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# Ward 6 Newsletter

## Tucson First

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Locally last week we lost a real community gem. I’m going to hold the gun safety half-staff message for next week and dedicate the half-staff to this wonderful lady this time around.

Marian Lupu was the founding director of the Pima Council on Aging back in 1967. That group has helped thousands of our elderly neighbors in innumerable ways. Marian served as Executive Director for 40 years. Even after retiring as E.D., she continued supporting the work PCOA





### 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

does in whatever capacities they asked of her.

In the past few months I've had occasion to reach out to PCOA on some personal family issues. Their staff is responsive, helpful and compassionate. That reflects the leadership Marian brought to the organization. She taught by example and the current group running the place learned her lessons well.

Marian was 91 when she died last week. For the past few years her passion became support for Dancing in the Streets – a youth oriented group that is touching lives at the earlier end of the age spectrum. The family has asked that anyone who'd like to give in memory of Marian's work do so by donating to Dancing in the Streets. You can find them at [www.ditsaz.org](http://www.ditsaz.org). Marian's daughter Soleste is the co-founder of the group.

### S'Reilli Reports

I'll open with this quick update on an item I've written about for the past couple of weeks. It's the release of the reports you're funding related to preservation of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DM).

By way of quick review, both the city and county are providing a combined \$360K over the next three years to the DM-50, the purpose of which was to allow that group to conduct a Request for Proposal process, and through it select a consultant who will be working on our behalf to advise us on how best to prepare DM for the next base closure round. I supported, and continue to support that investment.

The troubling pieces of the arrangement include the fact that the consultant is a member of the DM-50, and that the consulting agreement contains a clause that says the monthly written reports that are to be provided are 'private and confidential.' Unless the reports contain information that would put our ability to preserve DM at risk, the use of public funds in a 'private and confidential' manner is wrong. We essentially are giving money to a very well respected group who is using it to do a very important piece of work, but in a way that none of the individual members of that group would support if it were being done in any other context.

So, I called for the release of the reports.

Last week, in response to that request, the city manager sent this letter to the newly elected president of the DM-50.



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August 17, 2016

Bob Logan  
President  
DM-50  
6057 E. Grant Road  
Tucson, Arizona 85712

*Subject: City of Tucson Request for Additional DM-50 Reports*

Dear Mr. Logan:

The City of Tucson strongly supports Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DM) and recognizes the important work that the DM-50 and the Southern Arizona Defense Alliance (SADA) do to protect and enhance DM.

Throughout our history, the City has provided steady and consistent support for DM, including adoption of the Joint Use Land Study, participation in the Air Force Community Partnership, and the dedication of significant financial and other assistance from City leaders over many years. Approval of City funding to the DM-50 for S'Relli Consulting services demonstrates our continued support.

The City appreciates the report the DM-50 recently provided the Tucson Mayor and Council, "S'Relli Consulting Activity Report – February-August 1, 2016." The report provides details of S'Relli Consulting's efforts during the seven month period it covers.

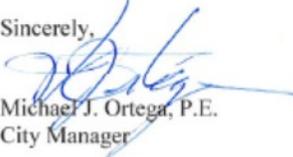
In addition to this report, and in light of the City's investment in this important work, the City respectfully requests that the DM-50 provide the following:

- A report of consulting activities prior to February 1, 2016
- Monthly reports of consulting activities beginning August 1, 2016

I recognize that our initial letter of agreement does not reference monthly reports, but I would appreciate you providing them, please let me know if you are unable to provide the requested reports.

Thank you again for the substantial support your organization provides to the men and women of DM and to the mission of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Our continued success in these joint efforts will help ensure a stronger Tucson and a safer nation.

Sincerely,

  
Michael J. Ortega, P.E.  
City Manager

We're awaiting the formal response. The propriety of our position isn't debatable, so I suspect we'll soon see the reports. Through them, we'll see validation that we're getting a legitimate return on the investment we're making into this process.

As to concerns over revealing 'strategic' information, recall that the consultant himself has said he has no problem releasing the reports. That should ease everybody's minds over giving 'secrets' over to other bases with whom we're competing.

### Party Houses

Also by way of follow up, in what was an otherwise rather routine real estate story that ran in the *Star* last week, the broker involved referred to \$6M in properties that were sold around campus as a bunch of "party houses."

That should have been a red flag that the story was about much more than just some property flipping.



In last week's newsletter I shared a rather lengthy piece on the changes we've made to our red tag ordinance. Credit to the local TV stations for picking up the importance of the timing: the UA is resuming classes this week, so getting the word out that 'party houses' might be a problem is important.

