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Ward 6 - Newsletter

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Central Arizona Project



Of all the important items we discussed on Tuesday, possibly the most important of them all was how we're going to ensure good stewardship of our groundwater supply in the Tucson Active Management Area, and specifically make good decisions about who is allowed CAP allocations from the Pima Mine Road pipeline.

Let's be clear. This isn't a fight of Pecan growers vs. Copper miners. It's how do we establish a policy by which we can share our CAP allocation in a way that preserves and protects the groundwater supply.

There was some chatter that the CAP Board of Directors had established their own policy that if we allowed one group to tap into our pipeline, they would allow all other comers to do the same. In fact, that policy was not adopted by CAP Board, and so what I and many of us on the council are encouraging is that their Board take the objective criteria we adopted on Tuesday and use them as a gauge for determining who can take allocations of the pipeline supply.

I've stated plenty of times that water and certain land use issues are the two most complex areas we deal with on the council. Last week we tackled some water issues – this week, we did the same, and I believe what we did will yield to the long term benefit of the region.

The short version of the criteria we adopted can be summarized by saying we are not going to allow applicants for water to tie up capacity until they have the permits and capital infrastructure ready to use it, and we want to make sure that what they're providing is a net positive in terms of the health of the aquifer. If you're pumping water with your left hand and taking our CAP allocation with your right hand, that's not a net positive. There are other more technical parts of the framework we put into place, most of which simply gives Tucson Water the right to turn off a third party allocation if they need to in order to protect the water level (hydrology 101,) but as general policy, our goal was to be good stewards of the resource. I think we did.

Now we wait for applicants to come forward, we apply the criteria and see who



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

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gets to tap into our pipeline. We also wait to see if our CAP partners will take a look at the criteria we now have in place and join us in using them as a decision making template, and reject the notion that just because one group gets to tap the line, everybody should have that same opportunity.

AHCCCS to Health Care

The second most important item was our discussion related to how the City might be able to get out ahead of the State in terms of finding a mechanism for helping hospitals and other health care providers to be funded for the currently uncompensated care they're giving out. Each of us on the Council supports the Governor's original plan of extending Medicaid coverage to people making 133% of poverty line wages. I say 'original plan' because it sounds as though there's some negotiating going on up in Phoenix that would eliminate Planned Parenthood from involvement in the program. I would not support log-rolling that agency out of the agreement.

The City Manager recommended that we begin the process of establishing a tax on hospitals, the money from which would go towards drawing down Federal matching funds to help defray the costs the hospitals incur for treating patients who cannot pay for their services. The financial need is huge. TMC alone paid out over \$48M in uncompensated care last year. The participating hospitals would garner a 2:1 return from the Federal Government on each dollar they are taxed. Getting the City involved raised several questions I wanted to have addressed before agreeing to jump into the middle of this. Here's what I asked the City Manager to answer:

- A) How does this differ from what the Governor is now trying to get enacted through the Legislature?

The City based assessment is designed to bridge Tucson hospitals to when the Governor's plan is adopted. It's just a short term measure to help until the State gets its act together and adopts this on a State wide basis.

- B) If the Legislature adopts her proposal, would this Ordinance become duplicative? If so, would we simply repeal or sunset it?

The Ordinance will be written to expire on 12/31, '13.

- C) Do hospitals have the opportunity to "opt-in" or would we assess on all health care providers?

All hospital providers in the City limits will be assessed. It should be noted that it is the hospitals themselves who have asked for this assessment – the City is acting as the taxing agent, but the hospitals are using their payments to access the Federal match.

- D) Do all health care providers have the ability to participate?

This is a hospital assessment. There may be ways later on to include rural or other providers who are part of a hospital based health care system, but for now it's just hospitals who operate within the City limits.



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)
(3th 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
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cms3.tucsonaz.gov/
infoguide](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide)

E) The last paragraph on your memo states "Funds raised from the assessment would be used by AHCCCS to expand coverage for individuals around the state; but would also be used to fund payments to local hospitals to alleviate the financial costs of uncompensated care."

How do we capture dollars assessed on Tucson area health care providers to make sure that the money we draw down from the Federal Medicaid program comes back to benefit local providers?

Phoenix and Mesa are already approved to do this. If we follow their model, about 75 cents on the dollar will return to the local hospitals.

