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Last weekend in LA, three were killed and 12 wounded in a shooting that took place at a birthday celebration. The two suspects were apprehended. Also, a New York cop shot and killed a 66-year-old lady who was swinging a baseball bat around. His chief said it was totally unjustified. In Phoenix, they reissued 911 tapes to the public in an effort to solve the seri-

al killings you may have read about earlier in the year – seven killed and two wounded.

In Tucson last week a guy was arrested for shooting and killing two people over on the south side, a homeowner shot and killed a would-be intruder over on the east side, and two shooting calls came in last Sunday on the west side – one was fatal, and the other saw a mom was shot by her three-year-old kid when the little one found her gun on the couch and was ‘playing with it.’

And to add a political touch – can’t end this political season without some more low bars being set – a Las Vegas gun store is offering a “Pre-Hillary Sale” saying that gun prices will soar under a Clinton administration. The ad posted in the Las Vegas Review-Journal was for the Westside Armory. Its encouraging message is “Don’t Wait! Prices will skyrocket after Crooked Hillary gets in.” It shows a picture of a semi-automatic tactical rifle selling for \$699.99.



Important Phone Numbers

Ward 6 Office
791-4601

Tucson Police Department
911 or nonemergency
791-6813

Water Issues
791-3242/800-598-9449
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

Abandoned Shopping Carts
791-3171

Neighborhood Resources
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222
TDD: 628-1565

Environmental Services
791-3171

Park Tucson
791-5071

Planning and Development Services
791-5550

Pima Animal Care Center
724-5900

Pima County Vector Control
Cockroaches 724-3401

Continued: A Message From Steve

(Although this isn't a half-staff gun issue, it's a function of the reaction to the political messaging going on – we're seeing a spike in families from Central America showing up at the transition facility we're helping to support – the stated cause is fear of a Trump win and a wall being built on the border. Remember – these are the young moms crossing Mexico fleeing criminal subjugation in Guatemala.)

While not all of the shootings I'm sharing in this week's half-staff section are police related, some are, and all involve police showing up to a crime scene at some point in the incident.

How those law enforcement and civilian interactions play out is the topic we're going to address at the Loft on 11/11 – the show begins at 5:00 pm.

I'll remind you between now and then, but with the panelists I've got taking part, I expect a very full theater, so you might want to check in with the Loft early and get a ticket.

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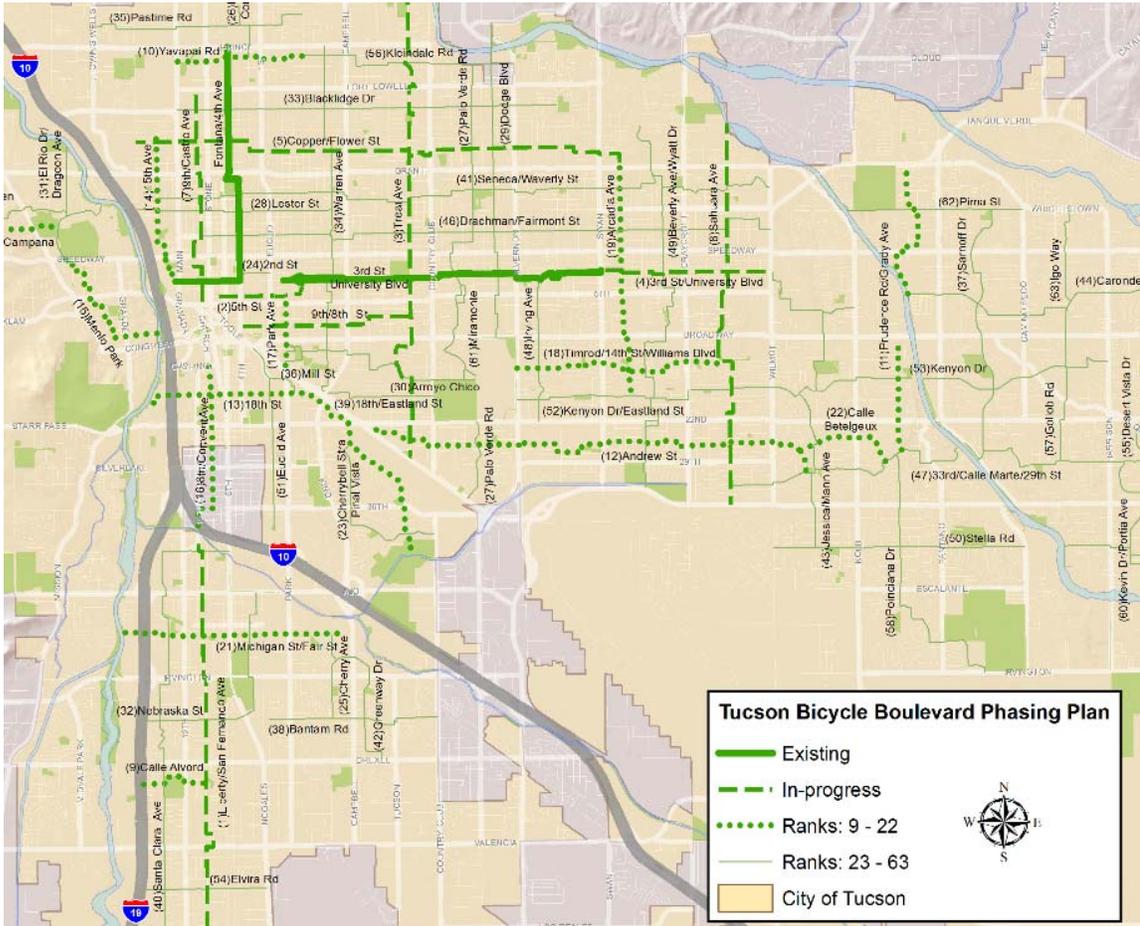


