



City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

As I write this, my fourth year of serving you as your Ward 5 Councilmember is drawing to a close.

I want to thank you for your support and explain the process that we have used, in regards to the Council meetings and the agenda items that the Mayor and Council consider.

Depending upon the agenda item, I would have met with the city staff, the neighbors or people directly involved or those who could be affected by it, to get feedback and their views on the proposal prior to the Council meeting itself.

When the agenda books arrive at the Council office, I will initially review the materials provided and come up with questions on the issue, the materials provided and other matters surrounding the agenda item.

I have an aide in my office, Mark Kerr, who is also responsible for reviewing the agenda materials, researching the topics at hand. Melinda Jacobs reviews liquor license applications and Javier Herrera deals with neighborhoods.

I meet with my staff to review the materials and submit the questions that we came up with, prior to the meeting.

City staff will then respond back, through Email, with answers to the questions, for which I then review the answers provided and in some cases, ask follow up questions prior as well.

These responses to the questions Ward 5 has submitted are distributed to the rest of the Mayor and Council, for their review as well, prior to the meeting.

In the case of an issue that involves other people outside of city staff, the process is the same. They receive the questions in advance of the meeting, based upon the materials for the agenda item and meetings that have taken place.

During the Council meeting, I will ask the questions I had previously submitted, to bring up a point that may have been missed during the discussion or otherwise.

When I schedule an agenda item and if it involves a city policy or ordinance on the books, I will meet initially with city staff from the department in question to discuss the issue and get background on the policy or ordinance.

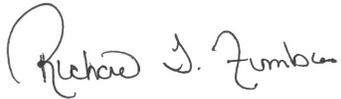
I will submit the memo on the agenda item, and with all pertinent background material to the Clerk's office to have it distributed with the agenda materials, as part of the public record.



On agenda items, such as presentations to Mayor and Council, I will meet with the people involved prior and get their feedback and materials, so that they are part of the agenda item and public record.

Issues such as the redevelopment agreement on the Bridges Project, the Vote By Mail Procedure, the Procurement Card, the Certificate of Occupancy changes are just four examples of many issues that have been brought forward by your Councilmember for review and approval, by the Mayor and Council.

Peace,



Richard Fimbres
Your Councilmember.

City of Tucson General Election on November 5.

The deadline for Tucson voters to send their ballots in the mail is quickly approaching. The City Clerk's office recommends that voters who wish to mail in their ballots for this year's City election do so by this Thursday, October 31, to ensure that their votes will be counted. Ballots may also be dropped off at any time between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the City Clerk's Elections Center at 800 E. 12th St., today through Friday as well as the following Monday, November 4th.

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th, ballots may be cast in person from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. at any of the City's seven polling locations. Replacement ballots will be available on election day at all the locations:

Department of Housing and Community Development, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop.
Morris K. Udall Regional Center, 7200 E. Tanque Verde Road.
Donna R. Liggins Recreation Center, 2160 N. Sixth Ave.
William Clements Recreation Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive.
El Pueblo Senior Center, 101 W. Irvington Road.
Parks and Recreation Administration, 900 S. Randolph Way.
Tucson City Clerk Elections Center, 800 E. 12th St.

Voters with questions may call the City Clerk at (520) 884-8683, or 884-VOTE.

Burlington Coat Factory Opens New Store

I had the pleasure of attending the ribbon cutting of another store opening its doors on Tucson's south side.



The Burlington Coat Factory, located at 3661 South 16th Avenue, had its grand opening on October 11.

It was a pleasure to see the new store and what it offers to consumers in Tucson, Southern Arizona and Mexico.

This new business created 60 new jobs.

Cherrybell Update



The Senate Government Affairs Committee held two oversight hearings to hear from Postmaster General Donahoe and other witnesses including representatives from the Government Accountability Office, the Office of Personnel Management, letter carriers and mail handlers unions and think tanks, to discuss the proposed legislation (S. 1486).

At the hearing the Chairman, Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del), pledged to deliver a postal overhaul bill through Congress by the end of the year.

Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe indicated that the Postal Service will not close any more post offices or mail processing facilities while

Congress debates postal reform legislation this fall.

Roadwork Update



Crews from Southern Arizona Paving and Construction Co, under contract with the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT), will begin a fog seal program associated with the voter-approved \$100 million, five-year street bond program - Road Recovery.

To minimize the impact on the traveling public, crews will be working from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. The next project is Broadway - Craycroft Road to

Wilmot Road

The Road Recovery Program is funded by voter-approved bonds. All proceeds from the bonds will be used to restore and resurface City streets through Fiscal Year 2018.

A Bond Oversight Commission composed of citizen volunteers is working to ensure that all bond funds are expended solely for the purpose of repairing city streets. More information on the Road Recovery Program can be found at www.tucsonaz.gov/streetbonds or by calling (520) 837-4056.

Ward 5 Roads

Jesse Lugo is the Ward 5 appointee to the Citizens Bond Advisory Committee overseeing the Proposition 409 bond funds.

Lugo reported that people should Email or call Daryl Cole, City of Tucson, Department of Transportation director with neighborhood street conditions.

