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A quick correction to open. Last week I wrote that the next Charter Review Committee was to be held on November 3rd. In fact, it's on the 10th at 4pm down at City Hall.

Feather Banners



You've seen these things fluttering around all over the City. I think they're fun and festive. The local businesses who use them think they're good for business. In fact, I've spoken to several of them who have told me they attract from 3 to 5 new customers per day. In our down economy, that can be crucial to their survival

Feather banners are illegal in Tucson. You wouldn't know that based on how many you see out in public, but they are. I see them all over while out running or biking. Recently, due to a complaint, the City began approaching businesses and telling them to remove the banners, or be cited and fined. These things are not billboards. And they help keep businesses open – which helps people stay

employed.

I've asked my representative on the Sign Code Committee to bring this to that group and talk about



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police Department
911 or nonemergency
791-4444

Water Issues
791-4133
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

Abandoned Shopping Carts
791-3171

Neighborhood Resources
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222

Environmental Services
791-3171

Park Wise
791-5071

Planning and Development Services
791-5550

Pima County Animal Control
243-5900

Pima County Vector Control
Cockroach: 443-6501
Mosquito: 740-2760

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ways to control feather banners, but make them legal. There will need to be size and location provisions built into any Ordinance, but I'm hopeful we can find some common ground and change what's now on the books: that is, a total ban on them.

The sign code meeting is open to the public, and they have a call to the audience. The meeting at which this item will be discussed will be held on November 12th at 2:30pm in Council chambers. Based on what they decide, the item will come to M&C for us to weigh in. No date is set for that, yet.

If you run a business and want to see these banners allowed under our Code, go and state your case. In fairness, if you object to them, go and make your pitch. Either way, I'm interested in hearing all sides and freely concede my bias going in is to legalize and place some restrictions their use. I'm hopeful the Sign Code Committee can find a middle ground and send us a recommendation that's healthy for both the aesthetics of the City and for the local businesses we're trying to help.

Commerce with Mexico

Each newsletter I write has some component on economic development. It has to. If we don't grow our economic capacity, we'll remain a low-wage City and, with expected cuts coming from Phoenix, face even more reductions in services. One of our aces in the hole is trade with Mexico.

A new website is now up and running that connects businesses with partners in both Mexico and Canada. It's called ConnectBIEN.com. It is a database that links businesses and allows them to collaborate in supply chain and product offerings. That's the goal, anyway.

To use the database, a business puts its profile online. That profile includes a rundown of the products and services it offers, lists outlets for those products, and identifies the areas in which it is looking for supply chain partners. Users can search for others using a variety of metrics such as industry type, distance, or simply by name. It's new, and its capabilities will grow with use.

The Maricopa Association of Governments launched the site earlier this month. We're included as the Southern Arizona partner. If you run a business, you really should give the site a look to see how you can benefit from being included. It's easy to check out – go to <http://connectbien.com/> and surf away. It's one more step in the direction of our building financial relationships south of the border – very necessary.

Road Repair

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BY TODD CLARK



One of the reasons our economic development is so crucial is that our ability to fund road repairs is a function of our overall financial health. I'm going to touch that in two ways. First, we asked you to approve an increase in your property taxes so we can afford to buy \$20M in repairs in each of the next 5 years. On Wednesday, we were

told that if we don't change our debt policies, we'll have trouble keeping that commitment. This is a family newsletter so I won't describe my reaction.

We have a policy that limits how much debt we can take. It prevents our combined Primary and Secondary property taxes from increasing over \$1.50 per \$100 assessed valuation. That's a policy. The Charter limit is



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman Ron Barber (D)
(2nd District)
520-881-3588

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

Governor Janice Brewer (R)
602-542-4331
Tucson office:
628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
791-4201

\$1.75 per \$100 assessed valuation. On Wednesday, we were told that we needed to change the policy, lift the \$1.50 limit and go to the Charter-allowed \$1.75 per \$100 assessed valuation. The reasons cited were to increase our debt capacity so we can afford the road bonds and in case we decide to ask the voters to take on yet more debt.

