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Ward 6 - Newsletter

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Budget

Sometimes you just can't afford all that you'd like to buy...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=R2a8TRSgzZY

If we've only got enough money for beef, it's not filet mignon that we order. Sometimes the discount bin is what our revenues will allow. And we can't keep pushing off paying our costs 'until the next time.' But we seem to have headed in those directions again. I'll just share a few bullet points and hope our Bond rating agencies don't see either what we voted on or my newsletter...

- Zero increase in bus fares.
- 33% increase in business license fees.
- Continuing to charge water customers an In-Lieu fee @ \$1.6M
- Taking on new debt for the election equipment our City Clerk needs.
- Eliminating funding for our new Office of Integrated Planning or any other department to use outside consultants to conduct studies (ULI, IID/Links, Impact Fee consultant).
- A totally unrealistic contingency fund of \$250K for all unexpected costs in FY'15.
- Adding just enough to our General Services fund to keep building maintenance from going into deficit – and hoping that our aging buildings don't slip-a-disc in the next year.
- And taking \$3.1M from our unrestricted Fund Balance, hoping to find it by “slowing spending” for the rest of this fiscal year.

We'd have been in balance without the raises M&C voted to approve last year.

We retained the Sick Leave Sell Back program in its totality (\$2.6M General Fund cost last year, alone).

Here's how I feel we're treating taxpayers and the business community with this proposed budget:

<http://www.tucsonaz.gov/ward6/to-the-taxpayer>

We're laying off employees unnecessarily, and in a way that is short-sighted. The Parks department is taking a significant hit, one in an area in with which I'm particularly familiar. That's Project Managers. In my job at the UA, when we use PM's from our Planning and Design department, they charge their time to our project. Planning doesn't have a separate operations budget to cover their time spent in support of our projects. That's totally legit.

At the City, Environmental Services, General Services, TDOT and other areas charge their project management time to projects. But in Parks their time all comes out of operations. We're laying off 3 of our 5 Parks PM's right when we're about to take a Bond package to the voters that includes a ton of park work. Also, we have \$3.5M in Impact Fee money that we can use for capital projects in Parks during the upcoming fiscal year. We also have CDBG funds, Transportation Alternatives Program money, RTA money, funding provided through the Zoological Society, and more. Any of those can be used to charge project manager time to while working on projects. By simply charging



**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

a portion of their time to the projects, we save the jobs, keep trained staff on board in advance of the Bond work that's coming, and we adopt a consistent policy City-wide.

We were presented with a budget that gutted one of our core services – Parks. We voted to direct the City Manager to pull \$500K back into their budget to help restore jobs so we can continue to maintain the City parks in a respectable manner.

I also heard that the Manager's Office was upset that somebody was talking to me about these issues. Back when I was dealing with the former City Manager and fixing the 911 system, I heard the same things. People were afraid to speak their minds for fear of losing their jobs. That's totally unacceptable. Note to the 10th Floor – when people see poor decisions being made that will affect the ability of the organization to deliver services, I will absolutely be an ear for them and an advocate if I agree with the pitch they're making. How about we do this; quit threatening people for speaking up. There is whistle-blower protection, both legally and ethically.

The proposed budget says we're going to try to avoid hitting the Reserve Fund by "slowing spending." I have asked for a line item accounting of what is being budgeted for:

- Graffiti abatement
- Code Enforcement
- Neighborhood newsletter mailings
- Shopping Cart retrieval program
- Support staff for neighborhood services
- Environmental Services Roll-off program

I've asked to see how much we're paying outside consultants to do work we can just as easily do in-house. Things such as media production (Ch. 12 is being gutted while we're outsourcing production work – and staff can do things such as host public meetings w/o the services of a consultant). I know of over \$700K in consultants already, but wonder how much more is being spent.

So let me camp on the Sick Leave Sell Back for a moment. Last year when we were talking about the pay increases, I wrote something along the lines of "when you're having trouble paying the mortgage you don't go out to eat or give your kids an increase in their allowance." The Police Union leadership asked our City Attorney to file a complaint against me for allegedly offending all city employees by calling them children. Mr. Rankin correctly instructed them that what I had written didn't rise to the level they felt it did.