F) What is the administrative involvement by the City if we were to adopt this? Whose department has the staffing and expertise to administer the program? If we adopt this, would it be written in such a way that the health care providers who participate are charged a fee by the City that would cover our costs, even if that were to include the need to add staff in order to administer the program? What do we expect the administrative cost to be?

A fee will be charged so the City is not out of pocket for any of the administrative costs associated with running the program.

G) As I read it, no money comes to the City; are we really adopting an Ordinance that places us in the position of doing locally what the State seems to be failing to accomplish, but we're then uncompensated for our staff and administrative costs in administering the program?

While we are in fact getting out ahead of the State (again) we will be compensated for our administrative costs.

H) The State is now talking about a compromise in which Planned Parenthood would be excluded from their plan. If we adopt this, can we make sure that all health care providers, including Planned Parenthood have the ability to opt-into what we enact without any exposure to litigation from the State?

Unless we figure out a way to extend this to members of a health care provider system (rural extensions, for example) this will only send money back to local hospitals.

I) How would the money and this process used to draw down Federal Medicaid funding affect our own spending limit, if at all? Do the dollars involved in this plan count against our own legal limits?

This is a huge deal breaker if our spending limit is impacted by the program. Staff is looking into it, but since we know Phoenix and Mesa are doing similar programs, I'm guessing that we'll find this issue will not be a problem for us.

J) Finally, the authority under SB1357 to put these procedures into place expires in October of this year. Given that the expiration occurs after we will have set our fy'14 budget limit, how would we fund the budget capacity needed to administer the program?

We won't be adding net costs. The fee we'll charge will cover the costs.

Uncompensated care is running many of our health care providers out of business. It's par-

ticularly hard on rural health care agencies and hospitals. It's also not a direct City function, and so I wanted to make sure we're not taking on something that will affect our ability to provide the services we are bound to by Charter. On Tuesday we began the process of putting the health care tax into place. Our staff will work out the details, modeled on the Phoenix/Mesa plans and soon our local hospitals will have some Federal money to help pay for the services they deliver to people unable to pay for it themselves.

This is not the way to provide health care. Medicaid expansion would give people their own health insurance. That makes consumers out of people. This hospital tax gives the money to the hospitals, leaving people still uninsured and using emergency rooms as their primary care option – the most costly way to deliver health care. But today we partnered with our local hospitals and put the wheels in motion for keeping them solvent while we all sit and wait on the State to do the right thing and enact the Medicaid expansion.

Budget

Our Monday night Budget Town Hall was quite lively, and I hope those who attended came away feeling as though they had both learned some facts about our fiscal condition, and that they had their voices heard as well. The final public hearing opportunity for you to weigh in on the budget will come on May 21st.

First, I'd like to thank Kelly Gottschalk, Joyce Garland and City Manager Richard Miranda for taking their Monday night and coming to participate. Below I've noted a few comments Mr. Miranda has both written, and made through the course of the M&C study sessions about the budget. Here they are:

“The Fiscal Year 2014 Recommended Budget is a submission of a financial plan that has as its foundation an organizational mission of providing optimum government services to those who live, work, recreate and do business in our great city.” (City Managers statement, City of Tucson Budget 2014).

“While this budget submission is legally balanced as required and is sufficient to meet this year's goals, we need to keep focus on remedies to address the structural deficits we are experiencing in multiple funds, and we need to take into consideration other financial problems that are on the horizon.” (City Managers statement, City of Tucson Budget 2014).

“We are forced to continue to include one-time funding sources, which ideally should not be used to pay for annual operating expenditures. This budgeting practice is not sustainable; and as a result of its continued usage, many fiscal challenges loom large for future year budgets.” (City managers statement, City of Tucson Budget 2014)

“The recommended General Fund budget has been balanced by a) delaying debt payments, b) suspending departmental funding of the self-insurance deficit, c) including one-time potential land sales revenue, and d) deferring funding for infrastructure needs; all while still not knowing the full impact of State legislative actions on future City sales tax revenue streams.” (City managers statement, City of Tucson Budget 2014)

You've heard and/or read the varying positions members of the M&C have taken on the budget. You've also seen the disputed compensation data. On Tuesday we were given some final numbers related to giving our employees raises. From the detail, it's clear that this proposal was at least ready in draft form at the time we met on Monday for the budget town hall. None of the staff present mentioned it. In my opinion, that was a large piece of

information that you (and I) should have been presented during the Town Hall.

