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Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

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Since the gun buy-back and the counter-rally that was held demonstrating the need for background checks, we've been building up to yesterday's vote to mandate those at events being hosted on City property. Council member Uhlich and I penned the agenda item, and together we thank the rest of the Mayor and Council for coming alongside of us in solidarity, standing for a common sense condition we'll now place on users of our public spaces.

Specifically, if you rent or lease space on City owned or managed property, we're going to require every gun sale to go through a background check.

The leadership in the State legislature, and others from the gun advocacy groups would have you believe that that's an inconsequential, if even a negative step. We differ – unanimously.

The Mayor and Council are pleased to also have the support in this by our Chief of Police, Roberto Villasenor. He was invited back to D.C. last week to meet with the President as a member of the Major Cities Chief Conference. A part of their agenda was gun control. Here's a link to the Chief's report on the meeting.

Gun Violence Meeting Washington DC Jan 2013.pdf

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/2-6-13GunVioMtgWashDC.pdf>

Of particular note is this excerpt from the memo:

“Some of the main ideas that were discussed included the need for universal background checks, a general opposition to extended magazines in firearms available for public use, the need to consider mental health issues, and the desire of law enforcement executives to develop a mechanism for the purpose of recording any time a gun is transferred, lost, or stolen.”

The Chief, and his colleagues in the law enforcement profession validated what we did yesterday at the M&C. Also in support is Sherriff Dupnik – a law enforcement professional for 55 years. At a recent forum at which he spoke, he also came out in support of background checks on person-to-person sales.

This is not revolutionary stuff, folks. And yet, to listen in on some of the Congressional hearings, and even local carping about what we're proposing, you'd think this was about confiscation. The NRA sends out periodic email blasts asking for funding or advocacy. This is a quote from one that came last week:



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

Planning and
Development

Services 791-5550

Southwest Gas

889-1888

Gas Emergency/
Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus

Hotline

243-7999

Environment

Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal

792-2489

AZ Game & Fish

628-5376

Continued: A Message From Steve

STEVE--

You and I have suffered blistering and brutal attacks over the last several weeks.

We've been called every name in the book. Our values have been mocked. Our love of freedom has been ridiculed.

All of this because gun ban politicians and media elites want America to believe we're some sort of second class citizens...just so they can silence, shame and sideline us while they destroy the Second Amendment.

So I went to Congress to STAND AND FIGHT on behalf of you, myself and every other freedom-loving gun owner in America. I looked our elected officials dead in the eye, and I told them in no uncertain terms that if they want a fight...THEN THEY JUST GOT ONE.

First of all, the signer (Wayne LaPierre – President of the NRA) is right that I've been called every name in the book, and have had my values mocked in the past few weeks. But it's from his side of this argument that the critical comments have come. To speak of "gun ban politicians," the "destruction of the 2nd Amendment," and add to that those 'fightin' words is not at all conducive to reasonable discourse.



Take a deep breath, Wayne.

Back in 1999, LaPierre openly supported universal background checks. Now he'd rather fight.

I reported last week that the Legislature has bills now intended to stop voluntary gun buy-backs, telling the Federal Government that we're a sovereign and won't obey their gun laws, and that they're again looking at guns on school campuses, public buildings and our

State Attorney General wants to arm teachers or school staffers.

There is clearly a divide in how the community is addressing this. For that reason, the Home Rule Memorial that the Mayor and Council adopted early in the year is even more important. The rhetoric is over the top and unhelpful. What we did with respect to background checks is simply common sense. I'm hopeful that enough members of the State Legislature will at the very least concede local decision making and take a fresh look at the pre-emptive law they adopted last year that prevents us from responding to what we hear from our constituents here in Tucson.

You'll continue to hear my mantra "Tucson First" this year. It's the way we're gearing up to govern at the M&C, despite what's coming at us from Phoenix again this session.

