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United States Army Rangers

Congratulations to U.S. Army Lt. Shaye Haver and Cpt. Kristen Griest for successfully graduating the U.S. Army Ranger School. They're the first two female soldiers to have ever completed Ranger school, and to earn the coveted Ranger Tab.



(Photo credit to Specialist Nikayla Shodeen and Pfc. Ebony Banks/U.S. Army)



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

Cpt. Griest is on the left, and Lt. Haver is on the right. Looks like loads of fun. For the last 4+ months, they've been carrying around 100lb packs slogging through mountains in northern Georgia, and swampland in the Florida panhandle. Sleep was at a premium throughout.

Cpt. Griest is a 26 year old MP from Orange, Connecticut and Lt. Haver is a 25 year old Apache helicopter pilot from Copperas Cove, Texas. They'll be awarded their Ranger Tabs alongside the 94 men who also completed the work. The difference is that neither Griest nor Haver will be allowed to serve in the Ranger Regiment...Huh?

Last month M&C addressed the issue of equal pay. There's work yet to be done in the whole topic of equal treatment.

Brady Code of Conduct



On the 9th of September, at our next Regular Session meeting of the M&C, I'll be asking my colleagues to join me in support of a gun safety Memorial to be sent to the Arizona Congressional Delegation, and to our local State Delegation. Due to Open Meetings Law, I can't go around asking them for their support, but I have it from a couple of them – the maximum number I can speak to without creating a quorum.

Here's the text of the Memorial I'll be presenting:

A MEMORIAL

RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE; DECLARING SUPPORT FOR CONGRESSIONAL EFFORTS TO PREVENT STRAW PURCHASES OF FIREARMS; AND TO ENCOURAGE GUN DEALERS TO ADOPT AND TO ABIDE BY THE GUN DEALER BRADY CODE OF CONDUCT.

WHEREAS, in 1993 President Bill Clinton signed into law the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act requiring a background check on all handgun purchases at Federally licensed firearms dealers; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of the "Brady Bill" in 1993 an estimated 2 million gun purchases have been blocked through required background checks; and

WHEREAS, the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence has adopted a Gun Dealer Code of Conduct which defines practices gun dealers should adopt to prevent the distribution of guns into the illegal market; and

WHEREAS, the Brady Code of Conduct specifically addresses preventing straw purchase gun sales; and

WHEREAS, the Brady Code of Conduct calls on gun dealers to refuse to transfer a firearm until a background check has been completed; and

WHEREAS, Dylann Roof, a prohibited gun possessor, was sold the weapon he used to murder 9 members of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church because

the dealer chose to sell him the weapon prior to having completed a background check on Roof; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Representative Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) and U.S. representative Robin Kelly (D-IL) have been joined by Phoenix gun dealer Chris Kitaeff and Brady Campaign President Dan Gross in calling on Attorney General Loretta Lynch to take immediate action against gun dealers who participate in straw purchases; and

WHEREAS, Representatives Gallego and Kelly, Mr. Kitaeff and Brady Campaign President Gross also call on gun dealers to adopt the Brady Gun Dealer Code of Conduct.

NOW, THEREFORE, YOUR MEMORIALIST, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA RESPECTFULLY REPRESENTS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Tucson supports all Congressional efforts calling on the Attorney General to immediately prosecute gun dealers involved in straw purchase gun sales.

SECTION 2. That the City of Tucson joins Representatives Gallego and Kelly, Mr. Kitaeff and Brady Campaign President Gross in calling on gun dealers to adopt and to abide by the Brady Code of Conduct.

SECTION 3. That the City of Tucson specifically calls on all local gun dealers and gun show promoters to adopt and to abide by the Brady Code of Conduct.

SECTION 4. That the City of Tucson specifically references in the Brady Code of Conduct screening for and refusing to sell to straw purchasers.

SECTION 5. That the City of Tucson specifically references in the Brady Code of Conduct refusing to transfer a firearm until a background check has been completed.