What I'll do is summarize my objections. First, we made a commitment to you, the voters, to fix the roads. We've gotta keep that promise. But we weren't told we'd be unable to do that unless we made changes in how we take on debt. Until this week, you weren't told, and M&C weren't told, that our debt capacity would be exhausted if we didn't make changes.

Last week I wrote that we're about to *put a cap* on our ability to take on COPs debt. This week we're told we have to *eliminate a cap* on another form of debt, and we have a Charter Review Committee that's talking about going to you and asking for yet more changes in how we can *take on debt*.



Playing off from the sentence in the photo, the only thing stopping us from getting buy-in to changes in debt policy with the voters... is us. You (and M&C) should have been told we can't sell \$20M annually for 5 years without a change in policy. We should implement the debt cap on Certificates of Participation. And we should allow the Charter Review Committee to frame the questions they feel should go before the voters in response to the legitimate needs of the City. Right now, we're not yet checking any of those boxes.

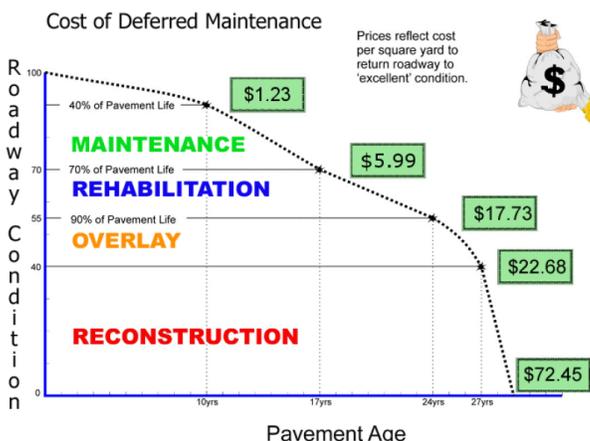
M&C voted to approve the policy change. I didn't join them because I want to see the cap on COPs put in place first. I believe the right group to be weighing in on our ability to increase your property taxes is you. You'll likely have that chance next November based on what the Charter Review Committee does. Ahead of that, we need to be living within our means and keeping the promises we made to you when convincing you to approve Prop 409.

Gas Tax – More on Road Repair

So the Prop 409 bond money will be sold, as committed. But those are relatively small dollars in comparison to what it'll ultimately take to finish the job of road repair. We have to find a dedicated funding source so your property taxes aren't the default.

Right now, the County Administrator is suggesting an increase in the gas tax. I'm suggesting asking you to approve a portion of the RTA ½ cent sales tax to be dedicated to road repair (now it only goes to expanding road capacity). While I prefer my proposal, in fairness I want to share the basis for Mr. Huckelberry's suggestion. It's not without merit.

Here's a table that shows what happens to the costs as we continue to defer fixing the roads. As is true with anything, deferred maintenance only costs more in the long run. We have to put in place a way to fund the repairs or the magnitude of the problem will become even more daunting than it already is:

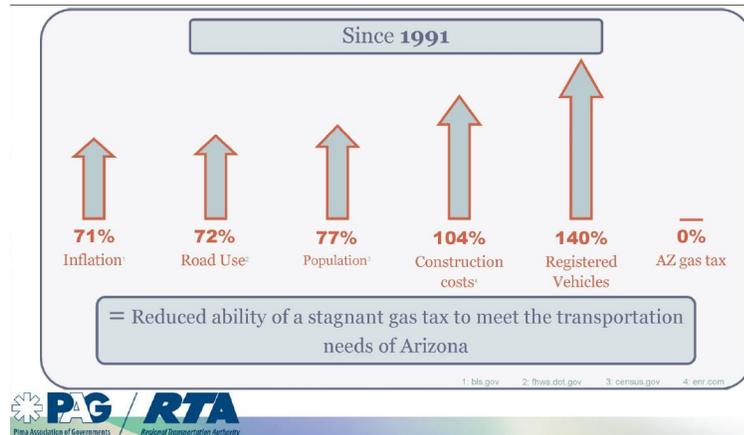


This chart also shows some of the triage the Prop 409 committee is performing with the limited dollars they have to work with for fixing the residential streets. If they were to only focus on areas that need total reconstruction, they'd chew up the \$3M they've got to work with annually in residential areas in no time. The approach they're using is to try to extend the number of linear miles being touched, and at the same time use a variety of methods so streets in varying states of need are addressed. They're just about to start identifying roads that'll be worked on in FY'16.

