



City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

February was Black History Month, but as we move forward throughout the year, let us not forget the struggles that African Americans have endured and contributions that African Americans have made to our great county. The leadership and achievements of the African American community has helped tremendously to make America a better place.

Black History Month was created in 1926 in the United States, when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week of February to be "Negro History Week".

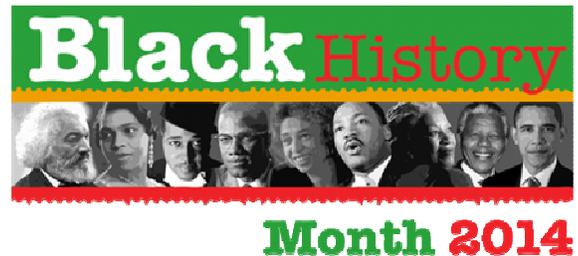
This week was chosen because it marked the birthday of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Woodson created the holiday with the hope that it eventually be eliminated when black history became fundamental to American history.

Negro History Week was met with enthusiastic response; it prompted the creation of black history clubs, an increase in interest among teachers, and interest from progressive whites. Negro History Week grew in popularity throughout the following decades, with mayors across the United States endorsing it as a holiday.

In 1976, the federal government acknowledged the expansion of Black History Week to Black History Month by the leaders of the Black United Students at Kent State University in February of 1969.

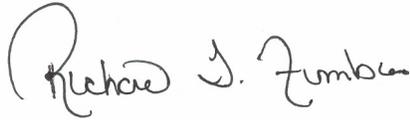
The first celebration of Black History Month occurred at Kent State in February of 1970. Six years later during the bicentennial, the expansion of Negro History Week to Black History Month was recognized by the U.S. government. Gerald Ford spoke in regards to this, urging Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

From the struggles of Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglas and the Buffalo Soldiers to the victories in civil rights that were led years later by individuals such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks, Black History Month has served as a time to remember those who fought hard to improve the condition of our great Nation, but to also preserve



the rights and dignity for all of those who live in America.

Thank you.



Richard G. Fimbres
Your Council Member

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Buffalo Soldiers Col. Charles Young Memorial

The members of the Greater Southern Arizona Area Chapter 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association (GSAAC) are proud to be supporting the project of placing a monument honoring Colonel Charles Young at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center located at 1585 E. 36th Street

The neighborhood surrounding the center is one of the oldest historically black neighborhoods in Tucson. Unfortunately, most Tucsonans and residents of this community do not know the rich history of the neighborhood and the significant contributions that African Americans have made to Tucson, Arizona, and our nation.

Over the past several years, various Buffalo Soldier organizations have been working with Council Member Richard Fimbres to honor the contributions of one of America's greatest heroes, Col. Charles Young. The meetings and discussions have led to Council Member Fimbres dedicating and reserving a plot of land at the Quincie Douglas center that will be the future site of a Col. Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers Monument.

It is important to note that the African American presence in Tucson is as long as Tucson is old. However, there are currently no monuments in Tucson that recognize or honor a person of African American descent. The Greater Southern Arizona Area Buffalo Soldiers Chapter in partnership with the Ward 5 City Council Member Richard Fimbres are looking forward to working with the community to build a monument to Col. Charles Young and the Buffalo Soldiers.

The members of the Greater Southern Arizona Area Chapter 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association (GSAAC) exists for the purpose of carrying out the objectives of the association as a non-profit, patriotic, educational, military service organization, which shall remain non-partisan and non-political. Their chapter members strive to preserve and recognize the important contributions and commitments of the Buffalo Soldiers, educate the world on the splendid example of courage and integrity demonstrated by these brave men and establish a standard of excellence and behavior worthy of the brave soldiers whose shoulders they stand upon.



Colonel Charles Young, NPS Historical Photograph Collection.

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Maclovio Barraza Parkway

At the February 4th Study Session for Mayor and Council, Council Member Fimbres introduced an item to rename Barraza-Aviation Highway to Maclovio Barraza Parkway in honor of longtime labor advocate and leader Maclovio Barraza.

Information and a video, created by Chicanos por la Causa, were provided by Frank and Mary Lou Barraza, in memory of their late father Maclovio Barraza as well as a presentation Tom Fisher, Transportation Department Project Manager and Daryl Cole, Transportation Department Director.

During the presentation, Mr. Fisher clarified that if the road was renamed, the word "Aviation" would be removed and the Downtown links corridor and that the route from 6th Street to Broadway would become known as Maclovio Barraza Parkway. It was also stated the funds for artwork would be supplied by Downtown Links Public Arts budget.