Here's the flyer and a link to the show trailer:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Zt7bl5Z_oA

Bike Boulevards

Last week we took a step in the direction of building safety into our Bike Boulevard system. Here's the map I've shared before:



My original proposal was to implement a reduced speed limit on the 3rd Street Bicycle Boulevard. Staff just wanted to do a test run on the 4th Ave/Fontana Boulevard. We're doing the rollout on both. That simply makes sense. Why? We're following the lead of multiple other jurisdictions who realize safety is enhanced by reducing the speed of cars on our roadways. We're prohibited by state law (heard that before?) from going further than making these changes on streets where we can't identify an increased hazard. For Bike Boulevards, that hazard is the attraction of an increased numbers of bike riders.

Seattle posted this image to help roll out its speed reduction program:

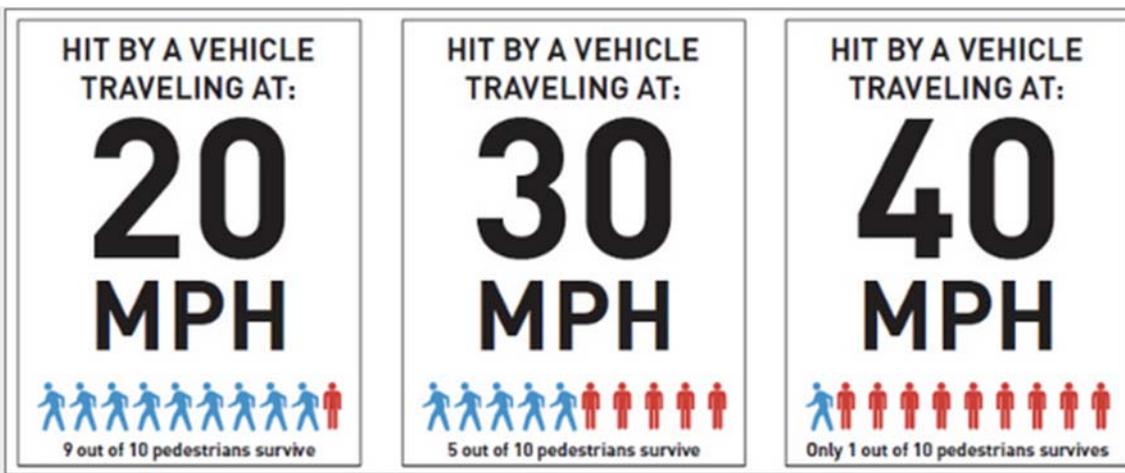


Image: City of Seattle



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman Martha McSally (R)
(2nd District)
(202) 225-2542
Tucson Office: 520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd District)
520-622-6788

Governor Doug Ducey (R)
602-542-4331
Tucson office:
520-628-6580

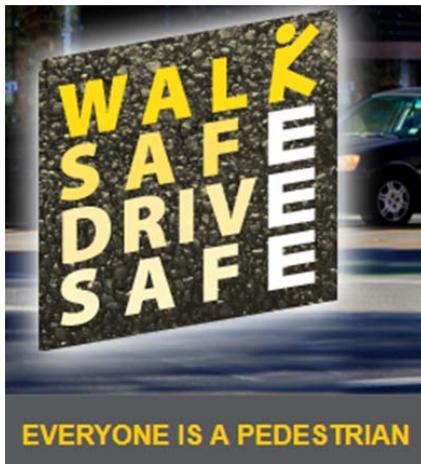
Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
520-791-4201

ZoomTucson Map
<http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/>

They recognize that safer streets are better for business and better for quality of life in general.

To their credit, staff recognized that we need to do more than just lower speed limits. Road design and engineering are also parts of the safety equation. To that end, we will continue putting in speed mitigation elements throughout the Bicycle Boulevard system as it's rolled out. Those will take time – but changing the speed will be done before Christmas.