Back to the gas tax, though. It hasn't been increased since 1991. We're driving more fuel effi-

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

cient cars than we were back then, and so gas consumption has flat-lined. In addition, the costs for several items associated with maintaining the roads have increased. Here's a chart that shows some of that:



More cars, higher construction costs, more people using the roads more, and inflation – all up. The gas tax hasn't moved a penny. The proposal is to consider asking you to increase it by a dime per gallon. If they do, there has to be language that specifically dedicates every bit of it to road repair. Otherwise, it won't be used properly.

You're already paying the RTA sales tax. I'd like to see both options on next year's ballot; that is, would you like to see the gas tax increased, a portion of the RTA tax you pay dedicated to road repair, or both? Or neither? If it's neither, the roads won't get better any time soon. That's just a fact.

This conversation will begin to get more public now that we're done with this year's election cycle. I'm sure you're waiting eagerly to start another one. This topic will certainly be a part of it.

REMEMBERING January 8th Together we thrive

One tough issue that is turning a good corner is planning for the January 8th shooting Memorial. The violence took six lives, injured 13 others, and ultimately brought most of this community together in mutual support. There's a new exhibit opening at the Arizona State Museum commemorating the incidents surrounding the event.

The museum is located just off campus at 949 E. 2nd. It's open Monday through Saturday from 10am until 4pm. The exhibit occupies two full rooms and will be on display until the early part of next year. I know some of the people working for the Memorial Foundation are leading tours of various groups through the exhibit. You can also go solo.

There are materials which were taken from the UMC lawn, the Safeway memorial site, and from Gabby Gifford's office shrine. They were inventoried, stored, and are now on display at the museum. For those of us who were here at the time, the items will bring back some surreal memories. For newcomers, go and see what drew us together.

I've also reported to you about the process of building a permanent memorial down at the Presidio Plaza. You can check out both the museum exhibit and the progress on the memorial by going to www.tucsonmemorial.org. It'll also give you ideas about how to get involved.

Independent Police Auditor

Our first responders on that day were citizens. Lives were saved because of their efforts. Soon afterwards to arrive on the scene were police and paramedics. They also saved lives. We owe a debt to all of them.

It may seem incongruous to note at this point, but we've got a relatively new position in the City that gives you a voice in how the police men and women are doing out in public. They do a vastly good job, but nobody bats 1,000.

If you feel a member of TPD has acted inappropriately, you've got the right to file a complaint. This isn't a solicitation for you to do that, I'm just using this as an opportunity to introduce you to the Independent Police Auditor position that's now reporting to the City Manager. The woman who's in that chair, **Tristy Terwilliger**, has an extensive background in police and law enforcement with Homeland Security. She also has the name with the best euphony of any I've run across in the City.

Complaints can be self-defeating or productive. Much has to do with how they're filed. A rant will be less effective in getting a fair investigation than simply laying out the facts and getting the issue into the system. Tristy will assist you in framing the issue, filing it with the proper people, and monitoring its progress.

Complaints can be related to a variety of actions. Those include discourteous treatment, unnecessary use of force, or any other situation in which you feel the actions weren't up to the professional standards our officers most generally exhibit. If you'd like to file a report, give Tristy a call at 791.4593, send her an email at tristy.terwilliger@tucsonaz.gov or check out her web page at <http://oeop.tucsonaz.gov/oeop/independent-police-auditor>. And if you'd like to have her come and address your neighborhood association or other group, give us a call at the Ward 6 office (791.4601) and we'll be happy to assist in making that happen.

Voting Transparency

If you've watched any of our meetings you'll know that we vote sequentially, in order of Ward. I vote sixth, one ahead of the Mayor. Most generally by the time it gets to me we know whether or not there are four votes to adopt an Ordinance or Resolution. I'm fine with the system since I'm not shy about voting alone on an issue if that's what I feel is the right position to take. And to be fair, most of the others have voted alone from time to time, too.

