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Memorial Day

I know most of us have people in our lives who come to mind in a special way on Memorial Day. My Uncle Bud was held captive for several years in the Pacific theater during WWII. If you see the movie or read the book "Unbroken" you'll see Frank Tinker noted as a part of that story. That's him. We're

proud of his service, as I know you are also for your loved ones who are honored on this day.



In coming weeks that logo will change, and it'll be in anticipation of a large event that's in the planning stages for this October. We at the Ward 6 office are pleased to team up with the folks from Startup Tucson and their sponsorship group to bring this event to Tucson. We're just helping to facilitate – the heavy lifting is being done by Startup.



Important Phone Numbers

**Tucson Police
Department**
911 or nonemergency
791-4444

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 Wise
791-5071

**Planning and
Development
Services** 791-5550

**Pima Animal Care
Center**
724-5900

**Pima County Vector
Control**
Cockroach: 443-6501
Mosquito: 243-7999

Continued: A Message From Steve

The event will be a 6 day festival that'll be staged at various spots along the streetcar route. It will be a combination of arts, technology, business innovation and entertainment. There'll be something for everybody throughout the event.

Some general descriptions of what's to come include a UA innovation showcase, a sustainability fair, TPAC artists as entrepreneurs, music and other entertainment at the Rialto and Club Congress, and a whole lot more.

Groups already on board include the Desert Angels, Tucson Young Professionals, and the UA. The soft launch of the event will be during the October 19th Meet me at Maynard's. Closing events will take place the following Sunday.

If you'd like to help organize and plan this event, you can contact either Greg or Tony – greg@startuptucson.com, or tony@startuptucson.com. Or you can connect with us at Ward 6 and we'll help you get involved.

We hear a lot about keeping our young professional creative class here in Tucson. The 10 West event is geared towards that end.

Arizona Hotel

If you're standing at the Ronstadt Transit Center looking west across 6th Avenue, you'll see above Miss Saigon is the façade of the former Arizona Hotel. It's in rough shape, but the historic structure is about to get a major internal face lift.

Marcel Dabdoub is working with local architect Bill Mackey to restore and reactivate the space. When finished, it'll be a mixed use project that will contain 5 commercial tenants on the ground floor, 16 market rate and affordable apartment units upstairs, and a combination of storage and an office incubator space down below. One of the uses will be Dabdoub Investments, relocating to downtown from a different part of the City.

The funding is another in the series of public/private partnerships that we've now got the tools to implement. The project will bring significant private equity to the table, and will benefit from our ability to abate some property taxes temporarily, and offer some gap financing through a HUD 108 loan. We're asking that a portion of the site generated taxes be used to upgrade the streetscape and other public infrastructure needs. They'll augment the redesign of the Ronstadt Transit Center that's now ending the Request for Proposal stage in its own process.

I mention this as a way of highlighting the continued remake of our downtown area. In the past 5+ years, the progress is beyond question remarkable, and is something I'm proud to have been associated with having helped to achieve.

The real hero's in the downtown story though are the private sector investors who have risked their own capital and trusted that the momentum we've seen is in fact an economic train worth jumping aboard. I've toured the Arizona Hotel site and know the work has already begun. Welcome to Marcel and his team to downtown Tucson. The jobs this project will bring are of course much needed in our local economy.

20 E. Congress

Joining Dabdoub Investments in moving company headquarters into downtown is Bourn Companies. They're moving their operation into a part of the approximately 20,000 square feet of space they own in the heart of downtown.

When completed, 20 Congress will have undergone a complete interior renovation. There will be 3,300 square feet of retail uses on the ground floor with 16,000 square feet of office space on the upper two floors and the basement.

As with the Arizona Hotel, the City is helping kick start the work with some financial incentives – all of which pass the Gift Clause test of ensuring the taxpayers receive back more than is being given. The current property value is about \$92K. When done, the estimated value is over \$3M.

Bourn Properties is under contract now with Rio Nuevo to bring their adjacent property into construction. There's a meter running on getting that space activated (It is now a vacant parcel that they bought for \$100 several years ago). With the completion of 20 E. Congress, and all of the other activity taking place along the east end of Congress, we're all hopeful to see them succeed in bringing closure to all of their investments. Its jobs we need, both in the construction, and in the retail and other uses that will be in place in the aftermath.

