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Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

March 26, 2014

Tesla

On Tuesday we unanimously adopted a Resolution that encourages Tesla to locate their new manufacturing plant in Tucson. Here's the full text of the Reso:

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; SUPPORTING THE LOCATION OF A TESLA MOTORS MANUFACTURING PLANT TO OUR CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Tesla Motors Corporation ("Tesla") has made a public announcement that the State of Arizona is one of several southwestern states under consideration for a new manufacturing plant for the Tesla Gigafactory; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tucson Mayor and Council has dedicated itself to growing the economic base within our corporate limits by putting in place numerous economic incentives allowed by law to assist businesses in locating within our City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tucson Mayor and Council stand ready to work cooperatively with Regional Economic Development organizations, Pima County, the State of Arizona, the University of Arizona and the private sector stakeholders to attract Tesla to the area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tucson Mayor and Council is proud to present our City and Region to Tesla executives and prospective Tesla employees as a community that offers strong K-12, Community College and research University educational systems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tucson Mayor and Council joins Visit Tucson in promoting to Tesla employees the many diverse amenities the Region offers in the arts, sporting events, cultural experiences, and the beauty of the surrounding Sonoran desert; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tucson Mayor and Council has consistently supported a strong workforce development component within our annual budget that will directly benefit Tesla in terms of both direct hiring and the employment of workers and employers who will support the Tesla manufacturing operation:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. On this 25th day of March, 2014, we the City of Tucson Mayor



**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

and Council do hereby invite and encourage Tesla to come and visit our City, meet local stakeholders, and experience all that the City and Region has to offer for families who come here to live, work and play. We believe in our Community and believe Tesla management will be favorably impressed with what we have to offer.

SECTION 2. The various City officers and employees are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this Resolution.

SECTION 3. WHEREAS, it is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of the City of Tucson that this Resolution become immediately effective, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

After having worked with the City Attorney drafting this Resolution, I was also pleased to be able to secure the support of the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Visit Tucson, Risk Management Association (local bankers and finance folks) and several State Legislators who represent this area (Steve Farley, Victoria Steele, and Dave Bradley.) Congressman Ron Barber also expressed his support of bringing Tesla to Southern Arizona.

The Resolution simply states that we stand by our love of this area and welcome the Tesla management team to come and visit us, confident that if they do, they'll be favorably impressed. It's important to remind them that Tucson was chosen for the EV Project and has since installed over 200 charging stations in Tucson. This project was headed up by ECOtality, Inc. which is out of Phoenix. Not everything ends up in Maricopa County when we're competing on a level playing field with them. Also Nissan Electric Leaf chose Tucson to roll out their all electric vehicle. The Leaf and the EV Project came here in no small part as a result of our progressive attitude towards environmental issues. That can and should be a piece of our sales pitch to Tesla.

I believe we should be aggressively fighting for our region and not concede our voice to anybody else to make our case on our behalf. And incentives offered by any agency to help promote prospects to the State must be offered equally to all potential site locations, not giving one City or County a competitive financial advantage over other Arizona communities.

I'm hopeful that they see our invitation and take us up on it.

SB 1487 - AZ Film Office



Speaking of things we have to offer in Southern Arizona, and some of our State Legislators, there's still a chance of getting the Arizona Film Office funded into the State budget. To do so will require some lobbying by people who want to see Arizona become a player in that industry again. If that's you, please consider contacting your State Rep/Senator.

What's needed is to get revenue to fund the office built into the final budget. That can happen via a floor amendment. To have the office without any money allocated to attracting producers is like the sleeves of a vest. Senators Carlisle Began, Pancrazi, Landrum Taylor and Delasandro all spoke up in favor of the effort. They deserve thanks.



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)
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)

Others need a nudge.

In the meantime, we're still plugging away locally at attracting films. Last Thursday the Film Office from Visit Tucson hosted a delegation of Mexican film producers and screenwriters. The purpose was to initiate a screenwriting competition aimed at putting together a picture that is focused on border issues, and Southern Arizona in particular. It's yet another indication of how hard Shelli Hall and Visit Tucson are working on attracting opportunities to the area. Certainly there's more to come on this as the spring and summer unfold.

