



City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month gives us an opportunity to reflect on what makes Latinos such a strong contributing force in America. Latinos were among the earliest European settlers in the New World, and Latinos as a people, like their many cultures, share a rich history and great diversity.

Latinos have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their commitment to family, faith, hard work and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community.



And to say our culture has little impact on our community would be a major understatement. You can see Latino influence on culture from here to New York but we think very little of it.

With over 50 million Latinos across the United States, Latinos now make up the largest minority group and represent billions in buying power. Latinos also represent the fastest growing segment of the American electorate.

In Arizona, Raul Castro served as our first Latino Governor in the 1970's. In 1991, Ed Pastor was the first Latino elected to represent Arizona in the U.S. Congress. Today there are two Latinos in Congress representing Arizona: Raul Grijalva and Ruben Gallego.

In Tucson and Pima County, Latinos have sent a strong message by turning out to vote and leading the state in the number of Latinos that have been elected to governing bodies. In a recent article in "Inside Tucson Business," entitled "Hispanics a Key to Tucson's Rebound," it discussed the importance of buying power of the Latino Community in Tucson, Pima County and throughout Arizona.

It noted, "the Latino impact on the local and national economy and that their purchasing power represents \$8 billion per year in Pima County, a number that is expected to increase by 88% in the next decade." By 2024, Latinos are estimated to spend \$14 billion in the Tucson economy, equating to 28 percent of the total market spending.

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Hispanics are the largest group that has earned the Medal of Honor and have a wall dedicated with their names and how they earned their accommodations at the Pentagon.

As for patriotism, sixty-one men of Hispanic heritage have been awarded the Medal of Honor, the most of all groups.

Of the Sixty-one Medals of Honor presented to Hispanics, two were presented to members of the United States Navy, thirteen to members of the United States Marine Corps and forty-six to members of the United States Army. Forty-two Medals of Honor were presented posthumously.

All this though was not handed to our community. We have had to work hard and to overcome prejudice. Resilience and perseverance are two words I live by and tell people to follow.

In Tucson, we have pushed to grow our workforce, which in turn, will grow our businesses and in Ward 5 alone, this has resulted in 9,000 jobs created during my time as your Ward 5 Councilmember.

The City of Tucson relies on sales tax to provide police, fire, streets and parks, it's four core services. The Hispanic community, through purchases of goods and service, provides a lot for our entire community.

Hard work, resilience, perseverance and family have made our Hispanic community great and one with a remarkable heritage.

It is sad though to see members of the Hispanic community, who served this nation in the armed forces, now being deported as well as children being locked up.

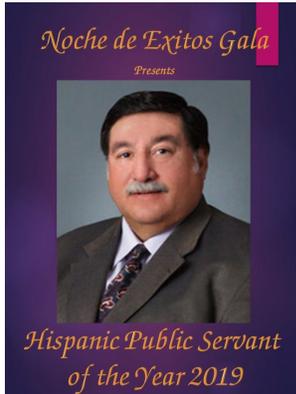
With more than 50 million of the population, we can't be silent any more and we need to go vote on November 5 in the City of Tucson general election, which is all Vote By Mail, a process I brought forward, increases voter turnout, free from intimidation and saves Tucson taxpayers \$600,000 each election cycle. Su voto es su voz.

Thank you.



Richard Fimbres
Your Ward 5 Councilmember





RICHARD FIMBRES NAMED HISPANIC PUBLIC SERVANT OF THE YEAR
 Councilmember Richard Fimbres was named 2019 Hispanic Public Servant of the Year by the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. "I want to thank the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for this honor. I want to thank Alma Gallardo from Arizona Bilingual for nominating me for this award," said Councilmember Fimbres. He will be honored at the Tucson Hispanic Chamber Noche de Exitos Gala, November 22. For more information, go online to tucsonhispanicchamber.org.

SUNNYSIDE LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM HONORED

At the Wednesday, September 4, Mayor and Council meeting, Mayor Jonathan Rothschild joined me in recognizing the Sunnyside Little League team for their great effort in the 2019 Little League World Series. They were one win from going to Williamsport. The team, players and coaches received City of Tucson Ward 5 Certificates of Appreciation as well as from Mayor Jonathan Rothschild. Councilmembers Paul Cunningham and Regina Romero took part in the presentation. Congratulations to the Sunnyside Little League team, the coaches and the parents!



