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Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

As we work to honor Latino culture this month, we should reflect on what makes Latinos unique and such a strong contributing force in America. Latinos across America have made countless positive contributions to our military, education, the arts, the economy, and the social fabric which makes America unique.

With 50 million Latinos across the United States, Latinos now make up the largest minority group and represent nearly \$1 trillion dollars in buying power. Latinos also represent the fastest growing segment of the American electorate.

In Arizona Raul Castro served as our first Latino Governor for the state. Ed Pastor was the first Latino elected to represent Arizona in the U.S. Congress in 1991 and today, there are two Latinos in Congress, Ed Pastor, Raul Grijalva and we have an opportunity to send our first U.S. Senator to Washington in Richard Carmona. 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 such as the State Legislature, Pima County government, Tucson City government, local school districts and Pima Community College.

Latinos are a sleeping giant which needs to make the long term investment, by registering to vote and casting their ballots to empower our families and our neighborhoods. The 2010 U.S. Census showed the Latino community grew by four times the national average, accounting for more than half of the total U.S. population increase of 27.3 million. Between 2000 and 2010, the Hispanic population grew by 43 percent, or four times the nation's 9.7 percent growth rate.

As we increase our population, we should increase our participation at the polls. In Tucson, during the 2011 election, which was conducted as an all, vote-by-mail, turnout increased in the South and West sides, where a majority of the Latino community resides, by 36 and 27 percent respectively. The sleeping giant is awakening in



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the Old Pueblo and now it is time to do so in the rest of Arizona.

During this Hispanic Heritage Month, let us reflect on where we have been but not lose sight on where we still need to go. President John F. Kennedy stated, "Ask not what you're Country Can do for You, but what you can do for our Country". The best thing we can do for our country is to register and Vote.

2012 General Election Deadlines

Monday, October 8th - Voter registration deadline; Forms must be postmarked before midnight, October 8th

Thursday, October 11th - Early balloting begins; Request Early Ballot at the [Office of Secretary of State](#)

Friday, October 26th - Last day to request an Early Ballot

Tuesday, November 6th - General Election

Tucson Marketplace at the Bridges News

Wal-Mart Update

With the construction (employing 300 Tucsonans through 10 local subcontractors) of the new Wal-Mart Super Center at the Bridges (Store #5626), the company has set up a temporary location for people to apply at 1010 East Palmdale, Suite 104. This new location will employ between 300-350 people and will be managed by Mr. Brian Shields. If individuals are applying at other locations, they are encouraged to use Store #5626 on the application. This new location will open on October 26th. For more information please call the application office at 294-4204 and 294-4203.

UA Bio Park Update

After more than two years of planning, design and construction, site improvements and infrastructure at the UA Bio Park have been completed. On October 11th these improvements will be dedicated with the assistance of the US Assistant Secretary for Commerce, Matt Erksine and Congressman Raul Grijalva. Representatives of the South Park, Pueblo Gardens, Western Hills and Las Vistas Neighborhoods will plant trees that day in recognition of their support and involvement in the design and approval of the landscape improvements. With each tree planted, a plaque will be installed honoring the neighborhood.

Following the Secretary Erskine's remarks at the dedication, the final piece of the Las Artes wall and mural located on the Pathway to Discovery along Kino Parkway will be unveiled. A video that chronicles the making of

Tucson/Mexico Trade Opportunities

The Vamos a Tucson baseball tournament isn't simply about baseball games being played at Kino Veteran's Memorial Park. It is about economic development and improving relations with our neighbors 64 miles away, across the border.

In the September 27 edition of the Arizona Republic is an editorial entitled, "On the Border of Opportunity." "Arizona is beginning to see its geography in a healthy new way," the editorial begins. "A focus on the economic advantages of sharing a border with Mexico will be good for job creation and economic growth."

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The editorial goes on to state that “U.S.-Mexico trade is at a record high. Mexico is Arizona's top export market, at \$5.7 billion in 2011, according to Michael C. Camuñez of the U.S. Department of Commerce.”

In 2011, more than \$1 billion alone was spent in the Tucson region, according to the Metropolitan Tucson Convention and Visitor's Bureau (MTCVB). Those exports can translate into jobs in Arizona and Mexico's growing economy translates into increased demand for exports.