A few months ago I spoke to the Mayor about changing our system so that we'd all cast a vote electronically, and they'd display simultaneously. Many other governing bodies do it that way. What it does is ensure the votes are tallied correctly and it makes each of us think for ourselves and reduces the potential for block voting where we wait to see how others vote and join in the parade. I like the idea. There are systems we could buy for less than \$5K. I suggested that each Ward office and the Mayor kick in a grand so we can afford a better one. Nobody jumped on the idea, but Paul, Karin, the Mayor and I voted in favor of at least having the Clerk look into systems that are on the market and propose ways we can at least change up the order in which we vote. Our office will still kick in some money if it makes the difference between one system and another that's significantly better.

Service Line Warranty Program

Several months ago we signed onto a service line warranty program that was proposed to us by the League of Cities and Towns. At the time it seemed rather benign; Tucson Water customers would receive a letter offering them an opportunity to sign onto a warranty that covers repairs up to a certain ceiling on their water lines between the house and where it connects to the public lines. In exchange, and the City received some money for giving the vendor our endorsement. It sounded like 'no harm, no foul.' Opt in, or refuse it.

We're told that 10,000 of you have signed up and that they've settled 160 claims so far, with no complaints as to how the claims were handled.

Also since that time, I've received three notices in the mail on City Manager letterhead asking if I want the service. Others of you have, too. In total we'll each get four letters per year: two for water lines and two for sewer lines. It's cheesy and has gotten to the point where I see the envelopes and they feel like they're just junk mail.

On Wednesday, we were to decide which account should end up with the dough the City receives. The proposal was made to allocate a portion of the lump sum to each Ward (\$18K) and earmark it for parks equipment. My position was that we need to stop the solicitations, make them less obtrusive, and address that in our next contract negotiations. If we can't, we could simply terminate the contract with the company and let them market their own product.

It's a small amount of money, the value of the 'insurance' is questionable, and if we can't put an end to the letters arriving at your door, we could just kill the drill and move on. But having the \$18K for parks equipment

is also nice, maybe worth having to sift through four letters per year in the solicitation. I want to hear from you on that. Assuming the four letters per year cannot be negotiated out of the agreement, is that bad enough to terminate the deal and turn away the money?

For the record, we have depleted our contingency fund already this year. If the M&C want to keep taking the money for the program, that's where I believe it should end up. But I'm also good with taking some free money to help out with parks needs. Let me know how you feel about the choice. It'll come back to us early next year.

Graffiti program / SROs



When we talk about graffiti, we're not talking about art in the form of murals that people have intentionally painted on their property – think of the east facing wall at Bookman's or some of the Roses and More stores. That's art. Graffiti is unwanted vandalism. It degrades the neighborhood aesthetic and it costs millions of dollars to abate.

In Tucson, graffiti is a Class 1 misdemeanor that comes with a minimum sentence of \$250 and not less than 20 hours of community service. That's for a tag. If TPD can tie multiple tags to a person, it can become a felony. Catching a single person is difficult. Connecting the dots and increasing the penalty is really tough.

In March of this year, we asked staff to re-form a community based Graffiti Task Force to bring us a report outlining ways we might get our arms around this problem. On Wednesday we received that report. As was predictable, much of what we saw is what we've seen before. This will take a combined effort between TPD, Code Enforcement, the courts, our very efficient abatement contractor Graffiti Protective Coatings (GPC), and the work that many of you are already engaged in – that is, neighborhood attention to the problem. There were a few new items to report, though.

We at the Ward 6 office have been working with TEP to form a pilot area in which TEP would contract with GPC to have them abate tags on some TEP equipment. Those two entities are now in negotiations about which pieces of equipment the utility will let GPC touch (there are legitimate concerns about spraying water onto transformers, etc. if they're hot) and the rates for abating. I'm told that they're close to coming to an agreement. That should help. With or without that agreement in place, if you see TEP property that has been tagged, call 623.7711, report the location, and they'll get their own personnel out to take care of the mess.

