



# City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

As this month approaches it's end, I wanted to update you on the past month of activities and actions taken by your Mayor and Council.

**FY2014 Budget** - The Mayor and Council approved a budget for the upcoming fiscal year (FY 2014), that will start on July 1. The projected budget deficit of \$15 million was dealt with through recommendations made by the City Manager's office and approved by Mayor and Council. No public safety employees will be laid off and the City will maintain services that are currently provided.



According to the City Manager's office, sales tax and other revenues have increased. Businesses such as the Costco, APAC Pharmaceutical, Curacao, Barrio Brewery, American Tire, Recommunity Recycling, Quik Trip, Goodwill, plus a dozen other businesses that have opened their doors in Ward 5, as well as Bruker Nano, CAID Industries, Kalil Bottling, who expanded their operations, are helping to generate these revenues.

The Arizona Legislature again took funding from state shared revenues and LTAF (roads) for cities but this Mayor and Council again, worked through this, giving the Manager direction on the proposed budget.

Through the previous proposal I had brought forward to Mayor and Council to have increased use of the Procurement Card (P-Card) system for purchases of goods for city operations, the City is saving millions while now generating a rebate back to city coffers of more than \$400,000 from usage of the P-Card system. This rebate has quadrupled from \$90,000 since I advocated for more usage in 2010. More revenue was generated through advertising on buses and sponsorships of Parks and Recreation facilities, also proposals that I had brought forward to the Mayor and Council.

Other proposals that I have brought forward, such as the Local Purchase Ordinance, as well as review of local hiring for government projects, have helped our local economy. International trade will be a key component for the City of Tucson. Tucson has made strides with our neighbors across the border in terms of commerce and tourism, to the tune of \$979 million this past year, according to VisitTucson.org. One of the proposals I brought forward for the City to have an effort and person working on international economic development. The Mayor and Council approved the proposal and the City Manager's Office has hired Juan Francisco Padres as the City's first international economic development person.

Six pools were opened last year through the Private/Public partnership effort known as "Bring Back the Splash," through sponsorships by businesses, for which seven pools will be open this summer.

The City Manager's Office has indicated that spending has also decreased but not to the point of showing a surplus yet for the City's budget. Employee health care and pension costs are the main cause of the deficit for which the Mayor and Council took initial action on for city employees and will work with the Arizona Legislature - who oversees the pension fund for public safety employees. A first step was taken but more action will be needed and taken up by this Mayor and Council. The City Manager's proposed compensation plan for city employees, with a salary adjustment contingent upon the financial reports ending October 31st and a potential effective date of January 1, 2014, was approved by the Mayor and Council. A financial review will take place by Mayor and Council later this year.

Road repair took place, thanks to the Mayor and Council action of approving \$20 million for road work for this current fiscal year, many roads and neighborhood streets in Ward 5, in: 12th Avenue, Santa Paula Street to Los Reales Road, Park Avenue, Irvington Road to Valencia Road, Drexel Road, Campbell Avenue to Tucson Boulevard, Sixth Avenue, Ajo Way to Illinois Street, Tucson Boulevard, Irvington Road to Valencia Road, Cherry Avenue and 22nd Street, Alvernon, 22nd Street to 29th Street, and 12th Avenue: SPI Santa Paula Street (North), 6th Avenue: SPI Ajo Way to 210 S. Illinois St, Drexel Road: 250 W. Campbell to 250 W. Tucson Blvd, 29th St, 676 W. Harrison Road to 130 East Harrison Road. Los Reales Road: 164 West 12th to 130 East 12th Ave. Tucson Boulevard: SPI Irvington Road to NPI Valencia Road.



Starting on July 1st, the \$100 million in road bond that was approved by voters in November 2012 will start. Over the next five years, at a cost of \$20 million each year, roughly 100 square miles of major arterials and 110 square miles of neighborhood streets will be repaired through these general obligation bonds issued. The first project under these bonds will take place in Ward 5 at the area of Valencia Road and Tucson Blvd. near the Tucson Airport. More updates will be provided in future newsletters.

