



# City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

Based on several incidents at Santa Rita Park and after several meetings with the Neighborhood Associations, Tucson Police and the Tucson Parks and Recreation Department on Thursday, May 19, a new effort for enforcement was launched at Santa Rita Park.

Under the direction of Tucson Police Chief Chris Magnus, Assistant Chief Ramon Batista, and Operations Division West Captain Eric Kazmierczak, increased walking patrols, bicycle patrols and additional car patrols will be in the Santa Rita Park area.

Lt. Thomas Hawke and Lt. Jennifer Turner have been assigned to oversee the Park effort and coordinate with the surrounding neighborhoods, doing updates and deal with future incidents..

Tucson Police is coordinating with service agencies, Primavera, La Frontera and Old Pueblo Community Services to have intake coordinators to go out to Santa Rita Park to reach out to those who may need help.

This effort is a part of the Community Policing approach, and I want to thank our Police Chief, Chris Magnus, for bringing back this approach and for this to be used in Santa Rita Park. The work to make the park and neighborhood safer is ongoing and those who need help are getting it.

Tucson Parks and Recreation had kept the lights on in Santa Rita Park for a longer period of time. They are also looking at the feasibility of offering classes from the recreation program in Santa Rita Park.

Tucson Fire's new TC3 program which helps those who need services get those programs, are also a part of the ongoing effort in Santa Rita Park.

It is great that Old Pueblo Community Services, La Frontera and Primavera are a part of the plan for Santa Rita Park. There are people who are homeless, who need help and there are agencies who are working with us to get these people they assistance they need. Homelessness is not a crime. You can contact Lt. Jennifer Turner at 837-7230, [Jennifer.turner@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Jennifer.turner@tucsonaz.gov), and Lt. Thomas Hawke at 837-7298, Email [Thomas.hawke@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Thomas.hawke@tucsonaz.gov).

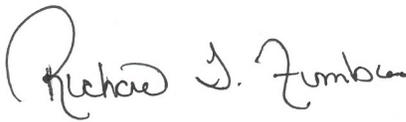
I also want to thank Assistant Chief Ramon Batista, who had updated the Chief on this and worked to get the extra patrols for the area. I also want to thank Tucson Fire, the Parks and Recreation Department, all service providing agencies taking part and the neighborhoods for their assistance in this effort.

This work will go on and I will provide our community updates on the work to get Santa Rita Park back.

Last year, I had to move a youth football program of 250 kids, parents and coaches out of the park to Silverlake Park and getting the lighting needed for them.

With the work of the police, service agencies, the surrounding neighborhoods and our community, we will succeed with this effort for Santa Rita Park.

Peace.



Richard Fimbres  
Your Ward 5 Councilmember



#### **Cherrybell Update**

The efforts to keep Tucson and Southern Arizona's post office and processing center open continues and we are winning the battle.

During testimony before the House Oversight and Government Committee, Postmaster General Megan Brennan testified that the U.S. Postal Service will not be consolidating postal processing centers for the foreseeable future. Brennan cited the delays in mail service due to their change in standards as well as the reports previously conducted on potential consolidation were out of date.

New studies and economic impacts are to be conducted, Brennan stated in her testimony. I want to thank Congresswoman Martha McSally, Congressman Raul Grijalva and Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick for their work for southern Arizona's post office and processing center.

Congratulations to State Senator Andrea Dalessandro, who worked to get SCM 1009 passed in the Arizona Legislature. SCM 1009 put the Arizona Legislature on record supporting Cherrybell and urging Congress to take further action to ensure Southern Arizona's post office and processing center does not close. I also want to thank Congressman Paul Gosar for his support of Cherrybell. Congressman Gosar sits on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee and will be working on the bipartisan legislation on Postal Reform that will be coming out of the committee.

### HomeGoods Holds Job Fair

HomeGoods held a job fair at the Tucson Convention Center May 11-12. This was not like the any job application effort, but the first step for the new Distribution Center that is located in Ward 5.



Many people from Tucson and Southern Arizona turned out applied for the initial positions available at the Distribution Center. HomeGoods will be hiring 400 people initially for here.

