



City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

February marked 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 country. The leadership and achievements of the African American community has helped tremendously to make America a better place.

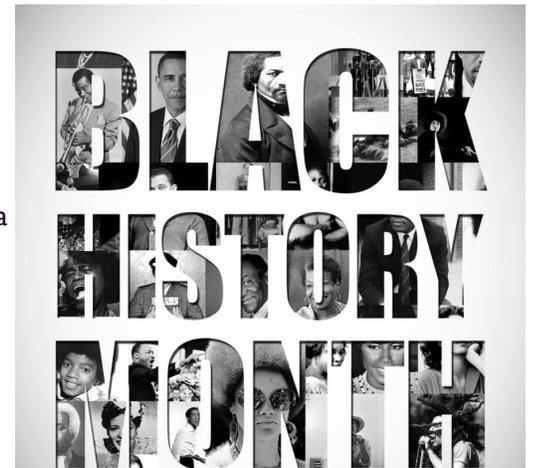
Black History Month was created in 1926 in the United States. It was chosen because it marked the birthday of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Carter G. Woodson helped create the holiday with the hope that it eventually be eliminated when black history became fundamental to American history.

Black 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.

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.

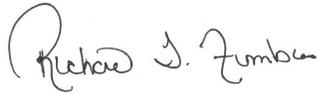
The first celebration of Black History Month occurred at Kent State in February of 1970. Six years later during the bicentennial, the expansion of Black History Week to Black History Month was recognized by the U.S. government. Gerald Ford spoke in regards to this, urging Americans to "seize the opportunity 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 Jackie Robinson, 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,



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but to also preserve the rights and dignity for all of those who live in America.



Richard G. Fimbres
Your Vice Mayor

First Steps Taken for HomeGoods Distribution Center in Ward 5

A lot has been said and even downplayed about the recent action by the Tucson Mayor and Council about the proposed, HomeGoods Distribution Center coming to our City. Here is what has happened.

With my motion, the Mayor and Council approved the City's Primary Jobs Incentive Program and Payment In Lieu Of Tax Measure for HomeGoods to build their new distribution center at 3649 East Corona Road, which is located in Ward 5.

This distribution center would serve the retail outlets for HomeGoods, TJ Maxx and Marshall's in the western United States. This distribution center would open next year and initially have 410 employees and will rise meeting their full employment with 910 jobs. HomeGoods also offers all employees health and dental insurance benefits.

This will be an economic boom for our city with the new jobs. These employees will buy houses and shop in Tucson, which will create other employment in the City. According to independent economic analysis conducted, the total economic impact of the HomeGoods distribution center will be \$873 million.

Mr. Bill Ferguson manager of HomeGoods distribution center engineering was present at the meeting for which I asked him to say a few words to the Mayor and Council. Ferguson stated that HomeGoods was excited about the proposal and that the company chose Tucson because of its location near highways and railways, and for its workforce.

Tucson enjoys being on I-10 and I-19, is on the main Union Pacific east-west rail line, is less than an hour from Mexico, has the Port of Tucson, has an international airport, and has an ample workforce



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available for logistics businesses. Compared to locations such as California, Tucson can typically offer a lower cost of doing business.

With the location of the distribution center, HomeGoods qualifies as well for the Global Economic Development District (GEDD) incentive. This is the first business located in the District which encompasses areas within Ward 1, Ward 5 and Ward 4, and was created by Vice Mayor Fimbres, Councilmember Shirley Scott (Ward 4) and Councilmember Regina Romero (Ward 1). Permit fee waivers will also be issued to HomeGoods for the construction of their new facility.

This signals to other major companies that Tucson is a competitive location for future expansion opportunities. HomeGoods follows Target as the second major national retailer to choose Tucson for a distribution center.

The construction of this new facility will include 259 construction jobs, with an economic output number of \$32 million associated with the construction alone. The capital investment, equipment, buildings and other materials will bring the total to \$75 million dollars.

The Mayor and Council have taken the important steps to bring HomeGoods to Tucson. HomeGoods will become a major part of the Ward 5 economic hub, which has had more than 2,000 jobs created alone in the past five years.