SECTION 6. That the City of Tucson specifically references in the Brady Code of Conduct refusal to sell a firearm to a potential purchaser if the dealer has reason to believe the purchaser may be a danger to themselves or to others.

SECTION 7. That the City of Tucson specifically references in the Brady Code of Conduct refusal to sell firearms at gun shows unless all firearm sales at such shows are conducted only upon completion of a background check.

SECTION 8. City of Tucson staff is authorized and directed to send this Memorial to U.S. Representative Gallego, U.S. Representative Kelly, and to all members of the Arizona Congressional delegation and to all members of the Arizona State House of Representatives and the Arizona State Senate who represent portions of the City of Tucson and Pima County.

I am not legally prevented from asking around the community for support. To that end, the Gun Violence Prevention Arizona group has already written this letter in support:



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/>

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August 18, 2015

TO: Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
Tucson City Council

FROM: Gun Violence Prevention Arizona

As a local grassroots organization committed to reducing gun deaths and injuries, Gun Violence Prevention Arizona (GVPA) strongly supports Councilman Steve Kozachik's proposal for a Memorial recognizing Representative Ruben Gallego's efforts to shut down "bad apple" gun dealers and promote adoption of the Brady Gun Dealer's Code of Conduct.

In conjunction with U.S. Representative Robin Kelly, Phoenix gun dealer Chris Kitaeff and Brady Campaign President Dan Gross, Representative Gallego called on Attorney General Loretta Lynch to direct the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to shut down or reform gun dealers who ignore industry best practices. He addressed a letter to fellow members of Congress seeking their support for the ATF in their efforts to shut down these "bad apple" gun dealers, and called on gun dealers to adopt the Brady Gun Dealer's Code of Conduct. One key feature of this Code is that gun dealers not complete a gun sale until the buyer has been successfully cleared by a background check.

We also strongly support Councilman Kozachik's proposal that the City urge all area gun dealers to adopt the Brady Code of Conduct. If the dealer who supplied a gun to Dylann Roof had adhered to this Code, the massacre of 9 people in a church in Charleston, S.C. may well have been avoided.

Respectfully submitted,

GVPA Steering Committee
Meg Pradelt
Peggy Wenrick
Andi Elkins
Rene Friedkin

Gun Violence Prevention Arizona
PO Box 12146 Tucson, AZ 85711

In the Memorial, Phoenix gun dealer Chris Kitaeff is mentioned. He will be coming down on the 9th to speak at the meeting in support of the Memorial. And now that I've got the Memorial done and can share it around, I'm certain other groups of Tucsonans will be involved. I included the full text of the Brady Code of Conduct in my August 10th newsletter – [available on-line](#).

According to CDC data, nationwide somebody is subjected to a violent act every 26 seconds, a person is murdered every 34 seconds, and there's a sexual assault every 107 seconds. There are 83 Americans killed by firearms, either by homicide or suicide every day.

We can wait for another mass shooting before doing something to keep the gun safety issue in the public eye. Or we can adopt this Memorial now, and force the discussion along. I'm opting for the latter.

On-going Strike



The sad part about that image is the bus riders standing in the background waiting for service.

The Teamsters began with a set of demands that amounted to a General Fund increase of just over \$20M in three years. Last week, they lowered that proposal to one in which the General Fund subsidy for Sun Tran would increase by

20%, or around \$5M annually in three years. As was true last time I wrote about this, it's still the case that even if those dollars were moved to support Sun Tran, they'd come from other City responsibilities.

I won't be supporting taking \$5M from roads, parks, fire or police. If others have ideas as to where we'll come up with those dollars, short of agreeing on new revenue sources such as fares or route efficiencies, I'm all ears.