Many actions have been taken by this Mayor and Council to deal with the budgetary situation. In Ward 5, I have reduced the staff of the Council office and reduced my office's expenditures by \$60,000. Each Council office gets a common budget amount (\$343,000) for the respective fiscal year and again the Ward 5 office has kept its spending under this figure, something I and my staff have worked to ensure this. Previous surpluses had gone for road work city wide and this year, the Ward 5 surplus will now be directed for speed humps, bus shelters, the Schools Plus Jobs Program and El Tour de Tucson.

To date, this Mayor and Council has cut a lot out of the budget in expenditures as well as employment positions and continues to look for ways in cutting the budget. The City has 1,100 employees less than when I took office, but these cuts make up only a piece of the picture that is our City's recovery. We must continue to stimulate our local economic engine to help make this City move again and keep the progress that we have accomplished going. Your Mayor and Council have done a lot and we are seeing the "light at the end of the tunnel."

**Grand Canyon University** - It is interesting to hear the comments and read the write-ups about this issue proclaiming that the Mayor and Council "failed" or "dropped the ball," something which isn't the case. The vote was five in favor and two against on the proposal which came from an executive session item on this matter. I voted against the proposal due to the long history in the area, the ongoing agreements and that this was discussed as just an executive session item, so a complete discussion couldn't even take place that day.

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When I ran for office in 2009, I ran on the platform of clear transparency and openness. Too many deals with economic proposals had been done with a handshake or “on the back of a napkin.” The message was loud and clear by the people, no more deals such as was done with Slim Fast - which left taxpayers holding the “bill.” Unfortunately, there had been no previous discussion of Grand Canyon University by the Mayor and Council previously on the agenda and no feedback from the residents and businesses in the area had been gathered. City staff are working on other potential options for Grand Canyon University.

### TPD ODS Crime Statistics

Operations Division South (ODS), also known as the Santa Cruz Substation, is home to 167 dedicated men and women that are responsible for a 109 square mile area, making it the second largest police division in Tucson. This successful team consists of command staff, civilian staff, Neighborhood Crimes detectives, bicycle officers, the Community Response Team, community service officers, and the highly visible patrol officers. Within the boundaries of ODS are 30 Neighborhood Associations. The lead police officers and beat officers take a very active part in these associations. They attend their regular meetings, special events, and neighborhood cleanups, and are available to assist with solving problems facing a neighborhood.



Because of their hard work, as well as the other divisions throughout the Tucson Police Department, it was reported at the July 20<sup>th</sup> ODS meeting with neighborhoods and businesses that crime for Tucson was below the national average (for cities of similar size) for numerous areas including homicides, sexual offenses, and assaults. Burglaries have also seen a steady decline since March due to additional enforcement measures. The only two areas that Tucson was slightly above the national average were with respect to property crime and larceny. This Division has been overseen by Captain Ramon Batista for two years where he has served the neighborhood associations and residents of Ward 5 with honor and distinction. He has been very proactive in resolving issues in our community and will be sorely missed. The next meeting for Operations Division South will be on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

### Bridges Update

Construction has already begun on the new McDonald's that will be joining other stores at the Tucson Marketplace at the Bridges. McDonald's received final approval on May 2nd for the plans they had submitted to the City on March 6th. The new McDonald's will consist of 4,805 sq. ft. of restaurant space which includes 850 sq. ft. for a Play Place. This will be the company's 34th location in the Tucson area. The new McDonald's site was sold to McDonald's Real Estate Company of Denver, CO and construction is being done by Danito Construction of Tucson. In addition to this development, another 23,000 sq. ft. of retail space is under construction.



New construction at the Bridges

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Eric Davis of Retail West has identified that this construction that is occurring on three separate pads has already been pre-leased and that there is a growing interest anchor and junior anchor tenants for the project. All are expected to be move-in ready for the Fall.