In Tucson, we far too often see news reports about the traffic violence that happens throughout the community. Last summer, the city held a three day forum that was specifically designed to look at pedestrian traffic fatality and injury issues. During that series of meetings, it was announced that in the past five years we've had 87 pedestrians killed on our city streets. That's about 1.5 people being killed on our city streets each month. That doesn't include bike-car crashes or pedestrian-car accidents where the victim survived. Our rate is higher than the national average. Because of that, the Federal Highway Administration has given us a *special* designation – Pedestrian Safety Focus City. What we did last week in dropping the speeds on Bike Boulevards is a step toward making our roads, and therefore the community, safer.



This also lines up with the Pima Association of Governments' safety initiative. Our work now is to seek out funding to continue with the safety enhancements as we expand the Bike Boulevard system – and to do the same throughout the city.

Before the vote, I received a letter from a constituent who splits time between Sam Hughes neighborhood and England. I'll just share the full text (which I read during the study session):

Hi Steve Kozachik,

I'd like to write from London England for my support of lowering the speed limit to 20mph on bicycle boulevards ('twenty is plenty for us') in your discussion tomorrow on the trial for 4th street Fontana bicycle boulevard. I split my time between Sam Hughes (right along the 3rd street bike boulevard) and London, England.

My family and I live in Islington London, an entire borough that has implemented a 20mph speed limit. see: <https://www.islington.gov.uk/roads/street-improvements/20mph-limit>

Islington was one of the first councils to entirely turn all streets to 20mph and from a person who lives in a slower speed neighbourhood I'd like to say that the lower speed limit makes very little difference in total time driving, but makes a huge safety difference if a person walking, or a person riding a bicycle is hit by a car.

But more than the safety difference, the streets of my entire neighbourhood are better for all users of the road at 20 mph. Drivers have fewer collisions and can make eye contact with other road users, vulnerable road users are safer, as well as road noise is reduced and the entire neighbourhood is more liveable for all.

Please vote to reduce the speed limit to 20mph on the Fontana 4th street Bicycle Boulevard tomorrow, as a trial and maybe eventually we can have whole residential neighbourhoods of slower speeds in Tucson and better roads for all.

We didn't change things throughout the community, but we did what we're allowed by state law. We will continue this rollout as the Bike Boulevard system expands.

Hand-Held Electronic Devices

Let's lay some data on the table up front: Some studies indicate that it's the act of talking while driving that correlates with increased crashes. Others tie crash data to use of your hands to dial and receive calls, as well as the distraction of simply being on the phone and otherwise mentally occupied while driving. Hands-free legislation has been the result.

Nobody's going to try to adopt a 'no chatting while driving' ordinance. But Paul and I are suggesting there's wisdom in talking about a hand-held mobile device ban in the City of Tucson. Here's the memo we've submitted for the November 9th study session:



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 10, 2016

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
City Manager, City Clerk

FROM: Vice Mayor Steve Kozachik

Council Member Paul Cunningham

SUBJECT: Discussion to Ban Use of Hand Held Mobile Devices While Driving

We request the following item to be agendized for the *November 9th Study Session*:

Please set aside 20 minutes for a discussion of Tucson adopting a ban on the use of hand held mobile devices while operating motor vehicles. Consistent with other jurisdictions, and as we did with our texting ban, we will need to build in exemptions for public safety, reporting of emergencies, and other non-routine circumstances.

In order to make our roads safer, addressing the use of hand held mobile devices while operating a motor vehicle is something we believe this governing body should consider. The need for addressing the proliferation of hand held electronic devices and driving is recognized worldwide.

Texting while driving, and calling with a hand held cell phone has long been illegal throughout the State of California. However, those bans were found to be insufficient to keep pace with the capabilities of today's electronic hand held devices. As such, California has now adopted a statewide ban on the use of all hand held electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle. Similarly, 28 cities throughout the State of Texas have adopted hand held bans, as has the State of Delaware which recently doubled its fines for electronic distracted driving. The State of Illinois made it illegal throughout the state for any driver to use a hand held device - cell phone, personal digital assistant or mobile computer - while driving. Even Britain's new government is increasing penalties for distracted driving.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, over 8 people are killed and 1,161 are injured in crashes that involve a distracted driver each day in the United States alone. Distracted driving clearly contributes to an increase in motor vehicle crashes.



So let's just lay one more thing to rest. It's not just the act of talking that's making what that lady's doing unsafe. The academics may want to suggest otherwise – but common sense has to prevail at some level. It's that level Paul and I are after.

Here's our message:



Seven states have laws banning the use of handheld cell phones while driving (California, Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, and Washington). Add D.C. and the Virgin Islands to that list. In all of those states, it's an issue of primary enforcement for police. That means they can pull you over for using the phone – it doesn't have to be a secondary reason for the traffic stop.

Russian Roulette.



Yes, the image is edgy. Hopefully it leaves a lasting impression. But read the copy – over a half million injuries caused by distracted driving. Hand-held electronic devices are included.