THANK YOU JOE SOTO

On Thursday, September 5, I had the privilege of honoring and recognizing Joe Soto, who had his retirement party at the El Casino Ballroom. Joe worked 35 years for the Pima County Department of Transportation and did a lot for the department, our community and as well as with the Tucson High T Club and other charitable groups. Congratulations Joe, enjoy the next chapter of your life.



9-11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Wednesday, September 11, I had the privilege of attending the 9-11 Memorial Service that was held by the students at Cienega High School. It was a touching and moving service. I want to thank the students and staff who organized the Memorial Service, as well as for giving me the opportunity to speak about 9-11 and how it affected me, my family and our community.



THANK YOU TERRI!

Terri Patt Smith with Interfaith Community Services (ICS) has been an asset to those in our community who need help. It has been a pleasure for me and the Ward 5 staff to work with Terri and ICS to help constituents in my Ward. Terri had announced her retirement from ICS, who had a celebration on Thursday, September 12, for Terri at ICS, where she received a Ward 5 Certificate of Appreciation and Ward 5 Medallion of Hope for her wonderful work. Thank you Terri and the best of luck in the next chapter of your life.



PATRIOTS DAY

On Saturday, September 21, I had the privilege of speaking and reading the City of Tucson Proclamation for Tucson's commemoration of Patriots Day at the American Patriot Memorial Beacon. I want to thank Tom Boyle and the American Patriot Memorial, American Legion Post 36, the Tucson Fire Department and the Arizona Rangers for their work on the event. Diane Adams, the mother of Sergeant First Class Todd Harris was recognized as a Gold Star mother. Todd had died in combat in Afghanistan in 2010. I presented Diane with a Ward 5 Coin of Freedom, honoring those who served this nation in the military.



DRUM UP FOR PEACE

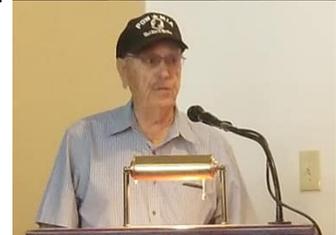
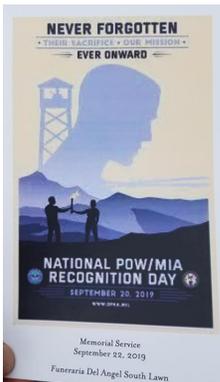
Richard Elias, the Chair of the Pima County Board of Supervisors and Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild joined me at Tucson's Commemoration of International Day of Peace at Silverlake Park. Tucson's event was called Drum Up for Peace, Saturday, September 21. Mayor Rothschild read the City of Tucson Proclamation marking the day

and I gave Drum Up for Peace organizer, Richard Noel, the Ward 5 Medallion of Hope. Congratulations to Richard, the organizers and performers, such as Odaiko Sonora for their work.



POW/MIA DAY

On Sunday, September 22, I attended the National POW/MIA Recognition Day event at Funeraria del Angel South Lawn. This solemn event was hosted by the Arizona Families & Friends of POW/MIA, the Vietnam Veterans of America Tucson Chapter 106 and Funeraria del Angel South Lawn. It was a moving ceremony, for which those present heard from Walter Ram, a World War II Prisoner of War. I want to thank the organizers for letting me speak and read the City Proclamation marking National POW/MIA Day.



AARP LUNCH & LEARN

I had the privilege of delivering the welcome at the AARP-Arizona Lunch and Learn held Wednesday, September 25, at the Kaycee Club, 601 S. Tucson Boulevard. I want to thank David Parra and the team at AARP-Arizona for the opportunity to speak and congratulate them on their first of many Lunch and Learn events. The next Lunch and Learn will take place on Wednesday, November 20, 11:30 a.m. at the Kaycee Club and Dr. Celestino Fernandez will be the keynote speaker. To RSVP, call (520) 245-9564.



STAND UP FOR SAFETY MEETING HELD

It was a great Stand Up For Safety meeting at the Fred G. Acosta Job Corps that was held, Thursday, September 26. Raul Munoz with the Pima County Health Department gave a presentation on the opioid epidemic and what actions are being taken to deal with that. Sergeant Cris Gonzales with the Pima County Sheriff's Department updated those in attendance on Active Shooter training and protecting the public. Captain John Leavitt discussed the Sanctuary Cities Ballot Initiative and my Chief of Staff, Mark Kerr, gave an update on the Tucson Homeless Work Program.



QUINCIE DOUGLAS HEALTH FAIR

On Friday, September 27, the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center held a Health Fair for nearby residents. Many groups and organizations took part in the Fair, offering information and services to Ward 5 neighbors.