This Distribution Center will distribute the products HomeGoods offers, to its stores across the United States. An additional 510 people are to be hired next year to bring the HomeGoods Distribution Center to full capacity. The HomeGoods Distribution Center and its jobs will bring an additional \$830 million to Tucson's economy.

### Caterpillar Industries Coming to Tucson



The City of Tucson scored another economic victory with the announcement of Caterpillar Industries moving a regional headquarters to Tucson.

This means an additional 600 jobs coming to Tucson, bringing an additional \$600 million dollars to Tucson's economy from the jobs and relocation of the regional headquarters. Congratulations to the City of Tucson,

Rio Nuevo, Sun Corridor and the Arizona Commerce Authority on this success. Welcome to Tucson Caterpillar Industries.

### AHL Hockey Coming to Tucson

The Tucson Mayor and Council approved an agreement for the National Hockey League's Arizona Coyotes to bring their top farm team to play at the Tucson Convention Center. The new Tucson franchise will be a part of the American Hockey League (AHL), the NHL's top farm league, which has 30 teams across the U.S. and Canada.

The agreement was approved at the May 17, Mayor and Council meeting by a unanimous vote. Congratulations to City Manager Mike Ortega and the City Attorney, Mike Rankin, who worked on this agreement, which protects the city from potential liability.

I had the chance to meet the President of the Arizona Coyotes, Anthony LeBlanc, at the Ward 5 office. LeBlanc expressed his excitement of having their farm team in Tucson and looks forward to working to expand the sport in Tucson and Southern Arizona. LeBlanc stated that 100,000 people who attend Arizona Coyote games a season, come from Southern Arizona.





**Memorial Day**

On Monday, May 30, our nation will mark Memorial Day, the day we remember those men and women of the military who sacrificed their lives for this country.

As a 27 ½ year veteran of the active, U.S. Army, the Army Reserves and Army National Guard, I hold this day near and dear to my heart. This holiday began after the Civil War in 1868 as Decoration Day, marked on the last Monday in May. It became a federal holiday in 1971.

For the past four years, on Memorial Day, as well as Veteran’s Day, my office has collaborated with schools from the Sunnyside School District and Tucson Unified School District, to create thank you cards and letters for veterans who are at the V.A. Hospital, which is located in Ward 5.

I along with a contingent of elected official on Friday, May 27, will again go to the Southern Arizona V.A. Hospital to present these cards and letters to thank those veterans for their service.



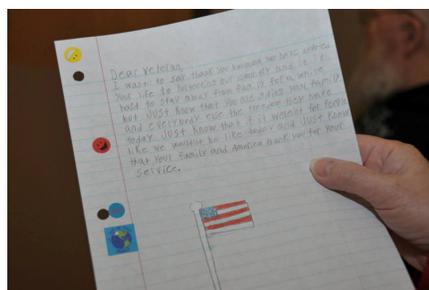
I want to thank the following schools for their efforts for Memorial Day:

Los Amigos Technology, Sierra Middle School, Cavett Elementary, Hollinger Elementary, C.E. Rose, Warren, Kelling, Holladay Magnet, Drachman Montessori, Dodge, Doolen Middle School, Mansfield Middle School and Mary Belle McCorkle.

The Veterans Prayer: “Dear Lord, Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country’s heritage, for all of us.

“Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America’s victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.

“Today, let us remember all of the veterans that sacrificed so much to keep our country safe. God bless all of our troops and may He watch over them forever.”





### Changes to Sun Tran Rates/Routes/Policies Being Discussed

The City of Tucson has extended the time for the public to provide comments on policies and proposed changes through Sunday, June 26, 2016. Due to the direction of the City of Tucson's Mayor and Council, there are now two fare increase options for the community to review and provide comments in addition to the Title VI policies and proposed service changes. Additional open house events have been scheduled and are listed below.

Fare Increase Options, Policies & Proposed Service Changes: Proposed Fare Increases - OPTION1, OPTION 2, Transfer policy, Routes 9 & 20 - Proposed Changes, Route 27 - Proposed Changes, Out of Area Fee for Optional Sun Van ADA and Sun Shuttle Dial-A-Ride service.