We also gave direction to our own Environmental Services, Tucson Water, Parks, and other staff to report any tags they see on City property to our own people. If you see that, call 792.CITY and we'll have GPC take care of it.

The way I titled this section is intentional. School Resource Officers are in schools to help educate kids in areas related to public safety, and in this case to allow them to play a more active role in directing kids away from getting caught up in vandalizing other peoples' property with graffiti. You'll recall that TUSD did not agree to our SRO contract but has continued to insist we put into place restrictions that violate the law. Amphi School District, however, has signed onto the SRO plan we drafted. On Wednesday, I asked that we move ahead immediately with the Amphi SRO program and not put the grant money at risk by waiting on TUSD to figure it out. If we lose a portion of the grant funding as a result of the Board's actions, the community is the loser. Now that their election is behind them, maybe they'll have a change of heart.

I'm told that the ADES is getting tired of waiting to see if we're going to take advantage of the money they've offered. It's good that we'll be able to use at least some of it in the Amphi area. Hopefully others will sign on, too.

More on TUSD

There is some good news related to TUSD, though. We've begun the community meetings related to solar panels on school property, school closures, and moves. In addition, there'll be another one on the proposed sale of Ft. Lowell Elementary. It'll be held on Monday the 10th at Streams in the Desert Lutheran Church (5360 E. Pima). The meeting will be incorporated in the regular Avondale neighborhood meeting agenda, but

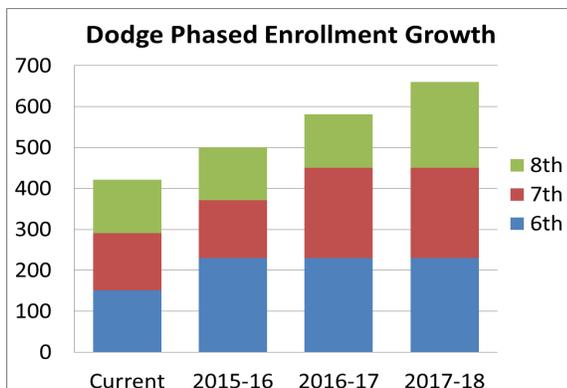
all are welcome to come and participate.

Dodge Magnet school is being moved over to Townsend. Dodge is an integrated “A” school that draws students from all over the City. The District Unitary Status Plan (the deseg plan) calls for TUSD to increase opportunities for students to attend integrated schools. The move to Townsend will do that due to the larger facility. The Dodge school meeting was to discuss possible new uses for that campus once the move is completed. One of those is to move the 1010 E. 10th Street administration functions over to Dodge. That’ll be yet another domino to fall in Ward 6 as they contemplate a new use for 1010. That’s in the Rincon Heights Neighborhood and immediately adjacent to the Broadway corridor where the RTA road expansion project is in design.



The Townsend meeting was to talk to residents about concerns they’ve got related to having that campus up and operating again. I’m grateful to Bryant Nodine and his staff for helping to facilitate both of those meetings.

Dodge has a waiting list of 130 6th graders each year. Moving it to Townsend allows Dodge to grow to 650 to 700 students and it will still be integrated. Here’s a graph that shows their projected phased in growth:



As you can see, they’ll add one 6th grade class per year for the next 3 years. They’re planning it out well, and have committed to working with the area residents to mitigate any impact on the surrounding area. The move requires TUSD Board approval, on which they’ll vote November 18th. We’re told that the \$4.7M in funding is in place. If approved, construction would run from February through May, and the move would begin immediately afterwards.

Ft. Lowell Elementary was sold several weeks ago. Last week the buyers went into escrow. As soon as that happened, concerns were raised about what the buyers have in mind for the new use. In response to that, we’re getting residents who live in the area together with our Planning staff to talk about the process that’ll be in play going forward. TUSD staff is also invited, but as you can see from the timeline, the planning and zoning work really shifts to the City.