Here's a breakdown of the most recent Teamster proposal:

- a) For employees not yet at the top of their pay rate, move them to the next level in their line of progression (cost to Sun Tran - \$4.4M)
- b) Add 55 cents per hour to the top rates across the board for each of the three years of the contract (cost to Sun Tran - \$3.5M)
- c) Sun Tran already pays 100% of each employee's pension contribution. Add 25 cents to each worker's pension for each year of the contract (cost to Sun Tran - \$1.6M)
- d) Sun Tran already pays 100% for each employee's (including dependents) medical, dental, short-term disability and vision care – increases in those costs over the three years of the contract will cost Sun Tran \$1.3M.
- e) Add Cesar Chavez Holiday (cost to Sun Tran - \$294K)
- f) Increase shift premium pay for maintenance workers (cost to Sun Tran - \$267K)
- g) Provide an additional 1 week of vacation to workers with 30+ years of service. That would give such workers 6 weeks of vacation annually (cost to Sun Tran based on current employee pool \$68K)
- h) Increase maintenance worker uniform and tool allowance (cost to Sun Tran - \$27K)

All of that yields a cumulative new set of costs to Sun Tran of \$11.6M over the three years of the agreement. They would increase the City General Fund allocation to Sun Tran to right at \$36M per year. This year, it's just under \$30M.

Last week I shared the Sun Tran offer. It's still on the table, and management will allow the Teamsters to move dollars around within that offer to suit their preferences. The caveat though is that the dollar value of the offer cannot change. That's the budget.

Getting back to the table to negotiate is important. What's also important is to recognize that we set our budget for Sun Tran and that's the pool of money within which the union needs to focus their desires.

There has been talk of Sun Tran having "returned over \$2M to the City". That never happened. Sun Tran sends us invoices, not checks. And they're being responsible in managing the system according to the budgetary constraints we've placed them under.

Roof Top Solar

(Photo Credit – David Sanders / ADS)



And speaking of jobs...good news on the small business job front. Last week the Arizona Corporation Commission responded to the input many of us had offered and told TEP that changes in rates for roof top solar units would not be retroactive to the middle of this year.

The job connection is this. Early this year, TEP had petitioned the ACC to try to reduce the excess-energy credits it offers to roof top solar customers. And they wanted those

new, lower rates to be retroactive to June 1st of this year, regardless of when the ACC puts them into place. A few weeks ago I shared the copy of a letter I sent to the Commission in which I took the position that uncertainty in rates would have a chilling effect on people's interest in buying into a solar program for their homes. Many others, including Council Member Uhlich also sent letters in protest. Last week, the ACC agreed.

Net metering is the term used for when an electric utility such as TEP gives customers credit for energy they generate and feed back into the local distribution facility. Its goal is to encourage private investment in renewable energy, such as solar. What TEP wanted to do was to reduce the level of credits they give to residential customers, taking the position the residential solar systems were in effect being subsidized by their non-solar customers. If I have solar and pay less, customers who don't have solar are paying relatively more because TEP has fixed costs they have to meet. It was that gap they were trying to address.

In proposing to reduce the credits being given, they tossed in the notion that those reduced credits would be implemented on a retroactive basis to June 1st. The ACC agreed with those of us who objected in saying that would have the effect of slowing investment into residential solar until there was certainty in the rates. TEP will be allowed to make their net metering arguments later this year, but whatever rates are agreed on will go into effect at that time.

The changes TEP was suggesting are estimated to cost an average residential solar customer about \$22 per month. That's worth fighting for, even if one accepts the idea that residen-

tial uses aren't ultimately going to turn the tide in terms of major shifts to renewables. For those workers in the local small businesses who manufacture and install the units, it's really a fight worth having. It's about saving their jobs by removing the disincentive people saw in terms of investing in the systems.



I agree with Commission member Doug Little who said *"I think it's probably inappropriate for utilities to be putting out retroactive grandfathered dates."* Closing out the David and Goliath metaphor I used when I first wrote about this, in this case, the little guys won.



