



# City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

In April we saw a very important community event take place. On April 12th and 13th, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base held its 2014 Open House. Hosted by the Desert Lightning Team, the Tucson community was invited to enjoy the spectacle that was "Thunder and Lightning over Arizona-Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future". Guests experienced aerial demonstrations and were able to learn more about the Airmen and aircraft carrying out the Air Force mission here. The Open House was an opportunity to say 'thank you' for the support the local communities have provided to the base throughout the year.



I was fortunate to attend this event and meet and speak with our service men and women. It is quite remarkable the work and training that these individuals go through and I was amazed by the aircraft that were on display that day. Participating in this experience really helps one to recognize the value and importance of having D-M in our community. During the 2013 fiscal year alone, the total economic impact of Davis-Monthan AFB on the surrounding community was \$973 million. When including retirees, that total economic impact jumps to \$1.4 billion.

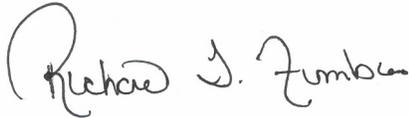
The City of Tucson recognizes the positive impact that D-M has on our community. For this reason, at our February 20, 2013 Mayor and Council meeting, my colleague Council Member Shirley Scott, brought forward a resolution to support the mission of Davis-Monthan AFB. Resolution #22006 was passed unanimously 7 to 0 and I am proud to say that the City continues to work with D-M to help ensure long term viability of this installation in Southern Arizona.

### Facts about Davis-Monthan AFB:

- During this last year, D-M had 6,450 active-duty military jobs.
- The number of civilians working under programs supported by federal appropriations is 1,407.
- The number of civilians working in non-appropriated fund positions, which includes contractors, is 1,477.
- D-M operates and maintains 476 buildings, comprising more than 4.7 million square feet of space.
- The base's footprint includes 5,952 acres of government-owned land and 4,578 acres of easement, rights of way and leased land, totaling 10,530 acres.

- Of the 7,526 military service members assigned to D-M, 75% live off base.
- \$979 million economic impact is \$973 million and \$1.5 million when including retirees to Tucson.

I thank Maj. Gerald Stevenson, commander of the 355th Comptroller Squadron at D-M and the service men and women of the 355th Fighter Wing for their hard work and commitment to keeping us safe!



Richard G. Fimbres  
Your Council Member

## Ward 5 News

### Ward 5 Grows With Empire Vista Annexation

At the April 8th Mayor and Council meeting, the City adopted an ordinance to annex Empire Vista. Council Member Fimbres made the motion that was passed 7 to 0. The Empire Vista Annexation District will officially become part of Ward 5 and the City of Tucson on May 9.

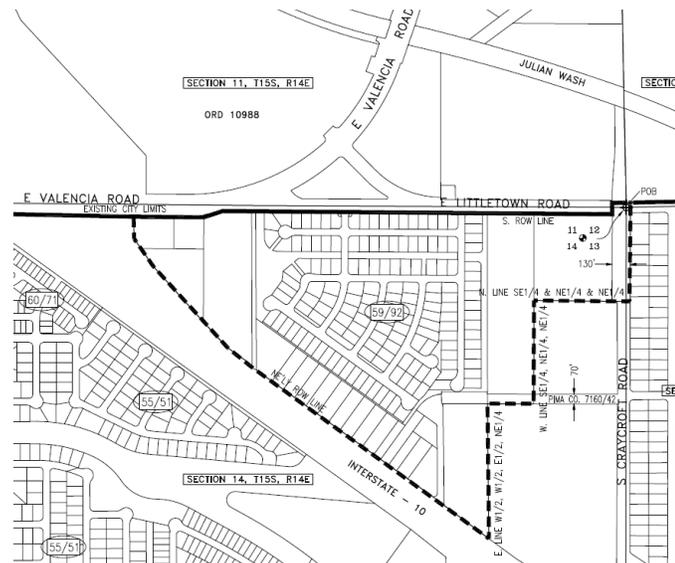
The property within this proposed annexation district is located south of Valencia and north of Interstate 10. Encompassing approximately 100.2 acres, there are currently 152 single family homes, one retail/service station and several vacant, undeveloped parcels.