Sept 2014	Court approval of the potential sale
Nov 2014	Open escrow (execute the sale agreement)
Nov-Jan 2015	Due diligence - TUSD provides info and surveys; potential buyer inspects the property and meets with City staff
Jan-Sep 2015	If the potential buyer decides to move forward, they initiate a rezoning process with the City, submit plans and hold the required neighborhood meetings
Oct-Nov 2015	If potential buyer agrees to close on the property, TUSD demolishes the building and certifies the site as environmentally clean
Dec 2015	Close escrow, buyer takes the property

So we’re in the “Nov-Jan” phase where the City enters the picture. We’re hopeful that many of you can carve out some time for the meeting.

These joint meetings are a huge step in the right direction for the City and District working in tandem and bringing you all into the picture early in the process. They’ve been a long time in coming.

Support for DMAFB

On Tuesday of last week, the Mayor sent out a letter to all of our Congressional delegation urging support for DMAFB. It was a pretty straightforward letter, stating the importance of the base to the local economy, and its strategic location for training and various missions. With one exception, I agree with all of what the Mayor wrote.

The exception was contained in this paragraph:

Attached is a resolution, passed unanimously by Tucson's Mayor and Council in February 2013. The resolution is specific to Davis-Monthan, but I assure you that our support for the ANG is just as strong. Please note the resolution expresses support for all missions at D-M. In my view, the City Council has taken the appropriate course in supporting our military's leadership in their decision-making process, as they balance the needs of national security with the capabilities of the nation's various installations.

Here's the related section from the Resolution he references:

SECTION 1. That the City of Tucson Mayor and Council hereby recognizes and supports the missions and long term viability of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and the leadership of Davis-Monthan to make the appropriate decisions when balancing National Security and community needs when it comes to their existing and future military mission and assignments.

On the night we adopted that Reso, I made two points for the record that aren't captured accurately in the letter sent out last week. First, I made it clear that the support I was voting for was for 'current' missions. I was not and remain unwilling to make a blanket statement of support for any and all missions that might be considered for the base. That's too broad a brush stroke for me to sign onto for a base that's nestled in an urban environment. While it's unlikely the Feds would put a mission here that was incompatible, I want to leave room for that discussion. And to that point, I made it clear that just as we have seen up until now, I'd expect base command to continue to engage the citizens of Tucson when considering mission changes at DM. In fact, it'd be nice to see the EA that's currently being reviewed to more accurately reflect the baseline year and some measurements of noise impacts other than a 24 hour weighted average. While I "support the leadership of DM" when it comes to making decisions as to "future military missions," I made it explicit that they need to continue to reach out to the local public at some point in the decision making process.

I think everyone on the M&C agrees on the importance of the base – for multiple reasons. And yet, we've got to also recognize DM sits in an urban setting and so not every possible mission would be appropriate to be housed at that base. I am not proactively conceding my voice, or that of the wider local community, when it comes to the operations approved for DM.

I appreciate Jonathan's desire to give some clarity to DM leadership related to our broad support of the base. As for clarity though, that might have been to touch base with me and confirm the language of his letter prior to having it sent out. I was specific at the Public hearing when we voted on the changes being proposed back then.



2014 Southwest Regional Workshop
November 11- 14, 2014

Please mark your calendar for the evening of November 14th and plan on joining us at the Ward 6 office for the opening night of what will be a month long art exhibit that's tied into the United Nations "International Year of Light." The exhibit will include the works of artists who are involved with the International Association of Astronomical Artists. Some of their work was up on display two weeks ago at the Kuiper Astronomy building on the UA campus. We're honored to keep it going through the end of the year.

The U.N. observance is intended to draw attention to the achievements of

light science, its applications and most importantly, to demonstrate its direct importance to humankind. IAAA members' goal is to promote education about space and foster international cooperation in this critical field. Over the weekend I read an article in which a comment was made that indicated space science has lost its focus. Maybe. I remember a pretty direct focus back in the '60's. Now, the writer might have a point. The work of the IAAA and others is geared to reinvigorating the field.

The kickoff event will begin at 6pm on the 14th. If you'd like to get more information about the group or the exhibit in general, please contact Michelle Rouch at mrouch@gainbroadband.com. She'll also be present at the opening, along with many of the artists who will have works on display. The event is free.