These options can be found online at: [www.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward5/Attachment\\_A\\_1\\_1.pdf](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward5/Attachment_A_1_1.pdf), and [www.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward5/Attachment\\_B\\_1\\_1.pdf](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward5/Attachment_B_1_1.pdf).

Public Forums will be held on the following dates and locations Representatives from Sun Tran will be available to present the two fare increase options and answer questions about the policies, fare increase options and proposed service changes

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

10 a.m. – 11 a.m. at El Rio Neighborhood Center, 1390 W. Speedway Blvd.

Thursday, June 2, 2016

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at Woods Memorial Library, 3455 N. 1st Ave.

6 p.m. – 7 p.m. at El Pueblo Activity Center, 101 W. Irvington Rd.

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

12 p.m. – 1 p.m. at Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave.

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Wilmot Library, 530 N. Wilmot Rd

Thursday, June 9, 2016

6 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Clements Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Dr.

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Pasqua Yaqui Housing Warehouse, 4781 Calle Torim

Thursday, June 16, 2016

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Oro Valley Library, 1350 W. Naranja Dr.

The Mayor and Council will hold a public hearing at the August 9 Regular Agenda Meeting, starting at 5:30 pm, at City Hall, 255 West Alameda.



### City Budget Update

The Mayor and Council at the May 17 meeting, gave tentative approval for the Fiscal Year 2017 budget.

The work began on this budget in December 2015, when there was a projected budget deficit of \$42 million dollars. Thanks to City Manager Mike Ortega, city staff and my colleagues on the Council, a collaborative effort began to deal with this.

Included as part of the deficit was a payment of \$27.3 million, a result of the actions by the Arizona Legislature, who in 2012, made changes to the public safety retirement pension system. The Arizona Legislature was sued and lost in court, with the result of all cities and towns having to make additional payments due to their actions about the public safety retirement pension system. Through the discussions, presentations and actions taken by the Mayor and Council, a structurally balanced budget for the City of Tucson was the result. The Mayor and Council will have a hearing, discussion and take a final vote on the budget during the June 7 Regular Agenda meeting.

### Water Rate/Recycling Rate Update

As part of the budgetary process, discussions about the water rates as well as the recycling program took place. With the recent announcements about potential changes to the CAP water from the Colorado River and the diminished capacity of Lake Mead, as well as the changes made to the Tucson Water infrastructure (including water pipes and mains) the Tucson Mayor and Council voted to increase rates by approximately \$2 a month for average users for this.



Our most precious resource is water and the City has worked to save its supply and get its full allotment of CAP water. Timothy Thomure, the Director for Tucson Water, has told this office and the Mayor and Council that the city has a 35 year supply of water stored. By no means should our community rest and waste what is in reserves. My office has worked with the Water Department to expand the low-income program for Tucson Water, as well as the fund to help those customers who may not be able to pay a monthly bill.



A temporary fee of 45 cents per month for Environmental Services will be assessed for the recycling program. This is due to the downturn in the recycling program in terms of payment for recycled materials. Two years ago, the City of Tucson Environmental Services program received close to \$1 million dollars for their recycled products, for which the proceeds went to help cover cost for the recycling service. Now, they reported that they are not receiving any funds due to the downturn.

Tucson is not alone on this and other cities are taking actions to deal with their recycling efforts.

### Valencia Road Work Update

The Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) plans to be busy fixing roads starting this summer. TDOT has 18 road improvement projects scheduled over the next few months. Construction on Valencia Road from 12th Avenue to Alvernon Way starts in August. Crews already are getting the area near the Tucson International Airport ready for the mill and repaving work. Once the work begins, construction should take about a month. The Valencia Road project is part of the Proposition 409 Road Repair bonds effort.



### Neighborhood Road Work Update

Neighborhood roads are also part of the Proposition 409 Road Repair bond project program. Recently, streets in the Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association and the Bravo Park Lane Association in Ward 5 received notification of upcoming work on the streets in their area. The residential resurfacing program includes a micro mill (removing about a 1/4 inch of old asphalt) followed by a slurry and chip seal.