If one looks at the final quote from our City Manager, and considers the fact that Kelly Gottschalk (our Finance guru) cannot support any level of compensation increase, at the end of the day the variations in the data sets we've been given as they relate to the true cost of giving raises don't really matter. Why? Because we are immediately facing deficits next year since all we did this year was defer debt, and so anything at all that we add in the form of wage increases only puts us more deeply in deficit. To balance next year, the option we used this year will not exist; that is, deferring debt payments. That will leave reductions in personnel (we're already at 1995 staffing levels,) reductions in services provided, furloughs, or things such as a renter's tax, or other revenue generating schemes that we have already rejected in past years.

The M&C voted to approve \$11M annual increases in the base rates of our employees. Add that to the \$13M we just deferred, increases in pensions costs, O&M on the Streetcar, PCWIN, new police and fire to take the place of those we lose to retirement, picking up costs for currently grant funded cops – well, let's just say that I stand by my comment that the raises don't make fiscal good sense.

Our employees deserve raises. So do yours. Sometimes you simply can't afford it. I believe this is one of those times. The Council felt differently and adopted a compensation package that will challenge us in both the near term and in the long term.

Come on out on the 21st and share your thoughts and ideas.

Rincon Heights Garden Plots

How about a quick change of pace – a few weeks ago I included a photo of the Rincon Heights Neighborhood community garden. There is currently a good option for UA neighbors to rent a plot in their 'garden.' It's located on 8th Street, between Fremont and Park. It'll cost you about \$10 p/month – payable in advance for a 6 or 12 month period – you get the ground, you do the work – you yield the benefits.

This is a good example of the UA working with surrounding neighbors to create something that is for the greater good of the area. The UA owns the community garden land, but the garden has been planned, developed and is being managed by the neighborhood. This is a great example of public/private collaboration.

If you'd like more information on how to get involved, you can contact the Rincon Heights folks at RHNAgarden@gmail.com

Background Checks

Ok, back to the not so good news.

In early May, T&T Auctions held a public auction in which they sold off a wide variety of goods. Many of those were guns. Here's the list of what they had up for auction:

T&T's Auction

Firearm list:

- 300# STOEGER COACH 20GA DB SHOTGUN E.R. Amantino
- 301# SPRINGFIELD 16GA DB SHOTGUN J Stevens Arms Co
- 302# INTRAC ARMS 12 GA COACH 12 DB SHOTGUN
- 303# 1880-1910 T BARKER BELGIUM 16GA DB SHOTGUN
- 304# 1890 E K TRYON PHILADELPHIA 12GA DB SHOTGUN