I want to thank my colleagues on the Council for voting to approve these initial measures and I look forward to welcoming HomeGoods to Ward 5 and working with them. I also want to thank Chris Kaselemis, Camila Bekat and the City's Economic Initiative Team, and TREO, for their work on this project, bringing HomeGoods to Ward 5 and Tucson.

The Mayor and Council will vote on the Notice to Proceed on March 3rd, and on March 17th, the development agreement and PILOT agreement will come to Mayor and Council for approval. The City relies on sales tax and revenues to operate and this development deal will help the City to provide for the services the constituents want.

La Fiesta de los Vaqueros

The 90th Fiesta De Los Vaqueros Rodeo Parade took place in Ward 5 on Thursday, February 26th. Organizers said there were about 125 floats on display, and thousands of people watched one of the largest and oldest non-mechanized parades in world. The festivities began at 9 a.m. at Park Avenue and Ajo Way and proceeding south on Park to Irvington Road.



Longtime Tucsonan and former University of Arizona baseball coach Jerry Kindall was named 2015 Tucson Rodeo Parade Grand Marshall and Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, Councilmember Regina Romero (Ward 1), Councilmember Shirley Scott (Ward 4) and I had the privilege of taking part in the parade this year. This year, members of the Greater Southern Arizona Area Chapter 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association also rode with me in the parade as well.

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The Rodeo Parade was the official kickoff for the Tucson Rodeo, also known as La Fiesta de los Vaqueros. The Rodeo competition actually began the weekend of February 21st and continues through Sunday, March 1st at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds, 4823 S. 6th Ave.

This year's Rodeo will feature more than 650 contestants from the United States and Canada, competing for more than \$460,000 in prize money. Current and former Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) world champions are featured in each Tucson Rodeo.

Rodeo events include bull riding, bareback and saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, tie-down roping, team roping and women's barrel racing. Also featured each day are kids' events - Dodge Mutton Bustin', when four-to six-year-olds test their riding skills on sheep, and the Justin Junior Rodeo for young cowpokes ages 7-12.

The weeklong La Fiesta de los Vaqueros wraps up Sunday, March 1, after attracting 600 participants and approximately 55,000 tourists, along with the locals who attend each day of competition. The Tucson Rodeo Committee estimates the event pumps about \$16 million into the Tucson area's economy.



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City Hires Human Resources Director

The Mayor and Tucson City Council have voted to appoint Curry Hale as director of Human Resources. Hale, who had been serving on an interim basis since March 2014, was chosen after an extensive nationwide recruitment. He began his career with the City of Tucson in 2000 and has served in six different positions within the HR department, giving him a wide array of administrative and leadership experience. In addition, Hale has worked extensively on labor relations issues. The Human Resources Department provides direct service and policy guidance to all City departments, 5,000 employees and 3,200 retirees, in accordance with the policies and programs of the Mayor and Council, Civil Service Commission and the City Manager. In addition, Hale is responsible for ensuring that the City conforms to federal, state and local rules, regulations and requirements.



Pension Update Given at Mayor and Council Meeting

The City will be responsible for paying an extra \$17.9 million into police and fire pension funds next year as a result of an Arizona Supreme Court decision. The court overturned a 2011 state law aimed at curbing pension costs, and ordered the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSRS) to reimburse retir-

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ees \$40 million in past cost-of-living increases, as well as shift \$335 million to a reserve fund to cover future cost-of-living increases. During yesterday's Mayor & Tucson City Council Study Session, staff presented an update on the City's obligation to the PSRS. Mayor & Council will need to decide by March 31st if it would like to pay the nearly \$18 million all at once or use a payment option. Spreading out the payments would cost the City an additional \$24 million over 22 years. Both police and fire pensions are controlled by the State of Arizona.

Sales Tax Revenues Up According to City Budget and Internal Audit

During the initial discussion about the FY 2016 budget, Budget and Internal Audit Director Joyce Garland reported that sales tax revenues are 3.9% higher than the Budget offices FY 2015 projection for sales taxes. This means that your Ward 5 stores and businesses, such as the Costco at the Bridges, Curacao, CAID Industries, Quik Trip, Shared Services, Body Central, APAC Pharmaceuticals and Modular Mining are generating more revenue for the City services and programs for the Ward 5 and City residents.



