



City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

Recently, I had the privilege of attending the ribbon cutting of another new business opening up in Ward 5.

ArcPoint Labs of Tucson was the news business, located at 6401 South Country Club.

The Tucson Metro Chamber of Commerce, along with other business owners, officials from ArcPoint Labs parent company were also present for the dedication of Tucson's newest business, which is starting with a half dozen employees with plans to expand next year.

ArcPoint Labs is another part of the continuing Renaissance of Ward 5 and the Southside, but more importantly, another business has opened their doors, creating jobs and generating sales tax for the City of Tucson.

The City of Tucson's primary source of revenue is sales tax. When people are not spending money for goods and businesses don't have the customer base, the City of Tucson feels the impact immediately.

The City of Tucson is not like the Pima County Government, where when there is an economic down turn, Pima County simply raises property taxes.

The sales tax the City of Tucson collects goes toward government operations, including police, fire, streets and parks.

New businesses opening with other companies expanding their operations means more jobs and opportunities for people and sales tax revenue, resulting in more funding for the city's core services: police, fire, streets and parks.

Since I have been in office as your Ward 5 Councilmember, I have worked to open dozens of new businesses in Ward 5, creating 7,000 new jobs.

There has been reports and writings that Ward 5 and the City of Tucson has given away too many incentives to businesses. Simply not true.

In the case of Ward 5, there is only the Global Economic Development District, which encompasses part of the Ward and which has been used only by Creative Machines.

The City of Tucson was the last city in the state to use the GPLET agreement, starting in 2011.

The City of Tucson has the Primary Jobs Incentive and the Site Specific Tax Incentive, along with several others that can be offered to bring businesses to Tucson.

The HomeGoods Distribution Center, located in Ward 5, with 1,100 jobs and an \$838 million dollar economic impact, relocated from California to Tucson because of the incentive package offered. Another was the expansion of Raytheon, located in Ward 5, with 1,975 jobs.



For the city to succeed, they must be able to compete with the other cities across Arizona to recruit companies to open new businesses in Tucson.

The City of Tucson must have the revenue for police, fire, streets, parks, other city services and to keep bus fares and Kidco fares low. As your Ward 5 Councilmember, I have worked get new businesses opened, as well as expanding current companies operations in Ward 5 and Tucson. I will continue my work to bring new businesses, jobs and opportunities to Ward 5 and the City of Tucson.

Peace.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard G. Fimbres". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Richard G. Fimbres
Your Ward 5 Councilmember

Swan/Valencia Annexation – Welcome New Ward 5 Residents!

At the October 10, Tucson Mayor and Council meeting, the Council voted 7-0, to approve my motion, to accept the annexation of more than 652 acres, southeast of South Swan and East Valencia roads and north of the Los Reales landfill.

The annexation is estimated will bring in a combined \$25 million in revenues over the next decade. This annexation will bring in businesses, such as the Triple T Truck Stop, Freightliner, Circle K, Taco Bell, Pilot Travel Center and other small businesses. More than 1,600 homes with 3,100 people will now be a part of Ward 5 and the City of Tucson, effective November 10.

I want to welcome the people from Tucson's most recent annexation district into Ward 5. My office and Tucson's Police, Fire and Environmental Services Departments look forward to serving the good citizens in the South Swan and East Valencia areas. I want to thank the neighbors who signed petitions and expressed interest, as well as City staff, for their hard work, holding meetings and forums on what the City of Tucson and Ward 5 office can offer the residents with city services.

City of Tucson Annexation staff has been engaged with residents to discuss issues beyond normal maintenance and repair within their community. One of the major concerns brought up by residents was pedestrian safety, particularly for students walking home. Currently there is no path or sidewalk for pedestrians along Swan, south from Valencia. Staff recommends a walking path to be designed and installed along the east side of Swan, from Valencia south to Fairy Duster, approximately one-half mile. Staff has also discussed other safety concerns through-out the area, such as traffic calming, lighting for intersections, flooding and weeds during monsoons, as well as general code enforcement. Staff would continue to meet with residents and specific City departments, as well as the Ward 5 Council Office to work towards solutions for these concerns. The recommended set-aside is contingent on generated revenue within the Swan and Valencia Annexation District.

Residents will soon be getting a letter from Environmental Services about trash pickup and brush and bulky pickup, which will begin in 2018. To reach Environmental Services, please call (520) 791-4231.

Ward 5 has now had both the biggest commercial annexation, with the Valencia Crossing and now the biggest residential annexation. These annexations pay for themselves and are a benefit to Ward 5 and the City of Tucson.

Halloween Tips

With Halloween around the corner! For many people, autumn events like Halloween and Harvest Day are fun times to dress up in costumes, go trick-or-treating, attend parties, and eat yummy treats.

These events are also opportunities to provide nutritious snacks, get physical activity, and focus on safety. Check out these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters and party guests!