When is a cell phone a weapon? Whenever you drive a car and use one. It's that simple. And that deadly. Last year, nearly 6,000 fatalities and over half a million injuries were caused by distracted drivers. In fact, texting behind the wheel is so dangerous that it can reduce a driver's response time by 18% – or the seconds it takes to miss a stop sign, run an intersection and broadside a family.

Whatever you have to say can wait. Unless it's goodbye.™



This message is brought to you by Coyne Communications and AutoWeek.

More Gun Stuff

From the half-staff opening to the image related to distracted driving – now to an update on the state effort to get us to revise local policy on how we dispose of guns. Quick refresher – the state Attorney General (AG) is looking into a complaint filed by a state representative from Saddlebrook that says we're violating state law because we don't sell every weapon that comes into our possession back into the community. Ignore the wishes of people who turn in guns for destruction, and ignore the condition of the guns that come into our possession – just sell them back into circulation. So says Mark Finchem, and the AG is now looking into whether we should be forced to do so.

Last week, I shared the language that exists in our Charter giving us the authority to dispose of property as we see fit. That includes guns. As a follow up to the complaint Finchem filed, the AG began last week to gather information on our policy. Here's a letter we received as a public records request.



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October 13, 2016

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cityclerk@tucsonaz.gov

Via Email and Certified Mail

Notice of Submission of Legislator Request for Investigation Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-194.01; Request for Written Response; and Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Randolph,

I am writing to notify the City of Tucson that a Legislator Request for Investigation under A.R.S. § 41-194.01 (the "Request") related to the City was recently submitted to the Arizona Attorney General's Office (the "Office"). A complete copy of the Request and attached documentation is enclosed.

Under A.R.S. § 41-194.01(A), one or more members of the Arizona Legislature may request that the Attorney General "investigate any ordinance, regulation, order or other official action adopted or taken by the governing body of a county, city or town" (the "Action Under Investigation") that "the member alleges violates state law or the Constitution of Arizona." The statute establishes a timeframe of thirty (30) days after the receipt of a request for the Office to complete and report on its investigation. A.R.S. § 41-194.01(B).

The Attorney General will determine in that report whether the Action Under Investigation violates, may violate, or does not violate state law or the Arizona Constitution. *Id.* If the Attorney General determines that the Action Under Investigation violates any provision of state law or the Arizona Constitution, the Office will notify the City of Tucson by certified mail and indicate that the City has thirty (30) days to resolve the identified violation. A.R.S. § 41-194.01(B)(1). If the Attorney General determines that the City of Tucson has failed to resolve the violation within that thirty (30) day period, the Attorney General shall notify the State Treasurer who shall withhold and redistribute state shared monies from the City of Tucson as provided by A.R.S. § 45-5029(L) and A.R.S. § 43-206(F).

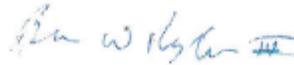
The Office hereby requests that the City of Tucson voluntarily provide a written response to the Request by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2016 and include in that response the name(s) and contact information of the person(s) most knowledgeable regarding matters discussed in the Request. This Response should include a summary of the City of Tucson's position and legal authorities supporting that position. The Office is also interested to know the origin of the firearms that the Tucson Police Department has been allegedly destroying since 2013.

In addition, I am formally requesting at this time, pursuant to the Arizona Public Records Law, A.R.S. § 39-121 *et seq.*, electronic copies of all public records and other matters in the custody of the City of Tucson, or its officers, employees, agents, or contractors, related to the Action Under Investigation, including: (1) Tucson City Council agendas, minutes, and other official documents relating to the destruction of firearms by the Tucson Police Department since September 2013; (2) Internal memoranda and communications sent between City of Tucson councilmembers, officers, employees, agents, or contractors relating to the destruction of firearms by the Tucson Police Department since September 2013; (3) Council agendas, minutes, and other official documents relating to Tucson City Code Sections 2-140 to 2-142; and (4) Any other public records relevant to the Action Under Investigation not included with the Request and attached documentation or asked for here.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 39-121.01(D), please provide a log of all documents withheld and the reasons the records or categories of records have been withheld. Please provide access to responsive documents on a rolling basis as they become available. Please provide the records and other matters in electronic, native form. Please notify me in advance if the charge for this request will exceed \$50.

This letter may be followed by further requests for information. If you have any questions regarding this letter please do not hesitate to contact me at the above contact information or to contact Assistant Attorney General John Griffiths at 602-542-8798 or John.Griffiths@azag.gov.

Sincerely,



Brunn ("Beau") W. Roysden III
Assistant Attorney General

My answer was pretty simple. I don't accept the notion that the basis of the inquiry has constitutional grounding – but anybody can file a public records request and so without conceding my first point, I'll answer that request. The answer was that no documents such as they're after exist.

Brnovich has 30 days from when he received the complaint to decide whether we should have our state shared revenues stopped until we change our gun disposal policy. Last year, that amounted to \$172M in our budget. To the gun advocates, our right to dispose of guns as we see fit is worth that level of challenge to local decision making.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH 2016

Last week, very close to the Ward 6 office, we had a tragic incident that involved alleged domestic violence. There was a fatality and an arrest. I don't know how preventable either or both were, but it points to the importance of being vigilant, not only during this Awareness Month, but all the time.