Public Input on Possible Charter Changes

Tucson's Charter Review Committee is asking for public comments as it reviews and makes recommendations about possible amendments to sections of the Tucson City Charter. Potential amendments to the City Charter may be on the Nov. 3, 2015 City ballot. Comments can be made via email to the City Clerk's Office, cityclerk@tucsonaz.gov or mailed to: City Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 27210, Tucson, AZ 85726. Two public hearings are scheduled for:



- **March 10**, El Pueblo Neighborhood Center 101 W. Irvington Road, 5:00 p.m. It is important that residents of Ward 5 turn out and speak their opinion on the charter and the proposals being brought forward by this citizens committee.
- **March 12**, Morris K. Udall Regional Center, 7200 E. Tanque Verde Road, 5:00 p.m.

The comment period for the Committee will end on March 20, 2015.
City Clerk's Office: <http://1.usa.gov/ZCAmWj>

Sun Tran Introduces Five New CNG Buses

The City of Tucson and Sun Tran have introduced five new Sun Tran 35-foot-long buses into its fleet. The new buses utilize Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), meeting the livability goals of the City of Tucson by helping improve air quality in the region. The five buses will replace 14-year-old CNG-fueled buses, decreasing the average age of Sun Tran's fleet from 5.97 years to 5.51 years.

The standard size of a Sun Tran bus is 40-ft. The purchase of smaller CNG-fueled buses comes after evaluating outside agency studies and reports to determine the standard industry approach to balancing fleet vehicle types to maximize service efficiencies. Research showed smaller buses have the following advantages:

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- Lower operating/maintenance costs and better fuel economy
- Better maneuverability in neighborhoods and through roundabouts
- Provides some flexibility for specialized service

The new buses utilize a newer CNG engine, which produces lower emissions than standard fueled vehicles and older CNG vehicles. The newer technology of the EMP cooling system utilizes eight electric fans in place of an engine-driven fan, which allows for better fuel economy and runs the system at optimal temperatures to ensure more efficient cooling of the engine.



All of the replacement buses are equipped with 30 seats and are low-floor, offering ramps and kneeling features for the convenient boarding of passengers with disabilities, as well as an on-board camera system for added passenger safety.

Purchased with funding from the Federal Transportation Administration, City of Tucson and Regional Transportation Authority, the CNG-fueled buses cost just over \$508,000 each. Sun Tran is Tucson's award winning regional public transportation system, which is operated by Transdev, and under contract with the City of Tucson. With more than 600 employees, 43 fixed routes and a current fleet of over 250 buses, Sun Tran's mission is to provide safe, reliable, well maintained and cost effective public transportation with a team of innovative and diverse employees, dedicated to our customers, the environment and the community.

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Ward 5 Shred It Event

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 14th, 8 am to 11 am, when the Ward 5 Council Office will be hosting their annual Shred It Event at the Council office, 4300 South Park. All 2015 events will be a drive-thru service. You might be required to exit your vehicle and hand boxes to an attendant or an attendant will come to your vehicle and transfer all documents for shredding to a bin. Shredding will be completed on-site before you leave. For more information, please call the Ward 5 office (520) 791-4231, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

Toilet Rebates Available

Tucson Water offers free toilets to qualifying low-to-moderate-income households. The rebate program offers free replacement of older toilets that consume 3.5 or more gallons per flush. Toilets qualifying for replacement typically are manufactured before 1991. The date of manufacture is generally stamped inside the tank or lid of the toilet. You must be a Tucson Water customer to receive the offer. Rental properties are not eligible. The program provides a high-efficiency toilet and hardware, as well as the installation. For more information, call Tucson Water at [\(520\) 791-4331](tel:5207914331) or follow the link below.