Tucson was ahead of the rest of the state on economic development with Mexico. The Caballeros del Sol, consisting of local business owners, formed more than five decades ago with the primary goal of increasing economic development and trade with businesses across the border and during his time in office, former Tucson Mayor Robert Walkup had made several trips to various cities in Mexico, including Rocky Point, working on relations as well as encouraging companies to do business in Tucson. Felipe Garcia and MTCVB had also opened offices in Hermosillo and had a tremendous presence in Mexico with their “Vamos a Tucson!” campaign.

Mayor Robert Walkup, gave me the charge of helping to form the U.S.-Mexico Border Mayors Association, which held its inaugural meeting in Tucson, at the University of Arizona campus. Then as Vice-Mayor, I hosted the meeting and worked to get the group formed and attended the second meeting in El Paso, Texas.

The Tucson Mexico Trade Coalition was formed to work on economic development and trade and to tell those across the border that “you are welcome in Tucson.”

Last year's Vamos a Tucson baseball effort welcomed many government dignitaries from across our border to witness the games, resulting in economic commitment and better relations.

As reported in our local paper, current Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild and Phoenix Mayor, Greg Stanton, traveled to Mexico to work on bettering relations and economic development.

Our opportunities are there for economic development, something Tucson must work on to achieve now and for our future. We have made accomplishments in the past and now, and I applaud the efforts of my colleagues on the Council, as well as our Mayor, Jonathan Rothschild, Councilmembers Shirley Scott and Regina Romero, and our City Manager, Richard Miranda for their work in this area.



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Mexican Baseball Fiesta Returns to Tucson

The City of Tucson is pleased to welcome back the Vamos a Tucson Mexican Baseball Fiesta being held at Kino Stadium from October 4 through October 7. The tournament this year has expanded to six teams - four teams from Mexico, as well as the San Diego Padres Future Stars and the Los Angeles Dodgers Future Stars.

"I want to welcome and thank the four teams from the Mexican Pacific League, the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Diego Padres farm teams for their participation in the 2012 Vamos a Tucson Baseball Fiesta," said

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Council Member Richard Fimbres. "Their contributions, as well as those of their fans to our community and economy will greatly benefit the Tucson region in many ways."

The Tucson Padres, The Metropolitan Tucson Convention and Visitors Bureau (MTCVB), The Sonoran Sports Commission and Desert Diamond Casinos and Entertainment collaborated to bring the Fiesta back to Tucson. The Fiesta's economic impact to Tucson has already been noted as two teams have already begun practicing in Tucson. In all, 1,800 hotel room nights from players, 11,000 total meals consumed and 1,000 hotel room nights from fans will take place in Tucson, Fimbres said.



"An event of this caliber has the potential to bring thousands of visitors to our community," said Felipe Garcia, MTCVB Vice President of Community Affairs and Mexico Marketing. "Winter baseball is huge in Latin America, and through this tournament, Tucson will continue to be a part of it."

Added Fimbres: "Baseball is just one aspect of the activities, October 4 through 7. It is anticipated that many dignitaries from both the private and public sectors, from both sides of our border will be present for Vamos a Tucson, which will provide great opportunities to build and strengthen our relationships between our communities."

Tickets are now available by visiting the Kino Stadium Box office, calling (520) 434-1367 or by logging onto www.tucsonpadres.com. "We are excited to host the second Vamos a Tucson Mexican Baseball Fiesta," said Mike Feder, Tucson Padres Vice President and General Manager. "We learned last year what a great level of play this is. We expect this year's event to be bigger and better."

The tournament has expanded this year to include teams from the states of Sonora and Sinaloa. The two returning teams are the Naranjeros de Hermosillo and Yaquis de Ciudad Obregon. New this year are the Venados de Mazatlan and Tomateros de Culiacan. Last year, the three-day baseball fiesta drew more than 12,000 fans from both sides of the border.

The participating players and coaches are eager to interact with Tucson community organizations and community events, Garcia said. For more information on scheduling players and coaches to attend an event, contact Tucson Padres Director of Hispanic Marketing Francisco Gamez at 258-3217.



KINO STADIUM TUCSON PADRES

Air Force Extends Operation Snowbird Public Comment Period

The U.S. Air Force is extending the public comment period for the draft Environmental Assessment concerning Operation Snowbird here until Oct. 4. This additional 20-day extension allows citizens more time to analyze the proposal to implement National Guard Training Plan 60-1 supporting Operation Snowbird. The public comment period began July 31, 2012.