Following the presentation and questions, it was moved by Council Member Fimbres, duly seconded and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7 to 0 to direct City staff to begin the process for naming the roadway Maclovio Barraza Parkway. City staff have been tasked to come back to Mayor and Council for a final vote and to begin work on a new memorial to honor the work and legacy of Maclovio Barraza.

Maclovio Barraza was a prominent member of the Latino community here and across the country as well as a strong leader in organized labor. Maclovio worked extensively in the copper mining industry. While in this industry, he was a union leader with the Mine-Mill and Smelter Workers, then later with the United Steelworkers of America. During this time, Maclovio worked hard to ensure that working conditions, wages and benefits improved for many of the copper miners throughout Arizona.

Maclovio was also responsible for helping to establish many Latino organizations that still work today to improve the lives of underrepresented populations in the Southwest and elsewhere. He was the founding chairman of the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), organized the Southwest Voter Registration Project, helped found the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), and also helped found Chicanos Por La Causa (CPLC).

Maclovio was an ardent supporter of public education as a vehicle to improve the lives of young people. He fought for all day kindergarten and free textbooks and advocated for the location of the first PCC campus to be placed on the Westside of Tucson for increased accessibility to the Latino community.

La Fiesta de los Vaqueros

On Thursday, February 20th, I took part in the 89th Fiesta de Los Vaqueros Rodeo Parade. The parade takes place in my Ward and thousands of people turned out to view one of the largest, non-mechanized parades in the world.

Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, along with Vice Mayor Shirley Scott took part in the 2014 along



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with hundreds of other people, groups, businesses and organizations.

The parade is also a part of the annual Fiesta de Los Vaqueros Rodeo, for which more than 175,000 people from Tucson and around the world, come to see, bringing in more than \$16 million dollars to our local economy.

I want to thank Bob Stewart and Herb Wagner from the Tucson Rodeo Parade, as well as the parade committee, rodeo staff and volunteers for their work.



When people from Tucson or from around the world, spend money in our restaurants, hotels, purchasing goods, buying tickets or even souvenirs for these or other events, it helps our local community. Tourism dollars and sales tax dollars means funding of the core services, streets, police, fire and parks. These are important to the City of Tucson and we must work to ensure they continue to happen and to succeed.

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Tucson Streetcar Update

With construction of the Modern Streetcar line in Downtown Tucson, the area is now considered "shovel ready" for development. Tucson could see an additional \$100 million in new business development across downtown this year and up to \$1 billion in the downtown corridor over the next 10 years, said Michael Keith, CEO of the Downtown Tucson Partnership (DTP). When construction on the streetcar project began in 2012, Tucson Water seized the opportunity to redo its downtown system, and Southwest Gas and Cox Communications used the chance to expand and make improvements in their networks. Century Link and Tucson Electric Power have also upgraded their infrastructure in the downtown area. DTP estimates the \$200 million American-made streetcar project already has helped generate \$800 million in public and private investment along the route, through downtown and the University of Arizona.



FY2015 City Budget

The Mayor and Council have begun their discussions about the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015. This budget would go into effect, July 1st of this year and go until June 30, 2015. At the February 4th Study Session of Mayor and Council a preliminary fiscal year budget process item was scheduled. Information and a presentation were provided by Joyce Garland, Budget and Internal Audit Director, and Kelly Gottschalk, Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer.

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Facing a preliminary \$33.2 million dollar budget shortfall this year, City Manager Richard Miranda stated all ideas are being evaluated to assist in having more money for the budget including evaluating grants to ensure the best benefit without costing time or money and reviewing unused office spaces owned by the City that could produce revenue.



Since becoming your Councilmember in December 2009, this is the sixth budget deficit that has had to be dealt with. I can assure you however that the City of Tucson is beginning to see the light at the end of the economic tunnel and what was the Great Recession.

Many more discussions must take place at upcoming Mayor and Council meeting before a formal budget is proposed for adoption. I want to hear from you about your thoughts regarding this year's upcoming budget. Give my office a call at 791-4231 or email me at ward5@tucsonaz.gov subject line: Budget.

Proposition 409 City Street Bonds Update

Southern Arizona Paving and Construction Co., under contract with the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT), is continuing its road repair program associated with the voter-approved \$100 million, five-year street bond program. Starting this month, through March 3, crews will be working on Broadway Boulevard, from Country Club Road to Wilmot Road. The work will occur from 7 p.m. - 5 a.m. on weekdays to accommodate Tucson drivers, lessen traffic congestion, and stay on schedule. Travel lane restrictions will be in place during the work period. However, at least two lanes of travel will be maintained in both directions.