Now fast forward to the Sick Leave Sell Back proposal I made. It generated the following request for information related to my UA job:

APR-07-2014 MON 03:41 PM TucsonPoliceBR

FAX: 5237915604

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Request for the Inspection of Public Records

Name: JOE DICKINSON Date: 4/7/14 Phone: (520) 977-5782
 Representing: TUCSON POLICE OFFICERS ASSOC. Fax: _____ Email: GRIEVANCECHAIR@TPOR.ORG
 Mailing Address: 3849 E BROADWAY #320 TUCSON, AZ 85716



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

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cms3.tucsonaz.gov/
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WE WOULD LIKE TO VIEW STEVE KOZAGHIK'S TOTAL
COMPENSATION PACKAGE. PLEASE INCLUDE SALARY,
BONUSES, INCENTIVE PAY, ECT AS WELL AS HIS
TITLE FOR THE YEARS 2012, 2013, AND 2014

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First, let me say that there's something a bit off kilter when the police are investigating an elected official (or anybody) for things he does that are not in violation of the law. But leaving that aside for a moment, my salary is public record so here's even more than what they were hunting for.

Mr. Dickinson isn't on the 2013 sell back list, but several of the guys who came to my budget roundtable are on the list. They decided not to speak, but sat in the back of the room, and now instead have decided to make it personal again. The Arts, Access Tucson, Social Service Agencies and Transit advocates each shared their feelings at the roundtable. I respect that. I don't respect turning a relationship into a scorched earth.

Nor do I believe the leadership of that union reflects the majority opinion of the rank and file. I hear from them and they're embarrassed by the tactics.

Let me share with you the answer to their FOIA. Incentives and Bonuses? Right. The answer is that I get zero.

I was hired in 1988 as a student and have worked my way up to Associate Director of Athletics over 26 years. Since being elected in 2009, there have been two changes to my compensation. First was a 10% salary cut that the UA decided was necessary as a result of my working a second full time job (City Council). Now my status is .9 FTE. In 2013 the Dept gave me a 3% salary increase. That's it for compensation changes since 2007; a net 7% loss in salary. I understand and fully accept the UA's position. I love the job and feel blessed for having had the opportunity to represent such a class institution. I leave either the Ward office or McKale well after 11pm, pretty much 7 days a week. Both employers know that they're getting their money's worth.

My salary would put me at approximately a Detective level, several of whom turned in over \$7,100 in unused sick leave last year. Do I, or any other UA (State) employee get that benefit (which is what I suspect they were trying to learn with the information request)? The simple answer is no. But, as is also true with City workers, when I retire I'll have a percentage of remaining unused sick leave as a 'walking out the door' benefit. Here's the policy:

The following table outlines the percentage that will be applied based on the number of accumulated sick leave hours.

Sick Leave Balances (Hours)	Percentage of Hourly Rate
500 to 749	25%
750 to 999	33%
1,000 to 1,500	50%

Where do I stand now in terms of accumulated time?

YEAR-TO-DATE	VACATION	SICK
Start Balance	252.40	2,180.35
+ Earned	42.65	23.25
- Taken	43.20	0.00
+ Adjustments	-40.00	0.00
End Balance	211.85	2,203.60

The number of hours you can take at retirement is capped at 1,500. The "adjustments" in vacation is from my having given another UA worker a week of vacation time while she was off taking care of a disabled husband. That's pretty typical. In the past 5 years I've taken a total of a couple of weeks off. I generally lose vacation time from our 'use it or lose it' policy, or give it to other UA workers who run out of their own due to unforeseen personal difficulties.

Budget talks should be just that – discussions, not a blood sport made personal. I believe the M&C is moving towards an irresponsible budget that continues to avoid making decisions that will bring us closer to structural balance. Between the raises and Sick Leave Sell Back, there's \$10M in annual savings we're not addressing. While the Sell Back hours will diminish over time, the compensation increase exacerbates our pension obligations. And I believe the new budget proposal from the City Manager is wrong on multiple levels – listed above. At least we took a step to preserve and restore some of the Parks funding. How the rest of the budget sorts itself out remains to be seen. At least there's now an expressed need to look at all "Premium Pay" next fiscal year.

