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Gun Violence Restraining Orders

In this community, we know what it feels like to suffer a senseless gun violence tragedy. So do the residents of Santa Barbara, Columbine, Aurora, Virginia Tech, Sandy Hook, and on it goes. The sad reality is that in far too many of those events, there were clear warning signs that, had they been acted upon, might have prevented the murders.



A couple of weeks ago I shared that it was my hope to put into place in Tucson an Ordinance that would give TPD the opportunity to petition a judge to have weapons removed from a person who the police and judge had reason to believe was a danger to self or others. I'm of course aware of the State law that pre-empts local jurisdictions from adopting laws more stringent than the State when it comes to just about anything having to do with a gun. This is Arizona, after all. But it was my hope that we could enact something drawn up in a way that cleared that hurdle because it was focused on the greater good of the safety of the community. In consultation with our City Attorney, I've had to conclude that the State has blocked us from such a local Ordinance.

Doesn't that just make you feel much safer than if I had been able to achieve some local control in cases where a danger demonstrably exists?

The State does allow for gun seizures in some very limited cases. Those are generally involving cases of domestic violence. For example, this language is on the books here in Arizona:

A.R.S. 13-3601. Domestic violence; definition; classification; sentencing option; arrest and procedure for violation; weapon seizure

C. A peace officer may question the persons who are present to determine if a firearm is present on the premises. On learning or observing that a firearm is present on the premises, the peace officer may temporarily seize the firearm if the firearm is in plain view or was found pursuant to a consent to search and if the officer reasonably believes that the firearm would expose the victim or another person in the household to a risk of serious bodily injury or death. So in that case the officer would have to be called a domestic violence scene and



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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see the gun or find it if allowed to search the scene. Then he could act to seize it temporarily if he ‘reasonably believed’ that it would expose the victim to serious risk. Here’s another example that exists in Arizona.

[13-3602. Order of protection; procedure; contents; arrest for violation; penalty; protection order from another jurisdiction](#)

G. If a court issues an order of protection, the court may do any of the following:

4. If the court finds that the defendant is a credible threat to the physical safety of the plaintiff or other specifically designated persons, prohibit the defendant from possessing or purchasing a firearm for the duration of the order. If the court prohibits the defendant from possessing a firearm, the court shall also order the defendant to transfer any firearm owned or possessed by the defendant immediately after service of the order to the appropriate law enforcement agency for the duration of the order. If the defendant does not immediately transfer the firearm, the defendant shall transfer the firearm within twenty-four hours after service of the order.

Here the victim must first have had a court issue an “Order of Protection” before the cop can take the weapons away. That process is time consuming and costly.

Finally, gun seizures can occur under cases of harassment. As you can see from Section S below, getting to that point requires “a series of acts” over time. One of them might have been one too many.

[12-1809. Injunction against harassment; petition; venue; fees; notices; enforcement; definition](#)

A. A person may file a verified petition with a magistrate, justice of the peace or superior court judge for an injunction prohibiting harassment.

F. If the court issues an injunction, the court may do any of the following:

3. Grant relief necessary for the protection of the alleged victim and other specifically designated persons proper under the circumstances.

S. For the purposes of this section, harassment means a series of acts over any period of time that is directed at a specific person and that would cause a reasonable person to be seriously alarmed, annoyed or harassed and the conduct in fact seriously alarms, annoys or harasses the person and serves no legitimate purpose. Harassment includes unlawful picketing, trespassory assembly, unlawful mass assembly, concerted interference with lawful exercise of business activity and engaging in a secondary boycott as defined in section 23-1321 and defamation in violation of section 23-1325.

It’s not as clear as the DV cases, but with harassment the court can include under section 3 above the order not to possess a gun during the term of the injunction. So it’s possible, albeit a cumbersome process.

Federal law bans firearm ownership by anyone who “has been adjudicated as a mental defective or has been committed to any mental institution.” States may adopt more strict



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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)

statutes though. Some do. And some are working on what are being called a 'gun violence restraining order' to temporarily bar a mentally unstable person from buying and possessing firearms after family, partners or friends call the police. States are also passing laws that create 'Prohibited Possessor' status among people who voluntarily commit themselves to a mental institution. Things like that were where I was hopefully headed.