The competition is open to filmmakers and screenwriters. You have to be over 18 years of age, have a university degree in any field, from either side of the border, and not have had any work produced yet. This is for first timers. The application period runs from April 1st through May 10th. If you want to enter, your submission has to be a three page, feature length screenplay (either fiction or documentary) and it can be in either English or Spanish. There will be 10 prizes given starting with a \$500 cash award. They'll announce the winners in June. If you'd like to enter, here's the website and contact information to apply.

www.latamtrainingcenter.com. For more information, contact:

Tiago Elidio tiago.latac@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Support

Later in this newsletter I'll be touching on our budget situation. Keep that in mind when reading this section. How our budget sorts itself out will impact our ability to do other things in the community.

We're seeing an increase in block parties throughout Ward 6. Recently they've been held in Sam Hughes, Palo Verde, Garden and a while back in Feldman's and Rincon Heights. Some of them were off street, others had streets blocked off. The input we get is that the residents see these as opportunities to get out and mingle with neighbors, sometimes inviting a food truck and band to share the evening and just enjoy the fellowship. But there's a cost to things such as street closures, barricades, and the other things it takes to stage one of these.

Right now our TDOT staff is reviewing fees and programs. I've asked them to consider ways they can help to facilitate block events – among others, as well. They'll be looking at street lane rentals, barricade closures and the other things needed to sponsor a block party. I don't expect that they'll be able to waive all of the fees, but I'm grateful that they're taking a serious look at how we can help make these more affordable for our constituents. Taking a comprehensive look at the variety of costs involved is a step in a good direction. We'll let you know when they've finished that review.

Broadway – Panda Building Demolition

In the area of community building, City staff held a meeting last week during which residents and business owners were invited for the purpose of talking about what would take the place of the current Panda building once it is demolished. Thanks to Jenn Burdick, project manager, and to Catherine Tornbom (Center for Community Dialogue) for hosting the meeting. Ladd Keith of the Planning Commission brought his UA Planning students to serve as recorders at each of the break-out tables.

The meeting yielded a pretty clear level of agreement on some themes for the space. Those included items such as turning it into a community gathering spot with seating opportunities, low maintenance indigenous landscaping, non-invasive lighting and the ability to possibly show movies or host other low intensity community events. They'll be finalizing those

plans by about the end of the UA semester.

The demolition of the Panda building began last week. To remind you, this is the building the City purchased back in 2010. Since the last tenant left, it has remained vacant. The result of that has been vandalism, gutting the insides, and theft of nearly all the copper from the site. The cost to rehabilitate it exceeds the value of the building as it now stands. That's especially true since the future alignment of Broadway is still undecided.

We agreed to fund the demo of the site with the understanding that it was not a precedent for future demolitions. Each site is unique. This demolition made sense based on the activities the vacant building was attracting and the impact of those on nearby businesses and homeowners. I'll continue to urge an acceleration in the pace of the corridor design. Right now the expectation is that design will be done by early next year. I'd like to see them do better than that. The Citizen Task Force is working hard, and keeping in mind that the original \$71M budget is challenged from both sides; from possible reductions based on the RTA funding issues, and from possible cost escalation based on increased real estate valuations since the 2006 RTA vote. Construction isn't scheduled until 2016, so having vacant buildings along the corridor is an on-going property management issue.

If you'd like to participate in the public meetings you can go on line to find out when they're scheduled. You can also use email. The contacts are:

www.tucsonaz.gov/broadway, or email to broadway@tucsonaz.gov.

Broadway Volvo Site

Along the Broadway corridor is the former Broadway Volvo site. It sits between Park and Euclid, Broadway and 12th. The City purchased it back in 2007 for about \$2M. Last fall there was brief talk about putting it up for sale – a one-time budget help, but longer term budget help as taxes flow from the new uses of the site. During that briefing I reminded staff that the site lies on the Broadway corridor that's now in design. If a sale is contemplated, the stake holders involved with the Broadway RTA project need to at least have a voice in possible design criteria. That opportunity is now coming.

Groups from whom design ideas will be solicited include the Broadway CTF, the Broadway Sunshine Mile merchants, the Broadway Coalition and others from around the area. With such a diverse group it's clear that not any one single design idea will be 100% migrated into the RFP scope, but staff is poised to hear a variety of voices prior to putting that document out on the street. Meetings are being planned, and we'll help to publicize them as we become aware of the times/places.



Tucson Fire Annual Awards Ceremony

Last Friday TFD honored several of their workers in a number of different categories. All of the men and women who serve in the force deserve to be recognized (“Thank a Firefighter”) but these awards are for having gone the additional extra mile. Here are the honorees:

Medal of Merit – Thomas Quesnel (Fire Investigator – just passed away from work related sickness)

Firefighter of the Year – Wayne Cummings (Fire Investigator)

Fire Chief's Award – Captain Barrett Baker (I use many of his reports to update you throughout the year in the newsletter.)