Any future commercial development on the undeveloped parcels will provide impact fees, construction sales tax and, when built either retail sales tax or State Shared Revenue. For the next 10 years the projected revenues for this newly annexed area will exceed projected expenses for which an analysis was conducted.

Councilmember Fimbres welcomes our new neighbors to Ward 5 and our City!

### UA Bio Park Update

University of Arizona officials have announced a plan to rename the UA Bio Park and announce their new focus for the site. Although no buildings have been constructed on the 65-acre lot, located near



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36th Street and Kino Parkway, the infrastructure has been completed. Currently, officials from the UA are moving into the next phase of the project which is to recruit large companies to build on the site. UA Bio Park officials say the reason for the name change is to communicate to companies it is more than just a place for bioscience research.

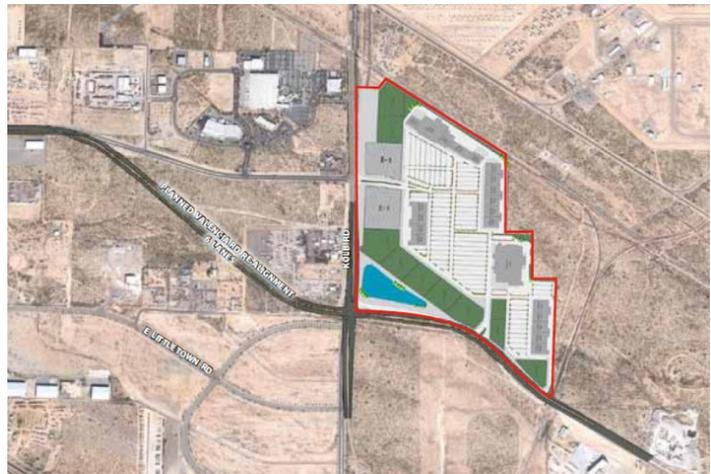


The current vision of the UA Bio Park is to position Tucson and Southern Arizona as a leading center of bio science and biotechnology. The current mission is to be one of the foremost scientific and commercial research centers in the U.S. It is also expected to be environmentally and economically sustainable, live and work environment and ultimately provide a number of quality, high-paying jobs.

UA officials plan to adopt the new name by May 1st and announce the change to the public and its new focus sometime next month.

### Valencia Crossing Update

According to Bob Morken Jr., with Terramar Properties, two developers have opened escrow on property at Valencia Crossing: Bourn Properties and Evergreen Development. Bourn has one parcel comprising 19 acres and Evergreen has three parcels comprising 28 acres. Both are working diligently to secure their main users, who will guide their respective developments.



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### City of Tucson Budget Update

The Mayor and Council have continued their discussions about the proposed budget for FY 2015. This budget would go into effect on July 1.

City staff has met with the Council offices and there have been several presentations to the Mayor and Council. A revised budget was presented illustrating a \$2 million budget deficit, and for which the City Manager's plan will include reorganizing some departments and personnel to make government more efficient.



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This initial figure has reduced from \$33 million, since the first discussion on February 4 and the Mayor and Council continue their work to find further efficiencies. I had submitted a memo to the City Manager to review over \$4.0 million dollars in listed spending and expenses that was provided in documentation to Mayor and Council. I will update you further when I get my response back from City Manager, Richard Miranda.

Future discussions and a public hearing will take place at the May 6th Mayor and Council meeting. Further discussions and Council consideration of the budget will also take place on May 20, with a vote on the potential approval of a tentative FY 2015 Budget scheduled for that same meeting. A final vote on the budget will take place at the June 3rd Mayor and Council meeting.

For more information, go online to: <http://budget.tucsonaz.gov/budget>

### Bring Back the Splash Campaign

The Tucson Parks Foundation and the Tucson Parks and Recreation Department need help to reopen city pools, some of which have been closed due to budget reductions. Community and business partnerships along with donated funds, will allow the operation of additional pools.