According to Emerge!, one in four women and one in seven men will suffer from domestic abuse in their lifetime. In the event I've noted above, there was at least the intimation that some of the abuse was female on male, although the fatality was the woman. This is tough stuff. The overarching message from Emerge! is that it's okay to ask for help, and it's okay to offer help.

Here are some tips, direct from the Emerge! website on how you can be supportive or helpful.

Have Resources Available – Use your phone to store the Emerge! 24-Hour Bilingual Hotline – (520) 795-4266 or (888) 428-0101. Callers can receive emotional support, safety-planning assistance, domestic abuse education, access to emergency shelter, help making an appointment for services and referrals to other community resources. You can also become a resource by lending your phone so they can call the hotline, offering a place to make that call, or asking how you can help.

Be concerned for their safety – It's important to verbalize your concern for their safety. The goal is to empower them. Remind them that they're not alone by bringing up the resources you have for them, even if they're not ready to use them.

Believe them and say so – It takes a lot of courage to ask for help. When someone reaches out to you, it's important to believe what they tell you, and say so! Avoid being judgmental, discrediting them or minimizing their story. A supportive response will help them feel comfortable seeking additional resources, especially if this is their first time telling someone. If you suspect someone you know is being abused but they're not ready to talk about it, let them know you'll be there when they are.

Tell them it is not their fault – Many individuals who experience abuse feel like it is their fault and at times it may even look that way as an outsider to the relationship. *The reality is that no one deserves to be abused under any circumstance* (my emphasis.) By helping them understand they aren't responsible for what's happening, you can break down barriers of shame, guilt and isolation.

Let them make their own decisions – Domestic abuse creates very dynamic, complex situations that are hard to understand from the outside, so it's important to trust their decisions. A person in an abusive relationship may feel powerless. Giving encouragement without

forcing any certain choice will help them trust their instincts and also trust you. They know what's best for them, they just need options and to know they have your support. Then, when they are ready, they can choose what they need to feel safe—and they can take action with you by their side!

Don't confront the abuser – Though hearing about abuse may cause anger, trying to take control of the situation by confronting their partner can (in some situations) put them in greater danger. Be cautious and respectful with any information you have so that it doesn't get back to the partner. For example, avoid sending e-mails or leaving phone messages that indicate you know anything about the abuse.

Ask for Help, Too – Knowing that someone you care about is experiencing abuse can be overwhelming, It's okay to not have all the answers. If you're unsure of what to say, call the Emerge! hotline or visit us online to learn more about domestic abuse and how you can help.

If you'd like to just surf through the Emerge! website to see the resources they have available, you can access it at www.emergecenter.org.

Age-Friendly Survey

A couple of weeks ago, I shared that we're working with the Pima Council on Aging – more accurately, the Elder Alliance – to apply through the World Health Organization (WHO) for recognition as an Age-Friendly Community. A part of that work is gathering data about the amenities we have in place and the areas where we need to do a better job in serving the elderly in Tucson.

One way the Alliance is collecting that data is through a survey. Please use this link to take part: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016_English. We need to provide the WHO as robust a data set as we can in making this application, so your input is a key portion of what we're doing. The goal is to use this information to identify a series of actions we can focus on as a community in service of the aging.

Members of the committee that was formed to put this application together attended a conference in Chicago last week to meet with other cities and learn as much as possible to help with our local work. There are dozens of people volunteering their time in these early stages of the application process. In fact, to put that into perspective, the Elder Alliance is made up of the combined efforts of the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona, the United Way of Tucson, Southern Arizona's Senior Impact Coalition, the End of Life Coalition, and the Livable Communities for All Ages Task Force. Alison was able to attend the Age Friendly Network Action Team meeting last week, and we as a Ward office will continue to stay engaged. Given the demographics of the region, this is a critical piece of work.

Tucson is now officially the 122nd community in the nation to be a part of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. It's our commitment to becoming more age friendly that's being recognized by the World Health Organization folks – and honoring that recognition is what the local team is working on.

As I noted in the last update on this, the process will take a bit of time, and a lot of work. Please let us know if you'd like to invest some of your time in support. Or contact PCOA at www.pcoa.org. At the very least, please take a few minutes to fill in the survey.

Water

Tonight I taped an interview for KXCI with Melissa Mauzy. She has a broadcast and a podcast called Fathoming Water. In the past, she has interviewed people such as Dr. Robert Glennon from the UA College of Law, Sharon Megdal from the UA Water Resources Research Center, Lisa Shipek from Watershed Management Group – people who really know their stuff when it comes to preserving this precious resource. My role is policy-making and advocacy. For as long as I play that role, I'll be learning the hydrology and law from the others Melissa speaks to. For that reason, it was every bit of an honor to even be asked to share a few thoughts with her.

