



City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

Monday, May 26 is Memorial Day, a day for remembering the men and women who fought bravely and died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Originally, known as Decoration Day, the holiday originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.



Recently dedicated World War II Memorial

I hold this day very dear to my heart, as I am a proud 27 year veteran of the active Army, Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserves. We celebrate Memorial Day so we can never forget the price that has been paid by our men and women in the military for the freedom we have today.

For more than two hundred years, men and women of faith and courage have laid down their lives to secure freedom for this country. Blood was shed (and continues to be shed) so that Americans no matter what color they are, can enjoy liberty, democracy and freedom without fear of reprisal.

To our Women and Men serving in our Armed Forces, I offer this prayer for their safety:

“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Amen.”

After Memorial Day, I ask that we continue to remember those who served our country and to thank those who are doing so now either at home or abroad. I encourage you to please let a Veteran know that you appreciate the sacrifices they have made for us so we can enjoy freedom.

God Bless.

Richard Fimbres
U.S. Army Vietnam Era Veteran

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A Businesses Friendly City

Recently the Tucson Chamber of Commerce sent out a news release praising my efforts to make Tucson a more business friendly place. I want to thank the Tucson Chamber for recognizing my efforts as your Ward 5 Councilmember.



Through the changes I brought forward with the Certificate of Occupancy, resulting in 71 new businesses, the streamlining of the development process, approving the biggest commercial annexations of land in 15 years, getting the local purchase ordinance adopted and a proactive approach from my office in assisting businesses to open up or move into Ward 5.

These actions have resulted in over 2,000 new jobs and businesses such as the Modular Mining Expansion, CAID Industries expansions, the Costco, Curacao, Body Central, Goodwills, Perfection Industries, Sprint, Fed-Ex Ground, Bruker Nano to name several businesses impacted by the good work my staff and I have done.

The City of Tucson lives off of sales tax and for KIDCO prices to be affordable, bus fares not to be raised and to pay for the services constituents want, the City must help to generate sales tax revenue.

Bus Fares and Routes

During the May 20 Mayor and Council Study Session, Tucson's Mayor and Council voted to have their Transit Task Force review the proposals for changing bus routes and the fare structure and to report back to the Mayor and Council by the end of September. The most used routes and the highest numbers of riders comes from Ward 5 and I will work to ensure that those from Ward 5, who most need to use the bus will be able to do so.



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A tentative, balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2015, was approved by the Tucson Mayor and Council at their May 20th meeting.

Funding for economic development and job training programs and other services had been placed back into the budget, while transition plans are being developed for other programs currently funded.

The Mayor and Council has worked with the Manager's Office and City staff on this budget, getting it down



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from a projected \$33 million dollar deficit to a balanced budget.

During my time on the Council, I have never had a good budget to deal with. Just eight days after being sworn into office, the Mayor and Council had to deal with a budget shortfall and after that it has been six budgets with projected deficits during with the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression.

Tucson did not have to file bankruptcy or lay off public safety employees because we worked together to deal with these budgets. We are getting out of the economic woods but we are not there yet. This Mayor and Council is working to get our local economy going again.

Sun Link Streetcar Update

Be sure to mark your calendar! The eighth and final streetcar is just a few weeks away from being in Tucson. Testing will continue through the early summer months and on Friday, July 25th the streetcar will begin service with its new stop time of 2am to accommodate Downtown nightlife.

In addition to this exciting event, the Sun Link Tucson Streetcar Project was also named the Public Works Project of the Year by the Southern Arizona Branch of the American Public Works Association (APWA). They note the "key successes of the Streetcar project include a high level of cooperation among all partners, the creation of more than 500 construction-related jobs, economic impact of more than \$800 million invested along the route, installation of \$19 million in needed infrastructure improvements, extensive outreach to the public, as well as businesses along the route, emphasis on Made in America jobs and materials for the project, and collaboration among various populations and neighborhoods along the streetcar route." Sun Link Streetcar service to the public is scheduled to begin in late July.



The Sun Link Streetcar project is considered to be Tucson's largest and most complex transportation construction project in the City's history. The Sun Link Streetcar project, which includes eight streetcars operating on a 3.9-mile route, between the downtown area and the University of Arizona campus, has received \$75 million in RTA funding toward the streetcar project capital costs and will receive another \$12 million toward streetcar operations. Federal dollars, including a \$63 million (TIGER) grant, the largest of its kind awarded to a single project, cover the remaining project costs. The Sun Link Streetcar project is part of the \$2.1 billion RTA plan, which was approved by Pima County voters in May 2006.