305# INTERARMS 44 MAG LEVER ACTION RIFLE Amadeo Rossi
306# US SPRINGFIELD ARM 25-06 MOD 1907 MARK I REM RIFLE
307# PEDERSOLI 16GA DB COACH SHOTGUN Per. Cap
308# ORIG US REMINGTON MOD 03-A3 4122426 WW2 RIFLE
309# IVER JOHNSON CHAMPION 410GA ANTIQUE SHOTGUN
310# STURM RUGER MINI 14 CAL 223 RIFLE 164-51384
311# J. STEVENS MARKSMAN 22 LONG RIFLE
312# MARLIN 38? RIFLE S/N-38909
313# RUGER MOD NINETY-SIX 22 LR CAL RIFLE
314# BLACK POWDER GUN
315# 1944 US REMINGTON M1903 .30-06 SPRINGFIELD
316# 1951 BELGIAN NAVY CONTRACT MAUSER SHORT RIFLE
317# ROSSI INTERARMS M92 SRC 38SPL-357 MAG RIFLE
318# ANTIQUE 16GA PER. CAP SHOTGUN
319# NEW ENGLAND FIREARMS RIFLE OCTAGON BARREL W/SCOPE
320# HARRINGTON & RICHARDSON 20GA TOPPER JR. MOD 098
321# ANGELO ZOLI BSA NORT 16GA DBL BARREL SHOTGUN
322# HARRINGTON & RICHARDSON H&R 357 MAG RIFLE S/N-AY44
323# CUSTOM LEFT HANDED BLACK POWDER RIFLE
324# PEDERSOL ITALY 54 CAL BLACK POWDER RIFLE
325# IAB MARCHENO ITALY 54 BLACK POWDER RIFLE
326# A. UBERTI .45LC HENRY 1860 RIFLE
327# A. UBERTI 44 CAL RIFLE GOLD TONE
328# EUROARMS 58 CAL BLACK POWDER RIFLE
329# PEDERSOLI BLACK POWDER RIFLE S/N-DA89680
330# CONN VALLEY ARMS 50 CAL BLACK POWDER KENTUCKY
331# EUROARMS BLACK POWDER 54 CAL RIFLE
332# GOLDEN STATE ARMS CORP MK1 CARBINE 303 RIFLE
333# A. UBERTI REVOLVING BLACK POWDER 44 CAL RIFLE
334# HARRINGTON&RICHARDSON US SPRINGFIELD 45 CAL RIFLE
335# CB 1869 SHOTGUN-ANTIQUE
336# HARRINGTON & RICHARDSON MOD 158 30-30 RIFLE
337# CONN VALLEY ARMS 32 CAB BLACK POWDWER SQUIRREL
338# REMINGTON MOD 30 EXPRESS RIFLE
339# ANTONIO ZOLI ITALY 58 CAL BLACK POWDER RIFLE
340# REMINGTON 22 CAL SHORT LONG OR LONG RIFLE
341# KESSLER ARMS MOD 300 12GA SHOTGUN
342# NEW ENGLAND ARMS SPORTSTER 17 CAL HMR RIFLE
343# HARRINGTON&RICHARDSON MOD 88 12GA SHOTGUN
344# IVER JOHNSON 20GA CHAMPION MOD SHOTGUN
345# SPRINGFIELD ARMS CO MOD 1929 12GA SHOTGUN
346# WINCHESTER MOD 97 16GA SHOTGUN
347# WINCHESTER 44 CAL REMINGTON MAG MOD 1892 RIFLE
348# JANSSEN SONS & CO BELGIUM DB 16GA STAGE COACH
349# KBI INC LIBERTY COACH DB 12GA SHOTGUN
350# JUKAR BLACK POWDER PISTOL
351# PEDERSOLI HARPERS FERRY .58 CAL PISTOL
352# ITALY PISTOL MARKED W. PARKER .45 CAL

- 353# F. LLIPIETTA ITALY COLT REPLICA .44 CAL
- 354# AMERICAN CLASSIC MOD. 1377 AIR GUN
- 355# PEDERSOLI QUEEN ANNE .50 CAL PISTOL
- 356# F.LLIPIETTA ITALY .36 CAL COLT PISTOL
- 357# F. LLIPIETTA ITALY .44 CAL COLT REPLICA
- 358# RUGER BLACKHAWK .45 CAL REVOLVER
- 359# RIGARMI COLT .36 REPLICA MADE IN ITALY
- 360# RUGER VAQUERO .44 MAG REVOLVER
- 361# COBRAY .45 DERRINGER DOUBLE BARREL PISTOL
- 362# HIGH STANDARD DOUBLE-NINE .22 CAL PISTOL
- 363# TRADITIONS CROCKETT .32 CAL BLACK POWDER PISTOL
- 364# ARMI SAN MARCO .44 CAL 1860 COLT BLACK POWDER COLT
- 365# UBERTI 1847 WALKER BLACK POWER REVOLVER
- 366# ARMI SAN MARCO COLT .45 PEACEMAKER
- 367# PEDERSOLI BOOT PISTOL .44 CAL
- 368# F. LLIPIETTA ITALY .44 CAL COLT COPY
- 369# RUGER BLACK HAWK .357 MAG 200TH AMERICAN LIBERTY
- 370# UBERTI .38 SPECIAL 1871 ARMY COLT
- 371# H&R MODEL 903 .22LR PISTOL
- 372# NAVY ARMS COLT 1851 CAL .44
- 373# IVER JOHNSON TARGET 8 SHOT .22 PISTOL
- 374# NAVY ARMS COLT .44 1851 NAVY
- 375# H&R ARMS .32 PISTOL
- 376# RUGER BLACK HAWK .41 MAG
- 377# UBERTI .38-40 CAL PISTOL COLT
- 378# RUGER NEW MODEL SINGLE SIX .22 WIN MAG
- 379# CIMARRON .38-40 CAL PISTOL
- 380# RUGER NEW MODEL BLACKHAWK .357 MAG
- 381# COLT TROOPER .357 REVOLVER
- 382# RUGER VAQUERO .45CAL AS-IS REVOLVER
- 383# JAGER DAKOTA .44/40 REVOLVER
- 384# RUGER .22 CAL NEW MODEL SINGLE SIX PISTOL
- 385# MITCHEL ARMS CORP .44 MAG SA COLT ARMY