The Tucson Mayor and Council and Fred Gray and the Parks and Recreation Department community partners, led by Doug Martin of KVOI and Rick Stertz, started the "Bring Back the Splash" campaign in 2012 to open one pool at a time.



Community partners and donors will benefit by helping the Tucson Parks Foundation and the Tucson Parks and Recreation Department achieve their goal to continue to provide programs, swim lessons, youth employment, physical health and quality of life to the community.

In 2012, the Tucson Parks Foundation was able to raise nearly \$100,000 in funds from local businesses and donation sponsorships. With that money 6 additional pools were opened for the summer. Arizona is ranked #2 in the nation for child drowning. These tragedies can be prevented when Tucsonans have access to the quality swim programs provided at Parks and Recreation facilities. Thanks to a generous donation from the Tucson Police Department, the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department was able to offer swim lessons for just \$2, allowing for a greater number of participants to take advantage of the program and learn-to-swim. Without the additional pools being opened Parks and Recreation not have been able to accommodate the number of lessons that were needed.

There were 6,182 total lessons throughout 757 classes (summer 2012) compared to 3,942 in 534 classes the previous summer (summer 2011). The total attendance at the pools also increased to 197,084 (June and July 2012) from 165,039 (June and July 2011). Funding has been secured for 7 pools in addition to the 10 seasonal pools to be opened. The Tucson Parks Foundation goal is to open additional city pools which require an additional \$40,000-\$60,000 per pool for two months of operation.

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Individuals, organizations and businesses are encouraged to contact Parks and Recreation for information by calling 791-4877, emailing [SummerSplash@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:SummerSplash@tucsonaz.gov), or visiting [www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics)

### Charter Review

The Mayor and Council, by a 6 to 1 vote, approved my motion to form a citizens committee for the purpose of reviewing the City's existing charter, to see what works, what doesn't and to make recommendations for Mayor and Council consideration to place on a city general election ballot for Tucsonans to vote upon. This committee will consist of 15 people, registered voters in Tucson. The Mayor and Councilmembers will appoint two individuals

### Utility Tree Replacement Program

The City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) and Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP) are collaborating to improve the city's street tree canopy. Trees growing into overhead power lines have been regularly pruned with directional and 'V' cuts, which reshapes the tree's canopy into an unnatural shape.



Under this new tree replacement program, TEP will systematically remove trees growing into overhead utility lines. For each tree that is removed, TDOT will replace it with two new trees that are shorter in stature or replanted in an area away from overhead utility lines. The replacement trees will be Screwbean Mesquite, Catclaw Acacia or Kidneywood trees and will be watered with irrigation lines already in place. The new program will reduce maintenance costs for TEP and will improve the aesthetics and tree canopy of the city's landscape.

The "Utility Tree Replacement Program" that follows the national practice of "Right Tree in the Right Location" was developed by the City's Landscape Advisory Committee, TDOT, TEP, the City's Urban Landscape Manager and staff of Trees for Tucson. Trees for Tucson, a program of Tucson Clean and Beautiful, has been advocating for an alternative treatment to the directional pruning of trees growing into utility lines.

"The City of Tucson and Tucson Electric Power Company's decision to remove trees that can grow into power lines is long overdue," said Joan Lionetti, Executive Director of Tucson Clean and Beautiful. "Many of the trees planted were inappropriate species for planting under power lines. Trees for Tucson feels strongly that appropriate placement, species and size of trees significantly contributes to the social, environmental and economic and health benefits of our community."

The program is scheduled to begin in mid-April and in the first year of the program approximately 100 trees will be replanted.

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### Annual Action Plan Being Prepared

The City of Tucson is preparing an Annual Action Plan outlining the project investments that will be made with approximately \$8 million of entitlement funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015. This Annual Action Plan must be adopted by the Mayor and Council and submitted to HUD before the City can make local project expenditures. The Annual Action Plan will be posted on the City's website <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/whats-new>.