I agree with my colleagues on the majority of what we deal with. This budget isn't one of them.

Gadsden

Here's another one on which I disagree with the group. Gadsden Company has had since 2007 to complete development of various parcels on the west end of the streetcar route. On Wednesday we changed the terms of their agreement again. I've voted against each of the last two of these, believing even more now than before that we should put the properties back on the street and let the market step forward with development plans that will enhance that area. Each time we extend the date and nothing happens, we delay the potential for increasing tax revenues that would help us budgetarily.



I'd think we would get tired of the waiting game. But I wish the Gadsden guys the best in bringing something up out of the ground. Certainly the model and precedent exists at the east end of downtown, so we can no longer blame a bad market or the reluctance of lending institutions to engage. We're giving it yet another try.

East End Development

And by way of example, the most recent development over near to the student housing and retail that has emerged on and around Congress is the promise of a downtown grocery store. Johnny Gibson's Tucson Market will be up and running by the end of the year. It's the merging of relationships and visions of the families who run the Tubac Market, Rincon Market and the Gibson's.

The Abbott and Cisek families have retained Paul Weiner as their principal architect. He runs DesignBuild Collaborative – a widely known local A/E who is working with the group to bring to downtown a project that'll capture the essence of who we are as a community, activate space in both the front and rear of the store and finally give to those living and working in the downtown core an amenity they've lacked for years.



Since I started doing this work back in 2009, I've learned that grocery stores are very much head-count driven in terms of where they choose to locate. We correctly deep-6'd a \$200M hotel back in 2010 and my focus, along with the leadership of the Downtown Tucson Partnership, has been hitting singles and doubles, growing the area in steps, not leaps. That has now led to this hit. It's a key to continuing the momentum we've seen developing.

We extend this welcome to the growth and revitalization of downtown to the Abbot and Cisek families.

Entertainment District

Another part of continuing that momentum is our having approved on Wednesday a formal Entertainment District. Back in 2010, the State authorized localities to establish formal Entertainment Districts within which they could allow for exemptions to prohibitions of businesses that allow the sale of alcohol within 300' of schools and churches. There are existing Charter schools in the downtown core, and I hear another one, plus a church are in the planning stages. Under current regulations, new schools or churches moving into the downtown core can preclude certain retail options from also moving in behind them. With the approval of this Entertainment District, we're saying that we welcome all applicants to being a part of the development downtown and will consider each on its own merits, notwithstanding the location of a school/church in the vicinity.

Here's the District we voted to adopt.



This process had its missteps, but we reeled it in and now have what I believe to be an appropriate map for now. We can revisit any possible extensions later on, but the key area for keeping our development opportunities alive is in the heart of the east end of downtown, plus an extension over onto the west side. The map we approved will encompass that area, run up 4th Avenue, but will stop at 6th Street so there's no direct impact on and around the West University residential area.

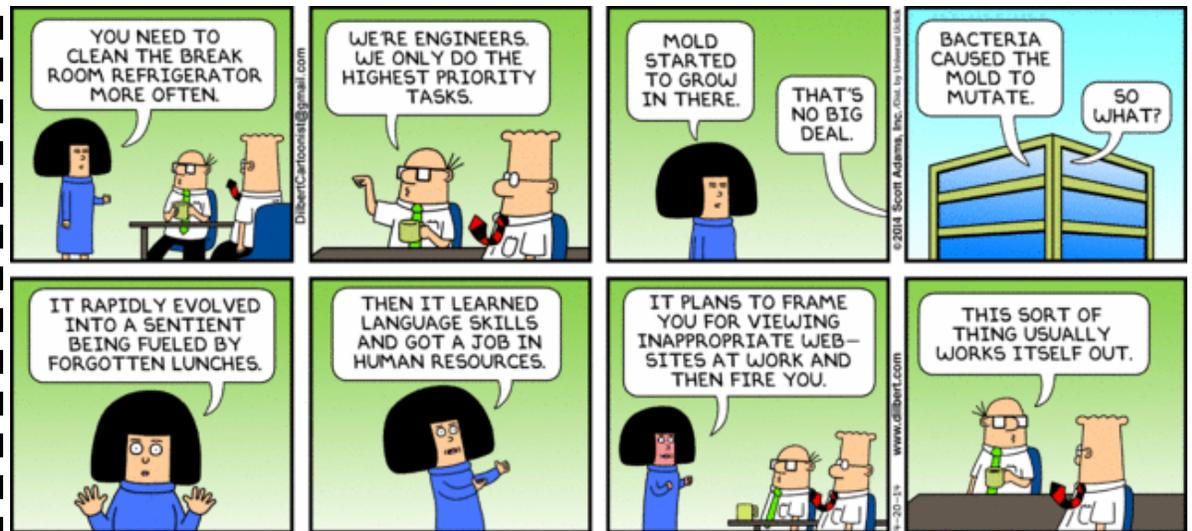
I insisted that the Resolution we're eventually going to adopt include these two components:

Both churches and schools have standing to protest an exemption. I asked that neighborhood associations located within 300' of the proposed new establishment also be given standing to protest.

Proposed new establishments are encouraged to meet with schools and churches that are within 300' of their site. I asked that neighborhood associations that are also within 300' of the proposed site also be included in those meetings. They'll include issues such as hours of operation, noise mitigation, sanitation, and traffic impacts. Those are all relevant to neighborhood concerns.

I think we checked all the right boxes. It's another tool we have to attract new retailers into downtown.

Impact Fees and Annexation



Sometimes things don't just work themselves out. They take effort and appropriate attention.

In 2011 the State adopted SB1525, a law that fundamentally re-wrote how jurisdictions can collect impact fees. Those are fees we charge to developers to help pay for the cost of new development. They were to help offset costs for infrastructure, added public safety, parks, and the sorts of things that come as a City expands.

The law included a very complex formula for calculating how much we can collect. The result of the law was that we had to go back and totally revamp our existing policy. We began that process about 2 years ago. Because this is such a specialized area, we hired an outside consultant to do the work. That was the right decision, but in order to allow them to complete the task we also needed to provide them with data that only our staff can produce. We didn't do that in a timely manner.

There's a deadline of August 1st of this year for getting the new policy in place. If we miss it, we're prohibited from collecting impact fees for a period of time – undetermined because the interpretation of the law is fuzzy. It could be from a few months up to 2 years. That's a big enough deal that taking the need to complete the work seriously should have jumped to the top of somebody's to-do list.

We will miss the deadline. To have made it, we would have had to start a lengthy public process back in February. We'll start it in June. That's the result of our having not provided our consultant financial and capital related information when they needed it. We will suffer a period during which we cannot collect impact fees.

As I noted, the report is complex and I won't try to outline what's required here. Suffice it to say that the

formula we'll have to use to be in compliance requires an inventory of how much we've invested through bonds and other capital funds, exclusive of impact fees, a series of public hearings on the data, and finally using the feedback flowing from them to wrap up the report before we can start collecting the fees again.

What's the point? Just that on Wednesday we had two items in which impact fee credits back to developers were mentioned. What wasn't mentioned is that we are going to miss our deadline later this year for having completed the study. The meaning of our missing that is clear. We lose out on impact fee dollars. A couple of other things are also clear. One is that the fault for missing the deadline is ours, not our consultants. The financial impact of missing the deadline is unknown but potentially significant. For Parks and Recreation alone our consultant estimates about \$5M - \$7M annually for the next 10 years. Wednesday's items were more related to road impact fees. You may recall a month ago when we annexed land out around Valencia and Kolb. A part of that annexation is a planned area retail development. In our agreement with the developer we committed to credit his project with "offsets against impact fees for Creditable Roadway Improvement Costs." If the project were to start during our window in which we can't collect fees, we'd simply be out of luck and money. It should be of concern that Tucson will stand out for some undetermined period of time as the one City in the State that'll be unable to collect impact fees until we get our act together and finish the policy re-write.

If I'm a developer, I'll be camping out on Planning's door on August 2nd. If I'm the Planning Director I'll be scheduling as though August 2nd is the dinner rush at my restaurant. Getting permits to developments without having to pay the added fees is the lure.