City of Tucson Annexation Praised

Tucson engineer Bill Carroll says the City's annexation policies have improved over the years and his latest dealings with Tucson were very positive. Carroll - who has experience in leading transportation, wastewater, and development teams - recently was involved in planning for an unincorporated subdivision near Bear Canyon Road. Initially, he thought the location and some other circumstances would preclude the project from being annexed into the City, but he said everything has turned out fine and the City was very helpful. Annexations into cities and towns bring in construction sales taxes, permit fees and state shared revenues to help pay the cost of providing government services to residents and businesses.

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Baby Boom at the Reid Park Zoo

Zookeepers are busy with the little ones. On Dec. 23, 2013, the Reid Park Zoo welcomed four lion cubs. This is the second litter of cubs for African lions "Kaya" and "Shombay". The cubs are currently behind-the-scenes where they have access to two "bedrooms" and a cub den. Zoo staff is monitoring the cubs closely and hopes to have them on exhibit in the next several weeks. Watch footage of the cubs' three month check-up.



"Isla," a baby tamandua (lesser anteater) was born on Jan. 2 of this year. Reid Park Zoo is one of a very small handful of zoos successfully breeding tamanduas. Although they are not on exhibit, the Zoo's tamanduas appear regularly at weekend presentations on the Conservation Learning Center stage.

The Zoo is expecting something big this summer! In September of 2013, Zoo staff confirmed that female African elephant "Semba" is pregnant. This will be the first African elephant birth for the Reid Park Zoo. Elephant gestation lasts 22 months and the calf will weigh between 200 and 250 pounds upon arrival. Learn about how the Zoo is preparing for the birth of the calf.

Reid Park Zoo is open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For directions and admission information, call (520) 791-4022 or visit at the Zoo's website.

Recognition from Sonora

On January 28th, Representative Samuel Moreno, Coordinator of the Parliamentary Group of the PRI in the Sonoran state Congress and Dr. Luis Nuñez, Mexico's Economic Minister for the State of Sonora visited Tucson. These gentlemen came to Tucson to express appreciation for our Mayor and Council's efforts in regional diplomacy, and our response to SB 1070, which the City challenged in court. They presented Mayor Rothschild, myself and Councilmember Karin Uhlich plaques and certificates of appreciation for Tucson's efforts.



Announcements

Affordable Car Act

If you do not have insurance, it is important that you enroll soon as the open enrollment deadline is March 31st. To enroll online 4 easy steps can be followed at HealthCare.gov.

- Create an Account - First provide some basic information. Then choose a user name, password, and security questions for added protection.
- Apply - Next you'll enter information about you and your family, including your income, household size, other coverage you're eligible for, and more. Visit HealthCare.gov to get a checklist to help you gather the information you'll need.
- Pick a Plan - Next you'll see all the plans and programs you're eligible for and compare them side-by-side. You'll also find out if you can get lower costs on monthly premiums and out-of-pocket costs.
- Enroll - Choose a plan that meets your needs and enroll!

For more information about upcoming opportunities to enroll (Page 10) or where to enroll locally (Pages 11-12) please refer to the end of this newsletter.



Tucson Travel Guide Now Available

This year's edition of the Tucson Official Travel Guide is ready for distribution. The magazine-style print version contains 80 pages of information on things to do and see in Tucson and southern Arizona. The complimentary guide, published this month, can be downloaded online at VisitTucson.org or requested for mail by calling Tucson Visitor Information at (800) 638-8350. A digital version for smartphone use will be available later this month.



Request for Proposals

Requests for proposals (RFP) are underway for Economic & Workforce Development and Special Events

FY 2015 Economic and Workforce Development Grants - The City of Tucson is soliciting

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competitive proposals for the following service areas:

- Small Business Support and Development
- Economic & Workforce Development - Job Training and Educational Programs for At-risk Youth
- Economic & Workforce Development - Job Training and Educational Programs for At-risk Adults
- Economic & Workforce Development - Long-Term Job Training for Adults

FY 2015 Special Events Grants - The City of Tucson is soliciting competitive proposals that increase the capacity of emerging and established special events that build community, develop the local economy and tourism industry, and enrich the quality of life of all residents and visitors.

All proposals are due Friday, March 21, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. Completed applications must be sent to CMOApplications@tucsonaz.gov in PDF format or hand delivered to:

City of Tucson
City Manager's Office (Attention: Camila Bekat)
255 W. Alameda, 10th Floor

City Services

Reporting Abandoned Shopping Carts - If you see an abandoned shopping cart, please call (520) 792-CITY or (520) 791-3171 and report the location of the cart. You can also use the 'My Waste'™ app on your smartphone. Once the City of Tucson has been notified of the location, a contractor will investigate, tag the cart and notify the store management. If the cart is not removed in a designated amount of time, the Environmental Services (ES) department will take it away.