- **Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.**
- **Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.**
- **Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.**
- **Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them.**
- **Limit the amount of treats you eat.**
- **Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you and always WALK and don't run from house to house.**
- **Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.**
- **Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.**
- **Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.**
- **Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.**
- **Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.**
- **Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.**
- **Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses and don't stop at dark houses.**



Quincie Douglas Center Holiday Safety Party

Congratulations to Jerry Neely and the staff of the Quincie Douglas Recreation Center on their first annual Halloween Safety, held October 14.

Many Ward 5 children and families, as well as many community groups and organizations, took part in this event



Third Annual MASH Free Spay Neuter A Success

On October 14-15, more than 250 dogs and cats were spayed and neutered at the third annual Free MASH Spay/Neuter Clinic, held at Mission Manor School.

In the three years of this event that my office has helped to coordinate, more than 1,800 dogs and cats have been spayed and neutered, helping their owners to control the pet population and provide vaccinations.

I want to thank Pat Hubbard with ASVET Charities, the veterinarians, vet techs, medical students and volunteers who helped make the third annual MASH a success.



Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN)

Tucson marked GAIN, Getting Arizona Involved In Neighborhoods, Arizona's Night Out. I had the privilege of attending one of the GAIN Events, held at Mission Manor School on Thursday, October 19.

I want to congratulate Yolanda Herrera, President of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association and neighborhood association volunteers for organizing the event. I want to thank Tucson Fire Department Chief, Jim Critchley, Tucson Police Operations Divisions South Commander, Captain John Strader for attending and supporting the event.





City of Tucson Department of Transportation
Liberty Bike Blvd. / Safe Routes to School Open House
Thursday, November 2, 2017
Valencia Library – 202 W. Valencia Road
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 (Brief presentation at 6 p.m.)

Ward 1 Council Member and Vice-Mayor Regina Romero and Ward 5 Council Member Richard Fimbres, together with the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) invite you to a project Open House with TDOT staff and the design consultant. The proposed improvements include:

- Creation of an urban bicycle friendly corridor featuring traffic calming devices and traffic controls along a 4.85-mile section of Liberty and San Fernando Avenues between Los Reales and 43rd Avenue
- Upgrading existing pedestrian signalized crossings (HAWKs) to facilitate bicycle crossing at Valencia Road, Irvington Road, and Ajo Way
- Sidewalk and ADA ramp improvements on Nebraska Street & Liberty Avenue
- New pedestrian signalized crossing (HAWK) at 12th Street and Canada Street

For accommodations, materials in accessible formats, foreign language interpreters, and/or materials in a language other than English, please contact Danny Morales at (520) 791-4371 or (520) 791-2639 for TDD at least 5 business days in advance of this scheduled event.

Para cuestiones de acceso especial, materiales en formatos accesibles, traductores o materiales en otro lenguaje, favor de contactar a Danny Morales al (520) 791-4371 o (520) 791-2639 para TDD (texto digital para sordos). Comuníquese cuando menos 5 días antes de la fecha del evento.



Honoring Apollo Students For Their Community Work

On October 2, I had the privilege of recognizing the Apollo Middle School National Junior Honor Society, for the work keeping Nebraska Street clean and adopting Nebraska to 12th Avenue, as part of the Tucson Clean and Beautiful Adopt A Street program. I want to congratulate the students for their work keeping Tucson Clean and Beautiful.

Ballots for Tucson Election Mailed Out

Ballots for the City of Tucson's Nov. 7 General and Special Election mail-in election have been mailed out.

The consolidated election will be run by Pima County and includes races for three Tucson City Council seats and several ballot propositions.

For more information, please call the Pima County Recorder, 724-4350 or 724-6830.



FBI/LULAC Community Service Awards

On October 6, I attended the 29th annual FBI LULAC Community Service Awards held at the Viscount Suites Hotel.

The Community Services Awards honor individuals from various parts of our community for their work making our city a better place to live, work and raise a family. Among those from the City of Tucson also honored were: Tucson City Manager Michael Ortega, TPD Captain Bob Wilson, TPD Lieutenant Corey Doggett, TPD Sergeant Joe Merrill, TPD Sergeant Jason Winsky, Mark Kerr, Matthew Pate, Lupita Robles and Mary Kuchar from the Ward 5 Council Office, Pat Tapia with EGS and Donovan Durband from Park Tucson. Congratulations to all those honored and recognized for their work for our community.



Proposition 101 Update

In May of 2017 Tucson voted yes on Prop 101, which allowed the Tucson Fire Department to be able to purchase new equipment.

With the funds, TFD purchased 89 turnouts. Tucson Fire employees said they are thankful Tucson voted to approve this proposition and it was time for an upgrade.