T&T Auctions does not have nor do they need a Federal Firearms License to engage in auctioning off firearms in estate auction sales. If an auction house takes in firearms on a consignment basis then they would need one. In looking at the information about that sale, based on their status, T&T would not have needed a license. Therefore, they would not have had to do any background checks on the items sold.

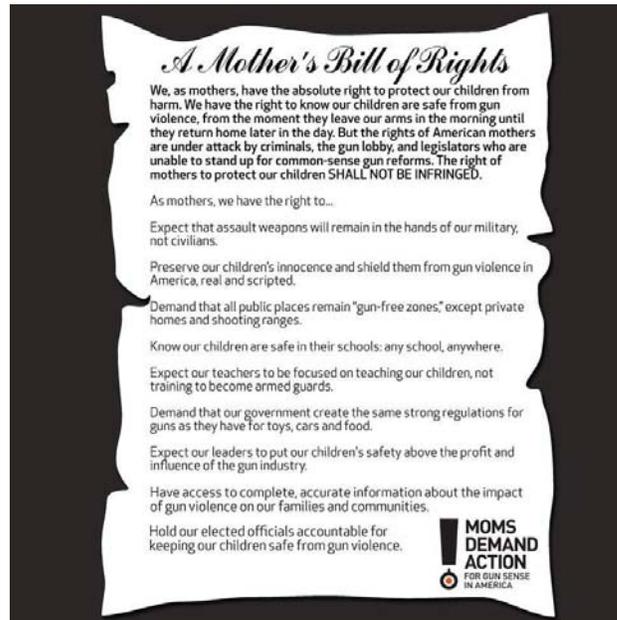
Last week I reached out to their owners and suggested that it'd be a nice touch if they'd voluntarily agree to not sell guns in their auctions until they had conducted a background check on purchasers. I felt that would show they were being good community partners, doing their part to ensure sales were not being made to people who are otherwise not legally allowed to buy a gun. The polite way to describe their response is that they ignored the request.

Given that our State legislature and the Feds have refused to require background checks on all gun sales, nothing T&T is doing is illegal. The list above simply points to the need for those of us who would like to see background checks be made a matter of law to keep work-

ing on public officials and get them to show the courage to adopt the requirement. Until they do, we'll keep taking the chance that guns are being purchased by people who the law would otherwise prohibit from owning or possessing one.

I'm still mildly hopeful that T&T will change their policy. I think the community would respond positively if they chose to take a leadership role in doing that.

...and on a similar note, here's a Mother's Day statement from Mom's Demand Action – a Mom's Bill of Rights as it relates to the gun control issue:



T&T and other private sales outlets have the opportunity to be a part of a growing group who simply want to make sure gun owners/purchasers are those in our community who are legally permitted to have a weapon. This issue isn't going away.

Sex Trafficking of Minors

Quick update on the plans for the forum we'll be conducting related to the issue of our kids being trafficked by sex predators. It's here in this community – in the past month there have been multiple instances of attempted or actual abductions. Each of the kids involved were victims in terms of the living memories the incidents emblazoned in their minds.

Here are some basic statistics related to this topic:

- Child/Human Trafficking is one of the fastest growing crimes in the world. Child/ human trafficking is the world's second largest criminal enterprise, after drugs. *U.S. State Department*
- The global market of child trafficking is over \$12 billion a year with over 1.2 million child victims. *UNICEF*
- As many as 2.8 million children run away each year in the US. Within 48 hours of hitting the streets, one-third of these children are lured or recruited into the underground world of prostitution and pornography. *The National Center for Missing and Exploited*

Children

- The average age of entry for children victimized by the sex trade industry is 12 years. U.S. Department of Justice
- Approximately 80% of human trafficking victims are women and girls and up to 50% are minors. U.S. State Departmen



We have now identified a panel of presenters, are working on a venue and an emcee for a very timely and necessary forum on this topic. With the involvement of the Center for Community Dialogue, the event is going to be interactive, not just a one-direction presentation. I'll keep you posted on the details as we get them put into place. For now, let me close with a part of the report shown on KGUN9 last week related to the Marana incident:

Michelle exclusively tells 9OYS she saw 8 men a day, for at least 3 weeks.