Arizona Softball



Another UA related item is the building project we're engaged in to upgrade the softball facilities. Mike Candrea and his staff have won 8 national championships. They're certainly deserving of the touch.

The facilities will include new team rooms, locker and training room facilities, and some lounge and academic space. As you can see, it's located right out at the field so the team won't have to carry gear over from McKale any longer once the building is completed. That's scheduled for January, right before the upcoming season begins. As with the McKale work, the timeline is tight, but we've got a good team of Swaim Architects and Concord Construction working on the

job, so I'm not too worried about missing opening day.

I note this here because I know many of you support the softball program. I wanted to show that we're about more than just the arena sports.

Student Athletes

Also related to collegiate student athletes, the Pac-12 Conference made some changes at their last meeting that I think are worthy of credit. Several newsletters ago, I shared a little about the litigation pending on the unionization of student athletes. The changes adopted by the Pac-12 are very much responsive to the concerns raised in that suit.

There were five specific changes adopted. Each demonstrates the commitment the Conference has to the educational experience and health of the young adults who play for us. The changes include:

- 1) Athletic scholarships will be guaranteed for 4 years.
- 2) Student-Athletes who leave school prior to graduating can have their educational expenses covered when they come back to earn their degrees – the condition is that they had completed 50% of their progress towards graduation at the time they left school.
- 3) Student-Athletes who are injured will have their medical expenses related to the injury covered for up to 4 years after they leave school
- 4) Student-Athletes who transfer to another Pac-12 school can receive an athletic scholarship immediately (other conferences discourage in-conference transfers and hold back on scholarships for varying periods of time).
- 5) Student-Athletes will have representation in the Pac-12 governance structure.

I've worked in Intercollegiate Athletics for over 25 years. Budgets have grown, facilities are much improved, and the fan experience is a key component we consider in the product delivered. It's great to see the Conference leadership making these moves as a way to share in the positive growth of the college sports field. Bottom line, college is for an education. A very small percentage of the kids you see competing ever go onto making a living in professional sports. The Pac-12 should be commended for making these adjustments in policy.

Garrett Eckbo Landscape Project

Finally, the proposed County Bond package is currently going through the process of cutting out proposals.

They've got over \$1B in front of the committee right now. By the early part of next year they'll have trimmed that down to about \$600M. The package is headed for the 2015 ballot.



Photo by Jerusha Schmalzel

In the picture shown at left are Karla Van Drunen Littooy and Helen Erickson, along with State Representative (historian) Demion Clinco, and head of the Rio Board Fletcher McCusker. We're cutting the ribbon opening the first piece of the Eckbo plaza revitalization. The tie-into the County bond package is that it's still one of the projects standing. If you go online and look up the whole list, this one is shown as #21 in the museums and tourism section.

The Eckbo work isn't the only piece this bond item would cover. They're looking at a \$28M bit of work that'll include upgrades to the Leo Rich Theater, the Music Hall at the TCC, and Eckbo. The connection is that the Eckbo landscaping and fountains run in between those two buildings.

The bond committee has lots of work left to do, and it was nice to be able to show them that private partners are behind this recommended project.

In an earlier item, I mentioned how we've finally got the City and TUSD staff working together. At this event we had the City, County, Rio and the State legislature all standing alongside one another in support. That's also a

corner we have needed to turn in this region for over a decade. And I should note that both Swaim and Concord are at work redoing the TCC – the same team that's working on the Arizona Softball field.

It's great to see so many partners in the community pulling the rope in the same direction.

Sincerely,

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Events and Entertainment

What's happening this week in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

The 25th Annual All Souls Procession and Grand Finale

Sunday, November 9th

Venue: Prior to the start of the Procession, gather at 4 PM on N 6th Ave, north of the underpass and south of 6th St (about 400 N 6th Ave).