The Air Force also has provided a Spanish translation of the draft Finding of No Significant Impact as a convenience for bilingual community members. The draft EA, including the translated draft FONSI, has been placed at the following local libraries:

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Quincie Douglas Library
1585 East 36th Street
Tucson, AZ 85713

Salazar-Ajo Library
West Plaza Street
Ajo, AZ 85621

Eckstrom-Columbus Branch Library*
4355 East Calle Aurora
Tucson, AZ 85711

*NOTE: the Eckstrom-Columbus Branch Library has moved to a temporary location, which is slated to be open to the public starting Sept. 24

The Spanish translation of the draft FONSI and the draft 2007 data collection site visit report are also available online at <http://www.dm.af.mil/library/operationsnowbirdenvironmentalassessment.asp>. The English translation is the official document of record. The translated draft FONSI is provided for convenience.

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National Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but did most of its damage on October 9, 1871. This year, National Fire Prevention Week will be observed October 7-13, 2012 and below are just a few facts about the Top 10 Causes of Fire in Tucson.

Cooking

Cooking fires typically occur when food is left unattended or when grease splatters and catches fire. Storage of combustibles near the stove such as paper towels, cardboard boxes (cereal) and dish rags can increase the risk of fire.

Children

Curious children may also set fires if they acquire matches and lighters left unattended in the home. Remember to secure matches and lighters in a locked cabinet beyond the reach of children. If you find singed or melted items such as toys, clothing, paper, or vegetation or if you notice burnt matches or missing lighters discuss the dangers of fire setting with your children immediately, for these are signs of fire play. If you need assistance intervening in your child's fire setting call 837-7075 to request a Juvenile Fire Stopper Class.

Candles

Candles that are left unattended, placed on uneven or flammable surfaces or placed too close to combustible materials can cause fires in the home. Candles should be kept out of the reach of children and pets and extinguished before leaving the room.

Heating Equipment

Heating equipment including portable heaters, hot water heaters, toasters, curling irons, coffee makers and any other heat producing appliance can cause a fire if left operating in close proximity to combustible materials. Remember to leave three feet of space between hot appliances and combustibles such as paper, cardboard, cloth, or plastic. Contact a qualified technician to schedule an annual maintenance for your furnace and check filters regularly. Remove the lint from the dryer after each load of laundry.



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Smoking

Smoking is the leading cause of fires resulting in death. Never smoke while in bed or while drowsy. Avoid smoking under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Whenever possible smoke outside of the home away from combustible materials and use large, deep ashtrays.

Electrical Equipment

Damaged electrical appliances, cords, plugs or wiring can cause fires. Overloading electrical outlets with multiple plugs, using extension cords inappropriately and running electrical cords under rugs, heavy furniture or in high traffic areas can present a significant fire hazard. Avoid “do-it-yourself” electrical projects, before attempting to install electrical components contact a licensed contractor.

Inadequate Wiring

If you are experiencing dimming lights when using another appliance, blown fuses or tripped breakers regularly, you may not have adequate wiring in your home. This may overload the existing electrical system and cause a fire. Contact a licensed contractor to assess your needs and install the needed equipment.

BBQ Grills

Grilling near or under combustible structures can cause a fire, operate the grill at least 10 feet away from any structure. Clean the cooking surface of the grill regularly with soapy water to remove grease and check the grill for leaks by spraying soapy water on all of the hoses and connections.

Flammable Liquids

Remember to store flammable liquids such as fuel, lacquer, solvents, cleaning agents and other volatiles in approved containers in an area outside of the home. These liquids emit high vapors when not contained and can ignite easily from a simple ignition source such as static electricity, high temperatures or heating equipment.

Fireplace & Chimney

The fireplace and chimney can present a fire hazard if not properly secured or maintained. Inspect your fireplace thoroughly prior to use, ensure that the fireplace’s integrity is intact and all safety equipment is working. Contact a chimney sweep to clean the chimney as needed. Remove overgrown vegetation from the exterior before use.

To keep you home safe, please take a look at the [Great Home Fire Safety Survey Checklist](#) From the National Fire Protection Association.