Non-Uniformed Civilian Employee of the Year – Dan Brouillette

Medal of Valor – Andrew Napier and Sean Palese (both of these firefighters received this award for bravery and courageous acts taken with little regard for personal risk.)

Edwin L. Neville, III Award – Captain Michael Heinz (for significant contributions in the EMS system)

Tucson Firefighters Local #479 Award – Ms. Dori Wright (for service to the Local)

Awards of Merit – Mr. Al Ring, Mr. J. Fred Leahy, Mr. Pat Bearden, Mr. Randy Esslinger and Ms. Yvette Montijo

Awards of Service – Captain Chad Dorris and Battalion Chief Scott Krause

We at the Ward 6 office are grateful to all of our TFD workers, both civilian and commissioned for the work they do in support of the community.

Budget

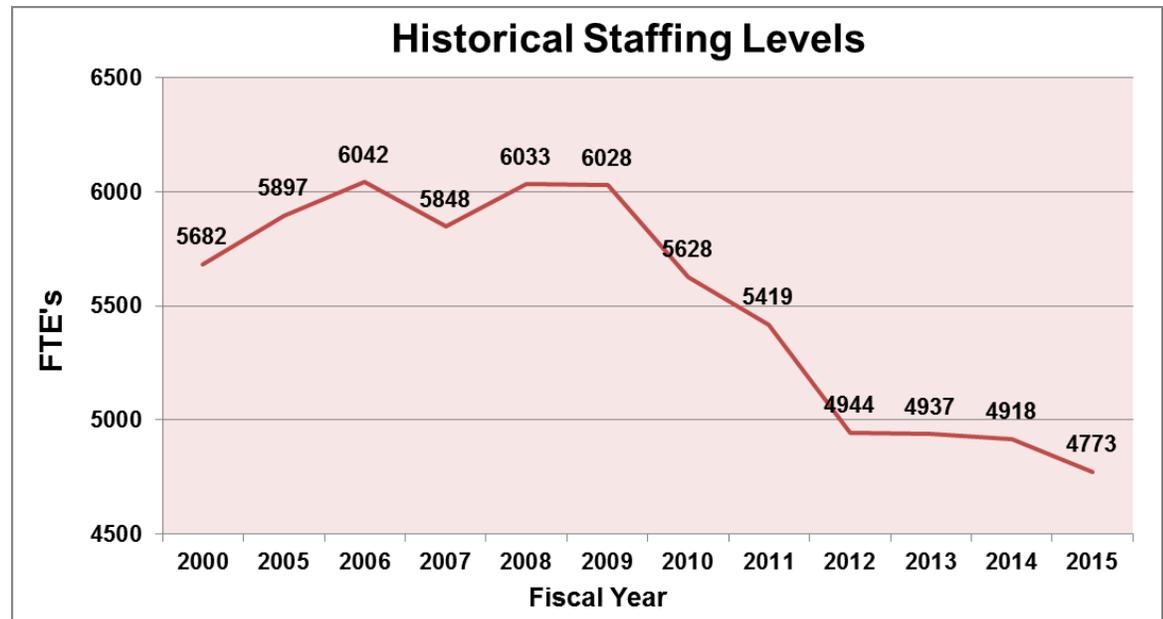
The primary purpose of our special meeting on Tuesday was to look at our budget. Last Friday the City Manager sent to all City employees a memo that outlined what's to come. In it he highlighted that we're going to need to look at staff reductions, changes to the medical and dental contributions coming from employees and making other organizational changes that will make us more efficient. The goal is to maintain front line services, while accepting what was described last year as our 'new normal'; that is, "a smaller, better paid workforce".



So we got our update - and began from being told that our budget deficit is at \$27M. We chiseled it down a bit from the original \$33M with a \$5M legal settlement and the sale of some land. The legal settlement was largely applied to some one-time needs. Those included things such as paying for police who are leaving under Deferred Pension, some new service vehicles and new election equipment, and some badly needed new fire rescue trucks.

The general message is that we had a budget gap of \$27M, reduced by about \$18M through personnel cuts and another \$7M from non-personnel costs. That still leaves a couple million dollars for us to find.