Tucson Water toilet replacement program: <http://1.usa.gov/lwIWAYG>



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City Department Partner to Help Hoarders

Concerned for the safety of area residents and rescue workers, about 50 local agencies have established a task force to address the problem of hoarding and how to help those individuals struggling with the issue. City Code Enforcement inspectors say they encounter a hoarding case about every other week. The issue poses significant risk to residents, as well as rescue personnel called to the homes of hoarders. On March 3, the task force is offering its first educational session for those seeking help with the issue. The meeting will be held from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Abrams Public Health Center, 3950 S. Country Club Road, Room 1104. "Buried in Treasures," is part of a 20-week program and support group.

City of Tucson Code Enforcement: <http://1.usa.gov/lzy375j>

Measles Vaccines for Children Being Offered

The Pima County Health Department is offering measles vaccines and other immunizations at its various health clinics. There is no charge for children under the age of 18, but you should bring immunization records and insurance cards. If the County doesn't partner with your health plan, you're asked to see your primary care provider first, but you will not be turned away at the clinic. For more information and a list of clinics, please call (520) 243-7736 or follow the link below. While a measles outbreak that began at Disneyland has made its way to Pinal and Maricopa counties, it has not yet surfaced in Pima County.

Pima County Health Immunizations: <http://1.usa.gov/lCt1hoe>



Recruitment Underway for Summer Pool Employees

The Tucson Parks and Recreation Department is looking for Water Safety Instructors and Lifeguards this summer. More than 150 lifeguards and swimming instructors are needed for seasonal work at City of Tucson pools, beginning the week of May 25. Applicants must be at least 16 years old at time of hire and have knowledge of water hazards, lifesaving techniques and first aid. Learn more about the qualifications by following the link below. The application deadline is May 31.

Job description: <http://1.usa.gov/lEekObF>

Tucson Parks and Recreation: <http://1.usa.gov/lua6Rjt>

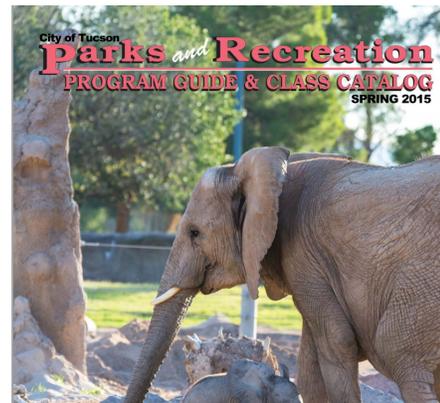
Stay Active, Body and Mind

From photography to pottery, the Tucson Parks and Recreation Department has a variety of classes available in the Spring 2015 Program Guide & Class Catalog, available online and at all Parks and Recreation facilities, district offices, and pools. The Program Guide has information on leisure classes, registration, and the Discount Program. The booklet also has information on recreation centers, sports programs, Tucson City Golf courses, and swimming pools.

Parks and Recreation registration and Program Guide:

<http://bit.ly/lU7q4db>

Parks and Recreation website: <http://1.usa.gov/lua6Rjt>



Congratulations and Thank You!

2014 Gem Show

This year's Showcase marked the 61st year of the "Gem Show" which consisted of 40 shows in hotels, tents, and exhibit halls around Tucson, drawing more than 50,000, with more than \$120 million direct spending, including \$30 million on lodging.

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!



Deputy City Manager Completes Important Homeland Security Training

Kelly Gottschalk, Tucson Deputy City Manager, completed the Executive Leaders Program at Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security February 19. The goal of the Executive Leaders Program is to enhance senior leaders' capacity to develop policies and strategies and while strengthening working relationships across the jurisdictional boundaries of regions, agencies, local-state-tribal-federal governments and the private sector. Students study the interdisciplinary concepts that comprise homeland security. Gottschalk was chosen because of her extensive experience and recognized leadership in the disciplines that comprise homeland security. Congratulations Kelly on finishing this important training.

Father Kino Anniversary

On February 14th, a celebration took place commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the dedication of the Father Kino Statute in the National Statutory Hall of Heroes in the United States Capitol. This event took place at the Arizona Historical Society and I had the privilege of representing the City of Tucson at this event and reading the proclamation from our Mayor commemorating the anniversary. Bishop Gerald Kicanas was present for the event, as well as state Representatives Rosanna Gabaldon and Macario Saldate.



