



City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

During the June 3rd Mayor and Council meeting, a budget for FY 2015 was approved by the Mayor and Council. This budget will start on July 1st. The projected budget deficit of \$35 million was dealt with through recommendations from the Manager's Office and the Mayor and Council. No public safety employees will be laid off and the City will maintain services.

Sales tax and other revenues have increased over the previous fiscal year. Businesses such as Costco, Curacao, Bruker Nano Industries, CAID Industries, APAC Pharmaceutical, American Tire, Valencia Crossing Development and Kalil Bottling, located in Ward 5, are all helping to generate these revenues. Additionally, the Local Purchase Ordinance that I brought forward are helping to generate new revenues for Tucson's economy. Increased tourism from Vamos a Tucson, the Rodeo Parade, the recent IGBO Annual Conference and Bowling Tournament, to name three of the many events held in Tucson, are bringing in the tax dollars for our City. Other efficiencies through the Procurement Card program, something else that I brought forward, saved the City more than \$4,000,000 and brought in more than a \$500,000 in revenues for the City. In addition, an increased effort for advertising on city buses is succeeding, raising more than \$400,000 in revenues.

The City Manager's Office has indicated that spending had been reduced but not to the point of showing a budget surplus for the City, with employee health care and pension costs being the main cause. This Mayor and Council took action to deal with this and will work with the Arizona Legislature – who oversees the pension fund for public safety employees. Steps were taken by the Mayor and Council and further discussions and actions will follow during this upcoming Fiscal Year. Again my office led the Mayor and Council with the smallest budget for which the remaining surplus was used for road work, speed humps, bus stops, and to help programs and services in Ward 5.

This Mayor and Council eliminated a lot of unnecessary expenditures that were in the budget, as well as vacant positions held open in City departments – resulting in 1,400 less positions now, than when I became your Council Member on December 7, 2009. These cuts were only a piece of the picture that is Tucson's economic recovery. We must continue to encourage and stimulate our local economic engine to help make this City move again and keep the progress that we have accomplished going.

Richard Fimbres
Your Council Member

Ward 5 News

Welcome to Ward 5

There has been yet another Grand Opening in Ward 5! Congratulations to Jenn, Tanya and the staff at Body Central Physical Therapy, Sports & Wellness Center who had their grand opening on Saturday, June 21st at their new location at 1900 E. Ajo Way.

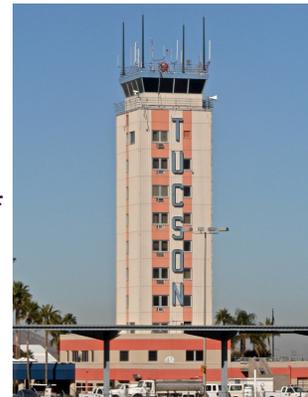


Bodycentral Physical Therapy was opened in 2001 with a dynamic vision; to be the provider of choice for people in Tucson experiencing musculoskeletal injuries and pain conditions. Their talented staff includes Doctors of Physical Therapy and therapists with Board Certifications in Orthopaedics, Sports, & Women's Health. Their mission is to provide quality, evidence-based treatment for all musculoskeletal problems- doing this with an exceptional patient experience.

A special "thank you" to Mike Varney and the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, and Chris Kaselemis with the City Economic Initiatives Office for their work to help open a new business in Ward 5 and Tucson. They have been working hard to put people back to work by creating jobs!

New Tucson Airport Tower

Tucson International Airport soon will have the newest air traffic control tower in the United States. Officials broke ground June 18th at the future site of the 252-foot tower. The new control tower will be twice as tall as the current one built in 1958. Tucson Airport Authority President and CEO Bonnie Allin has stated that the iconic tower will be preserved for other yet-to-be-determined uses. The new tower will be built on the south side of the airfield with a 13,000-square-foot base and adjacent 1,600-panel solar farm to generate part of the facility's electricity. The Federal Aviation Administration is spending \$42 million on the project, which is expected to take about two years to complete.



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City Manager Richard Miranda

Having worked for almost 40 years for the City of Tucson as a police officer, Police Chief and now City Manager, Richard Miranda has given countless time and effort into making Tucson a greater place. During his time as City Manager he has helped to bring stability, trust, and confidence to the City Manager's Office and to the City. Successful projects such as the Sun Link Streetcar, downtown revitalization, the hiring of an International Economic Development position, and voter approval of \$100 million for road repairs across Tucson demonstrate the Mayor and Council's and City leaders' commitment to providing excellent, observable services to our citizens.