Much of the current effort to create these 'gun violence restraining orders' began after the Santa Barbara killings. Among other things, in California their proposed law would create a system whereby family members, friends and intimate partners could call the police and ask them to intervene with troubled loved ones. In New Jersey, they're proposing a bill that would give families who are worried about the mental stability of loved ones the ability to seek a court order that would temporarily take firearms away from the person. That's *temporarily*. There's due process in getting to the seizure order as the police have to work through the courts.

But I'm being advised that we cannot pass an Ordinance that allows police to work with the courts and get a temporary gun restraining order that goes beyond that which is already covered in State law.

I don't give up until all avenues have been exhausted. In this case, the avenue I'll be pursuing is to form a committee of the interested to sit down together and begin the process of putting a gun violence restraining order into law here in Arizona. I don't believe we should have to wait until the perp has developed a violent history before putting the community in a safer position.

More on this to come. I'll shortly be reaching out to State level lawmakers and members of law enforcement and the mental health service community to begin a dialogue that I'm hoping can result in changes to State law along the lines of what California, New Jersey and others have begun to adopt.

Or, we can ignore it and pretend the problem either isn't one, or that it'll fix itself. More to follow.

Mental Health Safe Space Training

On a similar note, we'll be hosting a presentation offered by the Fund for Civility, Respect and Understanding called Mental Health Safe Space training. This came up during the Temple Emanuel forum a couple of weeks ago, and we're taking Jennie Grabel up on her offer to send her folks out into the field to conduct the training.

The training takes place in a 90 minute session. It's geared to helping participants gain a better understanding of mental illness and how to provide compassionate and effective first aid to the person you encounter. It will also give a list of the resources we have available in the community to help with the various needs that are out there.

Generally, they'll teach what mental illness is, what the signs are, how many people are af-



fected, what you can do to assist, and where you can go for further help. The training is free. It'll take place at the Ward 6 office on Monday evening, August 4th from 5:30 until 7pm.

They bring take-away materials, so we'd like to have a general idea as to how many people will be coming. Please call (791.4601) or email us at ward6@tucsonaz.gov if you're going to be involved.

Here's a link to their flyer if you'd like more information: <http://government.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/Flyer.pdf>.

This is already going on in the downtown core. Now the Fund folks are bringing it into the wider community. The goal – create a 'stigma-free' culture here in Tucson. I hope you can attend with us.

Project Mariposa

On Sunday, July 20th, Perla Trevizo wrote a lengthy article in the Star that catalogued the life story of one of the women we helped to transition through Tucson to her final stop way over in Delaware. In what was likely a 3,000 word story, the money lines came about one-half way through:

“Guatemala has one of the world’s highest rates of killings targeting women, with victims often raped, tortured and mutilated. And the violence had come to Tacana. A mutilated body of a woman was found dumped in the forest. People started staying inside that night.”

And the woman who eventually ended up at the Greyhound station left her home shortly thereafter.

One night last week I met the Guatemalan vice-consulate and the vice-ambassador down at the depot. They both confirmed that violence is rampant throughout their home country and that it occurs in multiple locations, not just in an isolated region. With each such story, the fact that the women and children we're seeing should be given the opportunity to apply for refugee status is affirmed. And it's also affirmed that those who simplistically suggest the answer is to “send them back” are at best uninformed.

The dynamics of Project Mariposa are extremely fluid and change daily. In the past week we have had multiple meetings with the leadership of Catholic Community Services to begin planning the transition out of Greyhound. That won't be a wholesale exit because the families will always need some hands-on assistance when they're delivered to the depot and are awaiting their departures. But the intake center's new location has been identified and we'll have that component of the operation out of the bus station by about the end of the month.

Moving to the new site will involve some new protocols for the volunteers. To that end, CCS has met with many of them, both in a group setting, and individually in an effort to work out the details of how the new place will function. There's a very evident sensitivity to the need to retain the community focus of how the project is being offered, even in a bit

more of an institutional setting. The very personal, compassionate element of how the volunteers are interacting with the families won't be lost in the move.

In order to ensure that focus isn't lost, we're forming a steering committee that'll be made up of the various groups who are a part of this work. That group will begin meeting at about the time of the move. It's a way to keep us all accountable to one another and make sure the center of attention remains how the families are treated. There's no room for ego or drama in what's being done.