Pima Animal Care Center



Our contract negotiations with Pima County for operations of PACC are ongoing. The existing Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) we have with them is good through the end of June. If it ends up as previous contracts did, it will be a fee for service agreement in which we pay for our portion of the actual costs the County incurs for running the shelter. As you know, the voters also approved Prop 415, the new shelter that will soon be under construction. It will cost more to operate, and therefore, our proportional costs will also increase.

That's simply the reality of what's to come.

What's not always reality is what you read in the press about the current negotiations. I suppose there may be a perceived value in creating a bad-cop in the negotiations, but since the ultimate fallout from that tactic is the animals, it's not helpful.

The City is negotiating in good faith. The City has not missed a payment to Pima County for our share of the operations. I obtained a copy of the monthly payment schedule associated with PACC. If you do the same, here's what you'll find for this fiscal year:

- July '14 paid \$283,337
- August '14 paid \$316,361
- September '14 paid \$380,598
- October '14 paid \$370,973
- November '14 paid \$328,802
- December '14 paid \$317,538
- January '14 paid \$373,454
- February '14 paid \$304,884



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/>

The County sends us a monthly bill. It's generally a couple of months after the services are rendered. We'll pay for March and beyond when we get the bill – assuming they don't slide in charges that aren't a part of the IGA.

For example, last November the Board of Supervisors approved adding kennel capacity in the form of a large tent facility. That's a capital expense that is not a part of our IGA. In fact, the County intends to reuse it when the new facility is built and it's no longer needed out at PACC. In anticipation of that, their tent expansion was paid for out of the County's contingency fund. Despite that, they sent the City a bill for \$238K, claiming it was our portion of the costs. I've said and written previously, if you're making a capital investment and you're thinking others are going to ante up cash to help with the costs, you go to them before building and make sure they're on board. This is not a reimbursable expense under our IGA and won't be paid by the City. For the media to play that as the City not paying its bills to the County is simply bad reporting.

Another example has to do with administrative fees. That is an appropriate line item in our bills each month from the County, as long as it's for administration associated with running PACC. But this fiscal year, Pima County general administrative overhead charges began to appear on our monthly bill. They ran around \$25K per month all year. What they're trying to do is to bill us for indirect overhead costs related to the Pima County Administration Building, including accounting, legal, administrative salaried, office expenses and utilities. Those are not direct PACC overhead costs and we are not simply going to write them a check because they felt compelled to add them to our bill.

Here's an example of how the City is operating in good faith, even if charges are sent our way that we were not apprised of in advance. In June, 2014 the County decided to increase its spay and neuter program budget by \$380K. If you've followed this newsletter you're aware that I fully support that program. In fact, two years ago I proposed the M&C increase our allocation to it. Well, the County went ahead and increased the spay/neuter budget even though the M&C had voted down my request. Because it's a legitimate operational cost out at the shelter, we wrote them a check for \$247K in January '15 to pay for our proportional cost of the service. That's the annual charge, and yet the County continues to put a monthly amount due on our bill. They're of course welcome to try to double-dip, but the payment has already been made. Reports in the media that we're not paying our share are bad reporting.



I join this guy in not being happy about the misinformation being fed to the public about the City's performance in this, but also the City's reluctance to concede in our current budget process that our costs will in fact increase – significantly – with the completion of the new PACC facility. But my purpose here is to dispel the inaccuracies being floated that we're not at the table, and that we're not paying our bills.

The County is right now talking about adding a \$70 drop off fee for people who bring in dogs found abandoned in the City limits.

People won't pay that – nor should they be asked to. The outcome should be simple; extend the current terms of our IGA with the County. It covers spay/neuter, legitimate administration costs, and other operations charges for PACC. And build increased costs into the City budget so we're not scrambling at the end of the fiscal year to pay amounts we know are coming.

This is another example of an area we could benefit from by holding joint City Council/ Board of Supervisors meetings. We as a region don't need the gamesmanship being inserted into the process by those who feel painting the City in a negative light will help them at the negotiating table.



Valencia Road Extension

And sometimes we actually work well with the County.