To help ensure that work continues in a steady manner, the Mayor and Tuc-



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son City Council voted unanimously to appoint Assistant City Manager Martha Durkin as the Interim City Manager after Richard Miranda retires July 31st. Durkin has worked in City and County government since 1984 and served as the Legal Counsel to Tucson Unified School District. The Council plans to conduct a national search for a permanent City Manager and will discuss the recruitment and selection process at a special meeting on June 30th.

Richard Miranda leaves a strong group of leaders like Assistant City Manager Albert Elias, Assistant City Manager Kelly Gottschalk, and City Attorney Mike Rankin, who we hope will also apply for the permanent City Manager position.

Sunrise on Sun Link

All 8 of the *Made in America* Sun Link streetcars manufactured by Oregon Ironworks/United Streetcar have now been delivered to Tucson making Sun Link's fleet complete. On Friday, July 25th at 9:00 AM, a grand opening event will be held for the start of Sun Link passenger service. The event will take place at 5th Avenue and Congress Street with free rides being offered July 25th through the 27th. The streetcar will run until 2 a.m. Thursday - Saturday.



Each Sun Link streetcar is all electric and uses no fossil fuel. It is also customized for a desert environment – with four air conditioning units. Cameras have also been installed for safety and security. The Sun Link Streetcar project is considered to be Tucson's largest and most complex transportation construction project in the City's history. The Sun Link Streetcar project, which includes eight streetcars operating on a 3.9-mile route, between the downtown area and the University of Arizona campus, has received \$75 million in RTA funding toward the streetcar project capital costs and will receive another \$12 million toward streetcar operations. Federal dollars, including a \$63 million (TIGER) grant, the largest of its kind awarded to a single project, cover the remaining project costs. The Sun Link Streetcar project is part of the \$2.1 billion RTA plan, which was approved by Pima County voters in May 2006.

For more information about the Sun Link Tucson Streetcar, visit: <http://bit.ly/1ijjQf4>

Tucson Roadwork Update

Crews from the Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) Streets and Traffic Maintenance Division will be performing asphalt maintenance work on 22nd Street between Country Club Road and Tucson Boulevard. The work begins Wednesday, June 25, 2014 and is expected to be complete by Friday, July 11, 2014. Work hours will be 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



A single travel lane restriction will be in place while crews are performing this maintenance work. At

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least two lanes of travel will be maintained.

Business and residential access will be maintained at all times during the project. The traveling public can expect delays when driving in the work area. Please obey all traffic control signs and watch for construction personnel and equipment in the work area.

Tucson Receives \$400,000 Federal Grant

The City of Tucson Environmental Services department was awarded two Brownfields Community-wide Assessment Grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) totaling \$400,000. The grant funding will be used to conduct environmental assessments on properties which may be impacted with petroleum and hazardous substances. The grant project will focus on the City's Central Business District and the Origins Gateway redevelopment areas, which encompass downtown Tucson.

The City of Tucson's efforts to encourage downtown development have resulted in more than \$900 million being invested to date.

Foreclosures Drop in Arizona

The number of residential foreclosures and short sales continues to drop in Arizona. In May, 19.6 percent of homes sold in Tucson were in those categories, according to RealtyTrac, a real estate data company. Last year, that figure was 29.3 percent. The city ranks 24th in the country for the highest percentage of distressed home sales. A year ago, Tucson ranked 10th. Statewide, 21.4 percent of all homes sold in May were distressed, the third highest percentage among states. That number dropped from 24.4 percent last year.



March 2005, an underground storage tank is removed from the former Greyhound Depot, now The Cadence. This is an example of Brownfields at work.



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Be Safe this 4th of July

Americans love to celebrate the Fourth of July with family, friends, food and fireworks, but too often alcohol turns the party into a tragedy, making this iconic holiday one of the most deadly days of the year on the nation's roads.

Local police will be out in force throughout this Independence Day, on the lookout for motorists who have had too much alcohol to be behind the wheel of a vehicle. Police will have zero tolerance for alcohol scofflaws who drink and drive this July 4th, putting themselves and everyone else on Tucson roads at risk of life and limb.

