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Dear Friends:

Another school semester has started. The school zone 15 miles per hour signs are out in the morning and afternoon, with crossing guards helping students cross our streets to get to our schools. The University of Arizona and Pima College are starting their fall semesters and college students are moving into the dorms and houses in our neighborhoods.

My office has gathered information, to inform everyone who may not know about: Some of the rules about parking; dates of times for trash pick up; dates for upcoming Brush and Bulky pickup; noise levels and what to do about loud parties.

Parking: Parking your vehicle is a permitted use on any portion of a property provided the vehicles do not block City right-of-way (sidewalks, alleys). Also, when you park your car, please don't block access to your neighbor's mail box.

If you are intending to have an event, be courteous and let your neighbors know about the event and when parking will be available on the street. Please ensure all vehicles have current registration and are operable.

About your trash: To reduce flies and odor, please bag and securely tie all your trash and do not over fill containers. Never place hot ash or coals, or other burning materials in containers.



Yard waste may be disposed of, as long as it fits within the container with the lid closed. Don't leave your containers out past your pick up date. Please return it to the space you have it in your yard. For any damaged trash containers, contact Environmental Services at (520) 791-3171.

Please have your trash and recycle containers out to the street and on those days, please try not to block mail boxes and drive ways. **To find out your trash pick-up date, either call Environmental Services at (520) 791-3171 or go online to maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/.**

With the change in the economy for recycled goods, the City's recycling program is being reduced from weekly to every other week, starting the week of September 30. For more information, go online to tucsonaz.gov/es/recycle-coach.

Brush and Bulky: Environmental Services offers Brush and Bulky twice a year. Environmental Services will pick up 10 cubic yards of materials with the following guidelines: They will take brush, cacti (must be contained), lumber up to five feet, scrap metal, piping up to five feet, appliances, refrigerator and freezers with doors removed, automobile tires (limit five), and home furnishings. Environmental Services will not collect: Dirt, stone, concrete, gravel, glass, household hazardous waste (i.e. paint, oil, pesticides and liquids). **To find out your Brush and Bulky pick up date, either call Environmental Services at (520) 791-3171 or go online to maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/.**

Cleaning up after your dog: It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you are liable to step in one such reminder!

Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter. When walking your dog out in our community, remember that it should be leashed.

Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly.

Tucson Code Chapter 4-102 says that it shall be unlawful for the owner or person having custody of any dog to fail immediately to move and dispose of in a sanitary manner any solid waste deposited by such dog on public property or deposited on private property without the consent of the person in control of the property. This section shall not apply to blind persons, persons with mobility disabilities, or police officers or other law enforcement officers accompanied by police dogs while on emergency. **The fine ranges from \$50 to \$750 plus court surcharges.**

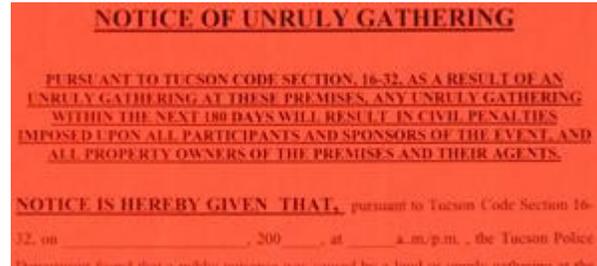
By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community.

Loud Parties and Red Tags: With the start of a semester come loud parties. Although I understand student excitement about the school year, there are codes that are in place and must be followed.

A loud party or unruly gathering can result in a red tag, which has several consequences. If red tagged, a visible "red tag" will be placed in street view, notifying the neighborhood of the issuance. The red tag comes with a fine and if a college student is involved, a report to the Dean of Students. **The "red tag" states that if another unruly gathering occurs within 180 days that fines will be given in amounts of \$500-\$1500.** As a part of our Police Chief's community policing approach more officers have been put into patrol functions.



This means more visible TPD presence. TPD is also partnering with UAPD so that responses to loud parties are consistent between both departments. The collaboration will mean greater information sharing and consistency in handling these types of calls. It is important to call in loud parties, don't assume others are doing so.



If it isn't reported, we can't adequately address the situation. The Tucson Police Department will respond to any gathering of a loud and unruly nature. A loud and unruly gathering is any gathering of five or more persons who disturb the peace of their neighbors through excessive noise, littering, obstruction of public streets, drinking in public, minors consuming or being served alcohol, fighting, excessive traffic, or similar conduct.