The list of ongoing and upcoming road work projects in Ward 5 are located at [www.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward5/409\\_Prog\\_FY16-FY18\\_Ward\\_5\\_05192016.pdf](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward5/409_Prog_FY16-FY18_Ward_5_05192016.pdf). For more information, call the Tucson Department of Transportation, 837-6686, for more details.

### Laos Transit Center Update

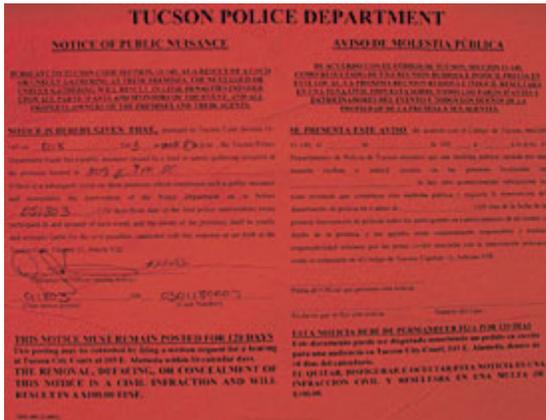
The Laos Transit Center is currently being upgraded. The facility was originally constructed in 1975, prior to the adoption of the Americans with Disability Act, for which further changes are being done to make the Transit Center more handicapped accessible. In addition, new bathroom facilities are being added. The restrooms being installed are those designed and being used by the City of Portland, Oregon. Saving electricity, water and taxpayer dollars.



### HAWK Safety Crosswalk Update

Ward 5 has seen the installed of a HAWK Crosswalk at Old Nogales Highway and Olive, near the El Pueblo Activity Center and the Rudy Garcia Park in Ward 5. In September, the installation of another HAWK Crosswalk will take place at Valencia Road and East Hemisphere Loop will commence. The HAWK Crosswalk was invented by then Tucson Transportation Engineer, Richard Nassi, which has saved many lives in Tucson and across the nation where they have been installed. When serving as the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Director, I worked with Nassi to fund the first HAWK installed here in Tucson.





**Red Tag/Group Dwelling Ordinances**

The City of Tucson has ordinances on the books to deal with noisy neighbors and student housing developments. Recently, several neighborhoods in Ward 5 had situations dealing with both and during the May 17, Mayor and Council meeting, a discussion on the red tag and group dwelling ordinances took place, for which my office, joined with the Ward 6 Council office to lead on the agenda item.

The University of Arizona also discussed how they deal with unruly student behavior through their Dean of

Students Office, as well as working with neighborhoods through their Campus Community Relations Committee. The U of A has been working with Wards 6 and 3 and I have asked them to include Ward 5. The UA Community Relations had also launched a 24-hour Neighborhood Hotline that residents can call if they have concerns or questions involving their UA student neighbors. That number is 282-3649.

The Mayor and Council asked questions about the enforcement action, from Tucson Police through prosecution of these cases. City staff were questioned about the process for approving student housing developments in neighborhoods.

My motion for staff to review the group dwelling and the red tag ordinances, the process for plan review and approval, Code Enforcement policy on complaints, Tucson Police response and actions and to get neighborhood input and feedback on proposed changes was approved unanimously by the Mayor and Council, which will get this back for review in 60 days



**Ward 5 Wants You To Serve On A Citizen Advisory Committee**

Part of the structure of the City of Tucson government are the citizen’s advisory committees which assist the Mayor and Council in their duties of setting policy for city government.

Each Ward has seats on various committees and commissions that deal with wide range of matters and issues.

Currently, the Ward 5 office has vacancies on the following committees: the Metropolitan Energy Commission, the Planning Commission (must be a Ward 5 resident), Economic and Workforce Development, the Environmental Service Advisory Committee, Rodeo Parade Grounds Advisory, the Pima County Tucson Arts Council and LGBT Issues Committee.