Daryl Cole s tracking phone calls and emails on the demand by Tucson citizens as this may drive priority in street maintenance in Ward 5.

Daryl stated in our meetings to have citizens contact his office rather than contact the commissioners.

Email: Daryl.Cole@tucsonaz.gov, Phone: 520-791-4371.

November and December will be critical as the City moves forward to start neighborhood street repairs in January. I

City of Tucson's New Business Helpline

(azbiz.com)



A new helpline for Tucson's current and prospective small business owners may reduce the game of bureaucratic hopscotch that can go along with running a shop.

The city's Small Business Assistance Line (837-4100) aims to be a central point of intake for local entrepreneurs who have permitting, licensing, planning and myriad other questions. The goal is to reduce the time spent trying to figure out on their own which offices to approach or prevent their being passed along to another office but given little guidance or customer service.

Andy Squire, one of the city's economic-development specialists, is the starting point for all calls. The helpline rings directly to his desk, or to one of his three colleagues if he's not available. If it's a question that requires further investigation, he'll take a message and get back to the caller with answers. "I guess triage nurse is the best way to say it," he said. "Find out what they need, what they're looking for, what they're looking to start and help them figure out where they need to go to navigate our system to get them the answers. And then rather than just blind transfer them into a department, to get them that help. We'll make that connection or get that information for them and get it back to them."

Squire said he expected most calls to be development services-oriented, for example, asking about certificates of occupancy. Queries have been varied though, from a man who wanted to know if he needed a city business license to be a landlord for out-of-state properties to a woman who wants to be a roadside peddler. There was even one call from a business owner who wanted the city to do something about what the owner believed to be prostitutes congregating at a bus stop in front of the business. Squire is still working on that.

A few calls have come from county residents wanting to start or register businesses. Squire helped those people, too. Government regulations can be big mazes for small businesses. Say someone wants to open a restaurant, Squire rattled off a list of some of the agencies, divisions, departments and offices that need calling before the first burger is flipped. Among them: The Arizona Department of Revenue to set up a transaction privilege tax; the city to get a business license, to set up kitchen or electrical inspections and to get a certificate of occupancy. Then the county health department has to do an inspection.

Some inquiries can be easier to address. Karen Connors, Vice President of Operations at software company BizAnytime, needed to update the city's record of the business's address after moving from the foothills to downtown. She poked around on the city website without finding an obvious link for business address changes, but she did find the helpline number. Resolution quickly followed, she said. "Someone from that department called me within 10 minutes and said, 'OK, we got it.'"

Chris Kaselemis, director of the city's Economic Initiatives program, said economic development isn't just about recruiting new businesses, but taking care of who's already here. "Those are the big firms, the medium-sized firms and the small firms," he said. And much of Tucson's economy, he said, is driven by smaller businesses.

Kaselemis said the idea for the help line germinated with the city's Small, Minority and Women-Owned Business Commission, which had initially wanted a small-business ombudsman. His office will keep in touch with the commission about the hotline's activity, sharing data so commission members can watch for trends or needs. Squire said a few people said they were surprised that a live person indeed answered the phone. "We want to make sure that we're creating the best possible environment for entrepreneurs in the city to set up and start their business and that we become an even more business-friendly city," he said.

Ward 5 Budget Surplus

As Councilmember I requested that the Ward 5 June 30, 2013 Budget Balance be carried into FY 2013-2014 to be earmarked for the following projects:

\$10,000.00 El Tour de Tucson
 \$10,000.00 School Plus Jobs Program
 \$14,000.00 Ward 5 Bus Stops
 \$25,000.00 Ward 5 Speed Humps

This request was approved at the Mayor and Council meeting on June 18, 2013.

A neighborhood has gone through the process to get two speed humps, and were able to do so using the surplus from the Ward 5 budget. For more information, please call the Ward 5 office, 791-4231.

Halloween Health & Safety Tips



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. 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.



Tucson World War II Memorial To Be Dedicated

Tucson's World War II Memorial will be formally dedicated, Friday, November 1 at Armory Park. This will be the culmination of a lot hard work and will fulfill the dream of Gilbert Quintanilla (pictured) and Connie Lujan Harris, who came up with the idea for the Memorial, honoring the more than 360 Tucsonans and those from Pima County, who made the ultimate sacrifice, serving our country during that conflict.

Tucson World War II Memorial History of Project

This project was spearheaded in 2005 by Tucsonans Gilbert Quintanilla, a World War II veteran and Connie Lujan Harris and their family members.

Through the efforts of the World War II Memorial Committee funding came from then Ward 5 Back to Basics Budget of \$100,000; Governor Janet Napolitano and the Arizona Legislature, earmarked a matching \$100,000 from the State of Arizona Budget, done through legislation sponsored by then Representative Phil Lopes and others, and donations of \$19,570 from community members and organizations.

In February 2009, the Mayor and Council voted to suspend all work on projects in downtown/Westside area to focus on a hotel and convention center. In 2010, Ward 5 Councilmember Richard Fimbres spoke with the City Manager's office and the Chair of the Pima County Board of Supervisors about the project and received their continued support for the project, which was moved to Armory Park.