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That was all a bit heavy. Let me pause and share with you an opportunity to do the same / pause and share / every Sunday afternoon at the Ward 6 Office. Each week a group takes over our Community room with the purpose of simply

relaxing, slowing down and connecting. Sacred space is not a sectarian meeting. It's music, contemplative, and talking about ways to integrate a variety of wisdom traditions with community action.

The group begins at 4:15 with live music and moves into a teaching and sharing time until 5:30. Then they hang out and chat over a potluck. Nobody's going to hit you up for donations – come and chill. You'll be welcomed. They're about to begin small group studies of Karen Armstrong's book *"Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life."* Good time to get acquainted.

You can find them at sacredspacetucson.org.



International Festival and Event Conference

Last Wednesday, I was pleased to join Visit Tucson CEO Brent DeRaad in hosting a press event to celebrate the upcoming International Festivals and Events Association conference. They've chosen Tucson for this year's event. It will take place from September 21st - 23rd out at

Starr Pass. It's a huge deal for the region.

Steve Schmader, the IFEA CEO spoke at Visit Tucson. In his remarks he shared some of the event organizers who will be attending the conference. They'll include representatives from the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Tournament of Roses Parade, events involved with Mardi Gras, and even one from Dubai. These are professionals who run and organize these events who will be here sharing the how's and how not's to do them. We can learn from their work.

And we can share what we have to offer, too. The Festival and Event Association of Tucson and Southern Arizona (FEATSAZ) will be heavily involved with the planning and programming for the event. This is our own local IFEA. They're the behind-the-scenes group who

puts on El Tour, the Ft. Lowell Shoot-Out, Tucson Meet Yourself, 2nd Saturday's, the 4th Avenue Street Fair, the Gem and Mineral Show, All Soul's Procession, the UA Book Festival, and I could go on and on. As you can see from just that short list, Tucson is "on the map" when it comes to staging major events. The conference in September will be a major meeting of the minds that will allow for cross-pollinating of ideas. I know we'll have a strong City staff presence in attendance, listening, asking questions, observing and taking notes. The event will make us better at what we already do well.

You don't need to be an event organizer to go and take part in the events out at Starr Pass. Anybody can register on the FEATSAZ website. There will be raffles of some pretty high end trips (Dubai, for example) as well as some fun and interesting break-out sessions. Tucson will benefit from well over 1,000 hotel room nights, spending by conference participants in and around the downtown core, and surrounding tourist attractions. This'll be a great opportunity for us to gain valuable insights into how other communities attract and operate civic events. And the economic bump won't be bad, either.

A Few Items on Forgiveness...



State and Local Tax Amnesty Programs

During the months of September and October, you'll have the chance to file delinquent tax returns at both the State and City level. The State amnesty program is not available to people who have prior tax fraud convictions. But assuming that's not you, you can avoid late penalties by filing during that window. There's no statute of limitations on them collecting, so the State can come after you even decades after you skipped out on a tax obligation. You can find details by checking the [State Department of Revenue site](#).

City of Tucson Tax Amnesty

We're conducting a similar program during that same September 1st through October 31st window. During our FY'16 budget process, we approved the program as a way of collecting otherwise bad debt. We write off millions in all sorts of uncollectables every year. Last month we did the Warrant Day (only very mildly successful, but worth a try) and now we're moving ahead with the tax piece.

The program is available to licensed businesses that are subject to our sales taxes. As an added bonus, if you're operating unlicensed, you can get licensed during this time period, also without penalty. For all licensed businesses we'll waive all tax penalties that are due, plus ½ of the interest that's due if the taxes are paid by the end of October. We will have 4 staff members working full time processing applications during the window. Once you file an application, they'll review it for completeness, calculate both the tax and interest that's due and send you a bill. Once they get your payment a waiver will be created to remove the penalties, and half of the interest due.

The last time the City did this was back in 2009. At that time, just under 600 businesses applied, and we collected a little over \$800K in unpaid taxes. It's a chance to wipe the slate clean, and the City gains needed, and legitimately due revenues.