This effort began in 1961, when the State of Arizona authorized the raising of private funds to place a statue of Father Kino in the United States Capitol as one of Arizona's two heroic representatives to our Nation. On February 14, 1965, the statue was formally presented in Washington D.C.

I want to congratulate Rosie Garcia, Mark O'Hare and the Kino Heritage Society for a job well done and successful event.

Congratulations and Thank You!

Love of Reading Month

February marks the Love of Reading Month, for which many efforts are ongoing to promote reading and literacy awareness in our community. I along with my staff took part in Love of Reading events in Tucson's schools and academies, such as Pistor, Holladay, Warren and La Paloma Academy. I want to thank everyone who helped to organize these efforts!



Ward 5 Staff Nominated for Women in Government Awards

I want to congratulate two members of the Ward 5 staff, Melinda Jacobs and Heileen Evans, who were nominated for the 2015 Pima County Tucson Women's Commission, Women in Government Awards. The Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission recognizes the outstanding work of women in public service at its annual Women in Government Awards Celebration. Congratulations Melinda and Heileen for being recognized for your work and commitment to public service.

Valentines for Vets Drive

Congratulations to Congressman Raul Grijalva and his office for their Valentine for Vets Drive, with cards were delivered to Tucson Veterans Administration hospital, University of Arizona and Pima College Veterans Centers, and American Legion Veterans Halls.

The Ward 5 office staff and volunteers had 150 cards created to help with this effort. Every Memorial Day and Veteran's Day weekend, my office helps to distribute more than 1,100 thank you cards to Veterans and those hospitalized at the VA Hospital, created by school children from Ward 5 schools, thanking the Veterans for their service to our country.

Essence of Soul Celebration & Fundraiser

The annual Essence of Soul Celebration & Fundraiser took place on Friday, February 20th at the Mulcahy YMCA at Kino Community Center. The event was a celebration of your soul with food, live music, dance, poetry, and visual arts performances while supporting the Y's cause by celebrating Black History Month at the Essence of Soul Food Fundraiser. Congratulations to Leticia Lujan, Executive Director of the Mulcahy YMCA and Paul Appleby for a job well done and a successful event.



SHRED-A-THON

**Saturday, March 14, 2015
8:00 am - 11:00 am
The Ward 5 Council Office
4300 S. Park Ave.**



**1st box is free!
\$5 or 3 non-perishable canned
goods for each additional box.**



**All donations to benefit the
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Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital

1601 W. St. Mary's Rd.

Northwest Medical Center

6200 N. La Cholla Blvd.

Oro Valley Hospital

1551 E. Tangerine Rd., Oro Valley

**The University of Arizona
Medical Center Main Campus**

1501 N. Campbell Ave.

**The University of Arizona
Medical Center South Campus**

2800 E. Ajo Way

Tucson Medical Center

5301 E. Grant Rd.

WHEN?

**Saturday, April 18, 2015
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

COST?**FREE!**

No Appointment Required
Walk-ins Only

STROKE: When Minutes Matter

Woman or man, young or old... you may be at risk for a stroke. You are invited to a FREE StrokeCheck clinic. You will learn more about stroke, your risk and how to control the risk factors.

KNOW THE SIGNS OF STROKE

You could be having a stroke if you experience:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion or trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

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You are at a greater risk of having a stroke if you:

- Are age 55 or older
- Have had a stroke or TIA
- Have high blood pressure
- Smoke cigarettes
- Have diabetes
- Have heart and/or blood vessel disease
- Have high cholesterol
- Have a high red blood cell count
- Have sickle cell disease
- Have atrial fibrillation

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For more information on StrokeCheck, call 872-4344 for a pre-recorded message about the screenings offered at each site.

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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

Code Enforcement & Graffiti Removal

792-CITY (2489)

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services Abandoned Shopping Carts

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

Loose or Dead Animals

Pima Animal Care Center
724-5900

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