The story from the Star is just one example of what these women and kids have gone through. This is a very vulnerable group that has been subjected to unspeakable mental and physical trauma. One of the key connections to their home has been a representative of the Guatemalan consulate office. In the past week we were advised that he is no longer being paid by that office – again. Less than three weeks after they flew their first lady here 1st Class, put her and her entourage up in a first class hotel, and did the whole Tubac shopping spree thing, they suddenly don't have funding to pay for their own involvement in Project Mariposa. Reflect on the women's stories and see if you also don't come away with a sense of disgust for that governmental abandonment of their own people – fully ready to sit and watch this community step up and do the heavy lifting for them.

Another change we've seen in the past week is the sudden arrival of several Romanian families. There are concerns that there might be some trafficking going on with them. Each person dropped by ICE at Greyhound is greeted by our Mariposa volunteers with the same sense of compassion. We have no control over who comes or what they've been through, but the members of this community are doing Tucson proud in the way they're addressing what multiple National/Federal governments have laid on our doorstep.

Donations are still arriving at the Ward 6 office daily. Water, Gatorade, diapers, Ramen Noodles – give Evelyn or Diana a call and they'll let you know what's in short supply. Our number is 791.4601.

Streetcar

The run-up to 'revenue service day' last Friday made it about impossible for you to have missed that series of events. I hope you had a chance to take part in at least some portion of it. Getting the streetcar done, up, and running is a big deal, primarily for the merchants who have tolerated the construction along the corridor. To that end, I chose to hand the ribbon-cutting scissors over to a couple of them last Friday morning; Donna DiFiore from Delectables, and Daniel Matlick from United Fire. Both have businesses along 4th Avenue, and both deserved to represent their fellow business operators during the start-up celebration.

I might have a bit of a different perspective on the completion of the project than some others, mainly due to the work I do at the UA. We finished the north end zone at the stadium and were already in design for McKale. We're doing McKale now at the same time as projects at our softball and tennis facilities. Moving from closing out one project to starting a new one is something not unfamiliar to me. I had a couple of focuses related to the streetcar that overshadowed the ribbon cutting.

One is our right to collect damages from Oregon Ironworks for the delays in production of

the vehicles. I understand the delight in getting the project done, but LDs were a part of the contract and we should be pursuing a just settlement with OIW. The maximum we'd be due is just under \$3M, whether that be in the form of cash or in-kind value. Here's the actual contract language that speaks to the LDs:

6. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

If the Work and specified portions of the Work are not completed and delivered according to the agreed delivery schedule it will be agreed that the following liquidated damages requirements will be implemented.

It is and will be impracticable to ascertain the actual damage which the City will sustain. Damage to the City in the case of failure by the Contractor to complete specified portions of work within the time as required therefore by the terms of this Contract will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Delays in the completion and operation of the City's Transit System;
2. Unreasonable inconvenience to the public;
3. Loss of revenue;
4. Increased costs of Contract administration; and
5. Delays and increased costs to other Contractors.

Contractor shall pay to the City the amount set forth in these provisions as liquidated damages for each day's delay or fraction thereof in completion of the work as specified in this section. The City may deduct the sum of liquidated damages from any monies due or that may become due the Contractor, or if such monies are insufficient, the Contractor or its surety shall pay to the City any deficiency. The remedies provided herein are not exclusive and are in addition to other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

Just Compensation

In lieu of actual damages, in the event of late arrival, delivery or receipt of any deliverables, including vehicles, the Contractor agrees to pay the City an amount of money as a reasonable estimate of just compensation for damages contemplated in this Article. The liquidated damages for Cars 1-7 and the final manuals and Parts Catalog shall be:

For the first 90 calendar days of delay: \$250 per vehicle, or per deliverable, per day.

From the 91st calendar day to the 240th calendar day of delay: \$1,200 per vehicle, or per deliverable, per day

From the 241st calendar day of delay until actual milestone achievement: \$1,800 per vehicle, or per deliverable, per day

Payments

The Contractor agrees to make payment in the above amounts in the event of late arrival, delivery, or receipt and agrees that the City may withhold monies for such from any funds due.

Limitations of Liability

Liquidated Damages will be limited, for all causes, to a maximum of ten (10) percent of the total base price.