It's important to note two things; first, you can't do this if you're currently being audited. And second, you have to be licensed in order to participate. Otherwise, this is a good opportunity to get caught up on taxes without being hit with added penalties. You can access the form to get the process started by going to: www.tucsonaz.gov/finance/amnesty.

If you're having trouble with the form, or just have questions about what documents you need to include, check the City of Tucson Finance Department website and you'll get all the help you need to get this done.



Another chance to avoid late fees is our September 12th licensing/vaccination/spay-neuter event. Anybody who gets their dog licensed will be able to avoid penalty fees, and the vaccinations are being given for free. Humane Society representatives will also be letting you know how to get access to low-cost or free spay/neuter services through local vets. It's all good.

Your pup needs to be older than 3 months in order to be vaccinated. The licensing fee is \$16 for altered animals. If you want your dog micro-chipped, HSSA will be able to do that too for a \$10 fee.

If you've already gotten the vaccinations, and only need to license your pet, come on the 12th, and you can take care of just that piece. You'll just need to bring your rabies renewal document so we know the shots are current.



We're also giving a senior citizen discount – for humans older than 65 years. You are not allowed to count in dog years to qualify, though.

The list of other groups who will be participating in the educational part of this event has changed just a bit. We'll still have the Border Collie rescue group, No Kill Pima County animal advocates, the Hermitage Cat Shelter, Pet Club will be giving away dog goodies, and we've added Handi-Dogs. If you go to their [website](#) you'll see the Handi-Dogs mission statement: *dedicated*

to helping older adults and people with disabilities gain independence and improve their quality of life through specialized training of dogs and to advocate about the important role of service dogs. Very cool – and a great addition to the event.

Karyn Zoldan will be at the No Kill Pima County table representing Tucson Tails. She'll be handling the "For the Love of Dog" raffle basket. Doors will open at 10am and we're going until 2pm.

Pima County Court Night

While it's not directly tied to forgiveness, if you have questions of a legal matter, this event is one you'll want to attend.

On Wednesday, October 7th, the Arizona Superior Court is inviting all community members

to attend its Court Night. It's free – and the event runs from 4pm until 7:15pm. They're coordinating with the Pima County Bar Association and leading two sessions (4-5:30, and 5:45-7:15.) They'll talk about all sorts of legal issues, including child support, landlord/tenant issues, credit, custody issues, and a bunch more.

The event will be held out at the Pima County Courts Training Center at 2225 E. Ajo. If you'd like to learn more ahead of the event, call 724.4200 and they can answer whatever you're after.

SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 7, 2015
COURT NIGHT
FREE LEGAL
INFORMATION SESSIONS

4:00-5:30 pm, 5:45-7:15 pm

TOPICS:

Divorce/Child Support/Paternity/Custody
 Probate/Guardianship/Conservatorship
 Debtor/Creditor and Landlord/Tenant

LOCATION:

Pima County Courts' Training Center
 2225 E. Ajo Way
 Tucson, AZ 85713
ON SUN TRAN ROUTE 11

Phone: 520-724-4200
<http://www.sc.pima.gov>

Free Parking!



Peter Howell Field Trip

One final event to let you know about is the Peter Howell trip up to Kitt Peak. The 5th grade class is studying science and the solar system this year. A piece of that is going to be an overnight spent up at the Observatory studying the topic the way the professionals do.

The teachers out at Howell are putting together scholarships for the families who need some help. Any donations are going to be helpful. For \$40, you've sent a kid up to Kitt Peak for the overnight. That includes the cost of food, transportation and access to the programs and campground up on the mountain. Their goal is \$1,500 so 30 students can go cost free to their families or to the teachers.