Time: Starting: 6:30 PM roughly



The All Souls Procession is perhaps one of the most important, inclusive and authentic public ceremonies in North America today. The Procession had its beginnings in 1990 with a ritualistic performance piece created by local artist Susan Johnson, who was grieving the passing of her father. Inspired by Mexico's Dia de los Muertos holiday, Johnson felt she should honor her father in celebration and creativity. The performance was very well received and many artists were inspired to continue growing the Procession into its modern incarnation.

Today we find ourselves organizing close to 100,000 participants on the streets of downtown Tucson for a two-mile long human-powered procession that ends in the finalizing action of burning a large Urn filled with the hopes, offerings and wishes of the public for those who have passed. Inside the event are myriads of installation art, altars, performers, and creatives of all kinds collaborating for almost half the year to prepare their offerings to this amazing event. The All Souls Procession, and now the entire All Souls Weekend, is a celebration and mourning of the lives of our loved ones who have passed.

For more information and for the route map, please visit <http://allsoulsprocession.org/>

Extended Sun Link Streetcar Hours for All Souls Procession

This Sunday, November 9, the Sun Link streetcar has extended its hours of operation to 11 p.m. for the 25th annual *All Souls Procession* to allow event attendees to park, dine and ride Sun Link to the parade and grand finale. There are more than 11,000 parking spaces along the streetcar line and parking is free at more than 1,200 metered street spaces after 5 p.m. Friday through the weekend.

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How many gallons of water do you use? How much water can you save? Check out Conserve2Enhance (C2E) and use the Water Use Dashboard (<http://conserve2enhance.org/join>) to explore a wealth of information about your household's or business's water use.

- Track your water savings
- Compare indoor and outdoor water usage
- Calculate a customized water use target for the upcoming month
- Receive easy-to-implement tips to help you save water
- Get alerts about dollar-saving rebate programs in your area
- Turn your savings into actual environmental enhancements in Tucson!



Conserve2Enhance is a program that helps you put your water conservation efforts to work for the environment. Link water efficiency to real, local environmental enhancement by tracking your water use over time, learning about where you have the most potential to save, and put your savings to work to support wetland and riparian restoration, in-stream flow improvements, green infrastructure projects, rainwater harvesting, source water protection, and urban waterway improvements locally. Learn more here: <http://conserve2enhance.org/>.

Ford Driving Skills for Life Program Tucson Public Safety Training Academy

10001 S. Wilmot Road

Saturday & Sunday, November 8th & 9th



The Ford Driving Skills for Life (DSFL) hands-on teen driving program is returning to Tucson. The FREE award-winning program is aimed at reducing teen fatalities by providing hands-on training to 400 Arizona teens in advanced skills that address major contributors to traffic crashes involving new drivers. A recent report by the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) shows that teen driver fatalities are on the rise among drivers ages 16-17.

Saturday, November 8, 2014

Session 1: 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Session 2: 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 9, 2014

Session 1: 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Session 2: 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Registration is limited and signed consent forms are required. For more information and to register, please visit www.drivingskillsforlife.com. Participants must bring the signed waiver form and the teen's driver's license or permit to the event. This website has useful resources for teen drivers, parents and educators. Questions: e-mail FordDSFL@ford.com.

Ongoing

Tucson Symphony Orchestra, 260 S. Church Ave
<http://www.tucsonsymphony.org/>

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave
<http://www.arizonatheatre.org/>

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

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>

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St
<http://hotelcongress.com>

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

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

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave
 Temple of Shadows. August 21st to November 1st.
 Jewish History Museum invites the public to view 15 prints showing the Museum before its renovation in black and white and afterwards infused with color.
www.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
 Opening October 18, 2014
Regarding Curtis: Contemporary Indian Artists Respond to the Imagery of Edward S. Curtis Whether romanticized or contested, the enduring power of the imagery of Edward S. Curtis has informed contemporary notions of Native American identity and perception. By inviting contemporary Indian artists to respond to these issues of identity and perception, we carry this dialogue into the present day, both visually and intellectually.
www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd
 Now through December 2014, "The Best of the Best: Prize Minerals from the Vaults of Arizona's Collectors."
<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>

Sacred Machine Museum & Curiosity Shop, 245 E Congress St

<http://sacredmachine.com>

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>