



City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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October 2018

Dear Friends:

November is a time for giving thanks and for me and my office, to help thank those who serve and have served our country in the U.S. military.

On Friday, November 9, I will be leading a contingent of elected officials and community leaders to the Southern Arizona Veterans Hospital (VA Hospital) to present thank you cards and letters made by children in our schools across Tucson and Southern Arizona, to veterans at the hospital.

This is something I have done for the past eight years as your Ward 5 Councilmember and currently, Vice Mayor of the City of Tucson.

It instills the value of patriotism and community service to our young people and thanks those men and women for serving this nation.



This effort has grown from three schools in its first year to more than 40 schools taking part, creating thousands of thank you cards and letters. This helps to educate our children on what patriotism is all about.

On Sunday, November 11, our community and others across our nation will mark Veterans Day, honoring those who served our country in the U.S. military. The KC Club, located at 601 S. Tucson Blvd, is holding a Veterans Recognition Event in partnership with Amistades, Tucson Troop Support, City of Tucson, American Patriot Memorial, Marine Corps League, SOAR-United Steelworkers, KC Club 1200, LULAC and the Pima County Sheriff's Department.



This event, on Sunday November 11, from 2 pm to 6 pm, is an event to honor those who have served our country and for the sacrifices they have made. For more information or to RSVP, before November 2, please call (520) 903-2838.

Our City will be hosting its 99th annual Veterans Day Parade on Monday, November 12, 11 am. The parade again will be in the downtown area, starting at West Alameda and Granada and its theme is Celebration of Armistice Day, marking the 100th Anniversary of the ending of World War I.

For more information about the parade, please call the Morgan McDermott Post 7, (520) 622-8703.

With all the negativity recently about people of color, as a 27 ½ year retired Veteran of the U.S. Army, I am proud that sixty-one of my fellow Latino brothers had been honored for their service and earned the Medal of Honor, the highest and most prestigious personal military decoration that may be awarded to recognize U.S. military service members who have distinguished themselves by acts of valor, many posthumously.

I would like to end with 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 and keep them safe Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country’s heritage, for all of us.

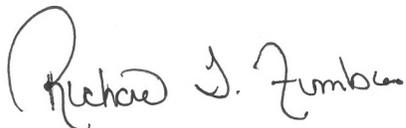
“Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America’s victories over tyranny and oppression.

“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.

“This month, let us remember all of the veterans and give thanks for their sacrifices that keep our country safe. God bless all of our troops and may He watch over them forever.”

Thank you to the families of those who served our nation in the military. To all those who served and paid the ultimate sacrifice, God bless you and you are not forgotten.

Thank you.



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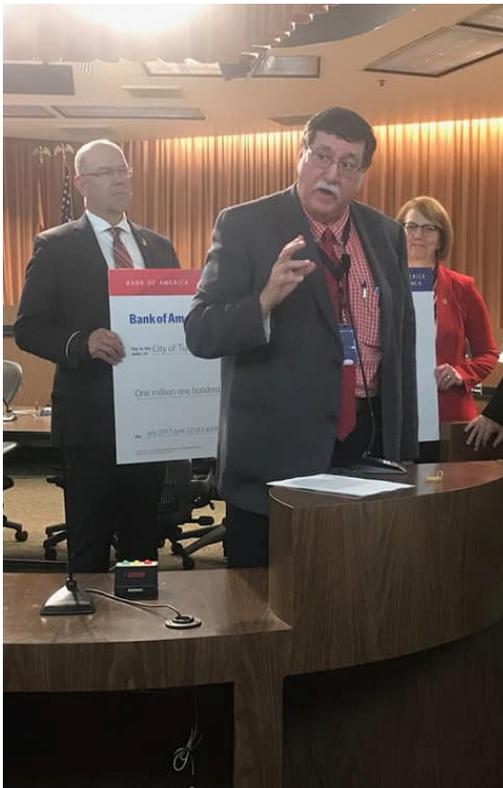
City Sees Significant Growth in P-Card Program

At the October 9, Mayor and Council meeting, the City of Tucson received a procurement P-Card rebate check of \$1,160,420.64 from Bank of America.