We've got staff engaged with OIW in an effort to sort out a final settlement. While that's going on, my other area of focus now that the ribbons have been cut is O&M cost. Our General Fund will have to pick up the portion of those costs not covered by farebox recovery and RTA support. That's just the most recent in claims on the GF that we'll have to absorb during upcoming budget discussions. So the project is done and we have those financial considerations we'll now have to address. During the morning celebrations, that was more of my focus.



I didn't totally miss out on the ceremonies, though. On Friday evening I joined the Mayor and several thousand of you at The Beach on Congress. Some of us showed up expecting to find water at the beach – but it wasn't to be. Just a missing detail.

It was fun to see such a great turnout of people who support the development and new vibe we've seen evolve in the downtown core. Thanks to Michael Keith, the Downtown Tucson Partnership staff, John

Jacobs, and the Downtown Tucson Merchant's Council for their hard work in putting the Friday evening events together.



It was also fun to see so many people join my bride and me on the streetcar riding downtown from campus — that's her on the left.

Now that the free rides have ended, we're all hoping that those people who did the novelty trip buy a ticket to ride on a regular basis.

Scroll down on this webpage to find information on the day passes you can purchase at the streetcar stations and on the SunGo cards that allow you to pay for one-way rides: <http://www.sunlinkstreetcar.com/index.php?pg=49>.

Oh, and you can help us defray those O&M costs by supporting any of the many merchants who operate along the streetcar route. You might as well start with Delectables, but there are dozens of others to check out, too. They've been through a lot – now, it's recovery time for them.

More Trains

In conjunction with the streetcar opening, the folks at Old Pueblo Trolley worked in cooperation with Drachman Institute at the UA's downtown location and have put together a large window display that shows the history of how streetcar travel has evolved in Tucson. It's a 117 year time travel that walks you from the early mule-drawn streetcars, up through the several iterations of electrically powered vehicles – culminating in today's 'car.' Since the exhibit is in the form of a window display, you can view it at any hour at the UA building, 44 N. Stone.

The volunteers who promote Old Pueblo Trolley are passionate about what they do. I'm

sure they'd appreciate it if you gave their work a look.

The display will be up until the end of August.

Broadway Project

Last week there was a meeting that included City staff from the Broadway RTA project, several community members who represented businesses that operate along the corridor, as well as some of the citizen task force members. Here's how the meeting was noticed on the City web site:

** These meetings are for property and business owners that were invited.*

Note: A quorum of the Broadway Boulevard Citizens Planning Task Force may be in attendance. However, no items of business are scheduled to be discussed. No legal actions, proceedings or deliberations which foreseeably could lead to legal action shall be taken at this gathering.

"No items of business are scheduled to be discussed?" So they met to play bridge? Here's some language from the agenda material:

This is an opportunity to see the alignments under discussion, the options, and the potential impacts on your property and business. The staff is not permitted to solve the problems, but can make suggestions. It is also an opportunity to start discussion with neighboring properties on how to work together on issues such as parking and access.

That sounds like business more than just tea and crumpets.

Given that the Citizen's Task Force has been told that members are not to exchange dialogue outside of their formal CTF scheduled meetings, it was odd that staff convened a meeting that included them. What made it even odder was that members of the public were turned away from even observing the exchange.

Not every meeting between city staffers and members of the public constitutes a public meeting. Staff is entitled to have private discussions. But when members of a committee that is subject to the Open Meetings Law are included in a 'by invitation only' meeting with other members of the public, legitimate concerns are raised as to the propriety of excluding people who simply want to observe. And with some CTF members present – not sure if it was going to be a quorum – and other members of the public not having been invited and not being allowed to attend, one has to ask whether those CTF members who were in attendance are going to be allowed to share what they heard with their fellow CTF team. Recall this advice to the CTF from the City Attorney:

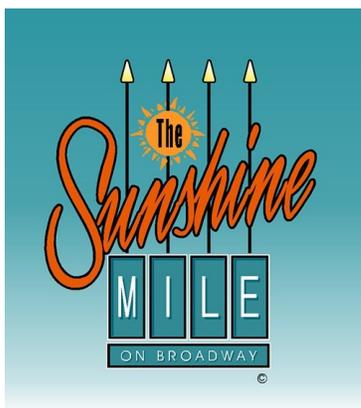
However, such discussions, even if initially made among less than a quorum, can quickly become violations of the OML, even unintentionally, and therefore our advice to members of BCCs (sorry, boards/committees/commissions) is that their discussions of matters relating to the work of their BCC should occur at the scheduled meeting of their BCC.