The Draft FY 2015 Annual Action Plan is available for comment from Friday, April 4, 2014 through Saturday, May 3, 2014. Comments may be submitted to the City of Tucson's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in person, by e-mail at [HCDcomment@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:HCDcomment@tucsonaz.gov), by fax to (520) 791-2529, or by mail addressed to City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department, c/o Ann Vargas, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop, Tucson, AZ 85745.

The City of Tucson, as a HUD entitlement jurisdiction, will receive funds under four federal programs in the following amounts: Community Development Block Grant (\$5,133,873); HOME Investment Partnership (\$2,625,360); Emergency Solutions Grant (\$424,994); and Housing for Persons with AIDS (\$453,063).

Entitlement communities may use their formula grant funding for a wide range of community projects, including public facilities; supportive human services; economic development and job creation; acquisition, repair, and development of affordable housing; and neighborhood revitalization and improvements in low-income neighborhoods.

For questions, contact Project Supervisor Ann Vargas at (520) 837-5424 or by email [ann.vargas@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:ann.vargas@tucsonaz.gov).

### Top 10 Best U.S. Cycling Town

Tucson ranks 7th in the 10Best.com website rankings. The website, a division of USA Today Travel, cites Tucson's mild winter temperatures and dry conditions as ideal times to cycle. It also mentions The Loop, 700 miles of bike lanes and beautiful scenery. Davis, Calif. earned the top ranking in the survey.



### Pledge to Conserve Water

The National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation concludes on April 30 and Tucson continues to hold the top spot. Help keep our city there by pledging for Tucson at [www.mywaterpledge.com](http://www.mywaterpledge.com) using your e-mail or Facebook.

The pledge is a brief online survey on the ways you can or do save water and energy. Drawings for prizes are only from the five winning cities. If Tucson wins and you



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have pledged and entered the prize drawing, you are eligible for great prizes donated by the Wyland Foundation and several other organizations.

Tucson was #1 in its population category in 2013. Let's repeat and continue to be a model of water efficiency for the rest of the country.

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### April is National Volunteer Month

Not many people know that April is National Volunteer Month. It's a time that we get to honor the people who dedicate themselves to taking action and solving problems in our communities, and there are a lot of them. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 64 million people volunteered at least once between September 2010 and September 2011. The Corporation for National and Community Service says it's collectively dedicated 8.1 billion hours to a wide variety of organizations. That donated time and expertise is valued at \$173 billion.



One of the greatest aspects of volunteerism is that there are so many different ways to do it, and sometimes, we volunteer without even making conscious recognition of it -- for example, helping out at church or coaching your child in soccer. Sometimes we can only fit in one day and we serve food at the local soup kitchen or clean up the local park. These acts all deserve to be applauded.

National Volunteer Month also provides a great opportunity to reflect on how much volunteerism has changed since President Nixon created the first National Volunteer Week in 1974.

Since 1989, the number of people who volunteer has increased by 60 percent.

Older Americans from the Baby Boom generation are 40 percent more likely to volunteer than the same age groups were in 1989.

Not only has the amount of volunteerism increased, but the impact of volunteerism is increasing as well. As corporations encourage their employees to engage in meaningful volunteer activities, long-term, skills-based volunteerism is becoming more popular.

As we celebrate National Volunteer Month, let's recognize those who give themselves to help others. Let's motivate others to join the effort, and let's stay focused on how volunteerism can continue to evolve to bring maximum value to our communities.

### April is Water Awareness Month

April is also Water Awareness Month in Arizona, and Tucson Water and several Tucson City Council Members have hosted public sessions to discuss water. Topics included present and future water resources, long-range planning, water quality and safety, investment in infrastructure and technology, and drought.

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### Prescription Drug Take-Back Event

The Tucson Police Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency are partnering to bring the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative to the citizens of Tucson on Saturday, April 26. During this event, the public will be able to bring unwanted or unused medications to either of two drop-off locations, where they can be turned over to members of the Tucson Police Department for disposal. This service is being provided for free, and is anonymous - no personal information will be collected from citizens turning over medication for disposal.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.