The \$18M in personnel costs will be found by eliminating 64 permanent positions and another 28 non-perm positions. Of the 64 perms being eliminated, 29 are currently filled and 35 are either vacant and won't be filled, or will soon become vacant and won't be filled. Those are peoples' jobs and it's not anything we're pleased to implement. Here's a picture of our staffing levels after the reductions:



Being proposed is also the reduction in support of the following:

TPAC @ \$300K

Access Tucson @ \$300K

YMCA @ \$84K

RFP for Economic and Workforce Development @ \$600K

And a reduction in our Human Services RFP from about \$1.5M to about \$750K.

That's \$2M in reductions in outside spending.

There is a combined total of \$4.7M in transit reductions being proposed. That's about 50/50 between fare increases and route efficiencies. There are public hearings coming on the fare proposals. Overtime pay will no longer include paid leave or holiday time off for the purpose of calculating a 40 hour workweek. We're going to sell some more assets and adjust the medical and dental plans to save another \$1.5M. As you can see, the reductions are all over the map. Everybody's taking a hit.

What is left in place is the pay increase @ about \$11M, no increase to the departments' admin. service fees, no reduction in the number of commissioned officers or Fire apparatus, and it is being proposed that we not restructuring debt again or dip into our reserve funds. And what's left as challenges for next year is the loss of 51 cops and 67 TFD workers due to retirement, and having to pick up the costs of 19 police officers who will no longer be paid by Grant money. Those 19 employees will cost us an added \$2.6M starting next year.

And we're still \$2M short of being in balance.

I had hoped to eliminate the \$1.6M in-lieu fee being charged to Tucson Water, and to follow the Board of Trustees' recommendation to fund another \$2.5M into our self-insurance fund. The data don't support those moves at this time.

Those are the recommendations from staff. The goal is a structurally balanced budget. A huge part of that is increasing our tax base through job creation (Tesla). We cannot cut our

way to solvency given the legal restrictions under which we operate in regard to pensions. Those are locked in responsibilities.

Since I voted against the pay increase I can't bring it back for reconsideration. But I would support another council member if he or she chose to suggest we take another look at that vote and use some of those dollars to offset cuts in services that are being proposed in this budget. We'll see if that option is brought forward.

I'm sure we'll be hearing from many of you whose funding is being proposed for reduction or elimination. Keep in mind that nobody's line item or department stands alone in the budgeting process. The dollars left in one area have to be balanced out in another. And we still need to find a couple of million dollars if revenue estimates don't increase in the next couple of months.



Gun Legislation from Phoenix



We would prefer that people not bring weapons into our Mayor and Council meetings. To prevent that we are required by State law to have security guards, metal detectors and allow for storage of peoples' guns at the entrance. There is moving through committee in Phoenix a bill that would require those measures be taken at each entry of every public building if we want to keep guns out of those places, too. We had to implement that – on your nickel – at both entries of City Hall. We don't have the money to do it at our other City owned facilities. So, the State says guns are allowed. The cost estimate to implement the security requirements is \$136K per entry point, per year.

I don't believe it's a violation of anybody's 2nd Amendment rights to say you need to keep your weapon out of publicly owned buildings. I also don't believe it steps on those rights to say people cannot bring them into private events held in our facilities. But unless we're prepared to set up an armory at each entry, and provide the security elements I described, that's where this bill is headed. In case you'd like to share your thoughts with your State representative or senator, it's HB2339.

Also making its way through committee up there is the bill that will hold me, my colleagues, and city staff civilly liable if a court says we adopted and are enforcing an ordinance that is pre-empted by State law. We'd have to be found to have willfully ignored the pre-emption, but that'd be something for the court to determine – and our exposure is \$5K in fines and up to \$100K in court costs if the court finds in favor of the plaintiff.

If passed, the plaintiff can be an individual or an organization who is "adversely affected" by the Ordinance. Here's the operative section of the proposed bill (HB2517:)

H. IF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE ENACTS ANY ORDINANCE,

25 REGULATION, TAX OR RULE OR ACTS IN ANY WAY IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, A

26 COURT SHALL DECLARE THE IMPROPER ACT ("acts in any way?" I guess deciding what that means is left up to the person filing the charge? "Shall declare" – so the legislature has already decided these cases – what happened to separation of powers?), **ORDINANCE, REGULATION, TAX OR RULE**

27 INVALID AND ISSUE A PERMANENT INJUNCTION AGAINST THE POLITI-

CAL SUBDIVISION

28 FROM CONTINUING THE ACT OR ENFORCING THE ORDINANCE, REG-
29 ULATION, TAX OR RULE.

29 IT IS NOT A DEFENSE THAT THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS
30 STATE WAS ACTING

30 IN GOOD FAITH OR ON THE ADVICE OF COUNSEL. (So the fact that we
draft Ordinances with the advice and counsel of our City Attorney staff is rendered irrele-
vant)

31 I. IF A COURT DETERMINES THAT A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS
32 KNOWING

32 AND WILFUL, THE COURT SHALL ASSESS A CIVIL PENALTY OF UP TO
33 FIVE THOUSAND

33 DOLLARS AGAINST THE ELECTED OR APPOINTED GOVERNMENT OF-
34 FICIAL OR

34 ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY HEAD UNDER WHOSE JURISDICTION THE
35 VIOLATION OCCURRED.