There's a housing development that is going to be built in unincorporated Pima County, out on the east side. Rocking K development sits out beyond Old Spanish Trail, at the end of what will eventually be the extension of Valencia Road. Right now, Valencia Road doesn't connect from Houghton to Old Spanish Trail. That section of land is inside City limits.

Extending that portion of Valencia is in our long term street infrastructure improvement plan, but it's not high on our priority list. The mantra is annexation, but we know that there's zero chance the developers of Rocking K are interested in that option. They've got their own water supply and aren't particularly interested in trading annexation for our moving up the timing of our roadway construction just to let us achieve that end.

What everybody is interested in though is finding a way to work with the development team, the County and City planners to achieve a win-win-win. We did that last week.

The cost of the roadway extension is estimated at being north of \$7M. We had planned to eventually spend our own development impact fee money to fund the project. The County offered to use their impact fees – generated from the Rocking K construction – and pay for the road, and assume maintenance responsibilities for it, if we de-annexed the Right of Way strip that connects Valencia, from Houghton to Old Spanish Trail.

Lori Deschene wrote an article titled "*Growth isn't always linear: two steps forward, one step back.*" I think that phrase is apt for our vote on this item. As long as the land remains de-annexed for the repayment period, the improvement can be financed using County impact fees from the Rocking K project. We all get the connection of the new rooftops to our retail opportunities back in the City limits, the City saves \$7M in impact fees to be used on another east side project, and the road is built much sooner than it otherwise would have been, with the County maintaining it.

For all of the examples people like to toss out about where the City and County aren't working well together, here's one that probably wouldn't get any press that shows the other, positive side of the relationship. Maybe now you'll see a TV camera out there in the vacant land telling this good news for a change of pace.

Project Mariposa

Last summer, at the height of the time during which Border Patrol and ICE were dropping off migrant families at the Greyhound station, we teamed up with dozens of volunteers and faith based groups to form a coordinated response to the needs we saw. I've shared in the past how that work evolved. Currently, Catholic Community Services is operating the intake center in a house they own, and with the help of one of their staffers and the volunteers, the families are being assisted with their travel arrangements.

Last week, the Feds changed the way they're treating these women and their children. I contacted the local ICE representative for confirmation. This is the official statement she passed along:

ICE STATEMENT:

“U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) makes custody determinations on a case-by-case basis with a priority for detention of serious criminal offenders and other individuals who pose a significant threat to public safety. Those who are not subject to mandatory detention and don't pose a threat to the community may be placed on some form of supervision as part of ICE's Alternatives to Detention (ATD) program.

The ATD program is used to increase compliance with release conditions, court appearances and final orders of removal while allowing participants to remain in their community as they move through immigration proceedings.

Currently, individuals apprehended and released from ICE custody from sites along the border may be enrolled in ATD and assigned GPS monitoring with instructions to report to the designated ICE office nearest their destination city. Upon arrival at their final destination, the local ICE office responsible for managing their case will make any further determinations with regards to continued enrollment in the ATD program and the appropriate level of case management.

Every ATD participant enrolled prior to release from the Southwest Border is monitored as they travel across the country.”

To be clear, Congress adopted this Alternatives to Detention program back in 2002. The sorts of things they consider when evaluating whether or not a person is to be incarcerated, or allowed to remain out of prison include criminal history, and importantly to me “humanitarian concerns and community ties”. Both of those are relevant to the families we've been seeing fleeing Guatemala.

From a humanitarian perspective, these are largely women who, due to the lethal threats they experienced against themselves and their children, risked their lives to get to family in the U.S. We've heard the stories of gang related threats, beatings, rapes, robberies, and more. These are not migrant farm workers. They're asylum seekers.

Also to be clear, everybody who is placed on ATD is not required to be fitted with an ankle bracelet, electronic monitoring device. It's just now that the Feds have decided to implement that policy. It comes at a financial cost to the taxpayers, and it is being applied to

women who have been through hell to get a chance at a new life for their kids.