Learn more about Streetcar award: <http://1.usa.gov/1iDF5OM>

Sun Link Tucson Streetcar: <http://bit.ly/1ijjQf4>

Tucson Water Town Halls

Tucson Water staff hosted town halls this month to present information about water rates, service fees, and operating costs. Those who attended learned about the financial costs to deliver water to

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customers, maintain infrastructure, and invest in technology, efficiency, and future water sources. Tucson Water will be proposing modifying its rates and fees at a Mayor and Council public hearing on Tuesday, June 3, 2014. The utility is proposing two possible rate scenarios, with each adding about \$3 to the average customer's monthly bill.



Read the announcement and schedule: <http://1.usa.gov/1iVRhEO>
Tucson Water rate schedules and fees: <http://1.usa.gov/1q7XLKo>

Emergency Kits for Tucson Police

First-aid kits issued to Tucson Police officers in January have been used to render potentially-lifesaving aid to 23 people in the last three months. The kits, specifically designed to treat trauma patients, were given to 600 patrol officers and sergeants who work in the field. The program has been so successful that more than 400 additional kits have been purchased, enough to supply every member of the force, Tucson Police Cpl. Michael Johnson announced at a news conference yesterday. The trauma kits are similar to those used by military ground troops to stem the flow of blood until a victim can receive medical care. Included in each black zippered pouch are wound packing gauzes with a mineral to speed up clotting; a tourniquet; pressure dressings to treat severe wounds; a large bandage to cover abdominal wounds; and a chest seal, an airtight sticker that seals holes in the chest cavity. The cost for the kits was about \$51,000.



Tucson Police Department Officer Corey Bowlby, who is holding a Olaes modular bandage and combat gauze, used the department's Individual First Aid Kit

U.S. House Panel Saves A-10

The nation's fleet of A-10 close-air-support aircraft — including a major contingent at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson — would get a one-year reprieve under a plan approved by a key congressional committee last night. During a markup session on the National Defense Authorization Act, the House Armed Services Committee adopted a bipartisan amendment proposed by Tucson Rep. Ron Barber that would continue to fund the A-10 Thunderbolt II "Warthog" through Fiscal 2015. The committee voted 41-20 in favor of the amendment before unanimously approving the panel's full bill. The full House will consider the bill during the week of May 19, when the Senate Armed Services Committee considers its version.



Proposition 409 Update

Crews from Southern Arizona Paving and Construction Co., under contract with the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT), will be seal-coating several Tucson roadways over the next two

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months. During the work, travel restrictions will be in place, but at least two lanes of travel will be maintained in both directions. Business and residential access will be maintained at all times. The pavement preservation project is part of the \$100 million, five-year Road Recovery bond program.

Road Recovery Bond Program: <http://1.usa.gov/11xdFvK>
Bond Oversight Commission Annual Report: <http://1.usa.gov/1gpT11N>

Tucson Places Second in 2014 National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation

Tucson finished in second place in the 2014 National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. Corpus Christi, Texas, took the top spot in the 300,000-599,999 city population category. In 2013, Tucson was #1 and Corpus Christi was #2. Tucson was #6 in 2012, the first year of the Challenge.



“The National Mayor's Challenge is growing in popularity as more and more people participate each year,” said Mayor Jonathan Rothschild. “I’m certain that Tucson increased its number of pledges this year, which shows the effort made by the mayor and residents of Corpus Christi to overtake us. In the end, everyone benefits, because water conservation is the purpose of the challenge.”

The Wyland Foundation is the major sponsor of the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. It is a friendly online competition among cities in five population categories to get the most pledges to save water and energy. In 2014, more than 3,600 cities and towns across America participated in the Challenge.

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The Real Meaning of Cinco De Mayo

Cinco de Mayo (May fifth) is an important Mexican holiday celebrated in Mexico, the United States and around the world. However there is much more to this holiday than what many have come to celebrate. Cinco de Mayo is an important day in the history of Mexico, and the holiday has true meaning and importance to those who understand what it’s all about.

Here are some basic facts about Cinco de Mayo:

It is NOT Mexico’s Independence Day. That’s a common misconception. Mexico celebrates its independence day on September 16, the date in 1810 Father Miguel Hidalgo issued his "Grito de Dolores," or famous call to arms to overthrow the Spanish.

It celebrates a most unlikely victory. In May of 1862, a powerful French army was in Mexico, fighting its way to Mexico City, where they hoped to force the Mexican government to honor some previous debts. The French army was well-armed, well-disciplined and was efficiently destroying all

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resistance on its march to the capital. Outside of the town of Puebla, however, a most unlikely thing happened: Mexican soldiers, most of them with no training and poor equipment, defeated the French. The Battle of Puebla is remembered every May fifth.

