan as he helped out in Ward 5.



Frequently Used Phone Numbers

Emergency Services

Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department
DIAL 911

Permits

Planning and Development Services Department
791-5550

Housing Assistance

City of Tucson Community Services Department
791-4739

Tucson Convention Center

791-4101

Code Enforcement & Graffiti Removal

792-CITY (2489)

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department
791-3171

Transportation & Street Maintenance

Tucson Department of Transportation
791-3154

Tucson Water Department

Billing - 791-3242
Public Information - 791-4331

ParkWise

791-5071

Pima Animal Care

243-5900

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