The future of Project Mariposa is uncertain. Border Patrol is assessing whether to by-pass Tucson, and take the families directly to a Phoenix center where a contractor would “enroll” them in the monitoring program. This is how that process is described in the policy statement sent to me last week:

Each qualifying alien selected for GPS monitoring is referred immediately to the contractor on site for an abbreviated enrollment that includes:

- **Device assignment, attachment, and activation;**
- **Explanation of care, maintenance, and requirements of the GPS unit;**
- **Record creation in the monitoring program;**
- **Reporting date, location requirements, and program expectations.**

Note that there’s no comment about “care” for the people involved.

If you have been involved in supporting Project Mariposa (many of you have,) and feel as I do that placing electronic monitoring devices on these women is a dehumanizing and inappropriate way to manage their circumstances, I’d invite you to share your thoughts with ICE. Failing a community response of some significance, the work we’ve been doing over the past year will come to an end and the families will become a part of the program described above. The contact person who has been sharing the policy change with me can be reached at Yasmeen.PittsOkeefe@ice.dhs.gov. Be courteous. She has been very forthcoming in passing along the information, and is not the decision maker in this.

Alvernon Grant Initiative

At last week's AGI meeting, TPD shared a couple of items that are of more general concern than just for that area of town. One was related to mail theft. There was a large stolen mail bust that recently took place. It began with a “shots fired” call, but ended with the seizure of two huge bags of stolen mail, meth, some guns and ammunition. At a recent Wilshire Heights neighborhood Association meeting I mentioned the value of forming neighborhood watch programs. They're helpful in monitoring things such as strangers ripping off mail from your home mailbox. Let us know if you'd like to have somebody from TPD make the Watch presentation at one of your neighborhood meetings. We can help to arrange that.

Another issue they brought up was a recent spree of people stealing sales receipts from garbage cans, returning to the store with them, ripping off the same item and then going back in to get a gift card for it. The common stores involved with this are Home Depot, Target and Walmart. Some stores give 50% of a gift card's face value in cash (pawn shops, The Card Father, and WM.) The message, make a habit of tearing up your sales receipts before tossing them into the trash.

Tucson is ranked #10 nationally in property crime, on a par with Baltimore, Detroit and Oakland. Those two examples show the value in watching out for odd behaviors taking place in your neighborhood.

Another Baltimore Comparison

...but this one's a good one. Sustainability Tools for Assessing and Rating (STAR) systems puts a focus on how cities take proactive measures to address several environmentally related issues. One is what we do to secure our water future.



I've shared this and other images of water levels on Lake Mead previously. You've likely also seen the recent water policy changes being implemented in California to address their water issues. And Tony Davis of the Star has done a good job of touching on the broad topic of drought, and its possible impacts on our access to CAP supplies in the future. Our water security is a big deal.

In their most recent survey, STAR noted that Tucson (and Baltimore) has "become highly aggressive and innovative about securing its water future". For us, they noted our 2000-2050 Water Plan, pointing out that it makes important projections about our current and future water needs, available supplies and how it lays out options and recommendations. It's more than just a planning document that we're allowing to sit on a shelf. Based on the important information the Plan lays out, we are now banking 6 months of our available supply every year, pushing conservation options such as Rainwater Harvesting, Green Street design and studying drought preparation.

For as long as I'll be doing this job, the two issues I believe are most critical that we get right are our budget, and how we engage our water policy. Here's a link to the 2000-2050 Plan the STAR folks referenced in recognizing the important work we're doing at a policy level.

Tucson's Water Plan: 2000-2050: <http://1.usa.gov/1KShxQI>

Pima County Bond Package

Something else you've likely seen in the news is related to the upcoming Bond election. It's "upcoming" now that the Board of Supervisors has voted to authorize placing 7 propositions on this November's ballot. Altogether, the 7 packages of bond items will total \$815M. You'll be able to vote on each of the questions independently from one another.

Bonds are paid for by your property taxes. The County has estimated that the average homeowner in Pima County will see an increase in their taxes of about \$17.50 annually the first year if all \$815M in bonds are approved. It's an increase of about 11.5 cents per \$100 net taxable value of your home. The estimate is based on a home valued at \$152K.

In total, there are 99 separate projects that will appear on the ballot. I'll share them with you here, and indicate the amount of funding being allocated for each. For full project descriptions, you can go to www.pima.gov/bonds2015.