### Howenstine High School

The Intermountain Centers for Human Development (ICHD) has entered into an agreement with Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) to lease Howentine High School (555 S. Tucson Blvd.). The agreement that was recently approved by the TUSD Governing Board will allow ICHD to utilize the site to serve autistic children. Howenstine High School was recently closed along with 10 other schools by TUSD in a move to help close the budgetary shortfall that district was facing. For years the school had served special-needs students in Tucson.



For 40 years ICHD has worked to provide the highest quality, community-based, individualized services, including clinical, housing and family-based, in the most cost-effective manner to at-risk populations in Tucson. ICHD provides a variety of programs and support services, including housing and residential services and onsite and offsite/in-home support to:

- adults who have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness
- adults who have been diagnosed with developmental disabilities
- adults transitioning to independent living
- young adults aging out of foster care to independent living
- families in need of parenting skills and community resources
- children and youth who are emotionally and/or behaviorally challenged children and youth who are transitioning from one locus of care to another

Outlined by their proposal to TUSD, ICHD has identified that there is a need for educational opportunities for children with autism and that many public and private schools are unable to provide appropriate, individualized services. This move will enable ICHD to expand its services from the four classrooms it currently operates to more classes. Ward 5 has worked avidly to help ensure that this school site would not permanently close. Plans are to open the new private school this August.

### Bike Helmets and Child Safety Seats

In 2011 the Ward 5 Council Office was the recipient of a \$30,793.48 grant from the Tohono O'odham Nation. The grant was for car seats, booster seats and bike helmets for the families of Wards 1, 2, & 5. With the participation of the Tucson Fire Department, the Tucson Police Department, Parks & Recreation, Tucson Unified School District and the Sunnyside School District 540 car seats, 550 booster seats and 535 bike helmets have been distributed to the community. Through partnerships with the Tucson Fire Department and the Tucson Police Department we have been able to educate families on car seat safety and the importance of wearing bike helmets. Through our partnerships with local businesses and non-profit agencies we have



Child being outfitted with a helmet at the Ocotillo Fall Health and Safety Fair

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held several health & safety fairs in our community and have also participated in other events. We wish to thank all of our partners including the Tohono O'odham Nation, El Pueblo Neighborhood Center, Ocotillo Learning Center, Circle K, Food City, Fry's, Costco, Peter Piper Pizza, Golf N' Stuff, QuikTrip, Eegee's, Luz Southside Coalition, United Health Care, Health Choice, Henry Quinto Day Care, Kool Smiles, Tucson Clean & Beautiful, PPEP Tech & Tucson Academy of Learning, the Community Food Bank, the Pima County Attorney's Office, our volunteers from the El Pueblo Senior Center, the Tucson Fire Cadets, the students from Fred G. Acosta Job Corps, Child & Family Resources, Community Outreach (Health Choice AZ), Drexel Heights Fire District, Marana Health Center (Promotoras), Pima County Sheriff's Department/Neighborhood Watch, PCAP, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Clinic, Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services and of course the parents that participated in the events. A special thanks to Council Members Regina Romero and Paul Cunningham and their staff for helping to make these events a success.

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### SunGO

Starting June 30, 2013, the new SunGO fare payment system is launching. SunGO utilizes smart card technology to provide a convenient way to pay a fare and transfer throughout the region on Sun Tran, Sun Express, Sun Shuttle and the Sun Link modern streetcar. The SunGO smart card serves as the fare payment card that can store cash value or passes for passenger convenience and boarding ease. Just tap the card to the farebox and go! The smart card resembles a credit card in size and shape, but inside has a computer chip instead of a magnetic stripe.