The two drop-off locations for this event will be open from 10 AM to 2 PM, and can be found at:

Tucson Police Department Eastside Service Center, 9760 E. Golf Links Rd (just east of Harrison Rd)  
Tucson Police Department Westside Service Center, 1310 W. Miracle Mile (northeast corner of Miracle Mile & Flowing Wells Rd)

**Please do not bring sharps/needles, I.V. medications, glass containers, or inhalers.**

### 34th Annual IGBO Annual Conference and Tournament

On November 21st the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) unveiled and unfurled the IGBO Flag at Tucson Bowl for IGBO Annual 2014. This marks the second time the IGBO Flag has been in Tucson.

Twenty years ago, the City of Tucson hosted the 1994 IGBO Mid-year Conference and Tournament. Next month, Tucson will be the proud host of the 34th Annual IGBO Annual Conference and Tournament scheduled for May 12th thru 18th. The "Welcome to Oz" League is the host league.

Hundreds of bowlers from across the United States and Canada will be coming to Tucson for the 2014 Annual Conference and Tournament. Bowling will take place at Tucson Bowl for the Team Event and Lucky Strike Bowl for the Singles and Doubles Events.

IGBO is rich and diverse, reflecting the organizations ideals of Unity, Fellowship and Communication.



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From its original six member cities in 1980, to over 250 member leagues and tournaments world-wide, IGBO has grown into the largest International Gay and Lesbian sports organization in existence today.

For more information about IGBO, go online to [IGBO.org](http://IGBO.org) and about the 2014 Annual Conference and Tournament, go online to [igbo2014.org](http://igbo2014.org).

### Mayor's Upcoming Ward 5 Town Hall

On Wednesday, May 28th at 6:00 pm, Mayor Rothschild will join me for a town hall at the El Pueblo Senior Center, 101 W. Irvington Road. We hope to see you there!

### Parks and Recreations Summer Program Guide

Tucson Parks and Recreation Department's Summer 2014 Program Guide and Class Catalog has been posted online. Printed versions are also available for pick up at all Parks and Recreation facilities, including district offices, centers, and pools. The 76-page booklet contains registration information on leisure classes, aquatics, swim lessons, summer KIDCO, sports programs, sports camps, and more.

City of Tucson Parks and Recreation: <http://1.usa.gov/1iqSA13>

### Pima County Residents to Vote on New Animal Care Center

The Pima County Supervisors voted to ask voters in November to approve \$22 million in bonds to build a new animal shelter. The vote comes almost two weeks after 35 dogs were moved to a large tent built near the current Pima Animal Care Center (4000 N. Silverbell Rd.) to temporarily ease overcrowding. The Pima County Bond Advisory Committee requested the single measure, giving it priority over more than 130 bond projects submitted by various agencies under active consideration by the committee. A larger bond election could be held in 2015.



### ADOT Seeking Public Comment

The public comment period is underway for the Arizona Department of Transportation's 2015-2019 Tentative Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program. The plan is updated every year and serves as a blueprint that details where, when, and how regional, state and federal funding will be spent for projects over the next five years to improve the Arizona's transportation infrastructure.

Read the plan: <http://bit.ly/1fAT05o>

### Abandoned Shopping Carts

If you see a shopping cart off store property, abandoned along the street, or sitting in a wash, call the City of Tucson's Environmental Services (ES) Department to have it removed. You can call Customer Service at (520) 791-3171 or use the 'My-Waste'™ app and choose the Report a Problem option.

Read more at ES website: <http://1.usa.gov/1eMZIW1>



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### How to Report Transportation Problems

Is there a pothole you'd like to see fixed? Is a street sign missing? Is a tree limb hanging too close over a roadway or sidewalk? You can report these issues to the Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT), (520) 791-3154, or email the exact location to [tdotsr@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:tdotsr@tucsonaz.gov). You also can use the SeeClickFix website and app.