The interview was timely for a couple of reasons. One is that the group I was trying to put together in counter-point to the Governor's Water Augmentation Council (GWAC) is still working on forming, and is still working on defining its combined mission. I've shared with the group – and I shared on the air – that I don't believe taking it slow in defining an identity for a large group is a good strategy. The GWAC is framing policy while this group wrestles with what to call itself. I continue to believe there's value in combining forces among the conservation-minded groups and asserting the importance of being at the GWAC table in one fashion or another.

While that discussion continues, we're wrestling with water issues at the council level. Most recently, last week we were asked to approve a change in our water policy by which we'd be supplying a Marana school with water in exchange for eliminating an obligation we have to serve some other parcels, also located up in Marana. We did not approve the swap. We might later on, but not based on the set of facts we were presented.

I've stated multiple times that the two most important issues we have in front of us at the M&C level are budget and water policy. Changes in either of those have to be made based on some thorough review of data, and with a long-term vision in mind. We didn't think those criteria had been properly prepared in the Marana deal.

Staff will continue to work with Marana to try to frame a deal that makes sense. For me, it will need to demonstrate some longer-term regional water benefit – or at least begin us down the road to achieving long-term benefits to the regional supply.

One of the issues I raised with Melissa on the KXCI spot was that the GWAC – as is contained in its very name – is concerned with augmenting our water supply, largely through building expensive desalination plants. In the alternative, the groups I want to see join together are preaching conservation. One significant way to achieve that is through expanded use of recycled water. That topic came up in our Marana discussion – perhaps not as forcefully as it might have.



This is a photo of Chandler, Arizona. Snuggled in the midst of the city is an Intel plant. In last week's CAP news, Karen Yacos wrote an article describing how Intel is investing in water recycling work to service its significant water needs at the Chandler plant. It uses 8 million gallons of water per day – more than what's needed to fill a dozen Olympic sized swim-

ming pools. They're not pulling that water from the groundwater aquifer. Nearly all of it is reclaimed or reused – either at the Intel plant or by the City of Chandler.

Intel and Chandler are partnering to process and reuse their own wastewater. They use treated wastewater from the City for the plant's scrubbers, cooling towers, and landscape irrigation. And they pipe some directly back to the city's treatment facility where it'll be recharged back into the groundwater supply.

It's not cheap infrastructure – but it looks to the obvious future needs of the region. We are, after all, in the midst of a 14 year drought.

Genentech has an Oceanside plant in Southern California. They too are working with the City of Oceanside to reduce their water use. They built onsite wastewater treatment facilities and are reusing water to service their biotech needs. And similarly, Anheuser-Busch InBev has invested in water efficiency strategies at its L.A. brewery. There they use reclaimed water in some of their auxiliary operations, and they supply wastewater to surrounding communities for things like agricultural irrigation, watering public open spaces, and cleaning streets. Even firefighting.

Why am I mentioning these examples of expanded use of reclaimed water? Because as we – and as cities and towns like Marana – continue to grow, we have to be forward-thinking about how and where we build infrastructure for expanding our own reuse of groundwater. The school we were being asked to serve may or may not be an example of where that makes sense.

According to our water policy, M&C may move our water service area boundaries by Resolution when the change provides a clear benefit to the region. I asked for more material to help make that judgement. But regardless of whether that school is where we plant the flag of needing a serious conversation about recycled reuse, the conversation has to happen.

The proposed service area swap would perhaps benefit Tucson Water. According to projections on our water service obligations, we'd be reducing our commitment to serve by about 81 acre feet per year. That's not a game changer for Tucson Water, but it's a benefit. I used the word 'perhaps' because there continues to be some difference of opinion on how much water the respective parcels will actually require once they're fully built out. But remember, the policy for changing boundaries speaks about benefits to the region, not just to the Tucson utility.

Our reclaimed water policy encourages using that source when possible on large turf areas (golf courses), and in large industrial applications. According to staff, our commitments to serve recycled water in the area surrounding the proposed Marana school already place our pipes at capacity. That means even if we agree to the service area swap, either Tucson or Marana would need to invest in significant additional infrastructure for bringing reclaimed water to the site. That has not been factored into the discussion about this service swap because at this point, neither jurisdictions utility is ready to make that investment.