PROPOSITION 425: Road and Highway Improvements

1	Sonoran Corridor Highway.....	\$30,000,000
2	Road Repair & Pavement Preservation*.....	\$160,000,000
3	Science Park Drive at UA Tech Park.....	\$10,000,000
	Total	\$200,000,000

Important to note in this question is the \$160M for roads. That will be split between the various County jurisdictions. As is often neglected, the City is in Pima County. The City is right now working on a full description of which roadways will be covered for our portion. We will not get all \$160M.

You've seen that the County is struggling with funding for the library system. There are 5 items in this question that touch on that topic. And the land acquisition related to DMAFB is our continuing effort to protect the base from a new round of closures.

PROPOSITION 426: Economic Development, Libraries and Workforce Training

4	Pima County One Stop Career Center	\$6,000,000
5	JobPath Program Facility*	\$1,000,000
6	Innovation/Technology Building, UA Tech Park at The Bridges	\$20,000,000
7	Oro Valley Business Accelerator	\$15,000,000
8	South Tucson Retail Tax Base Expansion Redevelopment Project	\$5,000,000
9	Davis Monthan Air Force Base Land Acquisition Program.....	\$5,000,000
10	South 12th Avenue Cultural & Culinary Corridor	\$3,175,000
11	Sahuarita Branch Library	\$7,500,000
12	Flowing Wells Branch Library Expansion.....	\$3,100,000
13	Joyner-Green Valley Library Expansion.....	\$1,000,000
14	Southeast Branch Library	\$6,000,000
15	Southwest Branch Library Land Acquisition.....	\$600,000
16	Southern Arizona Regional Orientation Center.....	\$18,000,000
	Total.....	\$91,375,000

PROPOSITION 427: Tourism Promotion

17	Tucson Children's Museum.....	\$5,000,000
18	Pima Air & Space Museum Cold War Hangar & Exhibits..	\$4,000,000
19	Pima County Fairgrounds Building, RV Park & Infrastructure Improvements	\$6,500,000
20	Colossal Cave Mountain Park Improvements.....	\$3,350,000
21	Old Pima County Courthouse Restoration, January 8th Memorial, Tucson Museum of Art	\$25,000,000
22	Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum-Exhibits & Facility Expansion.....	\$9,350,000
23	Canoa Ranch New Museum/Orientation Center & Improvements.....	\$10,000,000
24	Reid Park Zoo African Expansion Phase II	\$8,000,000
25	Downtown Community Theaters & Historic Cultural Landscape.....	\$23,500,000
26	Temple of Music & Art.....	\$900,000
27	Old Tucson Expansion by Arizona-Sonora Western Heritage Foundation	\$3,000,000
	Total.....	\$98,600,000

Reid Park Zoo expansion is a continuing item for that facility. Our partners with the Tucson Zoological Society are sharing in the funding. And included in the Downtown Community Theaters item is funding for the restoration of the Garrett Eckbo plaza that runs through the TCC grounds downtown.