Tucson Department of Transportation: <http://l.usa.gov/ltsyPoZ>

SeeClickFix website: <http://bit.ly/lhQ6fkN>



## Congratulations and Thank You!

### 520's Top Dance Crew Season 3

On Friday, March 14th the League of United Latin American Citizens and Pima Community College hosted the 520's Top Dance Crew hip-hop dance competition for its third year. The event was held at Pima Community College's Center for the Arts and was presented to a sold-out crowd. Four crews competed for monetary prizes and to be crowned the Top Dance Crew. Blu Devil Cru (Sunnyside High School), The Pack (Walden Grove High School), The Drop (Drop Dance Studio), and United Dance Crew (United High School) all competed and performed phenomenally that evening in front of their peers, family and a panel of professional judges that provided feedback and critique between performances.

By the end of the night, The Drop was crowned champion and walked away with \$3000 in prize money. The Pack and United Dance Crew placed 2nd and 3rd place respectively, taking away \$1800 and \$1200. Blu Devil Cru who also performed very well, walked away with \$500. All of these prize monies go to assist the various dance programs to help continue to foster and sustain this style of performing art.



Congratulations to all that competed and to Javier Herrera, Rene Pacheco, Shawn Graham, Raul Munoz, Michael Montoya, Anthony Reyes, Chezale Rodriguez-Wells and Addison Johnson for planning such a great event!

### 25th Annual L.U.L.A.C. Educator's and Scholarship Banquet

The League of United Latin American Citizens held their 25th Annual Educator's Banquet on Thursday, April 3rd at the DoubleTree by Hilton. With 450 guests in attendance, the annual banquet helps to raise funds for the Manuel de Alvarado Scholarship that is provided local high school students. Additionally, the banquet serves to recognize outstanding individuals and organizations that that have

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assisted with education locally. That night, 11 individuals/organizations were recognized for their hard work and tireless commitment to improving educational opportunities in Pima County. They included Garry Brav (BFL Construction), Neal Cash (Community Partnership of Southern Arizona), Marshall Foundation, Dr. June Webb-Vignery (Metropolitan Education Commission), Dr. Lee Lambert (Pima Community College), Hon. Barbara LaWall (Pima County Attorney's Office), Chuck Huckelberry (Pima County Government), Hon. Clarence Dupnik (Pima County Sheriff's Department), Pizza Hut of Southern Arizona, Hon. Ned Norris, Jr. (Tohono O'odham Nation), and Walgreens. Congratulations to all that were recognized! We thank you for your hard work!



### 8th Annual Piece the Puzzle Autism Walk/Run

On Saturday, April 26, the Autism Society Greater Tucson held their 'Autism Awareness and Acceptance' at the largest autism event in southern Arizona! Autism affects 1 in 88 births in the US and 1 in 64 in Arizona. The 8th Annual Piece the Puzzle Autism Walk/Run & Resource Fair took place at a Kino Sports Complex. For more information, go online at <http://autismsocietygreatertucson.org/>.

### SAHBA Breakfast/Housing Update

Thank you to David Godlewski, President of SAHBA and Shawn Cote SAHBA's Political Director, for inviting me to attend their Government Liaison Breakfast. Professor George Hammond, from the University of Arizona Eller College of Management, gave a great presentation about Tucson's economy, that there is positive movement, but that we are still looking for "a higher gear" to get economic growth going and a more faster pace.

### City of Tucson Employees Recognized

Two members of the City of Tucson's Procurement Department have received awards from the Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP). Contract Administrator Victoria Cortinas is the recipient of the NIGP Copper Chapter's 2014 Manager of the Year award and Contract Administrator Nathan Daou is the recipient of the 2014 Buyer of the Year award. Congratulations to both of you. We thank you for your hard work!

### Pima Community College Adult Education

A top Arizona Adult Education official has thanked Pima Community College Adult Education (PCCAE) for its "outstanding" effort in helping the state achieve a No. 2 national ranking in educational gains by Adult Education students. PCCAE is the second-largest Adult Education program in the state and plays a major role in Arizona Adult Education's consistently high national ranking in educational gains of its adult learners. Congratulations to Pima College for their efforts in adult education and for this recognition.



## 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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