35 J. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, A POLITICAL SUBDIVI-
36 SION OF

36 THIS STATE MAY NOT USE PUBLIC MONIES TO DEFEND OR REIM-
37 BURSE A PERSON WHO IS

37 FOUND TO HAVE KNOWINGLY AND WILFULLY VIOLATED THIS SEC-
38 TION.

38 K. A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILFULLY VIOLATES THIS SEC-
39 TION WHILE

39 ACTING IN THE PERSON'S OFFICIAL CAPACITY IS SUBJECT TO TER-
40 MINATION FROM

40 EMPLOYMENT. (The legislature is stepping into employment law here and taking
peoples' civil service rights away through this law.)

41 L. A PERSON OR AN ORGANIZATION WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IS AD-
42 VERSELY AFFECTED (one hopes that it is the court who will determine whether
there's an adverse impact – not simply the gut feeling by the aggrieved person or group)

42 BY ANY ORDINANCE, REGULATION, TAX, MEASURE, DIRECTIVE,
43 RULE, ENACTMENT, ORDER

43 OR POLICY THAT IS ADOPTED OR ENFORCED IN VIOLATION OF THIS
44 SECTION MAY FILE A

44 CIVIL ACTION AGAINST THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN THIS STATE
45 IN ANY COURT OF

45 THIS STATE HAVING JURISDICTION OVER ANY DEFENDANT IN THE
46 ACTION FOR

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1 DECLARATORY RELIEF AND ACTUAL DAMAGES. THE COURT SHALL
2 AWARD THE PREVAILING

2 PLAINTIFF IN ANY CIVIL ACTION:

3 1. REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS.

4 2. THE ACTUAL DAMAGES INCURRED NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED
5 THOUSAND

5 DOLLARS.

During the committee hearings I watched related to this bill there were representatives who said that people like me who have advocated for things such as background checks and held a “buy-back” are “hiding behind a wall of taxpayer money” and passing these alleged illegal Ordinances on your dime. Forgetting for a moment that we run all of our proposed Ordinances through a thorough legal review, let’s take a look at how the State might fare under a similar standard.

- They’ve lost every time they tried to change how we conduct our elections.
- They just lost after having tried to diminish the pension benefits for public safety workers.
- They lost (but are trying again) when they tried to impose unannounced inspections of Planned Parenthood clinics.
- They had the bulk of SB1070 tossed out as being unconstitutional.
- They have to pay a huge back pay debt to refund public education after having stopped funding according to a mandated formula.



I guess the point is that when it comes to the State vs. the City, what’s good for the goose isn’t necessarily always good for the gander. None of the brain surgeons up in the State Legislature who passed those five losing efforts paid a dime to compensate the taxpayers for the court costs, not to mention a personal civil fine.

And I’m not arguing that they should. The point is that legislative bodies operate in the public sphere. We’re subject to being recalled or voted out of office. Crossing into civil liability is nothing less than the State trying to squelch dialogue on the issue of gun control.

I can’t speak for my colleagues, but whether this bill is passed or not, the conversation about gun control will continue. The community demands it, regardless of what they say in Phoenix.

...on that note,

Tucson Women’s Commission

**Today I took back
my neighborhood
by reporting
illegal guns.**

Learn what you can do
for YOUR Community >

Last week I was joined by Maddy Urken from Arizonan’s for Gun Safety and Jocelyn Strauss of Mom’s Demand Action in a presentation to the TWC. We had a three-part focus:

- To encourage the Commission to assist in advocating the State Department of Health to join the National Violent Death Reporting System (I wrote about this last week.)
- To encourage the Commission to get involved with Child Safety programs as they relate to firearms.
- To encourage the Commission to advocate for background check legislation.

The connection to women’s issues is easy to demonstrate. The NVDRS is collecting data that will increase the reliability of public health policy proposals related to reducing the

number of gun related deaths. Many of those will overlap into the areas AGS and Moms are advocating. More below.