Some of the players in the *Star* article are not unfamiliar to many of the residents who live in areas around campus. In fact I'd say that familiarity is to some degree responsible for us ramping up our approach to red tag enforcement of unruly gatherings. The sales price of the



### Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)  
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)  
520-575-8633

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

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)  
(3<sup>rd</sup> 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/>

properties confirms that student housing in the neighborhoods surrounding campus are big-time money generators. The residents living nearby have been the collateral damage.

Here are some of the tips we give out related to large parties in residential areas. First, call 911. Throughout September we'll have a police unit dedicated to responding to those calls around campus during high party hours. If you know the parties are UA students, call the UA 24-hour Neighborhood Hotline at (520) 282-3649. And let us know this is going on so we can help establish contact with the property management. Despite the failure by some in the print media to recognize the deeper meaning behind the property transactions beyond a simple sales agreement, we'll help to bridge the gap between guys making millions from university area student housing and the preservation of your quality of life.

### **Homebuyer Expo**

Associated with that same goal is the Homebuyer Expo I'm working on in collaboration with the Mayor's office and multiple other stakeholders. It's coming to the University of Arizona Student Union Grand Ballroom on September 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 pm until 7:30 pm.

## **Tired of renting? Get free help buying a home**

- **Info on down payment assistance up to \$20,000**
- **Mortgages 101**
- **Improving your credit score**

**Tuesday, September 13, 3:30-7:30 p.m.**

**UA Student Union Grand Ballroom**

**1303 E. University Blvd., 3rd Level**

**(Close to 5 parking garages with visitor parking)**

**Talk with lenders and housing professionals  
and find a path to homeownership that works for you!**



**Sponsors: University of Arizona, Tucson Mayor's Office, Ward 6 Council Office**  
**Parking garage map: <https://parking.arizona.edu/pdf/maps/campus.pdf>**  
**Contact: Ryan Anderson (520) 791-4201 or [Ryan.Anderson@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Ryan.Anderson@tucsonaz.gov)**

Recently, some new down payment funding assistance became available. On the 13<sup>th</sup> we'll have representatives who are managing those funds on hand to explain the eligibility factors. Additionally, representatives from lending institutions, financial counseling agencies, various city departments who you'll interface with as a homeowner will be available to answer questions. Several neighborhood associations will be on hand to talk about the amenities in their areas.

I'll go out on a limb and suggest that it's not generally owner-occupied houses that play host to unruly gatherings in the neighborhoods around campus. It's rentals. Moving the needle from high percentages of rentals to high percentages of owner-occupied homes is what we're after. It's about building equity in the community, in neighborhoods, and in your own home.

Join us on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Among the people presenting at the Expo will be someone who can answer any question you have about moving to home ownership.

### More Home Ownership Challenges

In addition to the partying that sometimes interrupts residential areas, there's also sometimes more significant crime. Last week I wrote about the city attorney taking the point I made during our red tag discussion that we need those incidents to be given a higher priority than he had assigned to them. Now the message is to judges. When neighbors, TPD and the city prosecutors have all done their jobs in bringing good cases to you, don't simply release offenders back into the same neighborhoods in which they're causing problems.

Case in point – this is a portion of the release orders signed by a judge last week for a guy who was arrested in midtown. You can see the notation related to domestic violence. That was a part of the arrest record. Also included was burglary, drug dealing and some other equally unwelcomed activities.

LJ Gray Fines

RELEASE CONDITIONS INCLUDE THOSE ORDERS ON THE STANDARD CONDITIONS OF RELEASE FORM AND:

RELEASED ON SIGNATURE (ROR)     HOLD WITHOUT BOND

RELEASED TO P.T.S. TO  3<sup>rd</sup> PARTY by: Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

BOND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_     Cash     Secured     Already Posted

The demanding jurisdiction has until \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ to take custody of the defendant. If he or she is still in custody at that time, the release conditions are modified to ROR, and the defendant is ordered to appear on the date and at the location listed above.

Do not drive without valid license (No conducir auto sin licencia vigente)

Drink no alcoholic beverages (No tomar bebidas embriagantes)

Commit no acts of Domestic Violence (No cometer actos de Violencia Domestica)

Possess no firearms (No tener armas de fuego en su poder)

Complete drug monitoring/treatment as directed by P.T.S. (Someterse a la vigilancia/tratamiento por abuso de drogas si lo exige la agencia de Servicios Pro-procesales. (Prisinal Services))

Go to the Pima County Jail between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. any day for fingerprints and photo by \_\_\_\_\_ and bring this form. (Presentarse a la Cárcel del Condado de Pima entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 10:00 p.m. para proporcionarles huellas dactilares y ser fotografiado/a, en o antes del día \_\_\_\_\_. Lleve consigo este formulario.)

No contact of any kind with (No tener comunicación ni contacto de ningún tipo con): \_\_\_\_\_

Do not go to (No acudir a): \_\_\_\_\_

Counsel appointed:  PD     LD     Contract: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Here's the problem. You can see the box checked that says "Do not go to..." The box is checked, but the judge didn't fill in any location or address. The guy was simply released to head back into the same area where he was arrested. He continues to be the neighbors' problem.

We need all hands on deck when preserving the quality of life throughout the city. Below I'm going to share some great news about the reduction in incarceration rates in Arizona and the effect that's having on our private prison contracts. But in cases such as this one, if the guy's going to be released, judges need to understand and respect the negative impacts people such as this guy are having on home owners. And judges need to place zone restrictions on their ability to return to those same areas while awaiting final adjudication of their cases.

### Private Prisons

So what about the private prison industry and reductions in the number of inmates? Last week the U.S. Attorney General announced that due to the decrease in inmate populations, the Federal Bureau of Prisons is going to phase out its contracts with private prison contractors. If you don't think these are all about the money, check out what happened to the stock of two of the largest private prison providers when the announcement was made:

CXW	17.57	-35.45%	
GEO	19.51	-39.58%	
<b>Corrections Corporation of America</b>			
OPEN	27.06	MKT CAP	2.065B
HIGH	27.38	52W HIGH	35.05
LOW	13.04	52W LOW	13.04
VOL	39.65M	AVG VOL	781,634
P/E	10.22	YIELD	8.00%

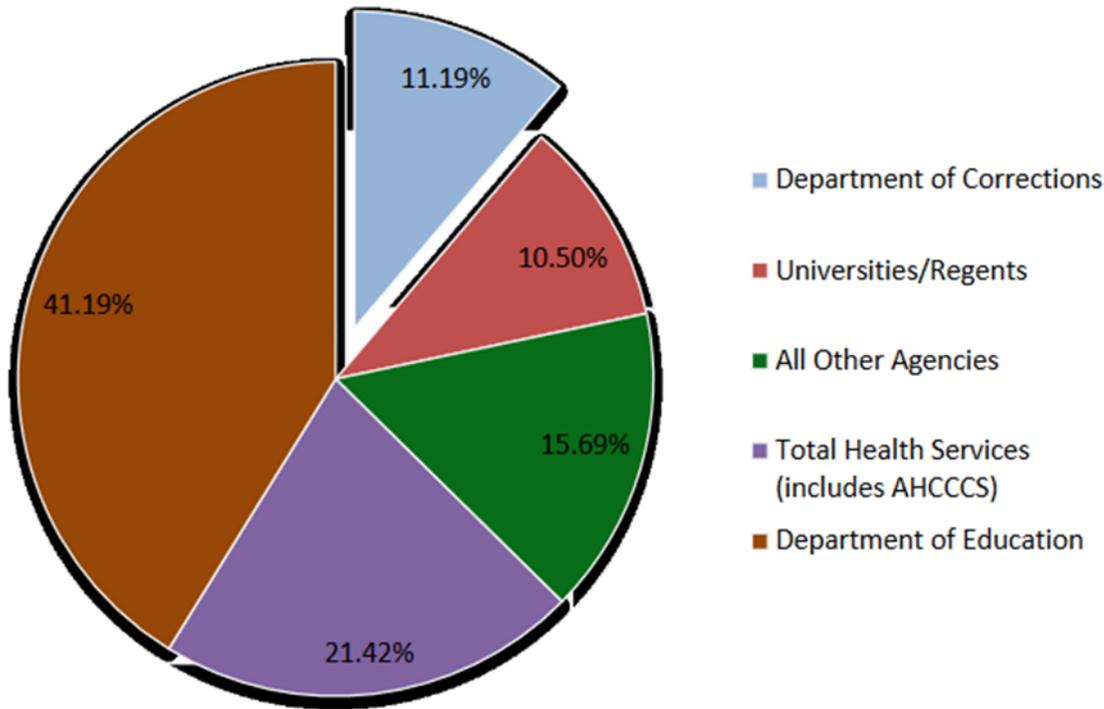
That impact comes despite the fact that the announcement affects only 13 prisons under contract with the Federal BOP. For-profit prison operators are still in business with certain immigration facilities. Fully 60% of the inmates held in immigration detention facilities are being held in for-profit prisons. And they're still under contract with the State of Arizona.

In her letter announcing the policy change last week, Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates noted the AG's office is responsible for every step of the criminal justice process.

That includes investigations through the end of a prison sentence. Incarceration represents 25% of their budget. But the number of prisoners being held in private prisons is dropping due in part to changes in sentencing laws. That led to the announcement that as each private prison contract expires, the BOP is to either totally decline renewal or make substantial reductions in the commitments to house a certain number of inmates.

Private prisons thrive because the contracts under which they operate guarantee certain numbers of prisoners. That incentivizes incarceration above rehabilitation or diversion. That's costly in terms of dollars, and in terms of the impact on lives of people who don't all need to be in jail and who could be successfully diverted from a criminal lifestyle if the resources were redirected. Now, at least in those few cases included in the AG memo, that'll happen.

Early in the year there was consideration of placing sentencing reform on the ballot in Arizona this fall. It never quite made it. But this announcement by the U.S. Attorney General's office may reignite interest for next year.



These are 2011 data for Arizona. But the portions have remained largely the same, and the percentages reflect hundreds of millions of dollars spent keeping people in jail. Many don't belong there, but the private prison contract terms give a perverse incentive to fill cells.

I'm hopeful we'll get a sentencing reform question to the ballot soon. But in advance of that there's at least this good news coming from the federal prison system. It could restore a healthy conversation in Arizona about how we use for-profit prisons.

### **Internal Affairs Process**

Still on the public safety theme, last week we held our open forum to talk about how we conduct police internal affairs investigations, what the public role in that process is, and what it should be. We had a good turnout that included a diverse set of perspectives. That's why we met – to hear all viewpoints.

First we owe a note of thanks to Liana Perez for taking on the task of recommending changes in our current model. We have an auditor who is appointed by and reports to the city manager. In addition we have our citizen's advisory board (Citizen's Police Advisory Review Board – CPARB). They've been functioning since 1997. The auditor and CPARB each have their own roles.

Our auditor can monitor ongoing investigations as they go forward. The auditor can sit in on interviews, but at the end of the process she cannot issue 'findings.' That, along with recommended discipline if any is called for, comes from the Internal Affairs Division of TPD.

CPARB meets monthly and reviews cases that have already been decided. They look at how the investigations were conducted, what the findings were, and then vote on whether or not they feel the investigations were conducted in a fair and open manner. Their vote does not

affect the decisions that have already been made by that point in the process.

Between now and the end of the year, Liana will continue to talk to various community groups, as well as members of our public safety agencies. She'll bring forward some options of how our model may be improved – or, she may suggest our model works just fine but could use some increased resources to help work through backlogs. At some point we will vote on what we want from CPARB, what its role in internal investigations should be, and what we want to do with our current internal affairs investigatory process.

In the end, whatever processes we put in place will have to ensure access by the public to appropriate portions of the process as well as fair, impartial due process for any officers involved. It's a balance, and it'll be an interesting discussion as it evolves.

### Spice



On Friday we received our draft agenda for the September 7<sup>th</sup> study session and one item is the issue of Spice and other synthetic cannabinoids, some of which are being sold legally throughout Tucson and throughout the nation. And they're ruining lives.

We now have the results from the July 27<sup>th</sup> Spice raids the DEA conducted around town. In fact, the raids were being conducted simultaneously in several different locations throughout the southwest at that very

same time. In all, they worked from 32 different search warrants in Tucson, Long Beach and Denver. They confiscated over 600 pounds of Spice as well as personal possessions such as luxury vehicles that demonstrated the big money involved in this multi-state crime ring. Kudos to DEA and to TPD for their role in the busts.

Also last week I met with some of the local law enforcement folks who have a hand in this work. They see the devastating impact these drugs and the other compounds they're cut with have on people. They range from comas to psychotic responses. Since the user can't know what's actually in the concoction they're taking, the impact cannot be predicted. Our paramedics and emergency room personnel are then charged with managing the reactions until the person can be stabilized.

Our work on the 7<sup>th</sup> will be to find tools we can add to the TPD tool-kit that will enhance their enforcement work. The goal is also to set in place more public education forums so the word continues to filter out that the glitzy packaging this stuff often comes in masks the dark impact it delivers. It's key to keep in mind the individuals who are addicted to the stuff. They're victims and are deserving of the opportunity for treatment.

In Tucson, nine people were indicted as a result of the DEA raids. We don't yet know how much of a dent in the local market that work made.

## USS Arizona Memorial



This coming December 7<sup>th</sup> will mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. During that raid, 1,177 sailors were killed and the USS Arizona was sunk in port. The image above is one I've shared before. It's the memorial being constructed on the UA Mall to commemorate the men who died on that day.

In the lead-up to the remembrance ceremony, there will be several events hosted on the UA campus. An exhibition called "The Life and Legacy of the USS Arizona" will open on August 29<sup>th</sup> at the Special Collections hall at the main library. The exhibit will include documents and memorabilia from the ship. It will run through December 23<sup>rd</sup>. On September 13<sup>th</sup>, an underwater archeologist named James Delgado will give a presentation at the exhibit. He took part in some of the early dives trying to locate and retrieve portions of the Arizona. He's the co-author of "Pearl Harbor Recalled" and "USS Arizona."

The UA has a home football game vs. Hawaii on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Kickoff is at 7:45 pm. Tickets are available by calling (520) 621-CATS. We'll hold a remembrance ceremony as a part of that game. Then on November 11<sup>th</sup>, the basketball team travels to Hawaii for the Armed Forces Classic. The team will participate in several learning opportunities related to the Arizona during that trip.

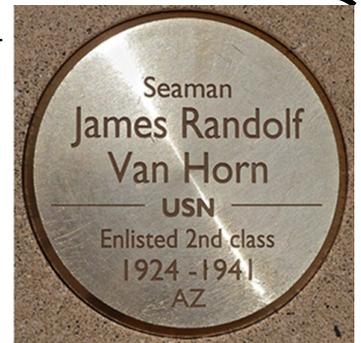
There will be a film series held at the Gallagher Theater on campus throughout the fall. On November 7<sup>th</sup>, the '70s film "Tora! Tora! Tora!" will be shown. It's a recounting of what led up to the attack and the attack itself. On November 14<sup>th</sup>, they'll show "Flags of Our Fathers" about the Battle of Iwo Jima. And on November 21<sup>st</sup>, they'll have the movie "Letters from Iwo Jima." That one shows the Battle of Iwo Jima from the perspective of Japanese soldiers. All of the movies begin at 6 pm.

And finally, the Mall Memorial.

The University of Arizona Foundation is selling medallions with information on individual sailors. Each of the 1,177 medallions will line the mall and frame the outline of the ship – to

scale. This guy, 17-year-old James Van Horn was from Tucson. The entire memorial is being funded with private donations. If you'd like to participate, you can do so by going [online here](#).

The exact date and all the details for the Mall Memorial ceremony are still in the works.



### Honor Flight

On a similar note, your chance to show your respect for the veterans being sent back to D.C. in this year's Honor Flight is coming on September 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.



Honor Flight is an annual event in which surviving WWII and Korean War veterans are flown back to the nation's capital to see the memorials built in their honor. We have 25 vets taking part in this year's flight. The send-off will take place at the Tucson International Airport on the 17<sup>th</sup> early in the morning. The vets will begin arriving at 4:45 am and will head to the gate at 5:45 am for a 6:45 departure. If you're in the center gallery area during that

time, with your signs and wearing the colors, they'll for sure be appreciative.

The welcome home is on the evening of September 19<sup>th</sup>. Their flight is due to arrive at 7:35 pm, so gauge your arrival at the airport for that. Also, call in advance to make sure the flight is on time.

There's an Honor Flight website you can access if you'd like more information about this program – and if you'd like to support their work. It's [www.honorflightsaz.org](http://www.honorflightsaz.org). Each of these events is a wonderful learning opportunity for youth.

### Fitz Fundraiser

The Rialto will play host to the taping of the Fitz Fall Fundraiser – done for later airing on AZPM, 89.1FM. Fitz will emcee a cast that is said to include Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders, among others. They may 'appear' through the voices of the guest stars on stage – all noted in the flyer.

Tickets are all general admission and can be purchased either at the Rialto or online at [www.rialtotheatre.com](http://www.rialtotheatre.com). The proceeds from the event are in support of the American Cancer Society, Homicide Survivors and AZPM.

You can get more information by calling the Rialto at (520) 740-1000.

SUNDAY ★ SEPTEMBER 11TH ★ 2PM

THE ARROYO CAFE PLAYERS PRESENT  
**THE OLD PUEBLO  
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**DAVE MEMBRILA** ★ **MIKE STERNER** ★ **BRIGITTE THUM**  
**JAY TAYLOR** ★ **NANCY STANLEY** ★ **ELLIOT GLICKSMAN**  
**TERRY OWEN** ★ **NICK SEIVERT**  
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 AND THE MUSICAL GENIUS OF  
 ★ **LINDSAY HUGHES** ★

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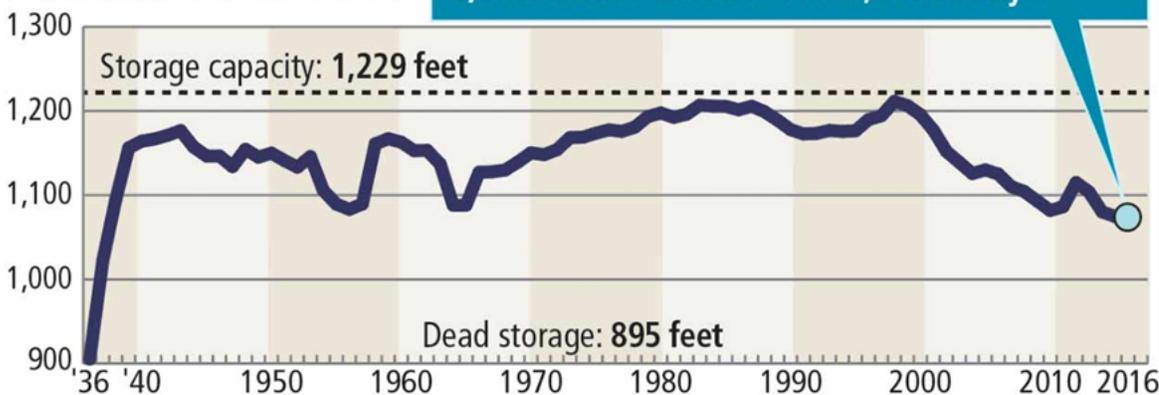
Proceeds benefit Arizona Public Media, Homicide Survivors  
 and the American Cancer Society

Lake Mead Water Levels

**Lake Mead levels**

Elevation in feet above sea level

Record low since the reservoir was first filled:  
**1,071.61 feet above sea level, set on July 1**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

I like to stay in touch with the water issue since it is key to our economic development – and our survival – here in the southwest. I’ve shared the graph above previously. It shows the gradual decline in water levels on the Lake. When they get below 1,075’ at the end of a calendar year, a shortage will be declared and CAP customers will suffer reductions in deliveries. We’re one of those downstream customers. This year the water level is predicted to be 1,079’. We’re getting close.

There was a good article about predictions related to Mead in last week’s *Arizona Republic*. Brandon Loomis penned the piece which concluded we don’t anticipate hitting 1,075’ for at least the next two years. That’s a reflection on our state-wide conservation efforts, the impact of this year’s monsoon, and \$8M in payments made by the CAP to farmers so they’d cut back on their water use. In Phoenix they’ve diverted supply for some of their suburban areas to the Salt River Project in order to help ease the strain on Lake Mead. Those combined efforts are keeping our nose above water, so to speak.

You’ve seen pictures of the Lake Mead bathtub ring. It clearly shows how the Lake has receded in depth. The Bureau of Reclamation predicts we’ll be below 1,075’ at the end of 2018 if we don’t continue making conservation a key focus in the interim. This isn’t just idle speculation. On July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year the level was at 1,071’. That was the lowest level since 1937 when they were filling the lake for the very first time. Even with the reductions in consumption, we’re still taking more water out of the lake than is being replenished.



Photo credit Mark Henle, Arizona Republic

There are talks going on between the three Lower Basin states (Arizona, California and Nevada) to help keep the lake above 1,075’. Plus there’s federal legislation being discussed to help do the same. But legislation and inter-state agreements won’t ‘solve’ the problem. Our individual conservation efforts are still very important.

To that end, please contact Tucson Water for a home or business ‘water audit’ by calling (520) 791-3242. We also have rebates available on the cost of several water efficient fixtures, including rainwater harvesting systems. Check them out at [www.tucsonaz.gov/water](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/water).

### **Tucson Road Conditions**

I’ve written about the process we’re beginning that will include either reauthorizing Prop 409 road repair money, or finding another source for funding that work. Regardless of how it’s funded, the work needs to continue. We have over 5,400 lane miles of road in Tucson. About a quarter of our arterials are currently in ‘excellent’ condition. Over 40% are either ‘poor’ or ‘failed.’ For residential streets 5% are excellent and 78% are poor or failed. There’s work left to do.

We’ve been putting \$20M in bond money into road repair for each of the past three years. After this year’s allocation, there’s only a year left before our Prop 409 commitments are

finished. It will take your approval to continue funding that work – whether that comes in the form of extending the property tax assessment, or changing our charter in a way that allows us to increase and/or earmark sales taxes. Either way, without voter approval, the amount of money we will have for road work is going to fall off the table in a year.

We love the rain, but it ruins the roads. I'd add that it also results in pollen which has made me miserable for the past week – but that's nothing a property tax assessment will fix. When we first put Prop 409 on the ballot, we allocated 85% of the money to arterials and 15% to residential streets. If/when we go back to you for approval of another round of those dollars, I'm going to advocate we increase the residential component to at least 20%. I believe the data bear out the need for more money going to neighborhood streets.



Some of the areas many of you have asked about are now on scheduled for improvements. For example, Tucson Blvd from Grant to Ft. Lowell is scheduled to begin in late September – weather permitting. Following that work will be Elm from Tucson Blvd over to Country Club. Then Pima from Country Club to Columbus is next. That construction package is scheduled to go to procurement for bid in October.

#### **Sun Tran and Flooded Streets**

I'll add this as it has been a concern for many midtown residents who have seen their homes and businesses flooded this monsoon season. Last week I asked for an update on the protocols Sun Tran uses when their drivers are approaching flooded streets. The perspective of a bus driver is much different than that of someone driving a sedan. Sun Tran management agrees that just because the bus can clear the flooded street more easily than a car can, that doesn't mean it's the correct thing to do.

To avoid creating waves that impact people's property, Sun Tran held driver meetings last week and reviewed their game plan for minimizing displaced water. In addition to increasing awareness on the part of drivers, they have also been directed to call dispatch for instructions when they experience running water on their regular routes. They already have detour routes in place. When to take them is what's being reviewed. The balance is between leaving people stranded on a regular route who are waiting for a bus in the rain vs. the impacts we've seen on private property.

I appreciate the responsiveness from Sun Tran management, and the drivers as well. The intensity of some of the storms this past month has caused a relook at this issue. The same conversation is happening within the city's Environmental Services Department. Trash hauling trucks can make a pretty good splash, too.

#### **Cyclovia**



**Local First**  
**ARIZONA**

This week's local Tucson item is also transportation related: our own Cyclovia fall ride. It's coming just ahead of Halloween, and will run right through the heart of Ward 6. While that may sound

like a ways off, now is the time for the neighborhoods involved to start planning the roadside events that make Cyclovia a true community event and not just a short bike ride.

The route this time will take on an added challenge as it includes a couple major streets. But that just gives the businesses and residents who live and work alongside the route a better opportunity to create fun and engaging activities. Here's the map:



living streets alliance presents:

# Cyclovia TUCSON

CAR FREE & CARE-FREE

MIRAMONTE TO THE GARDEN DISTRICT  
**OCTOBER 30, 2016**  
10AM-3PM • 2.25 MILES  
520.261.8777 • CYCLOVIATUCSON.ORG



WITH SUPPORT FROM:



PROUDLY SUPPORTS CYCLOVIA TUCSON

It's only a bit over two miles so pretty much anyone who can pedal will be able to cover the whole route. And if you don't pedal, you can walk it. The point is to get out and to enjoy the crowds both on and alongside the roads.

Championed by Living Streets Alliance, this event has the usual tremendous corporate and city support. To get more information and to get involved as a volunteer or as a participant, call (520) 261-8777 or check out the website at [www.cycloviatucson.org](http://www.cycloviatucson.org).

### **Local Sports**

Two other local sporting reports – UA Football is about to start, and the Tucson Roadrunners – are coming in less than 45 days.

#### ***UA Football***

The first home game will be on September 10<sup>th</sup> vs. Grambling State. Each of the following Saturday's in September will be home games as well. We have schedule magnets here at the Ward office if you'd like to come by and grab one.

The stadium has the *clear bag policy* in place again this year. It was instituted last year as a safety precaution. After a couple of games, it became pretty routine for most fans. We're not alone around the conference in having such a policy. In fact, only Utah and Washington State don't have such a policy in place. It's the sad sign of the times. As I noted above in the USS Arizona section, you can check on tickets by calling (520) 621-CATS. The atmosphere inside of McKale changes overnight once students get back. There's a new buzz around the department over starting back up again. And the band members are out morning and night getting ready. They work as hard as anybody both before and during the season.

It'll be fun to get started again. I hope you can carve out time to attend some of the games and support the kids who are on the field, in football and in band uniforms.

#### ***TCC Renovations***

Later this fall the new Tucson Roadrunner hockey team will start up at the Tucson Convention Center (TCC). The construction is in progress – and from the tour I took last week they've got a bit of a sprint ahead of them to get things ready for play.



This is the current condition of what will become the home team locker room. It's a 'work-in-progress.' But I've been involved with enough construction to be able to join the project team in seeing a legitimate light at the end of such a short tunnel. In the final weeks of any project, multiple trades arrive and the transformation finds a way of happening.

There's a free scrimmage on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm – they're asking for donations that'll go to support the UA Hockey club. If you're unfamiliar

with the sport, this will be your chance to give it a look without having to shell out cash for tickets. I've been a hockey fan forever. It's a fun spectator sport. Give them a try.

**Tucson Cold Wet Noses Benefit**

Cold Wet Noses is a local 501c3 that does important work throughout the community. They help foster and rescue dogs that would otherwise overstuff PACC and other shelters in the area. In addition, they rescue senior and hospice care pets from PACC – keeping them from being euthanized.



The Shelter will host a fund raiser for the Noses folks on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. This is the same place that hosted our ‘closing down of Tucson Greyhound Park’ celebration. They care about the pooch community.

Stop by 4155 E. Grant on the 26<sup>th</sup> between 5 pm and 9 pm to help them in their work. Currently, Cold Wet Noses is housing 40 adoptable dogs, along with 25 hospice dogs. They’re always looking for dedicated foster care homes.

Check out their work at [tucsoncoldwetnoses.com](http://tucsoncoldwetnoses.com).

Here’s a flyer with more about the event:

# Tucson Cold Wet Noses Fundraiser



## at The Shelter

4155 E. Grant Road

Friday August 26th

5pm-9pm



**RAFFLES  
DRINKS  
BAKE SALE  
FOOD TRUCKS**



Please join us for a great evening of fun and help raise money for our foster dogs

Sincerely,



Council Member, Ward 6

[Ward6@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Ward6@tucsonaz.gov)

## Ongoing Events and Entertainment

**Tucson Botanical Gardens**, 2150 N Alvernon Way | [www.tucsonbotanical.org](http://www.tucsonbotanical.org)

*Twilight Thursdays, every Thursday through the summer, 5 – 8 pm*

**Southern Arizona Transportation Museum**, 414 N Toole Ave |

[www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org](http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org)

**UA Mineral Museum**, 1601 E University Blvd | [www.uamineralmuseum.org](http://www.uamineralmuseum.org)

**Jewish History Museum**, 564 S Stone Ave | [www.jewishhistorymuseum.org](http://www.jewishhistorymuseum.org)

**Fox Theatre**, 17 W Congress St | [www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org](http://www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org)

**Hotel Congress**, 311 E Congress St | [hotelcongress.com](http://hotelcongress.com)

**Loft Cinema**, 3233 E Speedway Blvd | [www.loftcinema.com](http://www.loftcinema.com)

**Rialto Theatre**, 318 E Congress St | [www.rialtotheatre.com](http://www.rialtotheatre.com)

**Arizona State Museum**, 1013 E University Blvd | [www.statemuseum.arizona.edu](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu)

**Arizona Theater Company**, 330 S Scott Ave | [www.arizonatheatre.org](http://www.arizonatheatre.org)

**The Rogue Theatre**, The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd | [www.theroguetheatre.org](http://www.theroguetheatre.org)

**Tucson Museum of Art**, 140 N Main Ave | [www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org](http://www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org)

**Tucson Convention Center**, 260 S Church St | [tucsonconventioncenter.com](http://tucsonconventioncenter.com)

**Meet Me at Maynards**, 311 E Congress St | [www.MeetMeatMaynards.com](http://www.MeetMeatMaynards.com)

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

*Check-in begins at 5:15 pm.*

**Mission Garden**, 929 W Mission Ln | [www.tucsonbirthplace.org](http://www.tucsonbirthplace.org)

**Children's Museum Tucson**, 200 S 6<sup>th</sup> Ave | [www.childrensmuseumtucson.org](http://www.childrensmuseumtucson.org)