If interested and would like more information, contact the Ward 5 office by Email, at ward5@tucsonaz.gov, subject - Citizen’s Advisory Committee. We want to hear from you.

**Park Improvements at Pueblo Gardens Park**

On April 30th, I was fortunate to celebrate park improvements at Pueblo Gardens Park. The project provided site and playground improvements focused on access for the disabled. Improvements included resurfacing two existing parking lots with ADA spaces, sidewalks throughout the site for access to various amenities, and new, accessible drinking fountains, picnic tables, and an accessible playground with a shade canopy.



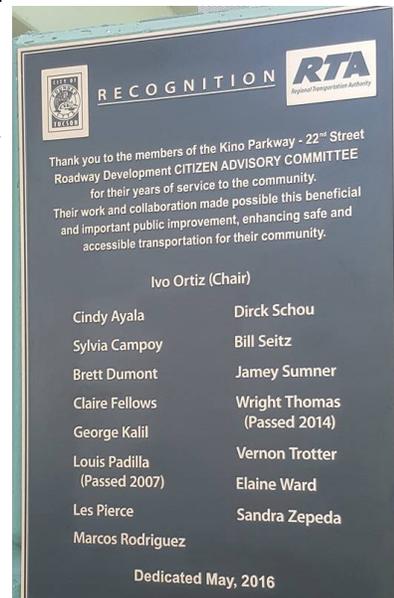
Funding for the project came from Community Development Block Grant funds of \$252,000. I want to thank Housing and Community Development and Tucson Parks and Recreation for their assistance in this effort and the Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood for their work on this.

**Kino-22<sup>nd</sup> Citizen Advisory Committee Plaque Dedication**

On May 16th, I joined representatives from the Tucson Department of Transportation, the Regional Transportation Authority and members of the project’s Citizen Advisory Committee to dedicate a plaque to honor the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Kino Parkway – 22nd Street Intersection Improvement Project. The project has reconstructed one of the most congested intersections in Southern Arizona with the first grade-separated intersection constructed by the City of Tucson. Its dramatic lighting, public art, landscape design, bridge architecture and structural engineering create an impressive gateway from Tucson International Airport into the city as well as a smooth passage south to the University of Arizona’s Tech Park at The Bridges on the southwest corner of Kino and East 36th Street, part of the Renaissance of Ward 5.

The Citizen Advisory Committee of more than a dozen representatives of surrounding neighborhoods, local businesses, property owners and the Tucson Urban League met 25 times to provide valuable input, as well as holding five public open houses and seven neighborhood association meetings.

Congratulations to Ivo Ortiz (Chair), Cindy Ayala, Sylvia Campoy, Brett Dumont, Claire Fellows, George Kalil, the family of the late Louis Padilla, Les Pierce, Marcos Rodriguez, Dirck Schou, Bill Seitz, Jamey Sumner, the family of the late Wright Thomas, Vernon Trotter, Elaine Ward and Sandra Zepeda.



# Summer Safety

## Summer Safety Tips

**Heat Safety** - As the summer approaches, it is important that we all do our part to ensure that we stay safe during our hot months. There are some common sense approaches to avoid dangerous situations with Arizona's extreme outdoor temperatures. Plan errands and recreational activities for the early morning and evening. Avoid being outside from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the sun is the hottest. Teach your children to wear shoes outside. The concrete can be hot enough to cause second-degree burns. Check the temperature of buckles and car seats — they can reach the temperature of a hot skillet. Park in covered parking or under shade whenever possible.

Keep water with you. Pack extra bottles in the car in case of an emergency. Wear sunscreen. Make sunscreen part of your morning routine. Heat cramps, exhaustion and even heat stroke are not uncommon in Arizona. Symptoms of a heat-related illness can include: muscle spasms or cramps, cold sweat, extreme fatigue, flushed cheeks, nausea, headache, upset stomach or vomiting, and dizziness, hot, dry red skin, dizziness and confusion, rapid weak pulse and rapid shallow breathing.