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The percentage of fatalities from impaired driving spike around the Fourth of July. According to NHTSA, 251 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes during the Fourth of July holiday in 2011 (which ran from 6 p.m., July 1, to 5:59 a.m., July 5.) Of those fatalities, 38 percent were in crashes that involved at least one driver or motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 grams per deciliter or higher. A BAC of .08 g/dL is the legal intoxication limit in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the various U.S. territories.



The Ward 5 Council Office recommends these simple tips for a safe Fourth of July:

- Before drinking, designate a sober driver;
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation;
- Use your community's sober ride program;
- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact the Tucson Police Department;
- If you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

Vehicle Maintenance

You may know about "winterizing" your vehicle, but do you "summerize" your vehicle? Summertime is here, and that means summer vacations and summer travel season. But long drives, especially in extreme heat, can be rough on your vehicle. Before you hit the road for your favorite summer destinations, check out this list of maintenance suggestions:

Check your tires. Tire pressure changes with rising temperatures approximately one to two PSI for every 10 degree increase in outside air temperature. An under-inflated tire bulges outward and puts undo pressure on the tire sidewall. With enough heat and pressure, the tire will eventually blow. Over-inflated tires make less contact with the road surface and can cause hydroplaning during summer thunderstorms.

Change oil and oil filter. Oil keeps hardworking engine parts running clean, smooth and cool. Before you take that long distance summer road trip, check your oil. Heavy driving mixed with high temperatures can lead to an overheated engine.

Check hoses and belts. The key to successful summer driving is keeping the engine cool. If hoses crack or belts snap, the radiator can quickly overheat. Check hoses for



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cracks, leaks and loose connections as well as doing visual checks on belts for cracks and damages.

Change the air filter. Over the winter, your air filter can get clogged with salt and road debris. Replacing a dirty or clogged air filter can improve gas mileage by as much as 10%.

Replace your windshield wipers. The summer months are notorious for sudden, violent thunderstorms. When water is beating against your windshield in buckets, your wipers **NEED** to work. This is true in daytime, but more so at night, when a storm can decrease visibility by 15 to 20 feet in front of your vehicle.

Check your brakes. Your brakes are probably the single most important safety mechanism on your car. If you notice a brake problem, it pays to have it inspected or repaired as soon as possible. The cost of a brake repair service increases dramatically if even minor problems aren't fixed in a timely manner.

Check the coolant and radiator. Cars are designed to run pretty hot, but there is a limit to just how hot they should run. If an engine is allowed to get too hot, moving metal parts can actually start to melt and fuse together, causing a variety of engine problems.

Clean your battery. Summer heat can speed up the chemical reaction inside a battery, causing the battery to be overcharged. This significantly reduces battery life. Regularly detach the battery cables and wipe off the terminals. Make sure that the battery is strapped down tightly and that all connections are secure. If you need to replace your battery, make sure it is the right battery type for your specific vehicle.

Maintain your air conditioning. The most common cause of a malfunctioning air conditioning unit is a low level of refrigerant. This could be caused by a leak in the system. Since modern AC systems are complex, it's best to have a professional check out the problem.

Safe Phone Zones

The Arizona Department of Transportation has unveiled new Safe Phone Zone signs on highways throughout the state. The signs feature the GEICO Gecko image and encourage drivers to pull over to rest areas to use mobile phones. ADOT has entered a five-year contract with Infrastructure Corporation of America, a private company, to operate the state's 14 highway rest areas. The GEICO sponsorship is the first of the private company's planned sponsorship and advertising campaigns to generate revenue for reinvestment in the rest areas.

Texting While Driving

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says more than 40 percent of the teens they surveyed reported that they had texted or emailed while driving. Meanwhile, The City of Tucson urges our citizens to recognize the potential for tragedy associated with texting while driving, which is illegal in city limits. In addition to risking their own lives and the lives of others, motorists caught texting while driving are



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subject to a \$100 fine, which increases to \$250, if involved in an accident.

Service Line Warranty Program

The City of Tucson has authorized the National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program to be made available to homeowners within Tucson city limits. The program, run by Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA), provides homeowners a voluntary opportunity to obtain water line repair coverage for a monthly fee.