Finally, this may have gone under your radar screen, but this topic has once again put us



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Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jon Kyl (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman
Ron Barber (D)
(8th District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(7th District)
520-622-6788

Governor Janice
Brewer (R)
Governor of Arizona
602-542-4331
Toll free:
1-800-253-0883

State Legislators
Toll Free
Telephone:
1-800-352-8404
Internet:
www.azleg.gov

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201

City Infoguide
[http://
cms3.tucsonaz.gov/
infoguide](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide)

in the international spotlight. Since the buy-back, and up through our council meeting yesterday, I've interviewed with members of the Wall Street Journal, newspapers in Denver, San Francisco, the BBC, a Japanese Film Crew that showed up to film a documentary, MSNBC, CNN.Com, the Voice of Russia, Canadian Broadcasting Radio, the Jon Stewart Daily Show, a Facilities Mgmt trade journal published out of Texas, two Spanish Speaking television stations, KTAR in Phoenix, the Arizona Republic, and our local media outlets. From that, I've been told that some of what I've written or said has appeared in papers from San Antonio to Nebraska, and more.

I mention this coverage to alert those in the Legislature who may care about our State's National and International image that what is being reported is a series of stories that express a gaping inability to understand how we can be so unable to even engage rational discourse on the topic of firearms. These are the sorts of issues that drive businesses, and that drive top-notch professors out of the State.

On Tuesday, the M&C showed leadership on this issue. I would love to see the County follow suit.

Finally, the people who deserve to be recognized in what we adopted on Tuesday are the dozens of citizens who came down both during the study session, and at our evening session to show their support. Tucson led on this issue yesterday, and just as we showed community unity a couple of years ago in the aftermath of a tragic event, we showed that same level of unity yesterday as we joined in support of a common sense approach to how guns are sold in our City.

Multimedia Production Tax Incentives – SB1242

The Film incentive jobs bill has been dropped in the State Senate. Here is a list of the sponsors, and co-sponsors:

MELVIN	P	CAJERO BEDFORD	P	FARLEY	P
LOPEZ	P	PANCRAZI	P	TOVAR	P
STEELE	P	WHEELER	P	JACKSON	C
MCCOMISH	C	WORSLEY	C	GOODALE	C
MEYER	C	OTONDO	C		

As you can see, this is again a bi-partisan bill, just as it was last session. What seems to be going on is that the lobbying that is opposing the bill is using language from a similar proposal that was dropped about four years ago. That bill had problems, and has since been changed in significant, and compelling ways. It's no longer just a give-away to film companies. Now it's a rebate on money that has already been spent into the economy.

I've shared about this bill on several occasions in this newsletter. Now that it's being reconsidered, if you believe in it, please email or call your State Legislator and ask for their support.

This is clean, lucrative industry whose economic reach extends into a variety of segments of

our economy. Chambers of Commerce and the Convention and Visitor's Bureau note that the film industry is a wonderful marketing tool for the area. Until it's signed by the Governor, members of the House and Senate need to hear from supporters.

State Budget / Private Prisons

Arizona spends over \$1B on prisons every year.

Speaking of legislation, the Legislature is now asking for an additional \$11M to activate private prison beds, and to staff maximum security prisons. Last term, the Legislature swept \$50M from the Housing Settlement Fund in order to pay for new prisons. That money was intended to go to victims of foreclosures. There is now litigation, the goal of which is to try to restore those funds.

In addition to the \$11M noted above, the Legislature has approved a \$16M allocation for a new Corrections Corporation of America private prison, to be built in 2015.

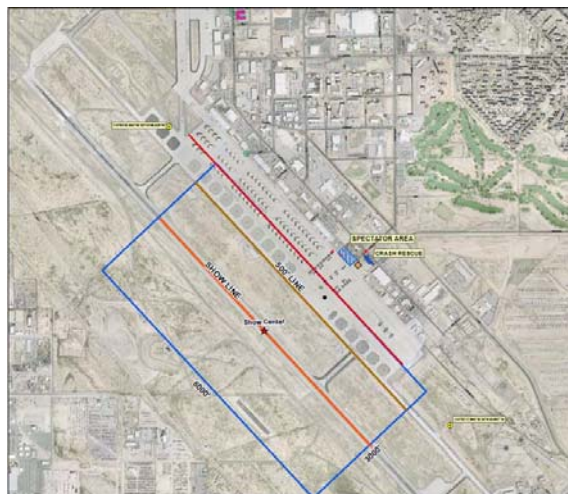
Arizona's prison population is decreasing. And yet the Corrections Department budget is the third largest in the State. It consumes over 11% of the State's total budget, and it crowds out funding for things such as education, and health care. There's already litigation pending on prison conditions in Arizona. If you believe we could allocate these dollars more effectively, share your thoughts with your Legislator. If you support these expenditures, you should also exercise the right to petition your representative.