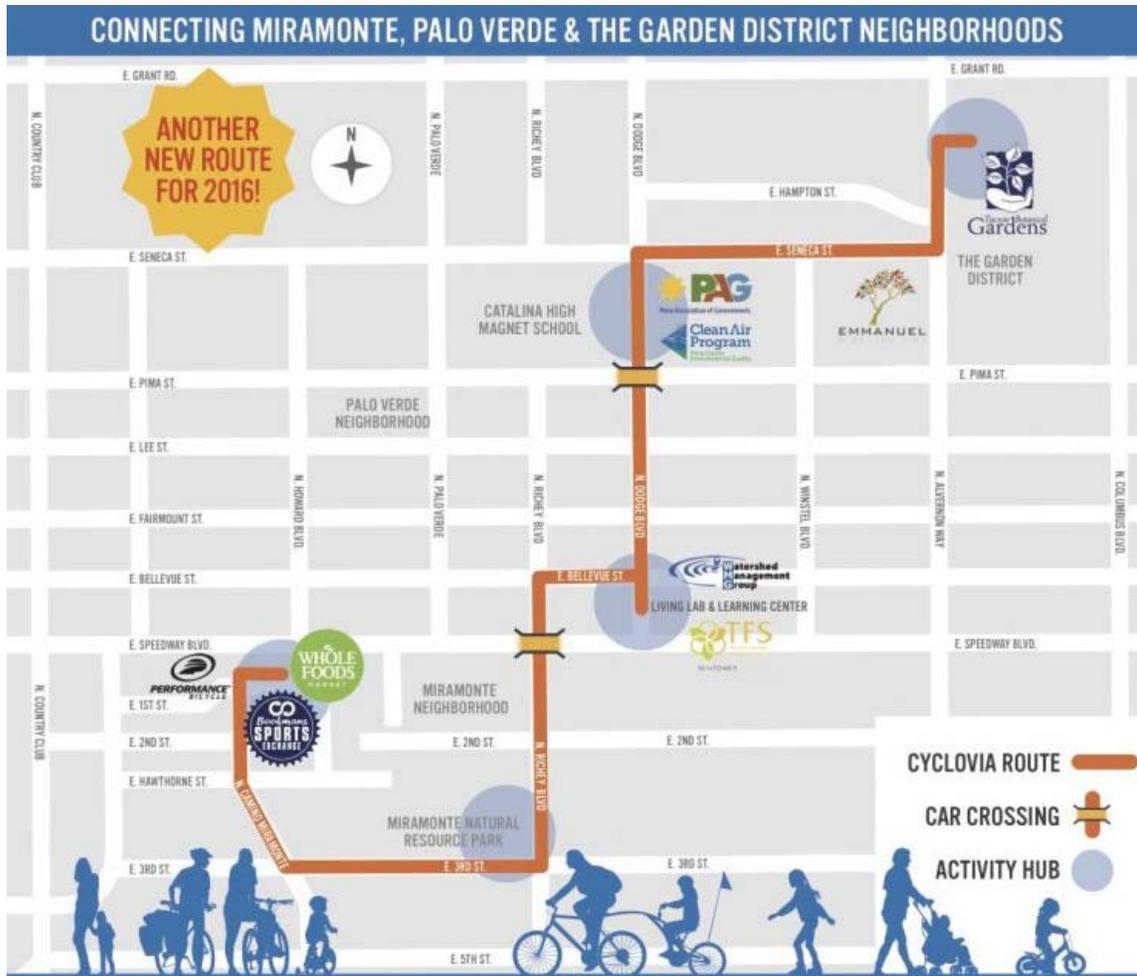
We don't have a ton of industry yet, so our opportunities to build partnerships like the ones I mentioned above (Intel, Genentech, Anheuser-Bush) are currently limited. But remember the build-out of the Sonoran Corridor I've written about. Those may be areas we can have this conversation.

Staff is still working with Marana to see if we can come up with a win-win for the region on how water is provided to the school and to the other parcels we were shown. There's no better time than now to really begin a serious discussion about expanded use of reclaimed water. It will take cooperation among jurisdictions and the private sector. That was the gist of my conversation with Melissa. You can find all of her interviews here:

<https://kxci.org/programs/fathoming-water-in-depth-discussions/>.

Cyclovia

Here's a final reminder that the 2016 fall Cyclovia event is coming this weekend. This new route will run through three midtown Ward 6 neighborhoods. Here's the map :



We at the Ward 6 office join the Cyclovia staff in extending our gratitude to Scott Kivel for his very generous last-minute approval of the use of a portion of the El Rancho Center for event activities. His approval was a game changer for the event.

Take a look at the map. If you live in the area, you might want to think about how the street closures could affect you on the day of the event. Remember, it'll run from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm on the 30th. The City and Cyclovia staff totally understand that there will be people who can't just block out that window from use of their car on the route's streets. If that's you, a couple of options come to mind. One is to park around the corner from the closed street so you can join the Cyclovia participants and walk the closed street over to your car – then use a non-route street to exit the area. If that's not possible, please just flag down a Cy-

clovia volunteer and let that person know you'll need to enter the route in your car. They'll escort you, walking alongside your car on the street until you reach one you can use to exit the route.

Notices have been sent out to people living within ¼ mile of the route. If you live in the area and still need some clarifications, please either call us at the Ward 6 office (791.4601) or email Kylie Walzak at kylie@livingstreetsalliance.org. Either way is fine.

Best option – spend the mid-afternoon next Sunday joining in with the event. You can use this link to see all of the activities that'll take place along the route. The interactive route map is updated daily to reflect additional events you'll be able to take part in: [interactive route map](#).