So, here's my practical advice - while I don't want you to be so paralyzed by the OML that the task force can't get its work done, please don't engage in communications outside of the public meetings that could lead to even an unintentional violation of the OML.

By excluding the public from the Broadway business discussion, staff ignored the clear advice given to CTF members by the City Attorney and in the process exacerbated an already frayed level of trust that exists between the City and many members of the community. It was either a public meeting or it was not. And if it was not, members of the CTF should not have been in attendance, which begs the question as to the value of it at all if no 'business' related exchanges were to occur.

I'll be interested in the staff response to this question. It's sad that there's a significant amount of fence mending needed throughout our relationship within the community.

There is some good news over on the Broadway corridor, though. Starting August 1st, on the former Panda Buffet site (Broadway and Tucson Blvd.) there will begin a new event called...



Food Truck Fridays on the Mile

There will be both a lunch and dinner time slot (11am – 1pm, and 5pm – 8pm) so you can choose which is better for your plans. This week the trucks represented will include Jozarellis, Gigi's Peruvian Mexican and Ahiska Turkish food trucks. This is the first planned event being done to activate the space in a way intended to attract community involvement to the site, and to the corridor merchants in general. There'll be more, and you can keep up to speed on them by going to the sunshinemile.com website and clicking on the 'events' link.

More Travel Related News

Beginning this morning and running through the middle of August, there will be road repair work in progress on 6th Street between Campbell and Country Club. This is part of the Prop 409 Bond money that you approved last year.

This is a particularly bad stretch of road, so it's good that TDOT has contracted with Southern Arizona Paving to give it a facelift. They're going to do a full re-mill/re-pave on the mile-long segment. The work will be taking place between 5am and 7pm on weekdays.

Throughout construction they'll keep at least one lane of travel open in each direction, but you've experienced that sort of thing before – expect delays. They'll also maintain residential and business access, but it's inevitable that at some points in time a piece of heavy equipment will block a driveway. They'll do their best to communicate and work with the residents and business operators.

If you want more information on the work, you can call 837.6686, or check their website at www.tucsonaz.gov/streetbonds.

Marana Veterans' Cemetery

Late last year a \$7.6M grant was obtained from the US Department of Veterans Affairs to



build a veterans cemetery up in Marana. They've identified a 32 acre site and have established a tentative timeline for phase I completion in late 2015. When it's done, it'll be the third operating Veterans cemetery in the State.

You can see the first phase in the graphic; about 10 acres on land that was donated by the Kai Family Foundation. It'll in-

clude in-ground burial sites, cremation facilities and some admin/maintenance/assembly facilities, too.

From the start there has been a challenge in getting a roadway paved that would connect the site. That's Lockett Road, on the left side of the graphic. Over the weekend I heard that money has been found and allocated to that work, and ground is supposed to be breaking later this year. That'd be great news for the vets and their families.

In order to be accepted at the site, the Arizona Department of Veterans Services requires an application be filled out by the family of the veteran being considered. Here's language from their site:



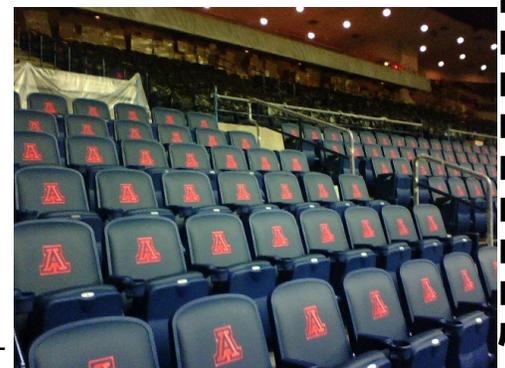
APPLICATION: PRE-REGISTRATION FOR BURIAL DETERMINATION

This application is used to assist the cemetery in determining eligibility for interment at the Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Marana. An Interment Application is required to be completed at the time of need. There is no cost for pre-need determination, and it does not obligate the veteran to be interred at the cemetery. This information will be kept on file until the time of need.

If you or a family member may be eligible, go to their web site and you'll see the application form on the right hand side of the home page.