Heritage Flight

On March 1, 2, and 3 (if needed due to weather related cancellations on either of the first two days,) DM will host a few days during which pilots will engage in refreshing their skills in both vintage and currently used aircraft. Some of the flying will be acrobatic as training for air show participation. The aircraft will begin to arrive at DM starting on February 27th. You may see some old style aircraft coming in overhead – it's not the effect of sequestration that you're seeing.

On Thursday of last week I visited Col. Blanchard and several FAA and DM staff in a meeting with the intended purpose being to open a dialogue about how the Heritage flights would be conducted, and to share some concerns I've heard. I'd characterize it as having been a productive meeting.

Here's a map of where the acrobatics will be allowed:



None will take place over residential areas. The footprint you see is directly over DMAFB.

First, a couple of misnomers, and then a comment on what'll be coming in March. The first misnomer is calling the pilots "trainees." The pilots who fly in the Heritage Flight program have thousands of hours of training, and before they're allowed to fly the Tucson (or any) air show, they're required to be approved by a 4-Star, after having been vetted up a chain of command. These aren't rookies.

The command group with whom I met also discussed the level of maintenance given to the aircraft being planned for this Heritage refresher activity. They're giving the aircraft being used in the Heritage event greater scrutiny than is generally afforded to commercial aircraft.

Here are a few facts that you'll observe during the flight event:

- A) No acrobatics will occur over any residential areas – some of the modern aircraft will do a 60 degree bank in order to avoid the zoo and UA airspace, but that is normal for the aircraft that'll be dipping their wing at that angle.
- B) While awaiting approach, there are two 'holding' areas in which aircraft will circle until released to fly over to the DM site for their part in the show. Those 'holding' areas are east of Houghton, and an oval area that runs from about Speedway/Kolb, out to the southeast.
- C) During the refresher weekend flights, you'll notice about 25% of the regular number of flights coming into and out from DM.
- D) After leaving their 'holding' areas, they'll fly a route that splits the area between Reid Park Zoo, and the UA. This is essentially the same flight path that DM flights normally use
- E) One of the aircraft being used is the F22. It will be loud.

This event is sponsored by the Air Combat Command, not Davis-Monthan. The DM site is used due to its weather and ramp space. The FAA will be on site throughout in order to monitor the flight paths being used, and to ensure any of the waivers and temporary flight restrictions that have been authorized by the FAA are adhered to.