So many guys will screw you over pull a gun out and won't even pay you after you've done everything you've asked them to do,"said Michelle.

And she says, she's not alone. She has seen other girls go through the same thing on Tucson streets.

They're actually being forced to do things for long periods of time,"said Michelle. They have someone owning them."

Exporting and Commerce

On Friday, May 31st, the Mayor will be hosting a workshop to discuss how small businesses can get into the very important export market. The event will be held at the Westside Police Service Center – 1310 W. Miracle Mile. It's free to attend and to participate.

There will be about eight presentations from experts in their respective fields, each related in some fashion to exports and small business. They'll talk about making your business ready to engage in export commerce, services you should be exploiting in order to take full advantage of the area, City of Tucson and Mexican initiatives that are available, and some Tucson businesses will talk about their own 'lessons learned' in the area.

If you run a small business and have thought there may be a niche for what you offer in cross-border commerce, please consider attending this workshop. To register, you must call 620.1241. It'll run from 11am until 2pm on the 31st.

Downtown Tucson

The May 5th San Francisco Chronicle led with a cover story that our VisitTucson folks couldn't have planned any better. Here's a little of what they told the Bay Area folks about our City

From the May 5th cover of the San Francisco Chronicle





The local bookstore (an independent) hosts both a Steampunk book group and a Democracy and Dissent book group. The Food Conspiracy Co-op, way more crunchy than any Whole Foods could ever hope to be, carries gray toothpaste in little jars and shampoo that's formulated for dreadlocks. There's a guy at the Saturday Farmers' Market who roasts his own coffee - he learned from the founder of Peet's. And the local bike shop, Bicycle Inter-community Art & Salvage, shuts down every Monday for Women, Transgender and Femme workshop day.

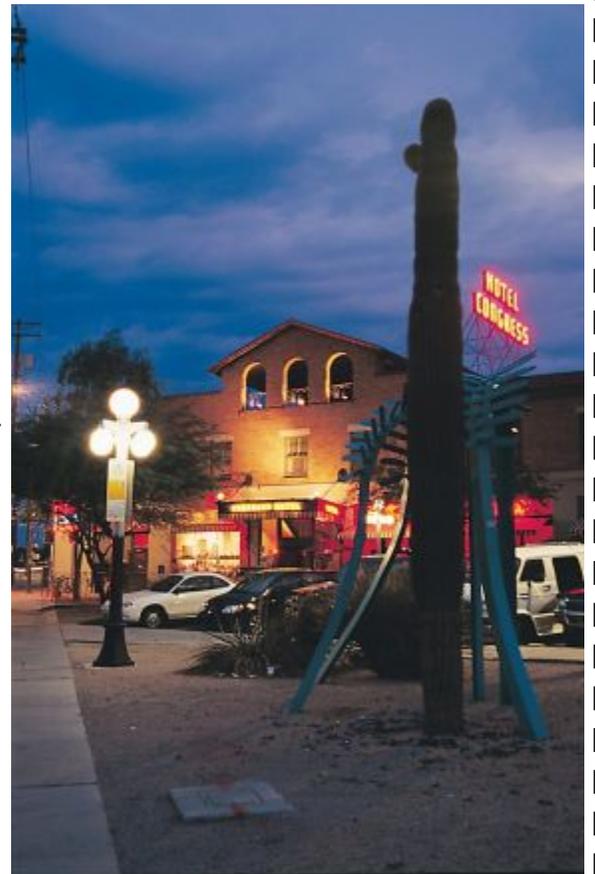
Portland? Or perhaps, Portlandia?

Nope, Tucson. Yes, that Tucson.

This smallish southwestern town, better known as a jumping-off point for the Saguaro National Park, has turned into a surprisingly hip little burg. A kind of Portland without the rain. A Mission District without the attitude (and without the long lines for restaurants).

Partly it's the influence of the University of Arizona campus, which hovers on the edge of downtown. Partly, it's Tucson's low cost of living, which has tempted more than a few artist types into moving into its colorful adobe neighborhoods. Whatever the reason, Tucson as a destination gives you all of the cool for less of the cash.