I guess I opened Pandora's Box on Wednesday, but we need to confront this item and do it now. I asked who will own the need to get our project done, done on time and not jack around with it any longer. I asked what the costs will be to the City if we don't, and the impact on the development agreements we're signing if we can't collect fees. None of the answers were adequate. More to come on this. Not once during our whole budget discussion has our likely failure to get our new policy enacted been described as an issue. I think it is.

Broadway – Development

The Panda building on Broadway and Tucson Blvd is now torn down and a patch of D.G. has been laid in its place. There was a public meeting held back on March 13th in which some design concepts related to how to treat the empty space were generated. A follow up to that meeting is now scheduled to be held at the Ward 6 office from 6pm until 8pm on Thursday, April 24th.



We'll provide a little in the way of snacks to keep participants' sugar levels appropriately balanced.

The hoped-for take away from the meeting is a ranking of the various design proposals so we can move forward with the treatment. While the empty lot looks better than the condition in which the Panda was allowed to deteriorate, the deal to the community was that we'd listen

and respond with a project that will enhance what's there now that the building's gone. It's a tight budget, but on the 13th we had some creative folks in the room who knew the constraints. I'm looking forward to seeing how their input is massaged towards a solution on Thursday.

As was the case in March, Catherine Tornbom and her facilitators and sticky-board from the Center for Community Dialogue will be there, along with students from Ladd Keith's landscape planning class, to keep things focused. Jenn Burdick, the Broadway PM will again be the master of ceremonies.

Voting in City Elections

The City Clerk is going through the various elections documents and working to bring them into consistent compliance with one another. As each is changed independently of the others over time, an occasional re-look is a good idea. On Wednesday he brought us some suggested alterations to our current City code. Most were fine. I had three in particular on which I wanted some more clarity.

Section 12-4- Election Rules

This section sets the rules for what happens if a person's name doesn't appear on the City Register of Voters. It ends with a sentence that says "any person whose name



does not so appear shall not be entitled to vote in City elections.” I felt we should also include something that describes their appeal rights/process.

Section 12-5 Applicability of General Election Laws

This section lays out the pecking order as to whether the State Constitution, State laws or City Charter take precedence in terms of how elections are conducted. Because we have won in each of the elections related suits in which we have challenged laws coming from the State legislature, I suggested that we affirmatively include language in our own Code that says our Charter prevails over State law when the two are in conflict. Our City Attorney will craft some appropriate language.

Section 12-9 Voting Locations

This section describes the criteria that we’ll use when determining voting locations. A part of what was proposed said “every attempt should be made to secure locations that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act...” I believe each of our voting locations should be compliant, not that we simply make an attempt to find them. We’re down to only requiring one voting location per Ward, so I’m not buying that we can’t take on the burden of making sure each of the six sites is accessible.

They’ll be back with more changes in about a month. It’s not real exciting stuff, but it’s important since it directly impacts your ability to cast a vote.



On Tuesday, April 29th at 6:30pm, this group will be hosting an organizational meeting over at the Martha Cooper Library (1377 N. Catalina). The speakers will be both State Rep. Victoria Steele and Lisa Kiser from the Bio-behavioral Health Division of the UA School of Nursing. Either one alone would be worth the trip, but together it should be a very important and informative presentation.

AzGS is focused on a few different initiatives. One ties into a Bill that Victoria tried to get through last session and relates to child access prevention. In 2011-12 there were 55 Arizona children whose death was tied to firearms. That doesn’t include non-fatal injuries. Victoria’s Bill didn’t make it out of committee. If it had some of these facts might have changed:

- ⇒ Almost a tenth of Arizonans report keeping a loaded gun and more than 5% keep loaded guns unlocked in and around their homes.
- ⇒ In Arizona there is no legal requirement for adults to act in ways that prevent children from having access to guns.

There are already 28 States and D.C. who have Child Access Prevention laws in place. Arizona still isn’t one of them. Maybe next session we’ll see that change.

AzGS also advocates for some common sense gun related legislation. They have reached out to the legislature in opposition to the local community pre-emption language that would hold people like me civilly liable for gun laws and objected to guns in public buildings or on school campuses. If you’d like to join in their work you can either email them at atazgstucson@gmail.com or come to the meeting on the 29th.