PROPOSITION 428: Parks and Recreational Facilities

28 Udall Park Expansion.....	\$4,000,000
29 Jacobs Park Recreation Center.....	\$4,000,000
30 Reid Park Improvements	\$2,000,000
31 Purple Heart Park Expansion.....	\$1,500,000
32 Sentinel Peak - A Mountain Park Improvement Project ..	\$1,500,000
33 Urban Greenways City of Tucson*.....	\$8,500,000
34 Freedom Center Expansion & Pool Improvements	\$2,500,000
35 Lincoln Park Improvements.....	\$1,500,000
36 Regional Sports Fields & Lighting.....	\$12,000,000
37 Oury Pool Renovations.....	\$1,500,000
38 Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion	\$6,000,000
39 Silverlake Park Expansion	\$2,300,000
40 Kennedy Park Improvements & Expansion	\$2,500,000
41 Murrieta Park Improvements.....	\$5,000,000
42 Jesse Owens Park Development.....	\$1,000,000
43 Buffalo Soldiers Memorial.....	\$250,000
44 Fort Lowell Park Improvements.....	\$2,000,000
45 Marana Cultural & Heritage Park	\$14,000,000
46 Marana Pool Renovation	\$3,000,000
47 Rillito Park.....	\$1,700,000
48 Flowing Wells Skateboard Park.....	\$1,250,000
49 Flowing Wells District Park Expansion	\$500,000
50 Kory Laos Freestyle Memorial BMX Park	\$1,300,000
51 Southwest Regional Sports Tournament Complex at Kino Complex	\$25,000,000
52 Esmond Station Regional Park.....	\$6,800,000
53 Canoa Preserve Park.....	\$3,250,000
54 Willie Blake Park	\$350,000
55 Flowing Wells High School Track Improvements	\$1,000,000
56 Lawrence Hiaki Pathway.....	\$500,000
57 Lawrence Park Improvements & Pool.....	\$3,500,000
58 Pima County Softball Tournament & Recreation Park at Sports Park.....	\$3,200,000
59 Model Airplane Parks.....	\$1,000,000
60 River Park Acquisitions & Development Countywide* ..	\$10,000,000
61 Kino Sports Complex Repurposing & Expansion	\$2,300,000
62 County-wide Splash Pad Program	\$4,200,000
63 Southeast Regional Park Shooting Range Improvements	\$2,500,000
64 36th Street Natural Resource Park.....	\$480,000
65 Agua Caliente Park Pond Restoration	\$1,000,000
66 Arizona Velodrome Center - Kino Campus	\$3,500,000
67 Ajo Community Golf Course Improvements	\$320,000
68 First Tee of Tucson Youth Golf & Life Skills Center at Crooked Tree.....	\$800,000
69 Sahuarita Pool & Recreation Complex/YMCA.....	\$14,000,000
70 James D. Kriegh Park Upgrades	\$3,000,000
71 Naranja Park Improvements.....	\$10,000,000
72 El Paso & Southwestern Greenway - South Tucson	\$1,500,000
73 YMCA at the UA Tech Park.....	\$6,000,000
74 El Pueblo Center Improvements.....	\$2,000,000

75 Quincie Douglas Center Expansion.....	\$1,000,000
76 Clements Senior Center Expansion	\$4,500,000
Total.....	\$191,500,000

This is the item with the broadest appeal throughout the region. Each jurisdiction has a desire to upgrade their parks and recreation facilities. Browse through the list and I suspect you'll see something that's either close to your home, or that you've visited.

PROPOSITION 429: Public Health, Welfare, Safety, Neighborhoods and Housing

77 Banner University Medical Center South Campus Expansion	\$18,000,000
78 Pima County North Clinic Relocation & Expansion	\$4,000,000
79 MHC Healthcare, Flowing Wells Family Health Center	\$3,000,000
80 Pima County Office of Medical Examiner Expansion.....	\$15,000,000
81 Vail Sheriff Substation.....	\$3,000,000
82 Pima County Jail Annex-Juvenile Detention Center Complex.....	\$5,000,000
83 Sahuarita Food Bank & Multi-Agency Facility.....	\$300,000
84 Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements*	\$12,000,000
85 Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program*	\$25,000,000
86 Pima County Affordable Housing Program*	\$20,000,000
Total.....	\$105,300,000

For the pedestrian safety and neighborhood reinvestment items, check the link I provided above to get a more detailed listing of the projects. Many of us had hoped for more money to be invested in these items, but the Bond Advisory Committee chiseled them down. As with the road item, Tucson will not be getting all the money shown, above.

PROPOSITION 430: Natural Area Conservation and Historic Preservation

87 Open Space Acquisition Program*	\$95,000,000
88 Steam Pump Ranch Rehabilitation.....	\$2,000,000
89 Ajo Curley School Gym, Town Plaza & Other Historic Buildings.....	\$1,300,000
90 Site Interpretation/Preservation of County Cultural Resource Sites*	\$2,000,000
91 Historic Ft. Lowell Park Master Plan Implementation.....	\$4,000,000
92 Dunbar School Rehabilitation	\$1,500,000
93 Mission San Xavier East Tower & Façade Restoration	\$2,500,000
94 Public Natural Park Trailheads	\$3,750,000
Total.....	\$112,050,000

You see \$95M for “open space”. The asterisk means you need to check the link for detailed projects. That’s clearly the bulk of this question, and the most controversial of this piece of the ballot.