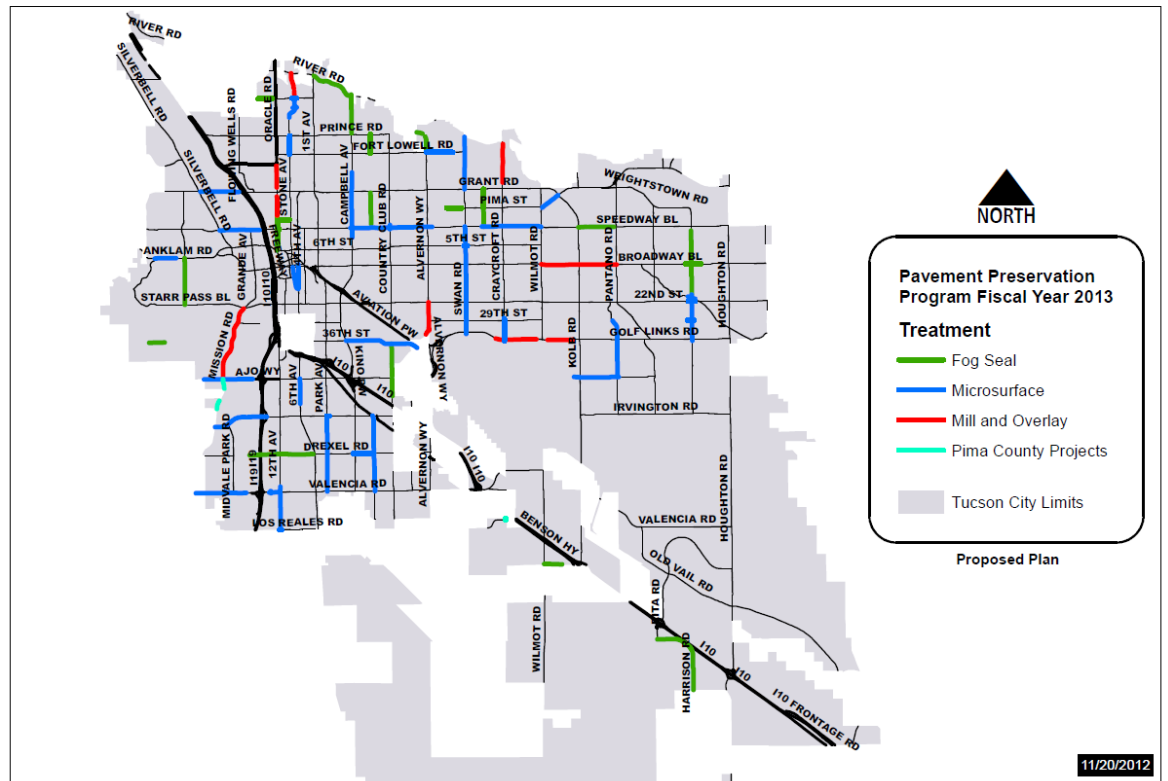
So, between 8am and 7pm, primarily on March 1st and 2nd, you'll see a significantly reduced number of flights coming over mid town / those that you do see will be a combination of vintage and modern aircraft / the pilots flying the planes will have thousands of hours' flight time / the planes will have been monitored and pre-cleared from a maintenance standpoint / no acrobatics will take place over any residential areas.

If wind speeds are projected to exceed 35 mph, the flights will be cancelled.

Those answers are the reason I requested the meeting out on Base. After having received the briefing, I'm convinced that the Air Force has taken into account the safety of the public when establishing the ground rules for the Heritage weekend flights. They didn't dodge any of the questions I posed, and the door is open to continue this rapport with them if more issues arise.

Road Repair

Pavement Preservation Program - Fiscal Year 2013



During our last budget cycle, we approved \$20M in funding for road repairs that will occur during this fiscal year. The money is not the Road Bond money that voters approved last November. This is the HURF refinance money, plus some other revenue that staff pulled for a variety of sources.

From time to time I'm asked which roads are getting treated. The map shown above reflects both the location and style of work being done with the \$20M. These selections were made by TDOT staff based on a long term road maintenance plan. You'll probably see some roads that are not in as bad repair as some others you're driving on, but that are getting treatments. The rationale is the same as deferred maintenance; that is, take care of the assets in the early stages of disrepair and you save money over the longer term.

You know that I'm willing to be a strong advocate on all sorts of issues. Funding road repairs immediately was one of those. The picking and choosing of what roads are handled first, and by what method is properly that of TDOT management. They've got that skill set.

Having said that, if you come across a stretch of road that is in particularly bad condition and you feel it should be moved up on the to-do list that TDOT is preparing, please send it along. That's no guarantee that providing the information will necessarily result in changes to TDOT's plans, but I'll at least have them circle back and look at the reasoning behind their choices, and the options you'll offer.

Historic Rincon Heights Neighborhood Status

Last week the Rincon Heights neighborhood received word that their application for regis-

tration as a National Historic District was approved by the National Park Service. Here's the formal notification:

National Park Service: National Register of Historic Places

Progress on Updating National Register Bulletin 38 (Traditional Cultural Properties)

WEEKLY LIST OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON PROPERTIES: 1/22/13 THROUGH 1/25/13

KEY: State, County, Property Name, Address/Boundary, City, Vicinity, Reference Number, NHL, Action, Date, Multiple Name

ARIZONA, PIMA COUNTY,

Rincon Heights Historic District,

Roughly bounded by 6th St., Broadway Blvd., Campbell & Fremont Aves.,

Tucson, 12001190,

LISTED, 1/23/13

Also receiving that listing was San Rafael Estates out at Broadway and Wilmot (Ward 2.)