How to Report Transportation Problems - Is a pothole on your daily commute bothering you? Is a street light out? Does your street need sweeping? Report these types of items to the Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT), (520) 791-3154, or email the exact location to tdotsr@tucsonaz.gov.



Congratulations and Thank You!

Pueblo Gardens PreK-8

On February 5th the staff at Pueblo Gardens PreK-8 (2210 E. 33rd Street) celebrated the opening of their new middle school building! I was honored to be able to attend along with many other distinguished guests for this momentous event. Congratulations on the new building! If you would like to tour the new facility



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please visit the school and they will be more than happy to show you.

2014 Gem Show

This year, 2014 "Gem Show" consisted of 41 shows in hotels, tents, and exhibit halls around Tucson. For two weeks, more than 60,000 visitors and vendors descended on Tucson to participate in the 2014 Tucson Gem, Mineral and Fossil Showcase. This was the 60th year of the annual showcase.

The Gem Show is important to the City of Tucson, economically and culturally. It has set the standard for gem and mineral shows around the world, as the largest gem and mineral show in the United States. Congratulations on another successful year!

Ward 5 Forum

On Thursday, February 13, the Ward 5 Council Office held a successful community forum for our neighborhood residents to get updates on various projects services from both City and County departments that affect their neighborhoods.

I want to thank Teresa Williams with Code Enforcement, Lance Peterson and Fred Felix from TDOT and Capt. George Rodriguez TPD South Commander for updating Ward 5 residents. In addition, thanks to Lupe Mercado of GPC for coming out to discuss graffiti and their efforts.

I want to also thank Soraya Franco, Jennifer Chancay, Nora Atondo, Larry Hanbrook, and Jenny Kad-ing from the Pima County Health Department who were present to update Ward 5 about various programs the Department offers as well.

Andrea Dalessandro

I want to congratulate Andrea Dalessandro for her recent appointment to serve as an Arizona State Senator from District 2, as well as Demion Clinco, who was selected to serve as Arizona State Representative, from District 2. Congratulations to both of you!

Love of Reading Week

I, along with Melinda Jacobs, Heileen Evans, Mark Kerr from my office took part in Love of Reading Week, reading stories to students at Warren Elementary, Hollinger and Holladay Magnet Schools. I thank the schools for this wonderful opportunity and for championing reading which serves a vital role to the academic foundation and future academic success of every child in our community!



Cover Pima County

Saturday, March 1, 2014

**Come to Enroll for Health Insurance.
Free Help at These Locations**

Pima County Wheeler Taft Library, 7800 N. Schisler Drive,

1 pm-4:30 pm, English only - free Wi-Fi – bring a laptop

Marana Health Center Main Clinic – 13395 N. Marana Main St., Marana

Enter through the Quick Care entrance, 10 am-2 pm, se habla español

Tucson Chinese Cultural Center, 1288 W. River Road,

English and multiple Asian languages available; 10 am-2 pm, health screenings available

Tucson Medical Center – 5301 E. Grant Road,

West Entrance at Children's Emergency Department,
9 am-3 pm, by appointment only, se habla español - free Wi-Fi – bring a laptop

Carondelet St. Joseph's Hospital, 350 N. Wilmot Road,

Basement auditorium, 10 am-2 pm, se habla español

Pima County Housing Center, 801 W. Congress,

John Miles Community Room, 9 am-2 pm, se habla español, free Wi-Fi – bring a laptop

El Rio Health Center, call for an appointment, (520) 309-3111

Mon-Fri, 8 am-4 pm, evening appointments available, se habla español

Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital, 1601 W. St. Mary's Road,

Heritage, 6th floor-central, 10 am-2 pm, se habla español

Chicanos Por La Causa Community Center, 250 N. Silverbell,

Behind Casa de Encanto Apartment complex, 10 am-2 pm, se habla español

Pima County Mission Library, 3770 S. Mission Road,

Behavioral Health Pavilion Lobby, 9 am-2 pm, se habla español, free Wi-Fi – bring a laptop

Tucson Urban League, 2305 S. Park Avenue,

Angel Center Computer Lab, 9 am-2 pm, se habla español, free Wi-Fi – bring a laptop

U of A Medical Center, South Campus, 2800 E. Ajo Way,

9 am-2 pm, se habla español, free Wi-Fi – bring a laptop

Pima County Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia Road,

Small conference room, 9 am-1:30 pm, se habla español, free Wi-Fi – bring a laptop