SunGo Cards can be purchased at the following locations in Ward 5: Fry's 4150 East 22nd Street; 2001 East Irvington Road; 902 West Irvington Road; the Thomas Price Service Center 4004 South Park; El Pueblo Activity Center 101 West Irvington; Roy Laos Transit Center. For more information please visit [www.suntran.com/sungo](http://www.suntran.com/sungo).

### Sun Link Streetcar

At the June 18<sup>th</sup> Mayor and Council Study Session, I had requested that staff provide an update on the 3.9-mile Sun Link Streetcar Project that began construction in April 2012 and connects the University of Arizona to the commercial districts in Main Gate and 4th Avenue to the downtown and the redevelopment area west of downtown.

In the update, it was stated that the relocation and upgrading of underground utilities has concluded. Approximately \$9 million has been spent on upgrading and relocating utilities along the alignment. Additionally, several million was spent by companies like Tucson Electric Power, Southwest Gas, and Qwest Communications. In the downtown area, this work took longer than anticipated due to the complexity and age of the underground infrastructure.

Track installation is expected to conclude in July 2013. Final construction elements including poles, overhead wires, stops, and art will be completed by early October 2013.



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In terms of the economic development, this is what the project has done for Tucson's economic picture: 500 Construction Jobs; Will add 1,500 + Long term jobs; \$800 million plus in investment along corridor to date; Attracted 50 + new restaurants, bars and cafes in the downtown area; Stimulating new housing – 2000 units to date; Connects neighborhoods and commerce and triggers redevelopment and long term community investment.

### Environmental Services Unveils CNG trucks

Environmental Services is converting its diesel fleet to a sustainable, cleaner, money-saving alternative.

City of Tucson Environmental Services (ES) unveiled the first trash and recycling collection vehicles powered by compressed natural gas (CNG).



At a time when fleets are scrambling to keep up with the cost of petroleum, maintenance, and the rising cost of keeping vehicles on the road, ES committed to converting its diesel fueled fleet to a sustainable, cleaner, and money-saving, alternative fuel.

By the end of Fiscal Year 2014, ES will purchase 28 CNG powered collection trucks and will convert 90% of its fleet within five years.

The benefits of this fleet conversion are:

- CNG is more than \$1/gallon cheaper and much more abundant than diesel fuel. ES is the largest consumer of fuel in the City of Tucson fleet and use more than 700,000 gallons of fuel each year.
  - CNG-powered vehicles have lower maintenance costs than other diesel fueled vehicles.
  - The conversion to CNG will result in a 20% reduction in carbon emissions.
  - Customers will find that the trucks operate more quietly which will mean less noise pollution.
- When ES converts its fleet to CNG in the next five years, they will significantly reduce the City's reliance on imported oil.

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### Rio Nuevo Board Approves \$7.8 Million Budget for Arena Remodel

The Rio Nuevo board, following a presentation by the TCC architects and Project Manager, approved a major remodel for the aging arena that will replace the seats, develop a new entryway to the arena, upgrade the bathrooms and concessions and install new lighting and sound.

The Rio Nuevo Board Approved \$7.8 million in funding. The City of Tucson is spending \$1.5 million to replace the bleachers. Described as a project to enhance the fan experience, the board agreed to invest in the arena's appearance and functionality with the hope of improving the arena utilization and, as a result, the TIF tax revenue.



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### Be Safe this 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Americans love to celebrate the Fourth of July with family, friends, food and fireworks, but too often alcohol turns the party into a tragedy, making this iconic holiday one of the most deadly days of the year on the nation's roads.

Local police will be out in force throughout this Independence Day, on the lookout for motorists who have had too much alcohol to be behind the wheel of a vehicle.

Police will have zero tolerance for alcohol scofflaws who drink and drive this July 4th, putting themselves and everyone else on Tucson roads at risk of life and limb. The percentage of fatalities from impaired driving spike around the Fourth of July. According to NHTSA, 251 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes during the Fourth of July holiday in 2011 (which ran from 6 p.m., July 1, to 5:59 a.m., July 5.) Of those fatalities, 38 percent were in crashes that involved at least one driver or motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 grams per deciliter or higher. A BAC of .08 g/dL is the legal intoxication limit in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the various U.S. territories.