**Water Safety** - Pools and lakes fill up during the summer months, not just with water, but with people. The combination can be deadly if you don't take precautions. Stay safe around water by:

Remembering that two seconds is too long to divert your attention from a child in or around water. Constantly supervising children. Assign a designated child watcher and schedule 30-minute increments in which one adult is on duty. Make sure everyone knows who is responsible for watching kids around the pool. Learning CPR. Take CPR training. Post CPR steps on the refrigerator as a reminder. Having non-swimmers wear personal flotation devices.

Installing a secured barrier around your pool. The Arizona Legislature requires that pool fences be at least five feet high. Learn more about Arizona pool fence regulations at [www.azleg.state.az.us](http://www.azleg.state.az.us). Having a telephone outside by the pool. Forbidding running around the pool.



## City of Tucson Summer Pool Schedule

Here are the following City of Tucson pools that will be open during the Summer: El Pueblo Pool, Freedom Park Pool, Himmel Park Pool, Jacobs Park Pool, Kennedy Park Pool, Mansfield Pool, Menlo Park Pool, Palo Verde Pool and Purple Heart Park Pool. For further information, call 791-4873 or online at [www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/pools-and-splash-pads](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/pools-and-splash-pads).



### **Farewell to Melinda Jacobs and Heileen Evans**

The Ward 5 Council office will be saying goodbye to two staff members. Melinda Jacobs, who has been with the office since 1999, will be retiring. Heileen Evans is leaving the office to take a position with the University of Arizona and continuing her education.

Melinda Jacobs has worked on various projects, liquor license applications and constituent cases and issues affecting Ward 5. She will be remembered as the person who coordinated the World War II Memorial project, ensuring its completion and dedication at Armory Park. This was an 8 ½ year effort.

Heileen Evans has worked for the last four years as an assistant and three years prior as an Intern from Tucson Youth Development. Her work on the newsletter, mailings, constituent cases and issues helped the Ward 5 office tremendously.

I want to thank Melinda Jacobs for her work for Ward 5 and Tucson and wish her the best in the next chapter of her life. I want to thank Heileen Evans for her service and wish her the best of luck continuing her education because education is the key to success.



### **Welcome to Rodrigo Guerrero**

Rodrigo Guerrero is doing a Summer Internship at the Ward 5 Office. Rodrigo will be a junior at Catalina Foothills High School. Councilmember Fimbres is glad to have Rodrigo on board. He has been a go-getter and fast learner of the tasks at hand in the Ward 5 office.

### **Petition Drive to Honor Richard Barker**

There is a petition drive gathering signatures to rename facilities at the El Pueblo Center.

Richard Barker started work as a Neighborhood Center Attendant in 1976. Richard stayed at El Pueblo throughout his career with the City of Tucson obtaining promotions and ultimately serving as Center Supervisor for 27 years. Mr. Barker worked to fulfill the El Pueblo Mission to meet the health, educational, recreational, social and cultural needs of the community.

Richard oversaw El Pueblo grow from the original 5 buildings of the Neighborhood Center to 16 buildings, a swimming pool and the El Pueblo Park today. In addition, Richard has lived and volunteered the majority of this life in the El Pueblo Center service area. Throughout the years Richard volunteered with Luz Social Services, the NET Team, Chicanos Por La Causa Governing Board and Pima County Parks and Recreation Governing Board. Richard also worked for many years with numerous neighborhood associations in the service area, Pima Community College, Adult Basic Education and the El Rio Health Center to meet the needs of the community.

There are petitions also at the Ward 5 Council office.

**Tucson Is A Bike Friendly Community**

Tucson ranks No. 2 in a national survey of bike-friendly cities. Redfin, a real estate firm, recently published a study of cities friendly to bicyclists in downtown areas. The company ranked the downtown neighborhoods of cities with populations above 500,000 based on their Bike Score ratings on WalkScore.com. The ratings also are based on bike lanes, hills, bike share programs, destinations, and road connectivity.

**Air Force to Pay For Tucson Water Treatment Facility**

The City of Tucson will be reimbursed nearly \$17 million by the United States Air Force for the design and construction of the AOP Water Treatment Facility. Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) technology is used to treat groundwater contaminated with 1,4-dioxane, which was used by aircraft manufacturing companies in the Tucson airport area from the 1940s to 1970s. The process combines ultraviolet light with hydrogen peroxide to purify up to 8 million gallons of water a day.