Gun Bills get Vetoed

...and both of those Bills received a veto from the Governor on Tuesday.

HB2517 was the Bill the Legislature passed onto the Governor that would have potentially held people like me who propose gun related Ordinances to be civilly liable if a court ever overturned them. There were conditions, but that’s the gist of the Bill. The intent was to shut down discussion about gun control.

HB2339 was the Bill that the Legislature passed onto the Governor that would have allowed guns in public buildings unless the jurisdiction paid for security, a lock box and metal detectors at every entrance. Due to

the unfunded financial costs this would have had the effect of allowing firearms into most public buildings and events.

On Tuesday the Governor vetoed both of those Bills. The first one was clearly flawed from a Constitutional standpoint. The second one was just a hypocritical display of governmental over reach into the decision making authority of a local jurisdiction. Both deserved a veto, so the Governor did the right thing. The Legislature is up for re-election this fall. Do your homework.

West University Neighborhood Housing Rehab \$\$

Between now and the end of the calendar year, WUNA homeowners may apply for funds that can be used to provide housing repair assistance. Any funds remaining at the end of the calendar year would then become available to regular housing rehab coffers. There’s an income threshold that applicants must meet.

The purpose of the project is to provide financial help to low income homeowners – owner occupied houses – who are faced with urgent repair work. This includes situations with a hazardous and/or unsanitary condition that threatens the life and/or health of the occupants. It’s not for a total rehab or normal maintenance on the property. There’s a total of \$12,500 potentially available, some of which would not be required to be repaid, and other amounts that may come in the form of a deferred loan at 2% interest. Here are the specifics on the project:

Owner-Occupancy - The applicant must be the owner and occupy the home to be repaired at the time the repair problem is identified. Ownership may include: Possession of clear title, equity rights under contract, deed and mortgage, deed of trust, or life estate to a property. In certain instances involving probate cases or joint ownership where the property is not occupied by all owners, or ownership by a close relation (not an occupant), the definition of owner-occupant will include those applicants whose occupancy is perpetual and rent-free, where there is definite blood relationship between the applicant and the last recorded title holder.

Income - An applicant’s gross income must not be above the following income limits for the family sizes given below: (Income is figured before taxes and deductions and includes all permanent ongoing payments to the applicant household).

Family Size	Income	Family Size	Income
1	\$33,550	5	\$51,750
2	\$38,350	6	\$55,600
3	\$43,150	7	\$59,400
4	\$47,900	8	\$63,250

Liquid Assets - Less than \$20,000 per household. Assets are cash on hand, savings accounts, U.S. Savings Bonds, stocks and bonds, and other liquid assets available to the applicant. If an applicant’s liquid assets exceed the asset limit, the applicant may still be eligible for the program; however, he will be required to use those funds (the amount over limit) to pay for repairs. (For example, if a household has \$21,000.00 in liquid assets and needs repair costing \$4,200, the applicant will pay \$1,000 and the project will pay \$3,200.) Example:

Applicant's liquid assets	\$ 21,000	Cost of Repair	\$ 4,200
Asset limit	\$-20,000	Assets over limit/paid by Applicant	\$-1,000
Asset amount over limit	\$ 1,000	Amount paid by Project	\$ 3,200

Use of Other Sources of Assistance - If the homeowner is eligible for assistance from some other source, such as homeowner’s insurance, the project will pay only the difference between the cost of the repair and the amount the homeowner may be eligible for from the other source.

Receipt of Prior Housing Rehab Assistance from City of Tucson – any homeowner requesting assistance under the **FY 2012-2014 TARR Program** must **NOT** have received any assistance from any other City of Tucson housing rehab program since **September 1, 2008**.

What Repairs are Eligible Under this Project?

Leaking Roof Repairs and/or Replacement - Roof over main occupied residence may be eligible for repair or replacement if the extent of the leak is threatening to cause serious damage to the home, jeopardizing the health and safety of the occupants.

Electrical – Repair of hazardous main electrical service and/or hazardous circuits into the home.

Sewer Line - In the house sewer between the house and the point of disposal.