The Ward 5 Council Office recommends these simple tips for a safe Fourth of July: Before drinking, designate a sober driver; If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation; Use your community's sober ride program; If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact the Tucson Police Department; If you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

### Fire Safety

Tucson Fire Department and the Ward 5 Council Office want to make sure that you and your families are always safe and ask that you please exercise caution when dealing with items that can cause fire. Currently, the top 5 causes of fire in Tucson are:

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1. **Cooking Equipment** - Usually because the cook leaves the cooking unattended or the grease splatters and catches fires. Storage of combustibles nearby the stove such as paper towels, cardboard boxes (cereal), dish rags, etc. extend the fire if not directly contribute to its cause.
2. **Children Playing with matches** - Look for singed/melted items (a.k.a. toys, clothing, paper, burnt dried weeds, etc.), burnt matches, missing lighters or note the smell of smoke in the home's rooms to clue in to the possibility of children playing with fire.
3. **Candles** - Left unattended, placed on uneven flammable surfaces, using unsteady holders or placed too close to combustible materials. Should be kept out of the reach of children and pets. Please extinguish the candles when leaving the room.
4. **Heating Equipment** - Keep combustibles away from portable heaters by at least 36 inches including curtains, paper, clothing, etc. Be aware that heating equipment includes curling irons, toasters, coffee machines, etc. Maintain your furnace by scheduling a qualified technician to service it annually. Empty your dryer's lint catch after each load. Do not store combustibles around the base of gas water heaters.
5. **Smoking** - Falling asleep in bed while smoking. Make the bedroom off-limits to smoking. Supervise those that drink alcohol and/or using substances that will make them less alert causing them to forget to extinguish their smoking material. Use large ashtrays that are deep and not located near combustibles. Routinely check your furniture for fallen butts/embers.



Have a safe Fourth of July and remember to please consider not firing a gun or weapon into the air in celebration because it is a violation of Shannon's Law (ARS 13-3107—Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm). Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm, or a violation of Shannon's Law occurs when a person, with criminal negligence, discharges a firearm within the limits of any municipality and they are more than one mile from any occupied structure. This felony criminal offense is often referred to as Shannon's Law and named after Shannon Smith, a fourteen year old Phoenix, AZ girl killed by a stray bullet in June 1999 during a New Year's Eve celebration.

### July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Show to Restrict "A" Mountain Use

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual July 4th fireworks celebration atop "A" Mountain will restrict user access to Sentinel Peak Park. In order to accommodate the fireworks display, Sentinel Peak Road will be closed at noon on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and will reopen to all traffic on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, at noon.

### Graffiti

Graffiti is defined as writing, drawing or symbols applied to any surface without the consent of the property owner, authorized agent or designee.

These acts of vandalism cost taxpayers money, devalue property, and undermine the public's perception of safety. Graffiti is a criminal act and all members of the community should report graffiti.

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**Anyone who witnesses an act of graffiti in progress can call 9-1-1 immediately.**

If you have found graffiti anywhere and/or on your personal property or business property a request for removal needs to be made through these processes:

- <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti/report>
- Smart Phone application "mytucson"
- [graffiti@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:graffiti@tucsonaz.gov)
- 792-CITY
- Transportation Department In-House number 791-3154



If you choose to remove the graffiti yourself, please be sure to:

- Take photos of the graffiti and moniker. Include date, time and exact location.
- Estimate the square foot cost of the cleanup.
- Report the act through <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti/report>
- Graffiti must be removed within 24 hours. This eliminates the recognition and notoriety that taggers seek by vandalizing your property.