McKale Project

Speaking of other projects...the seating in McKale is taking shape – too slowly for my level of comfort, but there's progress. What you see in the picture is new, upgraded cushioned seats that'll be in nearly every section of the arena. In the background you can also see the new handrails that will be all around the arena. In the student section there will be a differ-



ent style of seat in which we're using different colors to 'spell out' an 'A' – if one does that. I'll let the guy at the Star decide if phrasing it that way warrants a snarky mention in their Notebook.

To the right is a picture of the east side of the arena. We're excavating down and will build out a new equipment room at the arena floor level. The vertical concrete slab you see in the middle of the picture will be the new eastern perimeter of the outer deck. It'll be extended to accommodate more space for entry doors and concessions lines.



From a timing standpoint, the McKale seating will be done in about a month, but the locker rooms, concessions, restrooms and other fan amenities will be phased in throughout the remainder of the year. The Red/Blue scrimmage is coming on October 18th and the first full-house event will be during the first week in November. Not much time. We have a good team of workers, including about 2/3 local workers. That number would have been much higher but the Hussey seating work is a specialized crew that they brought in out of Phoenix. Keep that in mind when the TCC worker percentages are calculated later this fall. They're doing seat installation, too, so they'll face a similar challenge in getting above the 80% local level that we achieved in the north end zone project.

Sun Tran Contract Negotiations

I wrote last week about the Sun Tran/Teamsters contract that's being negotiated right now. Last Saturday the Teamsters approved a strike authorization vote. That's standard practice – giving their negotiating team the right to call for a strike if negotiations fail. It does not mean that there will necessarily be a strike, though.

The two sides are coming down to the deadline. The contract expires on July 31st. Once the two negotiating teams have a tentative agreement, it needs to be ratified by the union membership. If they came to agreement on the 31st (common to run up to the deadline), it's likely that in order to give the members a chance to review the terms and conditions, as well as to get the maximum number of voters out, the Teamsters would call for their ratification vote on Saturday, 8/2. If it's voted down, the probable earliest date for a work stoppage would be Saturday the 2nd or Monday the 4th.

Best case – the two sides agree and the workers approve, and we avoid any disruption in your travel plans. It's important to remember that the City cannot insert itself into this process. We have a private management firm, and in order for us to continue to receive Federal funding in support of the transit system, we have to let them interface with the employees. You should know the outcome before next week's newsletter.

Inquiring Minds Want To Know



Among the many new laws that went into effect last week was the one that binds the Greyhound Racing Industry to begin reporting all racing-related injuries and deaths of animals to the Arizona Department of Racing. Once the ADOR has that information, it's to be made available to the public.

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned a change in how Tucson Greyhound Park is noting what happens on the track. They're no longer using the term 'pulled up' to indicate a possible injury but instead have begun to simply say the dog turned in a 'poor effort.' If there's no apparent injury reported to the track vet, nothing is sent to the ADOR and the public is none the wiser. If this matters at all to you, you're free to call the track management and ask that they resume proper and accurate injury reports.

Another part of that law gives gamblers the ability to place bets by phone. It's called "advance deposit wagering" and it will apply to both horse and dog racing. Since it applies to races that take place throughout the country, if TGP shut down their live racing operation, Off Track Betting would still be an available option for those who want to bet the pups/ponies.

Tucson Greyhound Park is still receiving a State tax subsidy that comes out of money which could otherwise go to fund schools, roads or public safety. If they shut down their live racing industry, they'd no longer require that subsidy in order to stay afloat.

There's an election in November. Candidates can each be asked how they feel about this issue – and you can vote accordingly.

Certificates of Participation

We're coming up on the study session item on COPs debt. It's an involved issue and therefore will be tough to break down into manageable parts on which we can take specific action, assuming others on the M&C agree that it deserves a new look.

COPs were originated in California in response to jurisdictions bumping their debt limits and 'needing' a new way to take on debt. As the levels of COPs debt increased some California cities have adopted controls, similar to what I'll be proposing. In Fresno and in Monterey, for example, they require a specific noticing for public hearings to be held for any such financing. The Government Finance Officers Association goes on to state, 'The policy should consider setting specific limits or acceptable ranges for each type of debt.' They recommend that as a way of signaling to rating agencies that the city is well managed and is therefore likely to meet its debt obligations in a timely manner (not restructuring?)