Congratulations to Jerry Neely and the staff at Quincie Douglas and to the groups who took part in this successful event.



GOSPEL FAMILY FUN FEST

The Gospel Family Fun Fest took place Saturday, September 28, at Willie Blake Park. Many Ward 5 residents and others across the City took part in this neighborhood event.



I want to thank Tucson Parks and Recreation Director Brent Dennis and his staff for their work on this as well as all the officers from Tucson Police South who helped with the event and did community outreach. I also want to thank my Ward 5 staff for their work on this event. Congratulations to Willie Blake, the Western Hills II Neighborhood Association and the event organizers on their successful event.



WALK FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER

The First Annual Walk for the Fight Against Breast Cancer took place at the Richard Barker Memorial Complex and El Pueblo Activity Complex, Sunday, September 29. Businesses, organizations and groups took part in this inaugural event to further raise awareness about breast cancer. Many people across Tucson took part in this first walk. Congratulations to the participants, those businesses and organizations taking part and to the organizers, SAABE and Alma R. Gallardo and the staff at Arizona Bilingual for their work on this successful event.

FBI/LULAC 30TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The 30th Annual FBI/LULAC Community Service Awards will take place Friday, October 11, 11:30 a.m., at the Viscount Suites Hotel, 4855 E. Broadway. Tickets are \$25 each. To reserve your seat, please call (520) 903-2838.

KAYCEE CLUB VETERANS RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

The Kaycee Club, located at 601 S. Tucson Blvd, is inviting all members and friends to their Fifth Annual, Veterans Recognition Lunch, Sunday, November 10, 2:00 p.m. The meal is \$10 per person, Veterans free. This event is an opportunity for the public to thank those who have put on the uniform to thank them for their service in the military. To RSVP, please call 520-903-2838.





SUSTAINABLE TUCSON FESTIVAL

The 8th Envision Tucson Sustainable Festival will take place this year on Saturday, October 26, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, at Armory Park, South 6th Avenue between 12th and 13th Streets, in Downtown Tucson. Celebrate our sustainable community at this free, family-friendly event, showcasing organizations and companies building a resilient future in our beautiful desert Southwest. So mark your calendars, and get ready to share the vision! Together we can put Sustainability at the Heart of Our Community, For more information, visit the Festival website:

www.envisiontucson sustainable.org, and on Facebook at Envision Tucson Sustainable Festival for up-to-date details.



Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association - Thursday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m. at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

South Park Neighborhood Association - Monday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m., at Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th Street.

Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. Holmes Tuttle Boys & Girls Club, 2585 E. 36th Street.

SNAPP (Southside Neighborhood Assn. Presidential Partnership) – No meeting this month.

Cherry Ave. Neighborhood Association – Saturday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cherry Avenue Recreation Center, 5085 S. Cherry Avenue.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association – Monday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia Road.

Barrio Santa Rosa Neighborhood Association - Monday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m., Santa Rosa Library, 1075 S. 10th Avenue.

29th Street Coalition – Wednesday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. at Freedom Park Recreation Center, 5000 E. 29th Street.

Cyclovia Tucson

LIVING STREETS ALLIANCE

¡Calles libres de carros para caminar, andar en bicicleta, jugar, y divertirse!

27 OCTUBRE 2019
DOMINGO: 9AM - 3PM

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OCTOBER 27, 2019
SUNDAY: 9AM - 3PM

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Monthly Mobile Food Giveaway

Fridays

October 2019 - May 2020

8:00 am - 10:00 am

Area	Location	Days
Valencia/Midvale Park	Desert Dove Christian Church 6163 S. Midvale Park Rd.	2nd Friday of the Month
12th Ave/40th St	Templo La Uncion 2925 S. 12th Ave.	3rd Friday of November, January, March, May
Valencia/6th Ave	Unleashed Christian Church 265 W. Valencia Rd.	3rd Friday of October, December, February, April
Irvington/6th Ave	El Pueblo Community Center 101 W. Irvington	4th Friday of the Month

No documentation required!
Receive bread and produce from:



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520-622-0525



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, Email: redtag@tucsonaz.gov

Graffiti Removal

792-CITY (2489)

TPD Non Emergency

791-4444

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department
791-3171

TDOT Street Maintenance

791-3154, Email: tdotconcerns@tucsonaz.gov

Tucson Water Department

Billing - 791-3242, Public Information - 791-4331

Park Tucson

791-5071

Pima Animal Care

724-5900

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