The existing noise ordinance, Section 16-31, remains in effect and the "Unruly Gatherings," Section 16-32, provides additional violations for loud or unruly conduct. For Section 16-32 to apply, the following criteria must exist: * complainant (the ordinance may be enforced even if the complainant is a refused complainant) * there must be a gathering of five (5) or more persons, * it must be on private property (this also applies to businesses such as bars) * the gathering must cause a disturbance as a result of conduct described above.

The following numbers are meant to be tools for our University neighbors if there should be an issue with loud parties (520 area code): TPD Red Tag: 837-7318, UAPD Non-Emergency: 621-8273, UA Neighborhood Hotline: 282-3649, UA Dean of Students: 621-7057, Pima College Police – West Campus: 206-6643, Pima College Police - Downtown Campus: 206-7087, Pima College Police - East Campus: 206-7652, Pima College Police - Desert Vista Campus: 206-5052, Pima College Police - Northwest Campus: 206-2286.

So let's all be a good neighbor.

Richard G. Fimbres
Your Ward 5 Councilmember



HAPPY 244TH BIRTHDAY TUCSON

On August 20, Tucson marked its 244th Birthday. I just wanted to wish our community a Happy Birthday! We are one city, one county, one community.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL HEALTHY HABITS FOR SCHOOL YEAR

Safe Routes to School Tucson shares tips on how to start healthy habits this school year. Many families are gearing up this month for another school year, which is a great time to start new routines. As students settle into their classrooms, the Safe Routes to School Tucson (SRTS) program wants to remind families that we can all make the commute to and from school easier, safer, and even more fun for our students.

Traffic congestion around schools can create hazardous conditions for everyone – whether in a car or on foot. Obeying the 15 mph school zones and being aware of children crossing the street are just a few ways drivers can help make sure our kids stay safe. SRTS programs also want to encourage families to consider alternative ways to commute to school so that there are fewer cars on the road. Fewer cars near your child’s school means safer streets to cross and cleaner air to breathe for your kids. Even small changes can make a big difference. Here are just a few ways that you can make walking and biking work for your family:

Have you considered walking or biking to school, even just one day a week? Walking/biking just once a week helps your child build healthy habits for a lifetime. To get started: Schedule time for just one morning or afternoon walk a week. Check with your school to see if they have walking/biking encouragement programs. Start a walking school bus or bike train. A “walking school bus” is a group of children and grown-ups who walk to school together. This also can be a fun way for families and neighbors to connect. To get started: Invite other parents and take a practice walk to plan the route. Or get your bikes to start a “bicycle train” and roll your way to school.

Walk to the School Bus. A short walk to the bus is a great way to start the day. To get started: Walk on a weekend and test how long it takes to walk to the bus stop with your child. Park & Walk. If you drive, parking away from school lets you save time, enjoy a short walk with your child, and avoid the stress of the school drop-off and pick-up area. To get started: Find a parking space one or more blocks away from school and walk with your child from there.



As we want to encourage our families to walk and bike, we know that teaching our children how to be safe on the street is very important. Since 2017, SRTS in partnership with the Environmental Education Exchange, has visited thousands of students in Pima County to teach pedestrian and bicycle safety skills.

During the Riders and Walkers presentation, which is a 60-minute interactive, multi-media presentation for third-graders, student teams help Sofia and Santiago safely navigate their route to school by bike and on foot. During the 2018-19 school year, 125 Riders & Walkers presentations reached 45 schools and 2,975 students across Pima County. If you would like the program to visit your school, simply email saferoutes@livingstreetsalliance.org. Safe Routes to School Tucson is a program of Living Streets Alliance in partnership with the City of Tucson. For more resources, visit www.saferoutestucson.org

BUFFALO SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PROJECT UPDATE

Saturday, August 17, was an important and historic day. I was honored and privileged to speak at the Check Down Payment Presentation for the Buffalo Soldiers Monument that will be located at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center as part of the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial Plaza, which was one of the projects under Proposition 407 approved by Tucson voters in 2018.

This has been a five year collaboration between myself, the GSAAC (Horse) Association 9th and 10th Cavalry, the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department, as well as the surrounding neighborhoods and the City Manager and his staff. Jon Sienicki of Tucson Marble and Granite are constructing the Monument.



I want to congratulate GSAAC, Parks and Recreation Director Brent Dennis, Jerry Neely, the Center Program Coordinator for the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center and the neighborhoods on their work.

I look forward to the ribbon cutting for this monument to honor the Buffalo Soldiers.

SUNNYSIDE LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM HONORED FOR LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES EFFORT

On August 14, I had the privilege of presenting Ward 5 City of Tucson Medallions of Hope to the Players and Coaches of the Sunnyside Little League baseball team, who made a great run for the 2019 Little League World Series.