Tucson Urban League, 2305 S. Park Avenue,

Angel Center Computer Lab, 9 am-2 pm, se habla español, free Wi-Fi – bring a laptop

United Way, 1151 S. La Cañada, #214, Green Valley,

9 am-12 pm

Local Enrollment and Application Assistance	Location	Phone Number	Application Assistance
Ajo Community Health Center/ Desert Senita Community Health Center	West Plaza St, Ajo	520-387-5651	Call for appointment
Carondelet Health Network	North Wilmot Rd	520-872-7100	Call for appointment
Carondelet Health Network	West St. Mary's Rd	520-872-7100	Call for appointment
Catholic Community Services/ St Elizabeth Health Center	West Speedway	520-628-7871	Call for appointment
El Rio	East Broadway Blvd	520-309-3111	Call for appointment
El Rio	East Golf Links Rd	520-309-3111	Call for appointment
El Rio	West Irvington Road, Bldg. 10	520-309-3111	Call for appointment
El Rio	West Congress St.	520-309-3111	Call for appointment
El Rio	West Commerce Court	520-309-3111	Call for appointment
HOPE, Inc.	North Country Club Rd	520-770-1197	Call for appointment
International Rescue Committee	North Campbell Ave, Suite 101	520-319-2128	Call for appointment
Marana Health Center - Flowing Wells	West Prince Rd	520-887-0800	Call for appointment
Marana Health Center - Freedom Park	East 29th St	520-790-8500	Call for appointment
Marana Health Center - Main	North Marana Main St	520-682-4111	Call for appointment
Marana Health Center - Primary Care	North Wyatt Dr, Suite 101	520-616-4948	Call for appointment
Marana Health Center - Santa Catalina	North Oracle Road, Suite 141	520-863-6763	Call for appointment
Marana Health Center - Westside	West Anklam Rd	520-616-6790	Call for appointment
Northwest Hospital / Continental Reserve / PCAP	North Silverbell	520-469-8625 520-268-2650	Call for appointment
Northwest Hospital / Lazo de Familia / PCAP	West Ajo Way	520-469-8625 520-268-2648	Call for appointment
Northwest Hospital /Healthy Beginnings / PCAP	West Fort Lowell Rd, Suite 120	520-469-8625 520-268-2649	Call for appointment
Northwest Hospital LLC / Northwest Medical Center	North La Cholla Blvd	520-469-8625	Call for appointment

Local Enrollment and Application Assistance	Location	Phone Number	Application Assistance
Pan Asian Community Alliance (PACA) / UofA Center for Rural Health	South Craycroft Rd	520-512-0144	Call for appointment
PCAP at One Stop Rio Nuevo	West Sweetwater Drive	520-268-2651	Call for appointment
Pima Community Access Program	East Britannia Drive, Suite 120	520-694-0418	Call for appointment
Pima Community Access Program - One Stop	East Ajo Way	520-243-6734	Call for appointment
Pima County Health Department	South Country Club	520-243-7736	Call for appointment
Saguaro Surgical	East Speedway Blvd, Suite 150	520-318-3004	Call for appointment
Tucson Chinese Cultural Center (TCCC) / UofA Center for Rural Health	West River Rd	520-292-6990	Call for appointment
Tucson Medical Center	East Grant Rd	520-327-5461	Call for appointment
Tucson Urban League	South Park Ave	520-791-9522 ext. 2221	Call for appointment
United Way of Tucson and Southern AZ	North Commerce Park Loop, Suite 200	520-903-9000	Call for appointment
Health Insurance Professionals	Location	Phone Number	Application Assistance
Associated Benefits Specialists, LLC	North Oracle Rd, Suite 141	520-219-1950	Call for appointment
Bell Insurance Services, LLC	Central Tucson	520-907-3513	Call for appointment
Bravo Insurance Solutions	North Thornydale	520-722-8006	Call for appointment
Magnuson and Associates	East 5th St	520-760-6048	Call for appointment
Sandbrook Benefits Group, LLC	East Camp Lowell & North Oracle Rd	520-888-9649	Call for appointment
Sima Saghafi Ehrich	East Broadway, Suite 250	520-296-7881	Call for appointment
Unique Benefit Group	North Pontatoc Rd	520-861-2493	Call for appointment
Wolfe Insurance & Consultants, LLC	East Swans Nest Rd	520-529-4653	Call for appointment

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



Community Food Bank

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Give to the Community Food Bank.
For more information call: 520-622-0525**

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