National Night Out

Join the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association for National Night Out on October 2, 2012 at the Boys and Girls Club of Tucson’s Roy Drachman Clubhouse, 5901 S Santa Clara. . Come meet your Tucson Police Officers and your neighbors. For more info please call Beki @ 404-5805 or Yolanda @ 991-3307

Curacao Opens

Congratulations to Curacao for their grand opening of their eleventh overall store. They held their grand opening of their newest location, 3390 S. 6th Avenue, in the Southgate Shopping Center on Saturday, September 29. Curacao will be employing up to 300 people for this location.

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Know Where to Throw

On October 1, the City of Tucson Environmental Services (ES) will kick off the second annual 'Know Where to Throw' waste diversion program. The goal of the program is to inform Tucsonans about recycling and reuse options available in the community.

The Ward 5 Council Office will be one of the drop off sites. For more information, go online to: <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es/knowwheretothrow>.

Tucson Meet Yourself

It has been the mission of Tucson Meet Yourself to research, document, interpret and present the living traditional arts and expressions of everyday life of the folk and ethnic communities of the multi-national Arizona-Sonora region. This year, Tucson Meet Yourself Folklife Festival will take place:

Friday, October 12th, 11 am - 10 pm
Saturday, October 13th, 11 am - 10 pm
Sunday, October 14th, 11 am—6 pm



For a full listing of events, activities and parking please visit the Tucson Meet Yourself Website at <http://www.tucsonmeetyourself.org/>

New Ward 5 Intern

The Ward 5 City Council Office is proud to welcome its newest intern Jonathan Simpson who is a student at the Arizona State School of Social Work Tucson Component. Jonathan moved to Tucson in 2009, and now considers this city his home. His future goal is to eventually obtain a Master's degree in Social Work and serve the City of Tucson as a behavioral health counselor. Jonathan sought the internship at the Ward 5 office to learn more about local government and to explore avenues of serving the local community.

Congratulations and Thank You!

L.U.L.A.C./F.B.I. Community Service Awards

On Friday, September 21, the 23rd Annual LULAC FBI Community Service Awards were held in Tucson.

More than 240 people from the public sector, business, neighborhood associations, community groups and students were present to be recognized for their work and commitment for our community. The awards luncheon was emceed by Javier Herrera from the Ward 5 office, who is also President of LULAC Council 1082.



Many elected officials, such as state Senator Paula Aboud, Pima County Supervisor Richard Elias, Pima County Sheriff Clarence Dupnik, Pima County Recorder F. Ann Rodriguez and Tucson City Councilmember Richard Fimbres and Vikki Marshall with the Pima College Governing Board, were present for the luncheon and received recognition for their public service.

Former state Senator Elaine Richardson was in attendance, received recognition by LULAC for her work for the community. Former Pima County Supervisor Dan Eckstrom was present as well, helping to emcee the event as well as being honored for his commitment to LULAC's efforts.

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FBI Special Agent David French presented the FBI Community Service Awards. LULAC Vice President for Youth, Ana Estrada Valenzuela and LULAC District 3 Director Linda Leatherman, presented awards as well. Some of those honored at the luncheon included:

Tucson City Manager Richard Miranda and Tucson Police Department (TPD) Chief Roberto Villasenor, were honored for their work and commitment to Tucson. Ward 5 business owners George Kalil of Kalil Bottling, Brett Dumont, and Gary Kippur of Tucson Iron and Metal, Rick Velasco of Wal-Mart, TPD South commander Captain Ramon Batista, Ward 4 Council Aide Andy Squire, Anna Sanchez of Housing and Community Development, Richard Barker and Maria Cardenas of the El Pueblo Neighborhood Center. Community leader Joe Soto, Clarissa Geberkoff and Melvin Johnson of Tucson Troop Support, and Ward 5 neighborhood leaders: Cheryl Strickland of Cherry Avenue, Gil Guerin of Cherry Avenue, Bette Trahan of Pueblo Gardens, Eddie Flores and Ivo Ortiz of Barrio Centro were recognized for their work.

Cindy Ayala of Pueblo Gardens, Rene Gastelum of the 29th Street Coalition, Cherry Jackson, Tracy Hackett, William and Martha Wills, Steve Ramirez of Fred Acosta Job Corps and Dr. John Arnold of Project PPEP were honored by LULAC.

Congratulations to all of those honored at the 23rd Annual LULAC FBI Community Service Awards.



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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

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

387-7502



Community Food Bank

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