Gas Leak - In the gas piping between the gas meter and any appliances.

Replacement of Existing Furnace or Cooling System- When unit is no longer serviceable. Heating and cooling systems are eligible where one does not exist.

Water Heater Replacement and/or installations.

Structural - Whenever any portion of the home or member of appurtenance is immediately likely to fail, or to become detached or dislodged, or to collapse and thereby injure persons.

Water Leak - In the water piping between the water meter and any fixtures.

Security – Repair and/or installation of front and rear doors and lights.

Special Conditions - All other emergencies threatening to life or health of the occupants not covered above, will be considered case-by-case basis.

Ineligible repairs:

Appliance Repair - Including refrigerator, range and oven, clothes washer/dryer, garbage disposal, toaster, etc.

Minor Plumbing - Repair of dripping faucets, running toilet tank, clogged drains, minor fixture leaks.

Minor Electrical - Repair of electrical outlet, switch, or light fixture.

General Mechanical - Furnace, evaporative cooler, air conditioning servicing in preparation for winter or summer. Lighting and/or cleaning furnace, repairing or replacing plumbing, blower motor, pads and water distribution system.

Cosmetic and General Maintenance Repairs- Plastering, patching and painting, floor covering, door and hardware and other routine and ongoing maintenance work. General repairs to accessory structures, such as car ports, sheds, out buildings, etc.

This is an opportunity for WUNA right now. That's the area eligible for the set-aside funds until the end of the year. If you'd like more information you should call our Housing folks at 837.5336.

Sincerely,



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

Events Calendar

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

Ward 6 Water Education Night (and Tree Distribution!)

Join Tucson Water at the Ward 6 Office on April 30th from 6 to 7:30pm to celebrate Water Awareness Month and learn about water in our community. Do we have enough water for the future? How is Tucson Water keeping water safe and secure? Why do water rates go up? What does it cost to deliver water to your tap? Is Tucson Water investing in improvements and technology? Learn the answers to these question and come with your own!

Does your home need some low water shade trees? **Bring your TEP account number** to our Water Education Night and leave with drought-resistant plants from Trees for Tucson for only \$5 each!

UA Student Safety Task Force Public Meeting

April 30th, 4-6pm Gallagher Theater –Student Union, 1303 E. University Blvd.

The University of Arizona Student Safety Task Force is seeking feedback from the Tucson and UA communities around student safety and wellbeing. All are welcome to attend and share their thoughts.

National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation

From April 1 through April 30, you can “pledge for Tucson” in the National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation. Just go to mywaterpledge.com using your e-mail or Facebook and complete a brief online survey on the ways you can or do save water and energy.

The Challenge, a friendly competition among U.S. cities, is sponsored by the Wyland Foundation, Toyota, and other partners. Tucson was #1 in its population category in 2013. A Tucson resident won the national grand prize – a Toyota Prius! Drawings for all prizes are only from the five winning cities. If Tucson wins and you have pledged and entered the prize drawing, you are eligible to win:

- Toyota Prius Plug-in (one grand prize)
- \$1000 Shopping Spree at a Home Improvement Store
- 50 Smart Irrigation Controllers from The Toro Company
- 40 EcoFlow Showerheads
- 250 Home Improvement Store Gift Cards (\$25 value)

The Wyland Foundation has added a classroom edition of My Water Pledge at mywaterpledge.com/campaign/kids-campaign-2014 to encourage parents to take the pledge with their kids. Tucson Water’s web page at tucsonaz.gov/water/challenge has background information, videos, and a recap of 2013.

Ongoing

Jazz at Main Gate

Presented by Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance at Main Gate Square, the **free performances** alternate Fridays at 7 p.m. Coupled with delicious food from nearby local restaurants, the evenings provide a great way to begin the weekend.

Friday, May 2nd Sylvan Street, jazz

Main Gate Square, between Park and Euclid Avenues on University Boulevard

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

Dante’s Purgatorio by Patrick Baliani

April 24–May 11, 2014

Thursday–Saturday 7:30 P.M., Sunday 2:00 P.M. plus a Saturday 2:00 P.M. Matinee May 10

<http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm>

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 Blvd.

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: 11:00am - 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