If the graffiti occurs on public utility boxes or equipment, we ask that you contact the owner of the property:

- TEP (520) 623-7711 or <http://www.tucsonelectric.com/> , [www.tep.com](http://www.tep.com)
- Tucson Water Department (520) 791-4311 or <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/water>
- Comcast - (520) 744-1900 or <http://www.comcast.com/default.csp>
- Cox (Green Boxes) - (520) 300-5292 or <http://ww2.cox.com/>
- Southwest Gas - 1-877-860-6020 or <http://www.swgas.com/>
- Qwest (Beige Boxes) - 1-866-642-0444 or <http://www.qwest.com/>
- City of Tucson Properties – (520) 792-2489
- Sun Tran Properties – (520) 792-9222
- Arizona Department of Transportation – (520) 388-4200

### Southern Arizona VA Fisher House

The Southern Arizona VA Health Care System in Tucson has been approved for a Fisher House scheduled to be built in 2016. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful time - during the hospitalization for a combat injury, illness or disease. Fisher Houses are given to the U.S. Government as gifts. Military service secretaries and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the homes.



The SAVACHS will build a home that can house up to 16 family members at a time. Funds for the Fisher House Foundation for Tucson must be earmarked for the Tucson Fisher House. If you or your organization would like to donate to this worthwhile cause, please contact the Voluntary Service Office and Deborah Brookshire, 792-1450 extension 1822 or Email her at [brookshire@va.gov](mailto:brookshire@va.gov). Please state that you are inquiring about Fisher House Donations.

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### Mariachi Documentary

*Mariachis Transform Tucson* is a project to create a new documentary film by Daniel Buckley by the close of 2014. The film will show how Tucson's mariachi and folklorico programs have changed Tucson socially, economically, politically and with respect to education, as well as how Tucson in turn has changed the mariachi and folklorico world at large.

Documentary maker Daniel Buckley has specialized in making films about the history and culture of Tucson's Mexican American population through his Cine Plaza at the Fox series. A former music writer and video producer for the Tucson Citizen newspaper, he has spent over three decades researching, writing about and filming mariachis and folklorico dance. His film will tell the story of Tucson's mariachi evolution through interviews with the people who made it happen. It's a transcendent, multi-generational story that includes interviews with parents, mariachis of numerous generations, educators, politicians, community activists and more.



The \$15,000 that Buckley has already raised for the project, will fund priority interviews with older subjects, travel to interview mariachi pioneers and major players no longer in Tucson, transcription costs, as well as Buckley's time to digitize archival footage, organize materials and work to secure foundation and grant funds to complete the film in the next two years. This money will also help leverage funds from foundations and granting organizations to help share this success story for America need to hear. It's an uplifting tale of self-reliance and gradual transformation.

### Farewell from Captain Ramon Batista

Dear Community, Government and Business Leaders,

Late last week I learned that as a part of TPD's commander rotation schedule, I will be transferred to another division. Effective May 31, Lt. Eric Kazmierczak will be the acting captain for Operations Division South (ODS).

On July 1, 2013, Captain George Rodriguez will take over ODS. Capt. Rodriguez is a 28 year veteran of TPD, he is an exceptional individual with extensive experience.

I want to take a moment to say goodbye and thank you. I am very grateful for all of your support throughout the past 24 months. In one way or another we collaborated or met at an event that created a connection which in turn helped us improve our community by making it safer and better.



I want to encourage all of you to maintain the momentum, to continue doing your part to make Tucson the very best it can be.

The future looks bright, there are promising business projects on the horizon and with your effort on all fronts I know they will be a success. I look forward to coming back and working alongside you or just com-

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ing back and admiring what you've accomplished.

As I have always said the professional men/women of Operations Division South stand proud; they truly are the best and I couldn't be more satisfied knowing that they are a part of this division and our community. On their behalf, I thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Ramon Batista  
Captain  
Tucson Police Department

Thank you Captain Batista for your service and commitment to our community.

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## Congratulations and Thank You!