It led to the rise of a Great Dictator. A young officer named Porfirio Diaz distinguished himself during the Battle of Puebla. Diaz subsequently rose rapidly through the ranks as an officer and then as a politician. In 1876, he reached the presidency and did not leave until the Mexican Revolution kicked him out in 1911 - a rule of 35 years. Diaz remains one of the most important presidents in the history of Mexico, and he got his start on the original Cinco de Mayo.

The day isn't as celebrated in Mexico. In Mexico, Cinco de Mayo is not nearly as important a holiday as Independence Day, September 16. Mexicans observe and celebrate Cinco de Mayo with family gatherings, fireworks, feasts and more: the best place to go for the festivities is the city of Puebla, where the famous battle took place. Cinco de Mayo celebrations are very important for Mexicans living outside of Mexico, particularly in the United States.

It wasn't the first time France had invaded Mexico. Back in 1838-1839, Mexico and France had fought what was known as "The Pastry War". During this conflict, France invaded and occupied the city of Veracruz. Like the later French invasion, the Pastry War was about France wanting to collect on certain debts.

It resulted in an Emperor for Mexico. The French army, although defeated at the Battle of Puebla on May fifth, regrouped and received reinforcements. This time they were unstoppable and marched into Mexico City. In 1864 the French brought in Maximilian of Austria, a young European nobleman who barely spoke Spanish, to become the Emperor of Mexico. Maximilian's heart was in the right place, but most Mexicans did not want him and in 1867 he was overthrown and executed by forces loyal to President Benito Juarez.

19th Annual Military Prayer Breakfast

The 19th Annual Prayer Breakfast honoring Christian soldiers will be held May 24th at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Riverpark Inn, 350 S. Freeway. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. For more information, please contact Evangelist Missionary Cherry Jackson at



Artist depiction of the Battle of Puebla
May 5, 1862

Congratulations and Thank You!

Pueblo High School Welcomes New Principal

TUSD's Director of Multicultural Curriculum Department will be taking on a new role at TUSD next school year as Pueblo Magnet High School's new principal, a school that serves more than 1,300 students. Dr. Augustine Romero has worked for TUSD for the last 15 years serving as a coach, teacher and director of various departments including Mexican American Studies, Student Equity and most recently, multicultural curriculum. As Director of Multicultural Curriculum, he rewrote the District's K-12 social studies curriculum, ensuring that multicultural curriculum resources are included in all subject areas.



Dr. Romero completed his undergraduate work at Pacific University; he earned a Masters of Art Degree in Language, Reading and Culture from the University of Arizona and his doctorate from the University of Arizona. Dr. Romero's research interests include the understanding the impact of race and racism upon youth, and the naming and defining of the intersectionality of transformative resistance and organic intellectualism.

Dr. Romero has served on advisory boards for numerous individuals and organizations, including Former Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano Latino Advisory Council; the Center for Cultural Competency; City of Tucson's Public, Education, and Government Commission; the University of Arizona's College of Education Professional Preparation Board; the University of Arizona's Mexican American Studies and Research Center; the Board of Directors for the Tucson International Mariachi Conference; and Former Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano's Youth and Education Task Force.

We congratulate Dr. Augustine Romero to his new post and look forward his leadership!

National Day of Prayer

The Tucson National Day of Prayer celebration was held on Thursday, May 1st and was held at multiple sites. This year's theme was, "One Voice Unified in Prayer." The National Day of Prayer was created by an act of Congress and is intended for all peoples of faith to pray to their understanding. The Nation's Day of Prayer tradition predates the founding of the United State of America when the Continental Congress issued a proclamation setting aside a day of prayer in 1775. In 1952, Congress established an annual day of prayer and, in 1988, that law was amended, designating the National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday in May. Congratulations to Pastor Karen Kelly (Pima Co. Coordinator), Veronica Acosta (City Coordinator), Linda Leatherman (Pima Co. Faith-Based Leader), Lois Ring (Promotion Leader), George Munguia Jr. (Youth Coordina-



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tor), Pam Hayes (Written Coordinator), and Lawrence Webb (Fundraising) on another great event!

Crystal Apple Awards

The 24th annual Metropolitan Education Commission Crystal Apple Awards was held Friday May 2nd, at the Desert Diamond Casino Resort. Congratulations to Bruce Wright (Arizona Tech Parks), Tabetha Finchum (Centennial Elementary School), Dayna Burke (Sahuarita Primary School, Joy Barr (Pima Community College Upward Bound), Mackenzie Fritz (Ironwood Ridge High School), and Mayor Jonathan Rothschild for being honored in their efforts to better the lives of all students!



PCSO Volunteer Recognition

The Pima County Sheriff's Department Inmate Programs Section held their Volunteer Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 3rd. The event recognized outstanding volunteers who had provided thousands of volunteer hours helping to serve the inmates incarcerated at the Pima County Sheriff's Departments, Corrections Bureau. We thank you for your help and support of inmate programs!