Congratulations to the players, their families and the Coaches on the Sunnyside Little League baseball team. We are proud of you. The Sunnyside Little League baseball team will be honored at the September 4 Mayor and Council meeting.



SPEAK OUT FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE

At the August 6 Mayor and Council meeting, during State and National Legislative Reports, I asked about the SNAP, Food Stamp Program and the proposed changes by the Administration. Can the Mayor and Council be updated on the public comment period on the food stamp program and the proposed reduction in benefits and who and how can people send it comments?



The Trump Administration issued a proposed rule to limit eligibility for federal food assistance for children, families, elderly and disabled individuals. If implemented, the rule would result in children in families who are set to lose their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) assistance to also lose school-lunch assistance. Under the rule over 3 million SNAP recipients would lose aid eligibility.

In a blog post issued by the Association of Arizona Food Banks states that in Arizona nearly 1 in 6 individuals and more than 1 in 4 children struggle with food insecurity. The Association of Arizona Food Banks estimates the number of Arizonans impacted by the proposed rule, is close to 40,000 families. The Association opposes the proposed rule. Public comments are due by Monday, September 23. Comments are encouraged to be submitted by the City and affected members of the community. Anyone can submit comments through the following link: www.federalregister.gov/.../2.../revision-of-categorical-eligibility-in-the-supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap.

8TH ANNUAL ARIZONA BILINGUAL KIDZ EXPO

The eighth annual Arizona Bilingual Kidz Expo took place Saturday, August 3, at the El Pueblo Center. Many families and children came out to get free backpacks and school supplies that were being distributed. I was one of the co-sponsors of the event which helped those students and families in need.

Many groups, organizations and businesses also took part in the Kidz Expo, for which I want to thank them for their participation and support of the event. Alma Gallardo and her staff at Arizona Bilingual coordinated the Expo and I want to thank them for their work, and their efforts on this annual event. I also want to give a special thanks to the Tucson Parks and Recreation Department, its Director Brent Dennis and the great staff at the El Pueblo Center for their work on this event so that so many were able to attend, get school supplies and other items at the Center. I also want to thank Azteca TV Channel 14 and Paul Cicala for taking part as well. Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild and Pima County Supervisor Ramon Valadez and the Mexican Consulate were present for the event. Dusty the Roadrunner and the Tucson Roadrunners were a part of the Expo. Thank you all.



SOUTHWEST RAMS KICK OFF SEASON

On Friday, August 2, I had the privilege of speaking to the Southwest Rams youth football program at their season kickoff at Rudy Garcia Park. The Rams have 450 kids and players taking part in their football program. I want to thank Alfredo Mesa, Vice President of the Rams for giving me this opportunity to talk about the importance of education and staying in school and community service. Good luck to the Southwest Rams in their upcoming season.



TUCSON HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PUBLIC SERVANT OF THE YEAR

On Thursday, August 1, I received word from the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce that I was selected as their Public Servant of the Year for 2019. I want to thank the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for this honor. I want to thank Alma Gallardo from Arizona Bilingual for nominating me for this award.

SANTA ROSA REC CENTER BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

July 27 was the fifth annual Santa Rosa Recreation Center Back to School Bash. Thanks to wonderful work of the staff of the Santa Rosa Center, they were able to provide school supplies and materials to the students in need who were from the surrounding neighborhoods. I want to thank the staff of the Santa Rosa Center for their work, the groups and organizations who made donations and staffed tables and my staff for their work assisting and getting donations for the event.



TEP IRVINGTON TO EAST LOOP PROJECT UPDATE

Tucson Electric Power (TEP) is developing plans for a new transmission line to help serve growing energy needs. TEP says the project would help and improve electric reliability for customers in Tucson. TEP must determine a route for the Irvington-East Loop 138 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line, which will connect the Irvington Substation to the East Loop Substation. The line also must interconnect with the planned Port and Patriot substations. TEP has identified potential routes within a revised, expanded study area.

The company invites residents, property owners and other stakeholders to ask questions, submit comments and learn more about the project. TEP will use public input to identify three alternative transmission line routes that will be included in its application for approval to build the transmission line. For more information about the project, go online to: <https://www.tep.com/irvington-east-loop/>.

To learn about potential line routes, go online to: <https://www.tep.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Irvington-East-Loop-Transmission-Line.pdf>. To give comment, click on the link "Comment Form" on the [tep.com/irvington-east-loop](https://www.tep.com/irvington-east-loop/) or go directly online to: <https://uns.wufoo.com/forms/z1d3xl39011p1wm/>.