**Bike In A Box
1st Annual
Golf Tournament**

*Providing Bicycles to
Under-Privileged
Children*

*Saturday, November 19, 2016
Omni Tucson National
2727 West Club Drive
Tucson, AZ 85742*

*Format: 4 Person Scramble
8:00 am ♦ Registration
9:00 am ♦ Shotgun Start*

*50/50
Prizes
Raffle
Mulligans*

Another Bike Event

John C. Scott will be returning to local radio early next month. Hopefully that'll happen ahead of the November 8th election so we will be able to benefit from his expertise as election night unfolds. You'll find him on AM1210.

Tied into that is this reminder that for the past several years, John has worked with Jesse Lugo on the Bike in a Box promotion. It's the annual giving opportunity where you can pledge the purchase of a bicycle for a needy kid. In past years they were only \$45. The campaign is also hosting a golf tournament – the flyer is shown above. If you'd like to take part in that get ahold of Jesse at www.LugoCharities.com. You can also call at 322.0714.

I've already told John that I'm glad to hear he'll be returning to the airwaves. And it's great to see that'll happen in time for both the election coverage, and the Bike in a Box event as well.

The deadline for registration for the golf tournament is Monday, November 14th



Local First ARIZONA



This week's **Local Tucson** item is a combination of the work done by the students and staff from Edge High School, plus the volunteer work done by the many residents from Sam Hughes neighborhood and Edge supporters keeping Himmel Park sharp for visitors.

Last Wednesday from 9:00 am until 11:00 am, dozens of students and staff used their Service Day to take part in the cleaning of the park. This time, the focus was on the northwest area of Himmel, pretty much right across the street from the school. They also offered a free car wash during the two hour window.

The Edge principal, Rob Pecharich, also enlisted several of their supporters to participate. The Himmel Service Day really drew out a community response. The community supporters included representatives from these agencies:

- American Red Cross
- American Lutheran Church
- Arizona Trail Association
- Boys & Girls Club of Southern Arizona
- Catalina United Methodist Church
- Casa Maria
- Himmel Park Library
- Iskashitaa
- LDS Church
- Native Seeds
- Operation Gratitude
- Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association
- Sky Island Alliance
- Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation
- Therapeutic Ranch for Animal and Kids
- Tucson Alliance for Autism
- Tucson Village Farm
- Tucson Audubon Society

During the run-up to the Himmel beautification work planned and funded by surrounding residents, I devoted some pretty regular space in the newsletter to give a thumbs-up to the group for their work. The city can't do all of this without significant community involvement. The Edge Service Day event is yet another example of how residents and non-profits step up to help make ours a great community.

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Events and Entertainment

Food and Water in Arid Lands: Dialogues across Contemporary and Traditional Knowledge Conference

Friday, November 4 – Saturday, November 5, 2016

Cohosted by the University of Arizona, the City of Tucson, and Pima County, along with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Traditional Knowledge Institute (ITKI), this conference will promote international knowledge exchange relating to food and water sustainability in arid lands communities. Attendees will examine sustainable practices for arid lands, including urban and arid lands agriculture, water management, food security and sovereignty, and the ways in which these practices can be informed by traditional and contemporary knowledge. Registration/information: global.arizona.edu/about-food-and-water-arid-lands-conference.

Howl-O-Ween

Friday, October 28 – Sunday, October 30, 2016 | 6 pm – 8 pm, 5:30 pm for members

Reid Park Zoo, 3400 Zoo Court

At Howl-o-Ween, presented by Carondelet Medical Group, you will enjoy costumed characters and decorations galore as you stroll through the Zoo. This is an event for all ages, with limited spooks and scares, but lots of excitement around every corner!

Fall Open Studio Tours

Now through November 13, 2016

The Fall Open Studio Tour in Southern Arizona is one of the largest self-guided tours of artist studios and creative work spaces in the region. The Open Studio Tour mission is to support and promote local artists who work and exhibit in Southern Arizona - inspiring and enriching our growing cultural community. This weekend (October 29 & 30) features studios in midtown and central Tucson. For a map and more information, visit:

www.openstudiotours.com/weekend2.html.

Ongoing

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way | www.tucsonbotanical.org

“Frida Kahlo: Art, Garden, Life” Exhibit, October 10, 2016 – May 31, 2017

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave |

www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd | www.uamineralmuseum.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave | www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St | www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St | hotelcongress.com

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd | www.loftcinema.com

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St | www.rialtotheatre.com

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd | www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave | www.arizonatheatre.org

The Rogue Theatre, The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd | www.therogetheatre.org

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave | www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

Tucson Convention Center, 260 S Church St | tucsonconventioncenter.com

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St | www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!
Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

Mission Garden, 929 W Mission Ln | www.tucsonbirthplace.org

A living agricultural museum and ethnobotanical garden at the site of Tucson's Birthplace (the foot of "A-Mountain"). For guided tours call 520-777-920.

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave | www.childrensmuseumtucson.org