**Tucson to New York Non-Stop Flights**

The Tucson Metro Chamber's Air Service Task Force has succeeded in negotiating the creation of non-stop air service between Tucson and New York City's JFK International Airport with American Airlines. The first inbound flight from JFK will arrive in Tucson on October 6 and return to JFK the following morning. Daily service will depart Tucson at 7:57 a.m. and arrive in New York at 4:00 p.m., in time for overseas connections to Europe and beyond. Return flights will depart JFK at 5:00 p.m. and arrive in Tucson at 7:29 p.m.

**Tucson Water Warning of Scam**

Tucson Water is alerting customers about a scam related to bill collections. Several customers reported receiving calls from someone claiming to be from a company tasked with collecting money from water customers, said Tucson Water spokesman Fernando Molina. The caller threatens to turn off your water if you don't pay right away.

Tucson Water does not make these types of calls or shut off service on weekends, he said. It provides two written notifications of account delinquency or service interruption, followed by an automated phone call asking a delinquent account holder to contact the utility immediately. Tucson Water does not request payment or financial information over the phone. Customers may verify their account and status of service by calling (520) 791-3242 or e-mailing [TWCustomerService@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:TWCustomerService@tucsonaz.gov).

**Tucson Ten-time Honoree Among 257 "Playful City USA" Communities for 2016**

Tucson is being honored with a 2016 Playful City USA designation for the 10th time. Tucson was one of 31 cities honored in 2007, the inaugural year. Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the national recognition program honors cities and towns across the country for making their cities more playable. "The City of Tucson and Parks and Recreation are proud to be one of the first to be recognized as a Playful City and pleased to have continued that designation over the past 10 years," said Fred Gray, Director of Tucson Parks and Recreation. "It is a testament to our staff's dedication to serving the community and bringing play to Tucson." To learn more about these cities, see the full list of the 257 communities named 2016 Playful City USA honorees, or to gather more information on the Playful City USA program, visit [www.playfulcityusa.org](http://www.playfulcityusa.org).



### Dancing in the Streets Next Event

Dancing in the Streets Arizona (DITSAZ) is a non-profit dance organization geared to the diversity of anyone who wants to dance. There will be a uniquely choreographed piece in the June 5 production of "Peter and the Wolf and Other Works" featuring our newest student Madera, a wheelchair-bound young lady with cerebral palsy.

To our knowledge, this has never before been done in a Tucson production. See you there

Sunday, June 5, 3:00 pm at the ATC Temple of Music and Art...330 S. Scott. Tickets are \$10...call for purchase info. 520-298-7738.



### Pothole Complaints Decrease in Tucson

The Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) reports it filled 20,157 potholes during the first four months of this year. That's a big decrease from the same time frame last year, when it filled 33,632 potholes.

TDOT officials also say the City received 787 pothole complaints so far this year, down from 1,424 at this time last year. The pothole decrease is attributed to the Road Recovery bond program (Prop. 409) and the specialized three-person Rapid Response Crew that focuses solely on filling potholes. The program was initiated by TDOT last year. You can report potholes to TDOT by calling (520) 791-3154, or emailing the exact location to [tdotsr@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:tdotsr@tucsonaz.gov).



### Parks and Recreation Offers \$2 Swim Lessons for Those Who Qualify

May is National Water Safety Month, and the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation department, in partnership with the American Red Cross Aquatics Centennial Program, is offering \$2 summer swim lessons to the first 1,400 people (ages 6 months to 17 years) who qualify for the Discount Program.

To find out if you qualify by viewing the Discount Program at the link below, or by calling 791-4877. You must register for the discounted lessons in person at 900 S. Randolph Way. For those who don't qualify, swim lessons will be \$15 per session. Lessons are offered in four, two-week sessions, with eight lessons per session during June and July. There are 18 pools throughout the city open from June 1 through Aug. 3.