For the entire time of this project, the Ward 5 Council Office, specifically Melinda Jacobs oversaw this effort. Melinda's work entailing the compiling of the names, verification of military service to the tracking of the funds for the construction of this memorial.

The Artist Selection Committee selected artists Lauri Slenning and Rebecca Thompson to design the memorial it honors and recognizes WWII Soldiers that were from Tucson and Pima County who died in World War II, making the ultimate sacrifice.

William E. Bigglestone's book, Tucsonans Who Died in Military Service During World War II, formed a core list for research using Tucson City Directories, National Archives WWII records, the National WWII Memorial Registry, Arizona birth certificates, ancestry.com, military service burial records, and documents obtained through Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and the Arizona Secretary of State's Office.

This will complete an eight-and-a-half year project and fulfill the dreams set out by the late Gilbert Quintanilla, a World War II veteran and Connie Lujan Harris and their family. After their passing, this effort was continued by their daughters, Mary Quintanilla Sample and Kellianne Harris Candelaria.

Streetcar Update



Tests of the City’s first modern streetcar vehicle have gone well, according to TDOT officials.

The second of eight Sun Link modern streetcar vehicles was delivered to the City’s Operations and Maintenance facility on October 16th. Removing the vehicle from the flatbed transport that delivered it from its manufacturer in Oregon was easier this time than it was when the first vehicle was delivered. With the system’s overhead electrical lines now energized, the new vehicle was able to move into the facility under its own power.

Tests of the second vehicle took place the week of October 21st. Delivery of a third vehicle is expected next month. All eight vehicles must be delivered and complete a comprehensive series of tests before the line can become operational. Project manager Joe Chase says the line is still on schedule to begin operating next summer.

Downtown Economy Growing at a Record Pace

In the past five years, Downtown Tucson has welcomed more than 150 businesses and projects. This number includes 34 new restaurants, 27 retail shops, 12 art and cultural projects, 14 offices, nine health and wellness centers, at least nine high-tech businesses or business incubators, eight housing projects, six bars or nightclubs, five bakeries, two coffee shops two salons, two schools, one craft brewery, one entertainment venue expansion and one hospitality renovation.

In the next year it will welcome 17 more, bringing in an additional \$100 million of private investment in 2014. This is in addition to the nearly \$600 million of public projects completed in the last five years in downtown and along the streetcar corridor.

Thank You to City Staff for a Job Well Done

I want to thank the city staff that has gone out to make presentations about Proposition 401 and Proposition 402.



Rebecca Roupp from Housing and Community Development, Joyce Garland – the Budget Director and Lane Mandle from the City Manager’s Office have done a great job getting to events to get the information materials out to the voters. They were at the Ward 5 forum on the ballot measures and did a great job. Regardless of how a person is going to vote on these measures, they deserve a thank you for their efforts.

Tucson Nam Jam 2013 Held



The 26th annual Tucson Nam Jam was held at Rillito Park on Saturday, October 19. The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106 again organized it did a great job with entertainment and the entire event. Good times were had by all.

Congratulations to Chapter 106 of the Vietnam Veterans for doing a great job. For more information, go online to tucsonnamvets.org



Ward 5 Out and About





VAMOS A TUCSON HOLDS THIRD ANNUAL EVENT

The Tucson Padres and Visit Tucson held the third annual Vamos a Tucson Mexican Baseball Fiesta at Kino Stadium.

This year's event will include the Naranjeros de Hermosillo, Tomateros de Culiacan and Yaquis de Obregon of the Mexican Pacific League, as well as a group of instructional league players in the Los Angeles Dodgers and Kansas City Royals organizations.

I want to congratulate Mike Feder, Felipe Garcia of Visit Tucson and the teams from the Mexican Pacific League, as well as the Dodgers and Royals Farm Club Teams for participating in the third annual Vamos a Tucson Baseball Fiesta, held this past week at Kino Veterans Memorial Ballpark.

More than 14,000 turned out to see great baseball. Mayor Rothschild read the proclamation and threw out the first pitch. A good time was had by all at the third annual Vamos a Tucson Baseball Fiesta.



HOPE FEST

The 21st annual Hope Fest took place Saturday, October 19 at Kino Veterans Ballpark. Close to 20,000 people in need, were served with the help of donations and volunteers, businesses, governmental entities, organizations and medical institutes and medical schools.



Hope Fest is a time when local businesses, non-profits, government and church communities come together and give their time and resources to help those in need.

Services provided include both medical and dental care, as well as groceries and hygiene items. Personal care is provided as well, with haircuts and clothing. These are provided to the homeless, working poor and underprivileged families.

There were more than 50 reputable and established programs available to attendees to help connect them to ongoing care.

Volunteer doctors, nurse practitioners and nurses were on hand to check vital signs, blood pressure, and glucose levels as testing for pregnancy and HIV. Eye and hearing tests were be done, in addition to flu shots as well. Congratulations and thank you to the organizers, the organizations and most of all, to the volunteers who helped out with Help Fest.

For more information about Hope Fest, go online to hopefest.com.

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

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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