The article goes on to talk about a variety of what you can experience in our own downtown core. If you haven't been there for a while - or even if you have - I'd encourage you to pay the area a visit some evening. I'm sure you will be impressed with the level of



private entrepreneurship that's going on right here in our own community.

TMC Meet Me Downtown

And with Hotel Congress on your mind, the Southern Arizona Roadrunners are teaming up with TMC and the Mayor to sponsor a 5k run/walk/have fun event on the evening of June 1st. Your pace is irrelevant – and if you're pushing somebody in a stroller, that kid is a free participant. Just join.

This is the spring finale of the Mayor's "Walk 100 Miles with the Mayor Fitness Challenge." It'll begin at 6:30pm (\$25 registration if you're not a kid - \$20 if you're with a group) and there will be a variety of family friendly activities (jumping castles, food, music, etc.) and an after race party at Hotel Congress.

The race director is Randy Accetta and you can pre-register by contacting him at raccetta2@cox.net.

Tucson Police Fallen Officer Memorial



Last Wednesday evening, Diana and I attended this year's TPD fallen officer memorial. Thankfully, there were no roses added to the ceremony this year. What was amazing though was that Sgt. Carpenter (shot in the head just a few months ago) offered the keynote address to the crowd gathered at TPD HQ for the event. What a great story of healing, and of the camaraderie that exists between not only the officers, but them and their respective families. The Carpenter family

was ministered to throughout their ordeal by dozens of police officers and their own families.

We have dedicated public safety workers in this City. Their families are often the forgotten ones though. The work is dangerous, and spouses, kids, parents and other loved ones are those who are left behind when a tragic event takes the life of one of our officers. My thanks go out to those who are on the front lines of protection for all of us throughout the City.

UA Graduation in the Stadium



This was the scene as we put the football stadium into commencement mode last week. Over 6,000 young people took part in the ceremonies. One of them was my niece who is embarking on a physical therapy career – no small part of which will be rehabbing my knee when it decides I've run too many miles.

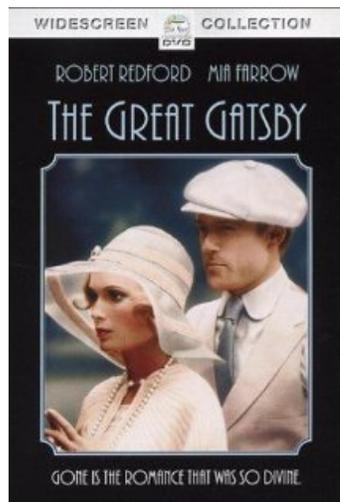


And this was the scene outside of the stadium as we continued to work on the North End Zone addition to Arizona Stadium. It was a busy week, but now that we've got graduation behind us, it'll be a full on sprint to the finish line of July 1st when we begin to move the various occupants into the new facility. Those will include not only football staff, but also trainers, equipment room personnel, video staff, strength coaches, catering workers, and other support staff.

Mortenson Construction has had over 300 workers on site on a pretty regular basis for the last month. Over 90% of them have been local trades workers. This project will not only be a great asset to the UA sports program, but it has been a wonderful boost to our local economy.

Sincerely,

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Cinema La Placita Outdoor Film Series
presents "The Great Gatsby"
on Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m.
To view full schedule visit:
<http://www.cinemataplacita.com/>



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 . . .

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Friday, May 17, 8:00pm. **“One More Time (Tribute to Daft Punk)”** all ages.

Saturday, May 18, 8:00pm. **“Primus”** all ages.

Monday, May 20, 8:00pm. **“Big Boi of Outkast – Shoes for Running 2013 World Tour”**

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18, 7:30pm. **“The List: A Musical by R. Clark Jewett”**

Sunday, May 19, 3:00pm. **“Desert Dreams Film Premier: Celebrating Five Seasons in the Sonoran Desert”**

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

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

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/

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 Southwest 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”

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum – 414 N Toole Ave.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 11:00am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

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

Tucson Pops Orchestra – Music Under the Stars

Tucson Pops Orchestra will be having their yearly concert series at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center at Reid Park this Sunday. This fun, Tucson institution is family friendly and begins at 7:00. Bring chairs and a blanket and enjoy some beautiful music.

Visit <http://www.tucsonpops.org> for more information and a schedule of concerts.

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Hosted by . . . City Council Member Steve Kozachik



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