JTED AT THE BRIDGES AN AWARD FINALIST

The JTED Innovative Learning Center being constructed at the Tucson Marketplace at the Bridges in Ward 5 is a finalist for the 2019 Metropolitan Pima Alliance (MPA) Common Ground Awards. This would be another honor for a Ward 5 Project, including: the Tucson Marketplace at the Bridges, Saving the Cherrybell Post Office, the Tucson Change Movement, Atlas COPCO, the collaboration of the four neighborhoods and developers for the Bridges to name a few. This year's award ceremony will take place November 1.

PASCUA YAQUI GRANT FOR WARD 5 SAFETY PROJECT

I want to thank the Pascua Yaqui Tribe for the notification for the funding for the Safety Project, I had submitted for consideration. Several years ago, my office was able to conduct safety fairs and provide car seats and booster seats. This safety project, working in conjunction with TPD will be able to do that as well as setting up safety corridors and other things to help pedestrians, bicyclists and those driving their cars.

UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association - Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 pm at the Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Ave.

South Park Neighborhood Association - Monday, September 9 at 6:00 pm, at the Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th St.

Mortimore Neighborhood Association – Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm at the Jesus Reigns Christian Fellowship, 5337 S. Palo Verde.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association – Monday, September 16 at 6:30 pm at the Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia Rd.

Barrio Santa Rita Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 pm at the Santa Cruz Parish, Good Shepherd Room, 1220 S. 6th Ave.

Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 pm at the Holmes Tuttle Boys & Girls Club, 2585 E. 36th St.

SNAPP (Southside Neighborhood Assn. Presidential Partnership) – Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 pm at the Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Ave.

29th Street Coalition – Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00 pm - Location to be determined – contact Ward 5 Office at 791-4231.

Barrio Santa Rosa Neighborhood Association - Monday, September 30 at 6:00 pm, at the Santa Rosa Library, 1075 S. 10th Ave.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE UPDATE

The City of Tucson's Environmental and General Services Department (EGSD) collects household hazardous waste (HHW) at different locations around the city. The first Saturday of every month (Saturday, September 7), city residents can drop materials off at the Eastside Service Center at 7575 E. Speedway Blvd. (turn north on Prudence to enter the drop-off line) from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. for free. City residents can also drop off HHW to the main site at 244 W. Sweetwater Dr. on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or at the Los Reales Landfill at 5300 E. Los Reales Rd. Monday-Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To be eligible to drop off materials address verification is required. It is free for City of Tucson residents to drop materials off. Residents from Marana, Oro Valley, Sahuarita, and unincorporated Pima County will be charged a \$10 fee to drop off materials.

EGSD also offers home pick-up. Residents who are not able to drop materials off can request a home pick-up for a fee of \$25, which will be added to their monthly bill. For home pick-up, residents may call (520)791-3171 or submit an online service request. To see a list of what the HHW program accepts, go to www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw-list. Medical waste, such as sharps, syringes or old medications are not allowed. Do not bring business or commercial waste, commercial gas cylinders, explosives or ammunition, infectious and radioactive waste, or televisions/CRT monitors.

For more information on the HHW program, visit www.tucsonaz.gov/household-hazardous-waste.

Free Vaccines and Microchips for Dogs and Cats

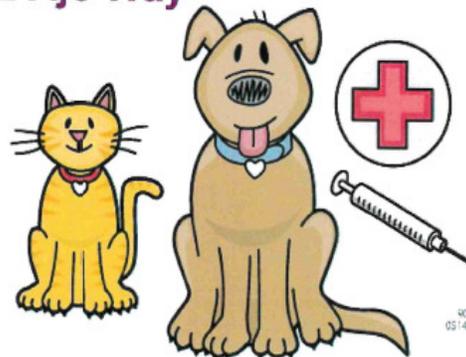
Free rabies, distemper/parvo shots, and microchips while supplies last.
The clinic is administered by a licensed veterinarian. No appointments are required.
Dogs must be on a leash, cats must be in a carrier.

Saturday, August 31st
Begins at 8:00 - First 300 Animals
Kino Stadium - 2500 E Ajo Way

**For more information, contact our
Pet Support Center at 724-7222**



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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

City of Tucson Code Enforcement

791-5843

TPD Red Tag Unit

837-7318, Email: redtag@tucsonaz.gov

Graffiti Removal

792-CITY (2489)

TPD Non Emergency

791-4444

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department
791-3171

TDOT Street Maintenance

791-3154, Email: tdotconcerns@tucsonaz.gov

Tucson Water Department

Billing - 791-3242, Public Information - 791-4331

Park Tucson

791-5071

Pima Animal Care

724-5900

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