The P-Card program is where the City uses the P-Card to purchase goods and services. It is not spending more money but spending what money the City has smarter.

In 2011, I brought the P-Card program forward to Mayor and Council and have had updates on the P-Card to ensure its usage instead of an invoice.

In 2011, the City was getting a little more than \$20,000 back in rebate for their P-Card program and they were not using it to its fullest potential.



This work on the P-Card program for the City of Tucson has taken seven years by my office and city staff. Updates, reports, changing software and financial institutions followed but this program, through my work, continued to be used more, saving taxpayer dollars and generating a revenue stream.

Why is this important? Under the invoice system, involving accounts payable, receivable, invoice, cutting a check and mailing it, costs \$98 in staff time per each transaction.

With the P-Card system, that tracks purchases and pays electronically, the cost per staff time is \$20 per each transaction, saving \$78 per transaction. All transactions are tracked and can be accounted for under the P-Card program.

The City had more than 70,000 transactions last year, saving more than \$5.5 million in this past fiscal year. With the savings and the rebate, the City made utilized \$6.6 million. In the prior three years, the City received more than \$800,000 on average in rebate and saved on average, \$4.75 million in transaction charges.

I want to thank City staff, Pete Saxton, Laura Jestings and Marie Sena, for their work on this and Mark Kerr my Chief of Staff, for his work on the P-Card program. I want to thank my colleagues on the Council for their support of the P-Card program.

2018 General Election

Ballots have been mailed to voters on the Permanent Early Voting List for the November 6 general election. If you haven't voted, please fill out your ballot. Your vote is your voice.

The Pima County Recorder is requesting if you wish to mail your ballot, have it in the mail by the Wednesday, October 31, before the election.

You also have the option of taking your ballot to the Pima County Recorder's Office. The main office is located at 240 N. Stone and the Recorder's East side office is located at 6920 East Broadway, Suite D. You can also bring your completed ballot on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, to any polling place.

For more information about early ballots or voter registration, please call the Pima County Recorder at 724-4350. If you have questions about your polling place, please call the Pima County Division of Elections, 724-6830.



29th Annual LULAC FBI Community Service Awards Held

On Friday, October 12, the 29th Annual LULAC – FBI Community Service Awards luncheon was held at the Viscount Suites Hotel.

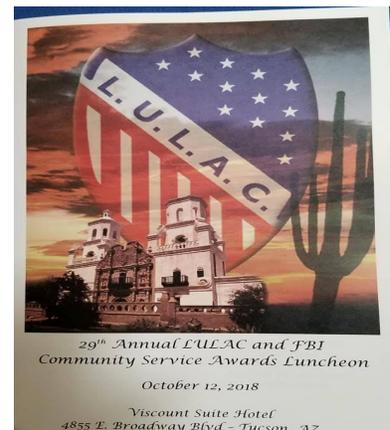
People from the community were recognized by LULAC and the FBI for their work to make people's lives better and make our community a better place to live, work and raise a family.

I want to congratulate the FBI-LULAC Community Service Award Honorees:

Eric G. Cornidez, MD, Jesus Licona, Naomi Proaño, Peter Yucupicio, Terry Nierzwicki, Jerry Neely, Rick Saldate, Sam Credio, Juan Tadeo, Annabelle Tadeo, Alvira "Vera" Gallego, Odessa Draheim, Cassandra Becerra, Tom Litwicki, Adrian Bracamonte,

Marcos Vazquez, Gilbert Maldonado, Carla Bernal, Jose Sanchez, Steve Herran, Mike Hayes, Manny Mendez, Albert Bracamonte, Lynn Marie Jarzombek, Robert K. Golder, Larry Vanhorn, Ryan J. Hickey, Steven C. Speri, Larry Rios Lopez, Joseph Morgan,