PROPOSITION 431: Flood Control and Drainage

95 El Corazon - Santa Cruz River: Rillito & CDO Confluence	\$7,000,000
96 Cemetery Wash Drainage Improvements, Tohono O'odham San Xavier District	\$2,000,000
97 Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Drainage Construction	\$1,935,000
98 Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project	\$1,000,000
99 Floodprone & Riparian Land Acquisition*	\$5,000,000
Total.....	\$16,935,000

If you'd like to get some specific explanations for these projects, check with the Pima County Flood Control folks – you can find them a pima.gov/floodcontrol. There's a "contact us" link on

that page. I'll be contacting them ahead of voting to learn more about each of these.

TOTAL ALL PROPOSITIONS\$815,760,000

And there you have it. In November, you'll have the chance to pick from among those 7 alternatives. For example, you can vote "yes" on #'s 1, 3 and 5, and "no" on the rest – or "yes" for them all, or any combination you choose. The increased tax liability I mentioned to start this section would apply if all \$815M is adopted by the voters.

We're still sorting out how the November election will be conducted. You may be getting two sets of ballots, one from the City for our items (Mayor/Council elections and our Charter Changes,) and another for these Bond questions. Or the County may run it all at polling places. Regardless of how it ends up being done, it's important for you to have seen and thought through the issues prior to filling out your ballot. There's a lot to think about this November, so doing some prep work before heading to the polls (or mailing in your completed ballot if that's how this ends up working,) will be a worthwhile time investment for you.



...just sayin'



5th Street Bike Boulevard

Finally, this heads up that on Wednesday, TDOT will begin working on the installation of a pedestrian and bike signal at Euclid and 5th Street. The work will go on between 7am and 4pm, M-F, likely through the end of August. They're committed to keeping at least one lane of car travel open in each direction throughout the project.

The long term goal of the work is to provide an alternate E/W route connecting the UA and the 4th Ave area so less experienced cyclists have can avoid the streetcar route. This project will link in with the already existing multi-use path that runs along 5th/Euclid/Tyndall, between the La Aldea graduate housing and Coronado Hall. The first phase of the work will involve concrete work within the intersection, and at the corners of the Euclid/5th intersection. Ultimately you'll see a TOUCAN light



installed. You've seen some of them around on our already built bike/ped paths.

Things should go smoothly, but feel free to give us a call if you've got concerns during construction / or call City PIO Mike Graham at 837.6686.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Kozachik".

Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
ward6@tucsonaz.gov

Events and Entertainment

Reid Park Zoo's Summer Safari Nights

Fridays, May 22 through July 10, 2015, 6 pm – 8 pm
 Reid Park Zoo, 3400 Zoo Court

Enjoy the Zoo each Friday during cooler evening temperatures with the added benefits of live music, family-friendly animal features, special dining options, and even gift shop discounts! Bring a blanket and purchase your dinner or snacks (or even a cold beer or glass of wine) then relax and enjoy a picnic concert. Wander through the Zoo for Keeper chats, animal encounters, sponsor booths, and wildlife activities. Find the schedule online at: reidparkzoo.org/events/public/summer-safari-nights/.