In addition to the RH application, there'll soon be progress to relate on the Historic District application process as it relates to the Broadway corridor (generally, Euclid to Country Club, or some portion of that area.) All of this plays well into the on-going discussions related to the RTA Broadway Corridor expansion. The 'listings' will serve to inform the Citizen's Task Force about the value of preservation that attaches to their cross-width decisions.

As far as the Rincon Heights listing is concerned, meetings are being scheduled right now in order to educate residents about what the options and opportunities are that attach to the designation. If you're a resident in the neighborhood, you should be getting information on the dates/times within the next few weeks.

Ronstadt Transit Center



On Tuesday we voted to approve the process of seeking Requests for Qualifications from design firms, the goal being to see what creative ideas emerge related to development on and around the RTC. What we did not do was to encourage or authorize design firms to suggest moving transit operations out of the downtown area, or to propose any significant diminution of that function in the area.

I asked that we take off the table moving transit over to the Volvo property on Broadway. The design of Broadway, and the distance from the current multi-modal center and streetcar line make that site uninteresting to us. Council member Uhlich included a site map in with her motion to move towards an RFQ – that map outlines the specific area of focus. We agreed to limit this study to the areas shown on that map and not get out ahead of that process.

In the image above, you see the old trolley rolling past RTC. Soon that'll be the Modern Streetcar. That only increases the value of the RTC site for retail and other mixed use development. But it also points to the need to retain a transit function in the vicinity, if not on the site itself. There are parcels immediately to the north of the Center that may be included in design proposals.

It's no surprise to anybody who has been paying attention to downtown development for any length of time that the development of this site has been a tough political issue. But with the Streetcar coming, student housing being built in the vicinity, businesses popping up along the Congress corridor, and talk of an inter-city rail line close by, we'd be selling ourselves short to at least not explore how we can integrate those dynamics into a positive design for the development of the RTC. We potentially have some funding assistance coming from Rio once we get our Settlement Agreement signed with them. That, along with what I expect to be some serious responses to the RFQ should make this an idea with lots of upside for all of the parties who will be involved in the planning discussions.

Any major capital project takes from 4-5 years to move from conceptual design up through occupancy. The design development necessarily includes all of the various stakeholders of the site, making sure the input matches the budgetary constraints as the design takes form. That's the path we've begun. It's not a sprint, and we've committed to a wide ranging discussion that incorporates the varied interests who currently interact with the area. Getting that conversation started with the issuance of the RFQ was a necessary first step.

Rio

Finally, in the Star on Tuesday it was reported that Rio had agreed to the settlement sheet we have been negotiating. Just to bring that column up to current, we haven't seen what they voted on yet, so without those details, I can't validate that we've got the Rio issues behind us. But if they voted on and agreed to what we sent over to them a month ago, we're well on our way to putting the disputes into the past, and moving ahead with the Rio Board collaboratively working for the betterment of our downtown core. That's jobs – tax base – and a big step for our local economy.

I suspect that there'll be much more to report to you on this next week.

Sincerely,



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

Arts and Entertainment Events Calendar

This week and next week at the arts and entertainment venues in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

2nd Saturdays Downtown – February 9, 4:00pm – 10:30pm

On Saturday, February 9 come Downtown to experience the music, fun, and entertainment of 2nd Saturdays Downtown. Featuring Roth D’Lux, Silverbell, The Jix, and many more. For a complete entertainment schedule visit <http://www.2ndsaturdaysdowntown.com/>

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Friday, February 8, 6:30pm doors open. “**Sonoran Glass School Flame Off!**” all ages.

Saturday, February 9, 8:00pm. “**Rialto Theatre Foundation Inaugural Fundraiser Gala**”

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Thursday, February 7, 7:30pm. “**Dwight Yoakam**”

Saturday, February 9, 7:30pm. “**Downtown Second Saturdays Presents: Pavlo**”

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave.