Michael B. Ford, Elizabeth Hoover, Akanni Oyegbola, Vanessa Abigail Cardenas, Manuel Amado, Teresa Leyba Ruiz, Ed.D., Christian Albouras, Micaela Mireles, Claudia Arevalo, Sergio Acosta, Rickiana Estrada, Richard Estrada, Martin Moreno, Zarco and Carmen Guerrero, Pam Park, Ivonne Ramirez, Rudy Mendez, Curtis Brad McCormick, Vaughn Croft,





Melissa Acuna, American Patriot Memorial, Paul Appleby, Justin Argraves, Arizona Bilingual Magazine, Jesus Arvizu, Mike Baker, Victoria Barajas, Danielle Bautista, Arlene Benavides, Sindy M. Benavides, Thomas Boyle, Bruce Burke, Veronica Castro Vega, Cenpatico, Paul Cicala, City of Tucson Ward 5, Community Partners, Inc., COPE Community Services, Inc., Juan Carlos De La Torre, Jennifer Dillon, Dan Eckstrom, Erika Elias,

Brian Eller, Maria Federico-Brummer, Richard M. Fimbres, Alma Gallardo, David Garcia, Domingo Garcia, Rosie Garcia, Victoria Gonzalez, Shawn Graham, Hensley Beverage Company, Vanessa Hernandez, Javier Herrera, Louis Hollingsworth, Steve Holmes, HSL Properties, Melvin & Clarissa Johnson, George Kalil, Mark Kerr, Mary Kuchar, Barbara Lawall, Linda Leatherman, Abel Leon, Roxanna Lucero, Marshall Foundation, Teri Martinez-Avalos, Monique Martinez-Quiros, Curtis Brad McCormick, Rafael Meza, John Mireles, Raul Munoz, Ed Nossem, Rene Pacheco, Laura Pastor, Pima Community College, Raul Pina, Ronnie Reyna, Gilbert Rico, Lupita Robles, Jesus A. Rodriguez, Tracey Smalling, Joe Soto, Gabriel Trujillo, Maria Vianey Valdez-Cardenas, Visit Tucson Walgreens District Office, June Webb-Vignery, Jennifer Wellborn, Dustin Williams and Alma Yubeta.

I want to thank Michael Deleon, Special Agent for the FBI in Arizona for again being part of this event, his speech and for the FBI's participation again to help honor those in our community. I also want to thank the organizing committee for the Community Service Awards for their work on making this another successful event. I also want to congratulate everyone honored for their work in our community.



Veterans Recognized for their work at Kino Workforce Center

On October 19, I had the privilege of recognizing veterans who help other veterans at the Pima County Kino Veterans Workforce Center. Congratulations to Michael Arinello, David Balderrama, Chris De La Garza, Joshua Doty, Greg Doyle, Rudy Federico, Elmer Hernandez, Joseph Ninzik and Tristan Sexton. These individuals also received Certificates of Appreciation from our Southern Arizona Congressional delegation.

Reporting Potholes

With the recent rain storms our city has had, we now have more potholes to deal with. The first thing we need to do is report them so that they can be repaired. You can call 791-3154 or Email tdotconcerns@tucsonaz.gov.

Also, Jesse Lugo, who represents Ward 5 on the Proposition 101 Road Advisory Committee has created a form (which is in the newsletter) to help report potholes in your neighborhoods and streets. Let's work together and report the pot holes.

Tucson High Badger Hall of Fame Inductees

The Tucson High Badger Hall of Fame announced their latest inductees.

Congratulations to Fred Nelson, Class of 1965, Dr. Sandra Hernandez, Class of 1975, Harriet Martin, Faculty 1934-1972 and Gilbert Aguirre, Class of 1953.

For more information, go online to badgerfoundation.org.



26th Annual HOPEFest

On Saturday, October 27, I went to the Center for Opportunity, the former Holidome for the 26th Annual HOPEFest, which helps those in need, providing medical, clothing, food and other services.

Congratulations to Roy Tullgren, Lisa Chastain of Gospel Rescue Mission, its staff, the groups and organizations and volunteers who took part.

A special thanks to Czarina & Humberto Lopez and the HSL Foundation for their leadership and vision for this. Also Dan Ranieri and La Frontera for their work and efforts.