Sunnyside All American Awards Dinner

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association's 21st Annual All-American Student Awards Dinner took place on Friday, May 9th at the Pima Air and Space Museum. The event which has been held to congratulate and celebrate the noble accomplishments of students in the Sunnyside Unified School District recognized over 40 outstanding youth leaders. Congratulations to all those students who were recognized. May each of you continue your education in the pursuit of greatness and continue to be an inspiration to those who surround you!

Miriam Balderas, Los Ranchitos Elementary School
Helen Barriga, Los Amigos Elementary School
Alejandra Cota, Los Ranchitos Elementary School
Jose Daniel, Summit View Elementary School
Areana Diaz, Los Ninos Elementary School
Isaiah Escalante, Rivera Elementary School
Brian Espinoza, Santa Clara Elementary School
Rene Felix, Gallego Elementary School
Frida Garcia, Santa Clara Elementary School
Kaelin Gonzalez, Esperanza Elementary School
Gabriel Ulises Grijalva, Los Amigos Elementary School
Felipe Leon, Rivera Elementary School
Cesar Lomeli, Elvira Elementary School
Felipe Lopez, Elvira Elementary School
Rogelio Martinez, Craycroft Elementary School
Aaliyah Martinez, Esperanza Elementary School
Azucena Mendoza, Summit View Elementary School
Frida Platas, Drexel Elementary School

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Martin Montijo, Drexel Elementary School
Angelove Nereim, Gallego Elementary School
Marco Meza-Perez, Liberty Elementary School
Melody Pesqueira, Liberty Elementary School
Alizabeth Salinas, Craycroft Elementary School
Ricardo Sanchez, Mission Manor Elementary School
Adrian Soto, Los Ninos Elementary School
Iliana Vizarro, Mission Manor Elementary School
Victor Armstrong, Sierra Middle School
Karla Zaeth Fimbres Bojorquez, Lauffer Middle School
Kenneth Cardenas, Apollo Middle School
Sara Hope Holmes, Challenger Middle School
Seth McGinty, Chaparral Middle School
Mykael Andrea Medrano, Apollo Middle School
Virginia Ochoa, Sierra Middle School
Luis Tarazon, Challenger Middle School
Miguel Angel Tiznado, Lauffer Middle School
Jessica Wolf, Chaparral Middle School
Sirria Beltran, Desert View High School
Vanessa Carbajal Espinoza, Sunnyside High School
Daniel Mendoza, Desert View High School
Belinda Meza, STAR High School
Ronnie Olivas, STAR High School
William Olivas, Sunnyside High School

IGBO

Hundreds of bowlers from across the United States and Canada came to Tucson May 12-18 for the 34th Annual IGBO Conference and Bowling Tournament. Bowling took place at Tucson Bowl for the Team Event and Lucky Strike Bowl for the Singles and Doubles Events. This event brought in over \$300,000 to our local economy from the event and the tourists who came to Tucson to participate. This tournament will mark the end of the work and effort by the Tucson Tournament Committee, an all-volunteer group of bowlers. Thank you to committee members Kevin Wheeler, Richard Foster, Chris King, David Laing, Paul Katona, Anthony DiBartolomeo, Jodi Cantrell, Julie Ortt, Leslie McIntire, Michael Wheeler, Craig Wagner, Shana Huber, Alan Goldberg, Dan Diffie and my aide, Mark Kerr for their hard work on putting this international event together for Tucson.



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Cards For Our Vets

On the Memorial Weekend The Ward 5 Council Office delivered cards and letters to veterans hospitalized at the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital, which is located in Ward 5. More than 1,000 cards and letters were created by students and teachers for this project.

I want thank those students and teachers who took the time for this project to help those veterans, many of whom are without family and friends to see them over the Memorial Day Weekend.

I also want to thank the schools who took part in this project as well:

Apollo Middle School, Secrist Middle School, Challenger Middle School, Rose K-8 School, Dodge Middle School, Doolen Middle School, Maxwell Middle School and Sierra Middle School.

This project was overseen by Ward 5 Intern Amanda Palko, who coordinated this project with Pepe Mendoza and the VA Hospital. I want to congratulate Amanda for a job well done!



City of Tucson

Councilmember Richard G. Fimbres

Invites you to the

Ward 5 Town Hall

AGENDA

Guest Speaker

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild

Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Time: 6:00PM to 8:00PM

Location: El Pueblo Senior Center
101 W. Irvington Rd.

*This is an opportunity to have your questions answered
and your voice heard.*

*If you have any questions please call the Ward 5 Council Office
@ (520) 791-4231.*

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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