The maintenance and repair of the water line that runs from a home to the meter is the financial responsibility of the homeowner. These lines are subjected to the same elements as the Tucson Water service lines – root invasion, ground shifting, fluctuating temperatures, age and more. Repair costs for broken or leaking lines can cost between \$1,300 and \$3,500, or more.



The Service Line Warranty Program provides repair coverage, up to \$4,000 per repair, with no annual caps or service fees. In the event of a broken or leaking service line on your property, with a single call to a 24-hour toll-free hotline, a local, licensed, reputable plumber will be dispatched to your residence quickly to make the repair.

During this initial enrollment campaign the Water Line Repair Program is available for \$4.75 per month or for a one time discounted annual payment of \$52 – a savings of almost 10 percent. Additionally, if you enroll by July 29 during this initial campaign, SLWA will waive the normal 30-day waiting period, so you will be covered immediately.

To learn more about the program or to enroll, call 1-855-326-4684 to speak with an SLWA agent Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., or visit the SLWA website, where a list of frequently asked questions can be found.

If you choose to enroll in this program, please do so with the understanding that the City in no way warrants or is liable for the work or performance of Service Line Warranties of America. The City of Tucson is making residents aware of the availability of this product since water and sewer line repairs can be very expensive.

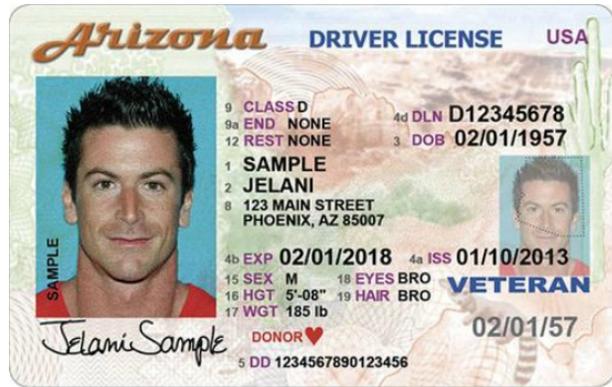
Summer Movies in Reid Park

Cox Communications and the Southern Arizona Arts and Culture Alliance will host Movies in the Park at Reid Park throughout the summer. Cox invites you to bring a blanket or lawn chair for a free movie along with live music, jumping castles, balloon twisters, and arts and crafts exhibits from area non-profits. Popcorn, soda, and food truck vendors also will be available for an additional charge. Food and activities begin at 5:30 p.m. and all movies begin at dusk (approximately 7 to 7:30 p.m.). Due to the popularity of these events, parking will fill up quickly. Please make arrangements to come early and use the alternate parking area at Hi Corbett.

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New Driver's Licenses

Drivers applying for a new driver's license or identification card will use an updated process and receive a newly-designed license. Drivers visiting a Motor Vehicle Division office to get a new driver license now will leave with a temporary credential. The permanent license will be mailed to the customer within 15 days. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has launched an innovative, high-security credential format. Arizona is following a change occurring across the nation by many states with the production of a driver license with a background that contains numerous security features. Older driver's licenses or ID cards remain valid until their expiration dates - or at least until the 12-year mark when the photo needs to be updated.



Graffiti Awareness and Reporting

Graffiti is defined as writing, drawing or symbols applied to any surface without the consent of the property owner, authorized agent or designee. These acts of vandalism cost taxpayers money, devalue property, and undermine the public's perception of safety. Graffiti is a criminal act and all members of the community should report graffiti.

Anyone who witnesses an act of graffiti in progress can call 9-1-1 immediately.



If you have found graffiti anywhere and/or on your personal property or business property a request for removal needs to be made through these processes:

- <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti/report>
- Smart Phone application "MyTucson" for iPhone or Android
- graffiti@tucsonaz.gov
- 792-CITY
- Transportation Department In-House number 791-3154

If you choose to remove the graffiti yourself, please be sure to:

- Take photos of the graffiti and moniker. Include date, time and exact location.
- Estimate the square foot cost of the cleanup.
- Report the act through <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti/report>
- Graffiti must be removed within 24 hours. This eliminates the recognition and notoriety that taggers seek by vandalizing your property.