Ward 5 Halloween Events

I want to thank our Ward 5 neighborhoods and Parks and Recreation facilities for holding and hosting wonderful Halloween events for our young people and community.

On Saturday, October 13, "Spooktacular" at Quincie Douglas Center started the Halloween spirit early with games, food trucks, trick or treat lane and much more for the kids.

Barrio Santa Rita/West Ochoa Neighborhood held their first annual Trunk or Treat Noche Familiar on Saturday, October 20. The event included a car show, parade for the kids, candies and treats and lots of music!



Santa Rosa Neighborhood Center hosted their annual Halloween Event with lots of games and activities, Trick or Treat Lane and haunted house on October 26. Tucson Police Department and the Metropolitan Education Commission lended a helping hand for the event.



The Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood held their Halloween Trunk or Treat Celebration at the Pueblo Gardens Park on Saturday, October 27, with lots of activities for the kids, candies and food and music.

Rancho Valencia held their Fall Festival on October 27, with activities including best costume contest and pumpkin carving contest, jumping castles, information booths – Tucson Water, Tucson Fire Department and Tucson Police Department to mention a few.

I want to thank all the neighborhoods for putting in their time to host these events for our community.



Halloween Safety Tips

Here are some Halloween Safety Tips: 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. 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. Don't stop at dark houses.

Ward 5 Neighborhood Meetings

Here is the schedule of the Ward 5 neighborhood associations for November:

Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association - Thursday, November 1 at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

South Park Neighborhood Association - Monday, November 5 at 6:00 pm, at Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th St.

Campus Community Relations Committee (CCRC) – Tuesday, November 13 at 6:00 pm, Student Union Memorial Center, Ventana Room, 4th Floor, 1303 E. University Blvd.

Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 pm
Holmes Tuttle Boys & Girls Club, 2585 E. 36th Street

Mortimore Neighborhood Association – Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 pm at Jesus Reigns Christian Fellowship, 5337 S. Palo Verde.

SNAPP (Southside Neighborhood Assn. Presidential Partnership) – Thursday, November 15 at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association – Monday, November 19 at 6:30 pm at Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia Rd.

Barrio Santa Rosa Neighborhood Association - Monday, November 19 at 6:00 pm, Santa Rosa Library, 1075 S. 10th Avenue.

City of Tucson

Report Potholes in Your Neighborhood

Contact City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)

Call: 791-3154

Email: TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov

When you call to report a POTHOLE to be repaired in your neighborhood due to a concern of public safety, write person's name and date that you spoke with. Give the location (address or cross streets) where the issue is of concern. If POTHOLE is not repaired within a week then call the TDOT office once again.

If you choose to email the City of Tucson (TDOT) attach a photo or video of the POTHOLE location as this procedure is highly recommended. The best way is to use your cell phone, take the picture or video then forward to TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov with the location (address or cross streets) in order for City of Tucson maintenance crew to find it.

IMPORTANT: Please also request that the neighborhood streets in your area be scheduled for resurfacing or maintenance for 2018 calendar year.

Document the following information:

Person you spoke with: _____

Date & Time: _____

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Person you spoke with: _____

Date & Time: _____



Veterans' Day Recognition Luncheon Event

The KC Club cordially invites all members and friends to attend our Veterans' Day Remembrance Event, which will take place:

Sunday, November 11, 2018

2:00PM—6:00PM

Meal Cost: \$10.00 per person—Veterans free

Knights of Columbus Building/KC Club, 601 S. Tucson Blvd, Tucson AZ

This is our opportunity to publicly thank those who have put on the uniform to serve in the military. We must never forget the sacrifices and efforts our veterans have made and we can't forget that freedom comes with a price.

Please RSVP to 520-256-6763 or 520-903-2838 no later than November 2, 2018.



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For more
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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

Tucson Convention Center

791-4101

City of Tucson Code Enforcement

791-5843

TPD Red Tag Unit

837-7318

Graffiti Removal

792-CITY (2489)

TPD Non Emergency

791-4444

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

724-5900

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