Arizona Theatre Company presents “**The Sunshine Boys**” by Neil Simon

Saturday, March 2 – March 23, 2013.

www.arizonatheatre.org

Tucson Convention Center <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/tcc/eventcalendar>

Tuesday, February 5 through Sunday, February 17. “**Gem and Mineral Show**”

Ongoing . . .

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

Ongoing exhibition, Opening Saturday, January 26 and ending June 16:

“**Desert Grasslands,**” “**Feminina: Images of the Feminine from Latin America,**” and “**Elements in Western Art: Water, Fire, Air, and Earth**”

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), 265 S. Church Ave.

Current exhibition: “**Peter Young: Capitalist Masterpieces**”

Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00pm.

www.Moca-Tucson.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S. 6th Ave.

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

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

The Drawing Studio, 33 S. 6th Ave.

Ongoing Exhibit, Opens February 2 and runs February 24

“**The Way of the Brush – Brush Spirit: Yoshi Nakano**”

<http://www.thedrawingstudio.org/>

Jewish History Museum, 564 S. Stone Ave.

Open Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1:00-5:00 and Friday, Noon to 3:00pm

Special hours for school and group tours, for more information call 670-9073

www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Meet Me at Maynards

A social walk/run through the Downtown area
Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!
Maynards Market and Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Avenue, the historic train depot
Check-in begins at 5:15pm.
www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Tucson Farmers' Market at Maynards

Saturdays 9:00am – 1:00pm
On the plaza at Maynards Market & Kitchen. 400 N Toole in the Historic Train Depot

Santa Cruz Farmers' Market Mercado San Agustin, 100 S. Avenida del Convento
Thursdays, 4:00 – 7:00pm.

For other events in the Downtown/4th Avenue/Main Gate area, visit these sites:

www.MainGateSquare.com
www.FourthAvenue.org
www.DowntownTucson.org

Other Community Events

Loft Cinema www.loftcinema.com/
Wednesday, February 6, 7:30pm. “Tchoupitoulas”
Thursday, February 7, 7:00pm. “The Wrecking Crew”

Arizona State Museum – Woven Wonders (beginning April 28)

The Arizona State Museum is debuting a sample of 500 pieces from the world’s largest collection of South-west American Indian basketry (over 25,000 pieces). Visit www.statemuseum.arizona.edu for more information.

UA Mineral Museum – Ongoing

“100 Years of Arizona’s Best: The Minerals that Made the State”

Community Food Bank Citrus Gleaning for 2013

The Community Food Bank is offering to pick surplus citrus from homes and businesses in some areas of town. They term this service “Gleaning” or harvesting food that would otherwise go unused. They are currently accepting and picking up already picked fruit now, but will begin the actual gleaning program on January 22 and end on April 30. For more information on how to turn your excess fruit into food for those who need it, contact Lou Medran at 449-8340 or lmedran@communityfoodbank.org

Business Development and Growth Modeling – February 6

The Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Ward 6 Council Office will be hosting a Business Development and Growth Modeling course during the spring. The initial class will be on Wednesday, February 6 at 4:00pm at the Ward 6 Council Office, 3202 E. 1st Street. The class will help you assess your business, define priorities, resolve issues, and much more. For more information on these classes, please contact Bill Roach Bill@tucsonhispanicchamber.org or the Ward 6 Office.

Same Race, New Place!



What: 'Be Inspired' at the 15th anniversary Southern Arizona Race for the Cure
When: Sunday, March 17th, 2013
Where: University of Arizona campus, Tucson Register online at www.komensaz.org, or paper registration

forms mailed by request. For more info call 520 319 0155.

6am open, 7am 1-mile walk, 8am 5K run/walk (competitive and non-competitive). Parking is available free campus-wide and at all UA garages. Komen SAZ will be collecting donations of jars of peanut butter for the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.

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Close to Stop 8



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Close to Stop 9



Tucson Convention Center Lots
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Close to Stop 7



West Congress Parking Hub
Open Daily 7 am to 7 pm
at Stop 1
NW of the Luis G. Gutierrez Bridge



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