We all hear how the State has gutted the education budget and how teachers are having to back-fill to keep opportunities open to students. This is a chance for you to help in that effort. If you can, send any size donation before October 1st to Peter Howell Elementary School, 401 N. Irving Ave, 85711. The checks can be made out to Peter Howell Elementary, but note the field trip on the memo line. This can also be used as a Tax Credit donation of up to \$200 designated per individual for Field Trips.

Another Community Service Option

There's a new website being launched where non-profits are posting in an effort to secure volunteer workers. They've got everything from Primavera, to Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Food Bank, interfaith groups and plenty more. The service opportunities are both for one-time projects, and on-going needs throughout the community.

If you'd like to surf that site, go to justserve.org and type in Tucson, Arizona in the rectangular box that pops up. That'll take you right to the list of local organizations asking for some assistance. The site is new, and it's growing daily, so if you don't hit pay dirt the first try, keep the site handy and check again. If you want to offer your time, you'll find something at justserve.org to fit your interests.

Metropolitan Pima Alliance Common Ground Awards

For over a decade, MPA has been recognizing projects of all sorts that reflect collaboration and overcoming obstacles, ending in positive change for the region. On Friday, October 30th, Cox Communications is again joining MPA in announcing this year's recipient projects.

Each year this event recognizes projects that have extensive regional impact to receive the Common Ground Award of Distinction. Examples from the past include the widening of I-10, the Festival of Books and the Mars Lander (note to the State Legislature – two of those are UA items).

This year MPA has given the Award of Distinction to two projects. One is going to Pima County for their work on the Aerospace Parkway. They've worked with the City, Tucson Airport Authority, Sun Corridor and private sector partners to provide buffer space that'll allow for growth at both Raytheon, and the airport. Both of those are about long term economic growth, and well-paying jobs in the manufacturing and logistics sectors. Pima County is very deserving of this recognition.

Last November, the DM50 invited the entire community out to DMAFB to celebrate what the base generally means to Tucson and to the region. Over 500 people attended. The DM50 got more than 100 businesses to help sponsor the event. For their efforts in putting that event together, DM50 will receive the other Award of Distinction this year at the Common Ground ceremony. I noted above the new website on which volunteer opportunities are being posted. It's important to note that all of the DM50 members are volunteers, doing what they do for the long term good of the community. Another well-chosen award.



In addition to the Awards of Distinction, MPA recognizes 20 other significant projects from around the region. These projects also reflect exceptional collaboration, and in many cases having to overcome extra-ordinary obstacles along the way. I'm pleased to have had some association with a few that you'll find on that list of 20. I'll asterisk them in the list shown below:

- AC Tucson Marriott ***
- City of Tucson Food Scraps Collection & Composting Program
- City of Tucson Infill Incentive District ***
- El Rio Community Health Center-Congress Street Redevelopment
- Pima County Animal Control Center Proposition 415 ***
- Home Goods Inc. Western Distribution Center
- Houghton Road Corridor: Tanque Verde Road to Interstate 10
- Ina and Silverbell Subdivision Change of Zoning Conditions
- Innovation Frontier Southwest
- Kino Parkway/22nd Street Intersection Improvement Project
- La Doce 12th Avenue Cultural & Culinary Corridor
- Marana Center

- Northern Star Planned Area Development
- Pima Prospers
- Sahuarita East Conceptual Area Plan
- Sahuarita WINS
- Southern Arizona Construction Career Days
- The University of Arizona Old Main Renovation
- Tucson Conquistadores Classic, PGA Champions Tour
- Tucson Convention Center Arena Renovations ***

The TCC project is of particular note. The City and Rio Nuevo worked against a very troubled relational history, overcoming some very strict scrutiny from the Legislature, media and taxpayers – all very valid scrutiny – and pulled off some \$8M in renovations to the TCC. We included the private sector in the form of Swaim Architectural firm, and Concord Construction. And along the way we held ourselves accountable to the notion that we had one chance to get this right. At risk was the very existence of the Rio Nuevo taxing district and millions of long term dollars that will now continue to flow into the region, largely as a result of our having done this project successfully.

On the 30th, MPA will announce the 10 “elites” from that list of 20 projects. There are plenty of very good projects to choose from. I’m biased.

Congratulations to each of the project teams who are recognized in the list of 20. And thanks to MPA and Cox for hosting this event again this year.

Companies that Thryve

From projects being recognized, to companies who will be given that chance. A few weeks ago I wrote about the Thryve coaching opportunity StartUp Tucson was offering. They’ve finished the selection process and have now announced 10 local companies who will go through the StartUp 10 week accelerator training program. Those locals include the following very deserving companies:

- 2Shoes Inc. (educational technology company dealing with document management through mobile devices)
- ABC Containers LLC (corrugated cardboard packaging manufacturer)
- AquaPure Hidration (water purification equipment)
- CPR2U LLC (offers CPR training for professionals, and regular folks like us)
- Darling Environmental and Surveying (3D modeling and scanning/ technical surveying)
- Fed by Threads LLC (clothing retailer I’ve written about before – donating part of their sales to feed the hungry)
- G&G Industries LLC (manufactures mat boards used in picture framing)
- iCrop Trak (works with farmers in crop management through high-tech analytic platforms)
- Talon Radio Carriers LLC (specialty radio holster products)
- Arizona Bilingual Newspaper (I write a monthly piece for them, and we offer it for free at the Ward Office – bilingual publication that covers regional news and events)

- The Underestimated City (clothing and design brand created in Tucson)
Yellow Brick Coffee (sustainable coffee-roasting / was featured in the ad Tony Ford produced that I linked a few newsletters back.)

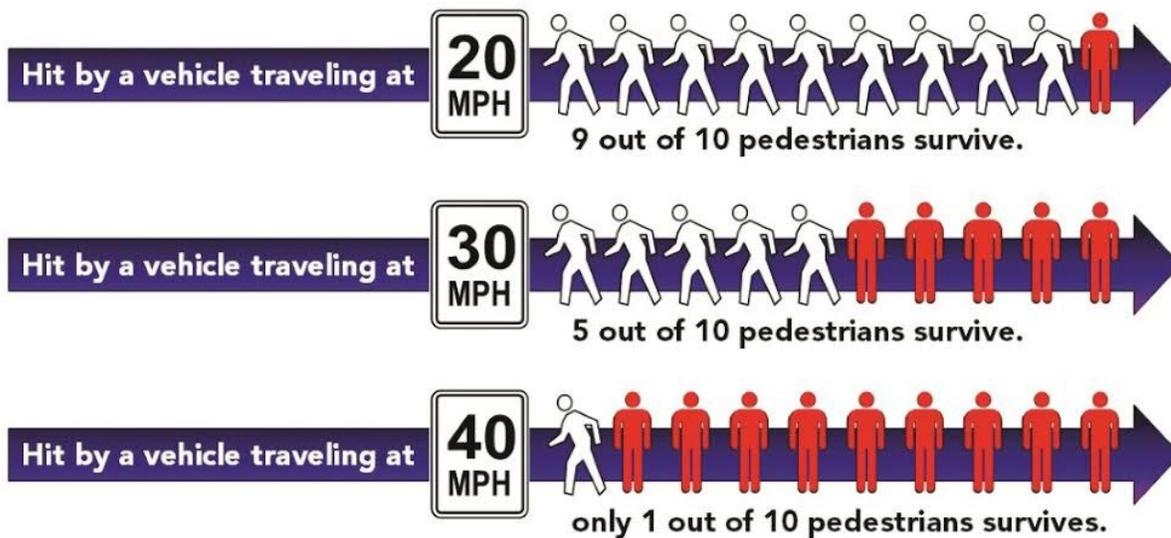
Pretty diverse list, and all are local businesses that will benefit from the training they'll receive over the next couple of months by the StartUp staff. This mentoring program is funded by a \$1.4M 5-year grant from the SBA. We're fortunate to have this group operating in the downtown core – also integral in the planning and promotion of the [10West event](#) that's coming later this fall. And I'd add, a finalist in the RFP process for operating the City community media center that's now being evaluated by our procurement department.



BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PROGRAM

City of Tucson Department of Transportation

I'm going to close with a pitch for some things the City Bike/Ped program is working on. School has started again, and the foot and bike traffic all over town is increased as a result. Check out this graphic:



The City has a Pedestrian Safety campaign that's geared to reducing fatalities and injuries. Pima Association of Governments has funded a "Walk Safe/Drive Safe" video – here's a link:

Watch the video from PAG: <http://bit.ly/1cS9cAY>

Show it in your classrooms. On average more than 250 pedestrians are injured each year in Tucson in collisions with cars. About 20 of those are fatalities. You know the causes – texting while driving, drinking and driving, and unsafe pedestrian and bicycle behavior has to also be included. Be safe. It doesn't take extraordinary effort.

I also want to share news of some new bike corrals you can use when visiting some local businesses. On the left is the corral outside the new Johnny Gibson's Downtown Market, and on the right is the one located over at 5 Points – the intersection of 6th Avenue, Stone and 18th Street - where the 5 Points Market and Restaurant, Café Desta and Bon are open for business.

I poached both pictures from Andy Bemis and the monthly City Bike/Ped Newsletter.



Each of the businesses requested the bike parking through the City's Bike Rack Distribution Program. The Bike/Ped Program works with local businesses to assess requests like this, and where appropriate, we provide the racks for free. If you'd like to look into some of these for your business, contact Andy at 837.6596, or andy.bemis@tucsonaz.gov

Sincerely,

Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
Ward6@tucsonaz.gov

Events and Entertainment

Davis-Monthan Meet and Greet Night

Wednesday, August 26, 2015, 6 pm

Rincon High School, 921 N. Arcadia Ave (Swan & 5th Street)

This is a chance for the community to meet some of the Airmen, learn about different missions on base and ask questions about what goes on behind the fence line. Hear from D-M's Commander, Colonel James Meger. Come interact with members of the 355th Fighter Wing, 563rd Rescue Group, 55th Electronic Combat Group, 12th Air Force, 162nd Wing & representatives from the world famous Boneyard. Questions? Contact Davis-Monthan Public Affairs at 355WGPA@us.af.mil or 520-228-3406.

Arizona Historical Society - "I Am Tucson"

Mon & Fri, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Tue-Thu, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM; Sat -Sun, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Arizona History Museum, 949 E 2nd St

I am Tucson is an exhibit that invites you to share your impressions and experiences of living in Southern Arizona. This non-traditional exhibit tells the story of Tucson in the words and drawings of those who live here both past and present. Impressions of Tucson range from an observer in the mid 1800's who called Tucson "a paradise of devils" to a modern observer who likes everything about Tucson. Visit the museum and add your voice to *I am Tucson*. www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org

Ongoing

Mission Garden, 929 W Mission Ln

Saturdays 8 am – 12 pm, April to November; 12 pm – 4 pm, December to March

A re-creation of the Spanish Colonial walled garden that was part of Tucson's historic San Agustin Mission. Features Sonoran Desert-adapted heritage fruit-trees, traditional local heirloom crops and edible native plants. *For guided tours call 520-777-9270 and leave message.*

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturday & Sunday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way

"Summer Oasis Series" June through August features special hours, early bird weekends and dog admission. www.tucsonbotanical.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/

The Rogue Theatre at The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd

www.theroguetheatre.org

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave

www.arizonatheatre.org

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave

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

July 25, 2015 - October 11, 2015: Arizona Biennial 2015

www.TucsonMusuemofArt.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

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd

February 7, 2015– February 7, 2016, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

"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. www.uamineralmuseum.org

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 11:00am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturday: 10:00am - 4:00pm

www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org