### **Amigos de Pima Scholarship Event**

The ninth annual Amigos de Pima scholarship luncheon will take place Friday, May 27, 11:30 am, at the Pima Community College Downtown Campus, Amethyst Room. Fourteen students will receive scholarships to help them in the pursuit of higher education. Congratulations to Abraham Durazo, Gabriel Lujan, Joshua Peterson, Julie Perez, Zia Pearson, Ashley Ramos, Mercedes Rivera, Monica Orozco, Alyssa Jacobo, Lorina Contreras, Breay Davis and Jazmin Cantu. This year's luncheon is sold out but people can still donate to the Amigos de Pima scholarship program. For more information, call 206-4646.

### **Knights of Columbus Memorial Day Event**

Over the Memorial Day Weekend, there will be many commemorations to remember those men and women who died in military service for our country. The Knights of Columbus Council 1200, located at 601 S. Tucson Boulevard, will be hosting a Memorial Day tribute luncheon on Sunday, May 29, at 2 pm. Tickets are free for veterans, \$10 for everyone else who wants to attend. For more information, call 795-1200.



### **Arizona Bilingual's Dia De Los Ninos Festival A Success**

More than 5,500 hundred children and their families turned out for the Second Annual Dia De Los Ninos, sponsored by Arizona Bilingual.

Many businesses and organization took part in this event. The highlight was the announcement of which young people would be shadowing their favorite elected and public officials.

Congratulations to Alma Gallardo and the staff at Arizona Bilingual for this successful event.

### **2016 Sunnyside Neighborhood All American Awards**

The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association announced this year's recipients of the All American Awards. This is the 23th year in which the Association has raised funds and dedicated their efforts to recognizing students who have shown leadership, character and extraordinary determination in achieving their goals.

The All American Awards program, developed by the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association, is now in its 23rd year of honoring two graduating students from each school in the Sunnyside School District. The late Dewayne "Ben" Bennett and Manuel Herrera Jr. are the founders of this program that began in 1993.

This year's All American Awards ceremony took place on May 6, at Apollo Middle School, 265 West Nebraska. Congratulations to all the students who were honored at this year's event.



### **Councilmember Fimbres At NALEO Educational Convening**

I Joined the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, the nation's preeminent Latino leadership organization, and nearly 50 other Latino policymakers from across the state for a two-day convening in Tempe, Ariz., that addressed policies and strategies for developing a common vision to increase access to quality educational systems and workforce opportunities in Arizona.

The NALEO Arizona Statewide Education Convening took place May 20-21, 2016, where I and other Latino policymakers had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of Arizona's educational policies and academic outcomes for families and students from birth to college completion and the workforce.

During the convening, I was also able to engage in conversations about the role stakeholders and policymakers can play across the entire educational pipeline to develop strategic partnerships and strengthen the access and quality of educational systems to enhance academic outcomes and support a stronger workforce across the state.

We have to stop the flow of skilled and experienced teachers leaving the teaching profession in our area. Teachers cite three reasons for leaving the profession, the low salary, working conditions and the lack of support.

Communities must work together to keep the skilled and experienced teachers so that so that we can education and train a better work force for our future.

Participants who attended the two-day convening heard from leading experts from the public, private, and non-profit sectors who tackled several of the most pressing issues facing the state, including:

- The Arizona We Want, Cultivating the Civic Engagement We Need
- Foundations of Early Childhood Education
- Serving the Needs of Diverse Families – Tackling Toxic Stress
- Addressing Arizona's Educator Shortage
- Preparing Students and Families with the Skills for Post-Secondary Success
- Barriers to College Completion: Addressing Developmental Education
- Developing Strategies for Post-Secondary and Workforce Partnerships

Speakers at the convening included U.S. Representative Ruben Gallego (D AZ-7), Arizona School Boards Association Executive Director Dr. Timothy L. Ogle, and Arizona State Senator and President of the Arizona Latino School Board Association Martín Quezada.

For more information, go online to: [http://www.naleo.org/2016\\_azeducation](http://www.naleo.org/2016_azeducation).

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