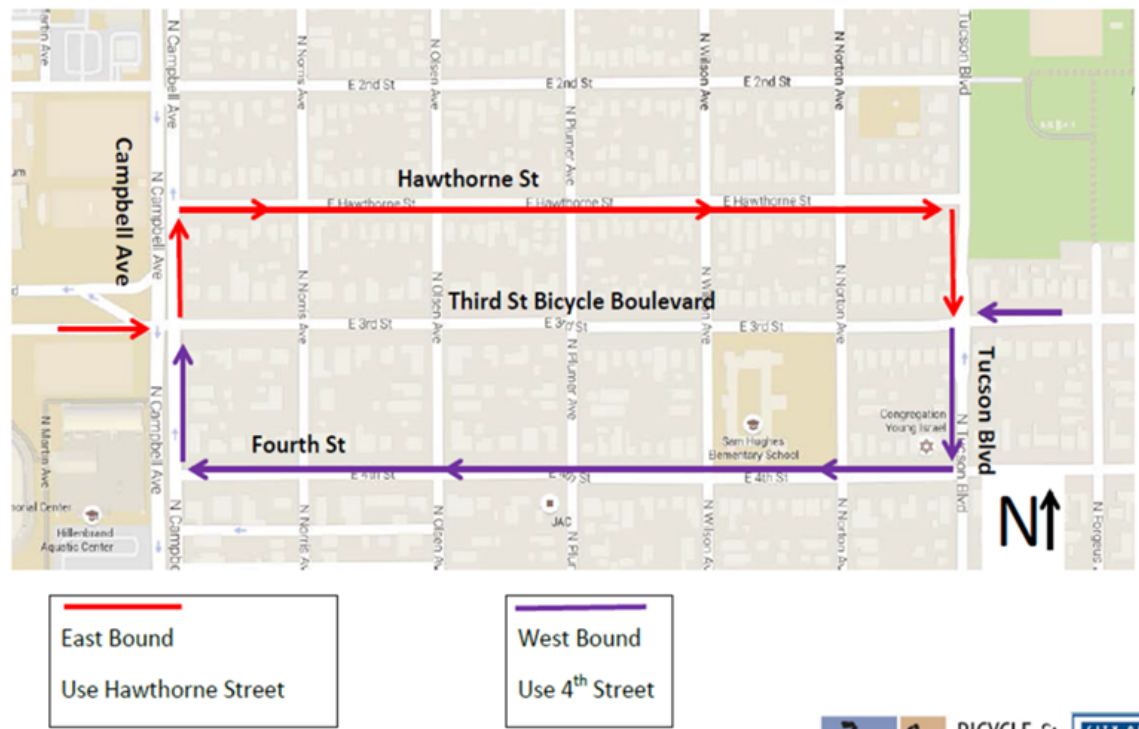
3rd Street and Bike Route Repaving: Campbell to Tucson

Wednesday, May 27, 2015*

As part of the \$100 million Road Recovery bond program, crews from Intermountain Slurry Seal, under contract with the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT), will be repaving Third Street between Campbell Avenue and Tucson Boulevard. Third Street was milled on Wednesday, May 20 and will be closed to all through traffic on May 28 for the repaving work. Third Street is a popular bikeway through Tucson and therefore, the City of Tucson has created a bicycle detour to help cyclists get around the street closure and milled roadway. For the full press release, visit:

<http://www.tucsonaz.gov/tdot/news/third-street-campbell-avenue-tucson-boulevard-resurfacing-project>.

Third Street Bicycle Boulevard Detour Plan: May 20 – May 28



Third Street will be resurfaced between Campbell Avenue and Tucson Boulevard. Third Street will be closed on Wed. May 20th for milling and on Wed. May 27th for paving. The detour will be in effect from May 20th – May 28.



Ongoing**Fox Theatre**, 17 W Congress Stwww.FoxTucsonTheatre.org**Hotel Congress**, 311 E Congress St<http://hotelcongress.com>**Loft Cinema**, 3233 E Speedway Blvdwww.loftcinema.com**Rialto Theatre**, 318 E Congress St<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>**The Rogue Theatre** at The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd<http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm>**Tucson Museum of Art**, 140 N Main Ave

May 25, 2015 - Labor Day, September 7, 2015: FREE Admission for Military Families.

www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org**UA Mineral Museum**, 1601 E University Blvd

February 7, 2015– February 7, 2016, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

'Meet the Trilobites - Arizona's First Inhabitants' - Long before the dinosaurs ruled the earth, the trilobites ruled the seas. Ancient relatives of lobsters and horseshoe crabs, trilobites flourished in the warm seas that covered much of Arizona millions of years ago. *Meet the Trilobites – Arizona's First Inhabitants*, the new exhibit at the Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium, features world-class trilobite fossils from around the globe. Come travel back in time and discover the wondrous world of trilobites!<http://www.uamineralmuseum.org/>**Southern Arizona Transportation Museum**, 414 N Toole Ave.

Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org>**Arizona Theater Company**, 330 S Scott Ave<http://www.arizonatheatre.org/>**Meet Me at Maynards**, 311 E Congress St (north entrance on Toole)

A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com**Tucson Botanical Gardens**, 2150 N Alvernon Way<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>**Jewish History Museum**, 564 S Stone Avewww.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd

November 9, 2013, through July 31, 2015, "Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios."

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu