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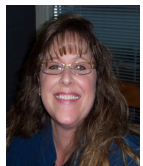
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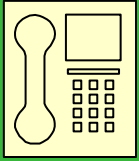
A Message From Steve

During Tuesday's Council meeting we addressed several issues that can have a significant impact on the fiscal health of our community. While you'll see their individual importance, you will also see that the whole can become greater than the sum of their parts.

Raytheon is one of the prime economic drivers of our community. Last month, due to several factors, Tucson lost out to Huntsville, Alabama on jobs that will be created over there. In an effort to avoid losing out on similar opportunities in the future, we must work across jurisdictional lines and provide for buffer protections to the perimeter of the Raytheon site. On Tuesday, we moved in the direction of providing that protection, and also made it clear that we need to hear from Raytheon regarding other issues we might need to address in order to help solve some of the challenges they face at their present site. Not only is this action consistent with the terms of the annexation agreement we signed last year, but it paves the way for our ability to lure more jobs to the Tucson plant in the days and years ahead. This is the sort of action we need to be taking in order to protect the long-term interests of our city.

Also in the area of job creation and protection, we heard from our procurement office on the topic of enhancing the preferences we can legitimately give to small, local businesses when they bid on work through the City. This work will include subcontractors, architect/engineering services and other business service providers. Currently, purchases of \$50,000 or less qualify for preferences. We have directed staff to return to us early in January with a proposal to increase that level so that the pool of purchases local businesses might receive is enlarged.

More on jobs? We are looking at restructuring some of the provisions to the sign code. While everybody on the council recognizes the need to protect the natural beauty of our scenic areas, we must find the balance between jobs creation/preservation and protecting that public good. There is general consensus that the sign code needs an overhaul. What we will vote on next week is a step in that direction that I am confident will reflect our mutual concern for the environmental sensitivity of our surrounding areas and the need to allow businesses to operate in ways that give them a fighting chance at survival during this economic downturn.



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police Department

911 or 791-4444
nonemergency

Mayor & Council Comment Line

791-4700

Neighborhood Resources

791-4605

Park Wise

791-5071

Water Issues

791-3242

Pima County Animal Control

243-5900

Street Maintenance

791-3154

Development Services

791-4505

Southwest Gas

889-1888

Gas Emergency/ Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus Hotline

243-7999

Environment Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal

792-2489

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And more jobs - this time in the form of tourism dollars. Back in January, I raised the need to monitor the allocations we provide to outside agencies. Specifically, we must establish measurable metrics by which each recipient is scored either worthy or unworthy of a taxpayer subsidy. Throughout the summer we put in place processes by which arts, workforce and economic development, and human services providers would be evaluated. We had TREO in front of the council speaking about their efforts to market the region. On Tuesday we had the Metropolitan Tucson Convention and Visitor's Bureau at our study session answering questions related to how they spend the \$2.8 million in taxpayer dollars with which we fund them. We eventually voted to have our citizen's audit commission conduct a performance review of the MTCVB so that we can look our constituents in the eye and say that we have looked at and approved (or not) of the manner in which their money is being spent in touting Tucson as a destination location. The evaluation is due back to us before we make a final decision on FY'12 budget allocations.

The council gave our City Attorney the go-ahead to proceed to agreement with the Rio Nuevo Board on the terms of two IGA's. Those Agreements address our governance relationship and also the disposition of several pieces of real estate that are the subject of dispute between the parties at this time. It is my belief that the terms with which we armed the City Attorney are fair and that they form the basis of agreement with the District. As I've been stating for several weeks, we need to get these agreements in place and move forward with Rio on funding improvements to the TCC. It was that facility the audit pointed to as having been the neglected "primary component" of the District from Day 1. Now we are close to having achieved a focus on that facility. I am hopeful the District signs onto what we now have in front of them so we can advance our relationship. We also included in our motion to move the IGA's our willingness to participate on a mutually cooperative basis with any audit that comes related to the history of Rio Nuevo and how the TIF dollars were spent. There is clearly a high level of discontent in the community over the manner in which over \$200 million was spent. With this motion, the City has made it clear that we are willing to address what has happened in a transparent manner so that we can eventually refocus on the work ahead that we have yet to achieve.

Much of this can come to a screeching halt if some of the financial proposals I hear being bandied about up in Phoenix are implemented. Some of these include limits on our share of State sales and income taxes, elimination of the Model Cities Tax Code so we effectively lose control of setting our own tax rates, moving the collection of sales tax up to Phoenix, changes in the ways properties are valued, and outright sweeps of State-shared revenues. I have asked for weekly updates on how these and other financially related measures are progressing through the committees and both houses of the State Legislature. Clearly we need the support of our Southern Arizona Legislative Delegation as we fight Maricopa County officials in an effort to keep the necessary controls of, and funding through the various revenue vehicles we have at our disposal.



Finally, while we discuss how to create and preserve jobs in our community, it is a fact that many among us are either unemployed or underemployed. With that in mind, please participate in reaching out to our neighbors by bringing into the Ward office canned, or other packaged food products. Personal hygiene products are also needed. I would like to have to climb over the donated goods - let's work together to make a mountain of what will constitute a love offering to those among us who are less fortunate and find themselves in need of the basics.



Sincerely,

Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/ward6>

AZ Game & Fish
628-5376



Ward 6 Council Office is hosting
a Holiday Open House

Friday, December 17, 2010

5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at 3202 East First Street

Come join Council Member Kozachik
and his staff

for some light refreshments as we feature

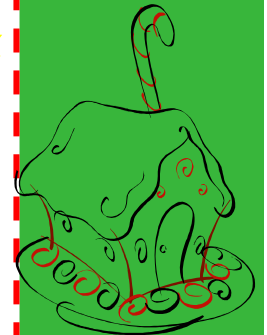
a special display and information
about handmade jewelry from Zambia.

Downtown Parade of Lights



The 16th annual Downtown Parade of Lights takes place on Saturday, December 18, at 6:30pm. For information, call 837-6504. Volunteers are needed from 5pm - 7:30pm Dec 18th, stationed at downtown street barricades on Parade Route for basic traffic control. To sign up Call Mia 520.370.0588 or Email Mia@TucsonMeetYourself.org

http://www.downtowntucson.org/downtown_parade_of_lights/



27th ANNUAL SENIOR OLYMPIC FESTIVAL REGISTRATION IN PROGRESS

Who: Tucson Parks and Recreation Department and various sponsors

What: The 27th Annual Senior Olympic Festival featuring nearly 100 events and activities at more than 30 venues throughout the City of Tucson.

When: January 21-30, 2011 **Where:** Various venues **How:** Register through December 31, 2010 at www.ezeereg.com or get a registration guide at any recreation center or call 791-3244. Late registration: January 1-12, with a \$3 fee per event.



4th Avenue Winter Street Fair

400 arts and crafts booths, 35 food vendors, performance stages, street musicians, food, jugglers, kids entertainment, face painting, balloons, and more.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Phone: 624-5004,

Website: <http://www.fourthavenue.org/>

Free



2nd Saturdays Downtown

Come join the holiday festivities with arts, food, and local performance groups along Congress Street. Santa and his elves will be at MEB Management, 120 E. Congress St. The Scott Stage will feature Lunar Light Collectors, Jazz telephone, Kristen Chandler. The Rialto Theatre will host The Great Cover-up. The Fox has Five Way Street Paying tribute to Crosby, Still & Nash.

Time: 4 to 9 p.m. For more info. go to www.2ndsaturdaysdowntown.com/

ZooLights

Jingle bells, refreshments, twinkling lights, falling snow, and Santa. Lights displays, animal-theme light sculptures, and more. Thursdays-Sundays Dec 3-19; Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 20-22. Reid Park Zoo, 1100 S. Randolph Way. 791-4022

<http://www.tucsonzoo.org/events/?eventid=1110>



Conserve to Enhance Pilot Promotion Accepting Applications

A new program, called Conserve to Enhance, is now available to connect water conservation efforts to enhancing Tucson's desert environment. Tucson residents who choose to participate will install water conservation practices, track their water savings on their water bill, and donate the savings to benefit local enhancement projects. Donations will benefit enhancement projects along the Rillito River and Atturbury Wash located in Tucson, both of which have public access so you can see your dollars at work. Forty-five \$500 subsidies are being offered to pilot participants that install water harvesting practices to reduce outdoor water use.

This program is a collaboration of the Sonoran Institute, UA Water Resources Research Center, and Watershed Management Group and is overseen by a community advisory board. The program concept applies a novel approach to an emerging problem, engaging individual water users in voluntary action toward a more sustainable water future where the environment is "at the table" as a water user. For more information and to apply, please visit <http://watershedmg.org/c2e>.

The Tucson Conserve to Enhance pilot program will begin January 2011. You only have about two weeks left to sign up to participate in the C2E pilot program! The application will be open through Wednesday, December 22nd. If you have any questions contact: Joanna B. Nadeau phone: (520) 621-7292 email: jnadeau@cals.arizona.edu Visit <http://cals.arizona.edu/azwater/>

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