If you can imagine, for firefighters to get the new gear, that's a new excitement level that's having that best protection possible. The 89 turnouts will go to the firefighters who have had their current ones the longest. For more information, go online to: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/tucsondelivers>.



Marking National Hispanic Heritage Month At Tucson School

On Thursday, October 12, I had the privilege of attending Presidio School's flag ceremony and event marking National Hispanic Heritage Month. I want to thank Principal Mark Saliba for the opportunity to speak to the students.

Perfecto's Restaurant

Enjoyed lunch at Perfecto's Mexican Restaurant located at 5404 S. 12th Ave.

Perfecto Leon, owner of his family owned and operated restaurant since 2009. Perfecto started out 20 years ago and was known to many as "The Tamale Man", by selling tamales outside a local grocery store. With his determination, hard work and dedication he is where he is now. The Leon Family recently opened Perfecto's Express located at 1055 E. Irvington Road.



Adopt A Street Ceremony In Ward 5

On October 9, I had the privilege of recognizing the Southern Arizona Climbers Coalition (SACC) at the Adopt a Street Ceremony.

The SACC has logged more than 150 hours cleaning up Toole, 12th to 16th Streets and also adopted the street as part of the Tucson Clean and Beautiful Program. For more than 30 years, Tucson Clean and Beautiful has gotten our community involved with their adopt a park and adopt a street programs. I want to thank the staff and volunteers of Tucson Clean and Beautiful for their work. For more information, go online to tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org.



New U of A President Meets Southside Residents

On Wednesday, October 11, I had the privilege of being an organizer of an event featuring University of Arizona President Dr. Robert Robbins speaking to South side leaders and residents about his plans as the new President for the U of A. There was a great turnout at Rigo's Restaurant, 2527 S. 4th, to welcome Dr. Robbins to the South side of Tucson. I want to thank Dr. Robbins for his remarks and former Pima County Supervisor Dan Eckstrom for his work organizing this successful meet and greet event.

Tucson Meet Yourself A Success

Many people got ready for lots of food, entertainment, and culture in Downtown Tucson and attended Tucson Meet Yourself, October 12-14.



The annual celebration recognizes traditional arts of Southern Arizona and Northern Mexico and their diverse ethnic and folk communities. The festival featured hundreds of artisans, home cooks, dancers, musicians, and special exhibits that celebrate diversity.

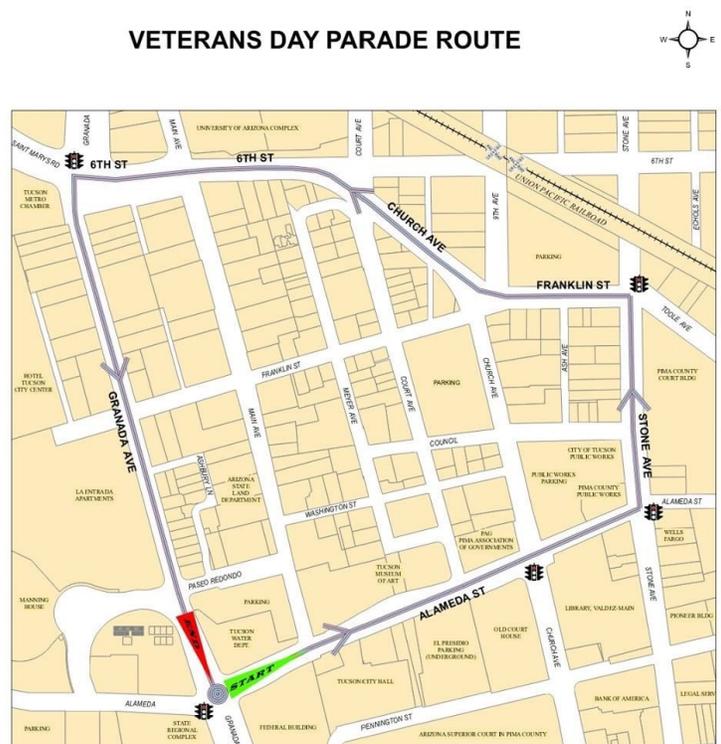
Tucson Veteran’s Day Parade

The 98th Annual Tucson Veteran’s Day Parade will take place Saturday, November 11, 11:00 a.m., downtown at 330 West Franklin.

As the only Veteran on the Tucson City Council, I look forward to seeing you there.



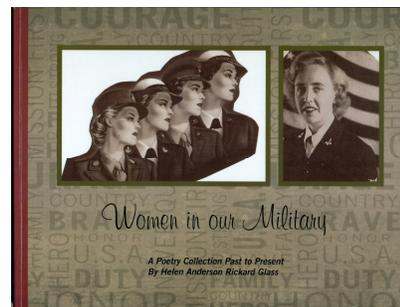
VETERANS DAY PARADE ROUTE



Women in the Military

With Veteran’s Day coming up, Congratulations to a Tucson Veteran, Helen Anderson Rickard Glass, for her great book, Women in the Military.