### **Amigos de Pima Scholarship Luncheon**

Amigos de Pima held their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Luncheon on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Amigos de Pima Community College was formed in 1992 by Henry "Hank" Oyama, myself and then-PCC Chancellor Robert Jensen to "promote academic excellence among Hispanic students at Pima Community College by providing financial support through scholarships to qualified and deserving students (and) to develop linkages with business and industry professionals in the community who are interested in providing mentorship and higher education opportunities for Hispanic students." The Amigos' primary objective has been to raise funds for the Hispanic Student Endowment and awarding scholarships to deserving PCC students. These scholarships are given at the Luncheon and are named in honor of individuals who have made a positive difference in Southern Arizona. I would like to congratulate Amigo's on another successful event and give special thanks to Dr. Hank Oyama's wife Ann for carrying on his memory to ensure that the scholarship named in his honor lives on.

### **Dancing in the Streets Arizona**

Congratulations to Joey Rodgers and Dancing in the Streets Arizona for their recent perform of Mozart Requiem – A Dance of Angels and other works that took place Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Pima Community College's Center for the Arts - Proscenium Theatre. For more information about Dancing in the Streets Arizona, please visit [www.ditsaz.org](http://www.ditsaz.org).

### **Solar Powered Fiesta**

The Barrio San Antonio Neighborhood Association held their Annual Barrio San Antonio Solar Powered Fiesta on Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> in San Antonio Park. Congratulations to Ted Warmband and the neighborhood association for their successful event.

### **Racial Reconciliation Conference**

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Racial Reconciliation Conference was held Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and was a collaboration of several churches, ministries and other organizations. The first two days of the conference were held at the Fountain of Life Lutheran Church Family Life Center, 710 S. Kolb Road.

The Matisko World Orphans Choir performed during the conference on Friday and a banquet and awards ceremony was held on Saturday, for which I presented certificates of appreciation and medallions of hope

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to the honorees as well as the organizers of the conference. Those who were recognized included: Dan Johnson (Eastside Covenant Church), Steve Wright (KFLT Life Radio), Andrea McCulley (Christian Family Care), Steve Browning (Christian Family Care), William O. Wills (Sunshine Training Center), Dennis Freeman (Sunshine Training Center), and Martha T. Wills (Sunshine Training Center). I want to thank those who attended, as well as the conference speakers.



Lastly, I want to pay special thanks to Martha and William Wills Sr., who made sure this conference took place after the untimely passing of their son and conference organizer, Bishop William O. Wills Junior, whose services and funeral took place on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at Pantano Christian Church.

### Tucson Juneteenth Festival

On Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, the Juneteenth Eucharistic Celebration was held at San Cosme Church by the Diocese of Tucson's Office of the Black Catholic Ministry. This wonderful service served to kick off the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tucson Juneteenth Festival that took place the following day, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Donna Liggins Center, 2160 N. Sixth Avenue. There were arts and crafts, live performances with singers, dancers and a performance by the JT Gospel Jubilee. There was also the Juneteenth Historical Presentations and Exhibits that many attended. Congratulations on another successful event!

### Chicanos Por La Causa

On Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, Chicanos Por La Casa held their 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southern Arizona Dinner. Held annually as a celebration and fundraising affair, the event serves to acknowledge corporations and/or individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and support to CPLC and the community in the southeastern regions of Arizona. Pima County Supervisor Richard Elias and Lupe Castillo were honored for their commitment, support and community work. Congratulations to both on this wonderful recognition and to CPLC for a wonderful event!



### Women's Literacy Network

On Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, the Women's Literacy Network GED Celebration took place at the El Pueblo Liberty Adult Education Center. I had the privilege of speaking and presenting certificates and Ward 5 Medallions of Hope to the graduating class.

Mayor Rothschild was present and spoke words of encouragement to those present, as did Amy Santos of Ward 1 who provided the graduating class with certificates as well.

## 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



Community Food Bank

**Help those who are in need.  
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