AGS' emphasis on child safety is an educational program for both parents and kids. Since about 1 in 3 Arizona households report owning a gun (likely higher than that since people don't have to tell if they do) the reach of the education is broad. Even if you don't own a gun, the odds are high that there'll be one at the home of your kid's friends. We handed out gun locks to the Commissioners and invited them to embrace the educational component of what AGS is doing.

Both Moms and AGS are supporting a legislative advocacy role. As you'd imagine from the child safety angle, AGS is big on Child Access Prevention laws. Victoria Steele was promoting a CAP bill (holding parents liable if their kid hurts somebody with a loaded gun that was lying around their house) but our Legislature killed it before it ever got a committee hearing. That work needs to continue.

The Moms legislative agenda falls largely in the background check area. Domestic Violence victims are significantly more likely to suffer a lethal outcome if their partner has access to a weapon. Laws that help to decrease the likelihood of a prohibited possessor from gaining access to a gun (background check system) will help to protect the women. Moms has other legislative initiatives, but for last week, we focused on the DV victim/background check angle.

If you'd like to check into either of those groups you can do so by going to their websites @:

Arizonans for Gun Safety – www.azfgs.com

Moms Demand Action – www.momsdemandaction.org

Thanks to Lucinda and the TWC members for sharing their time and observations last week.



On Saturday, April 5th from 5pm until 7pm, there will be a fund raiser party to help out the Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption group. All of the money raised will go directly to paying mounting medical bills for some of the adopted-out dogs.

The party will be at Café a la C'Art, which would be worth the trip even without the added benefit. The address is 150 N. Main, in the courtyard of the Tucson Museum of Art. There'll be wine, munchies, live music and a silent auction. If you'd like more information on the event you can find it at <http://sagreyhoundadoption.org/news-events/grey-party>



Finally, this Saturday the UA Department of Campus Recreation will be honoring long time Tucson resident and friend/colleague of many Dave Sitton by naming the new sports field just east of the Campus Rec. Center for him.

Dave coached UA club rugby forever. It was his passion to stay connected with Tucson's youth, and he changed multiple lives through his work. The field naming is deserved.

The ceremonies will take place beginning at 1pm on the 29th. The Rec. Center is located at 1400 E. 6th Street. Immediately following the ceremony the UA rugby team will play ASU (begins @ 2pm). Free admission to both events.

There is an endowment set up in Dave's name that will benefit the Rugby program. For information on that, and on the event you can go to:

<http://rec.arizona.edu/event/sitton-field-naming>

Sincerely,



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Ward6@tucsonaz.gov

Events Calendar

Cyclovia Tucson: Connecting Downtown to South Tucson!

On **Sunday, April 6th** from 10 am to 3 pm the streets are open to everyone to bike, walk, jog, stroll and more. Explore unique neighborhoods, discover new businesses and meet old friends along five miles of car free streets. Route includes portions of South 6th, South 4th and South 8th Avenues. Free! Check out www.cycloviatucson.org for more information.

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

Tucson Artists' Open Studios

Saturday and Sunday, April 12 & 13, 2014 from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm
<http://www.tucsonopenstudios.com/>

The Blenman-Elm 2014 Home Tour is scheduled for **Sunday, March 30th, 12:30 to 5:00 pm.**

Tickets are \$10 each and will go on sale at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2331 E Adams Street at 12:15pm. The ticket price includes a \$1 donation to EMERGE!

A Garden Tour through Sam Hughes National Historic District

Presented by Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association on **Sunday, April 6, 2014, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.** Tickets are \$10 per adult. Children are free when accompanied by a paying adult. Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association Members tickets are FREE! Get tickets the day of the tour at Sam Hughes Elementary School, inner courtyard, 700 N Wilson Ave (between E. 3rd St and E. 4th St). Tickets will be available from 10 am - 1:30 pm.

Ongoing

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

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.
<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

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

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

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

Jewish History Museum, 564 S. Stone Ave.
The Jewish History Museum presents "Cowboys, Merchants, Miners, & Booze," an exhibit that celebrates the lives of Tucson's Jewish pioneers.
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
November 9, 2013, through July 2015 **Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios**
www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd
Ongoing "100 Years of Arizona's Best: The Minerals that Made the State"

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
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

Butterfly Magic at the Gardens
2150 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85712
February 10, 2014 - April 30, 2014
<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org/>

For other events in the Downtown/4th Avenue/Main Gate area, visit these sites:
www.MainGateSquare.com
www.FourthAvenue.org
www.DowntownTucson.org