It was a great book saluting those women who served this country in the branches of the U.S. Military.



Cherrybell Expands Passport Office

On October 26, I attended the ribbon-cutting for the new U.S. Passport Customer Service Center at the Cherrybell Post Office and Processing Center.



The U.S. Postal Service now offers this service, which will bring in \$1 million in additional revenue and shows the importance of Tucson and Southern Arizona's postal processing center.



Ward 5 Honors & Thanks Veterans, November 9

On Thursday, November 9, I along with a contingent of elected officials and representatives of elected officials will go to the Southern Arizona V.A., to give thank you cards and letters to Veterans that were made by students in Ward 5 and across Tucson and Pima County.

My office does this every Memorial Day and Veteran's Day to thank those who have served our country and also to instill the values of patriotism in our school children.

Veteran's Day Trash Pickup

The City of Tucson will be observing the Veteran's Day Holiday on Friday, November 10.

While all City offices will be closed on that day, your normal trash and recycling collection will not be affected. Customer service will be available on Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The holiday calendar you received at the beginning of the year specified no collection on Friday and collection would be on Saturday. The Department recognized the error and wanted to ensure that you received timely notification that the collection will be on Friday. For more information, please call (520) 791-3171.



Cyclovia Tucson Held

The second annual Cyclovia took place on Sunday, Oct. 29. The main route follows South 12th Avenue from 39th Street to Mission Manor Park, approximately 3.75 miles. There were activity hubs, food trucks and refreshments, booths and services, interactive displays and community groups, school and business participation. The event, which began in 2010, is hosted by Living Streets Alliance. Off-duty Tucson Police Department officers volunteer to block the streets and redirect traffic during the event. Congratulations to the Living Streets Alliance, their volunteers and the community organizations which took part in this year's Cyclovia.

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Caridad Community Kitchen Dedication

I want to congratulate Caridad Community Kitchen for their work on helping to feed those in need in our community and help those to get training to have a career in being a chef. On Wednesday, October 18, I had the privilege of attending, along with Vice Mayor Regina Romero, the ribbon cutting for the expansion of their kitchen and food storage facilities. Caridad is a partner with the Tucson Homeless Work Program, providing meals to those who are working that respective shift and day.

HOPE FEST 2017

On Saturday, October 28, I attended HOPE FEST 2017, held at the Tucson Convention Center.

For 24 years, HOPEFEST has devoted its energy to passionately serving the hungry, needy and under-represented members of our community.

Congratulations to Lisa Chastain of HOPE FEST, Roy Tullgren of the Gospel Rescue Mission, the staff of HOPE FEST, volunteers and organizations taking part to help those in our community who are in need.



162nd Arizona Air National Guard Community Tour

I want to thank Brigadier General Andrew MacDonald, Wing Commander of the Arizona Air National Guard 162nd Wing, his staff and Mike Reuwsaat for arranging the Community Tour I was on Thursday, October 26.

The tour had representatives from the YMCA and Pima County.



Eighth Annual OPCS Building Futures Luncheon Held

Congratulations to Humberto Lopez for receiving the 2017 Helping Hand of Leadership Award at the Eight Annual Old Pueblo Community Services Building Bridges Luncheon, held October 26. Lopez was honored for his help with the Tucson Homeless Work Program, Sister Jose Women's Center and his effort turning the former Holiday Inn Holidome into a "Center of Opportunity."

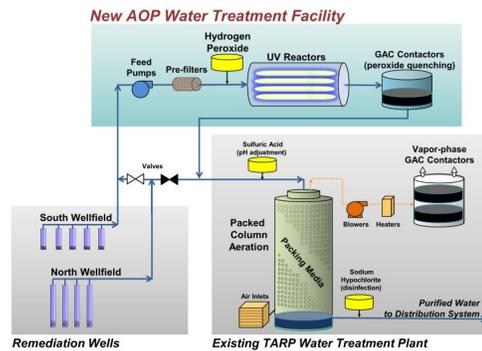
Tucson Roadrunners Kick Off Luncheon

On October 3, I attended the 2018 Inaugural Kick-off Luncheon for the Tucson Roadrunners, held at the TCC. Tucson was introduced to the new Coaching staff and Roadrunners who took the ice on October 7.



Tucson Water Tours of AOP Plant

I recently met with Tucson Water's Director, Timothy Thomure, and Tucson Water is still giving tours of the AOP Plant, that treats the water for 1.4 dioxane. If you are interested, please contact the Ward 5 Council Office, 791-4231, and the office will arrange a tour with Tucson Water for you and your neighbors.



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

City of Tucson Code Enforcement

791-5843

TPD Red Tag Unit

837-7318

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

Park Tucson

791-5071

Pima Animal Care

243-5900

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