I'm still sorting out what specific steps I'd like M&C to consider, but they'll certainly include some public noticing, decoupling of new COPs from the quarter billion dollars we now have bundled together, and a form of ceiling. If we can accomplish that, we'll have

put into place a new and responsible set of fiscal parameters that should be attractive to capital markets while protecting future M&Cs from our unilaterally assuming long-term debt without any explicit standards. It should be an interesting, if not a bit wonkish, discussion.

Watering Hole

Closing with a 'thanks' to the guys from Jiffy Lube who let me poach some cold water from their store during my 'too late in the morning' run on Sunday. They were helpful, friendly and I appreciate the favor. Here's their contact information in case you're in the market for what they're really in business for:

Jiffy Lube® Brakes and Services

4630 E Broadway Blvd, Tucson, AZ
(520) 326-3539 · tucson.jiffylube.com

Sincerely,



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Council Member, Ward 6
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Events Calendar

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

Twilight Thursday Alien Edition July 31, 5-8pm

Join us for a special *Twilight Thursday* celebrating our *Alien Invasion: of the plant kind* exhibit.

In addition to Cafe Botanica serving dinner from 5 - 8 p.m., a variety of Alien-inspired events and entertainment have been planned:

- Guided tours through the Alien Invasion Exhibit
- Earn your "defender of the Eco-system" badge
- Telescope viewing
- Costume Contest
- Games
- *Little Shop of Horrors* viewing and sing-a-long
- Popcorn
- eegees
- Crafts



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TPD TEACHES CAR SEAT SAFETY CLASS AT THE KIDZ EXPO BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

The Tucson Police Department's nationally certified car seat technicians will teach parents and guardians about the proper use of car seats during the Kidz Expo Back to School event. This event will be held at the El Pueblo Regional Center.

Three classes will be held during the 4-hour event, 2 in Spanish and 1 in English. After attending the hour long class, parents will be given a car seat. Registration for the classes will begin at 10:00 a.m. Ninety (90) car seats, 30 per class, will be distributed at the event. Registration for class will be done on a first come, first serve basis. Parents and guardians must attend the entire class to receive a car seat. **Children will not be allowed in the classroom** as there is a lot of important safety information presented during the class. Parents are encouraged to bring another adult that can remain outside the class if they have children attending the event.

WHEN: Saturday, August 2, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: El Pueblo Regional Center, 101 W. Irvington

WHAT: Caregivers who want to check their car seat to make sure it is properly installed.

CLASS SCHEDULE: Classes start on time. Latecomers will not be allowed into the class.

10:30 – Spanish

11:45 – English

1:00 - Spanish

TPD Nationally Certified Car Seat Technicians will be available to answer questions about car seats, booster seats and child passenger safety.

Any questions may be directed to Sgt. Mary Kay Slyter in the Traffic Division at 837-7250.

Ongoing

Molly Sweeney 5317 E Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85712

July 24th - August 30th Every Sunday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Live Theater Workshop

Box office opens 6:30 PM; Curtain is 7:30 PM; Sun, Box office opens 2:15 PM; Curtain is 3:00 PM

Molly Sweeney, blind since infancy is given a chance to see. This poetic play explores Molly's fantasies and expectations of how everything will change. This is a play about the limits of the human senses, at Live Theater Workshop.

<http://www.livetheatreworkshop.org/shows/main-now.html>

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S. Scott Avenue

Season begins September 13th

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

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

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

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

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

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 “Skullcaps and Schul Hats, focusing on two family collections of 1940’s head coverings. The museum urges you to visit and learn about the fading tradition of Schul Hats and the enduring tradition of “Keeping the Kippot”, as well as Tucson Jewish history.

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 train 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, 311 E. Congress (north entrance on Toole)

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

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Friday Night Live! at Main Gate Square, 814 E University Blvd

Saturday nights, 7:00-9:00, stellar jazz performances.

Cinema La Placita 110 S. Church Avenue

Every Thursday evening at 7:30, May through August, hundreds of Tucsonans enjoy the cool summer evenings and a pleasant summertime event. \$3 per person includes pop-corn!

JULY 31 AMERICAN GRAFFITI (1974) PG

Starring Ron Howard, Richard Dreyfuss, Paul Le Mat. Directed by George Lucas.

A couple of high school grads spend one final night cruising the strip with their buddies before they go off to college.