If the graffiti occurs on public utility boxes or equipment, we ask that you contact the owner of the property:

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- TEP (520) 623-7711 or <http://www.tucsonelectric.com/> , www.tep.com
- Tucson Water Department (520) 791-4311 or <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/water>
- Comcast - (520) 744-1900 or <http://www.comcast.com/default.csp>
- Cox (Green Boxes) - (520) 300-5292 or <http://ww2.cox.com/>
- Southwest Gas - 1-877-860-6020 or <http://www.swgas.com/>
- CenturyLink (Beige Boxes) - 1-866-642-0444 or <http://www.qwest.com/>
- City of Tucson Properties – (520) 792-2489
- Sun Tran Properties – (520) 792-9222
- Arizona Department of Transportation – (520) 388-4200

Congratulations and Thank You!

City Pools

The City of Tucson's Parks and Recreation Department has opened 18 pools for public use. A special thank you to Doug Martin and Fred Gray for their work to open an additional 8 pools this summer! The pools will remain open until July 30. Parks and Rec is also offering swim lessons in June and July. You can learn more about swim lessons and pool admission/locations/hours in the Summer Program Guide and Class Catalog linked below.



Summer Program Guide and Class Catalog: <http://bit.ly/1kqDKuL>
 Register for classes: <http://bit.ly/1kqDFaf>

Cards For Vets Project

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

Thank you to those students and teachers who took the time for this project to help those veterans, many of whom are without family and friends to see them over the Memorial Day Weekend. Special thank you to principals Roy Massani (Apollo Middle School), Rafael Montano (Secrist Middle School), Roxana Rico (Challenger Middle School), Stephen Trejo (CE Rose K-8), Dr. Daniel Schulter (Dodge Middle School), Venessa Morales (Doolen Middle School), Rosanna Ortiz-Montoya (Maxwell K-8), and Donna Samorano (Sierra Middle School).



This project was overseen by Ward 5 Intern Amanda Palko, who coordinated this project with Pepe Mendoza and the VA Hospital.

Congratulations and Thank You!

Juneteenth

The 2014 Juneteenth Celebration took place on Saturday, June 14th at the Donna Liggins Center. It was great to see organizations taking part in the 44th Annual Celebration in Tucson. Pima County Supervisor Richard Elias, Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, Vice Mayor Paul Cunningham, Council Members Karin Uhlich and Richard Fimbres were present for this event, which drew big crowds. Assistant Police Chief John Leavitt was also present, along with our Fire Chief, Jim Critchley. Congratulations to Esther Sharif, Burney Starks and the 2014 Tucson Juneteenth organizing committee for their successful event!

Racial Reconciliation Conference

The 2014 Racial Reconciliation Conference ended with their banquet and the William O Wills Jr. Awards on Saturday, June 14th. Mayor Rothschild and Council Member Fimbres were present for the banquet, honoring the work of those in Tucson's faith based organizations and efforts. Congratulations to Martha Wills and William O. Wills Sr., as well as the organizing committee for their work on this year's conference and banquet!

La Primera Vista

On June 14th the statue La Primera Vista, was dedicated in a public ceremony at the statues location, South Mission and Grande roads, just north of Starr Pass Boulevard, across the way from where the original Spanish convento was built, marking Tucson's colonial birthplace. The large bronze sculpture, originally sketched by the late Tohono O'odham artist Leonard Chana, recognizes the region's original inhabitants. Long-time muralist Luis Gustavo Mena, known for his murals that focus on cultural statements, created the work using Tohono O'odham models to ensure accuracy. Pima County Supervisor Richard Elias and Tucson Council Member Regina Romero were present for the dedication. Congratulations to the Tohono O'odham Nation, Luis Mena and Los Descendientes del Presidio on this wonderful statue!



Arizona Bilingual Magazine

Thank you to Arizona Bilingual Magazine for recognizing Council Member Richard Fimbres in their June 2014 issue for his positive efforts to help strengthen business communities between Arizona and Sonora, Mexico!



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Saturday, July 19, 2014
10am - 2pm

Jim & Vicki Click Clubhouse
1935 South Columbus Blvd
Tucson, Arizona 85712

Saturday, July 26, 2014
10am - 2pm

Holmes Tuttle Clubhouse
2585 East 36th St
Tucson, Arizona 85713

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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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