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Streetcar and Traffic



We have a good problem. There is so much activity in and around the east end of downtown that we're searching for solutions to the traffic gridlock that is alleged to occur during high demand times. The street barricades and TPD overtime that we've been relying on are not the long term solution.

Neither is decision-making by staff that's completed without consulting the people who live, work and play on 4th Avenue and Congress – the people whose businesses, residences, and lives are directly impacted by those decisions. After a meeting I called for last week in which stakeholders had the chance to meet with City management, I think that's understood.

Before it gets lost in the body of this section of the newsletter, jot down this link:

SunLinkStreetcarComments@tucsonaz.gov

That's the email address you can use to send comments and questions about the streetcar operations to TDOT staff. They're committed to checking the account daily and either responding directly or passing the email along to someone who can.

Two weeks ago it was announced through the media that the City was blocking off



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police Department
911 or nonemergency
791-4444

Water Issues
791-4133
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

Abandoned Shopping Carts
791-3171

Neighborhood Resources
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222

Environmental Services
791-3171

Park Wise
791-5071

Planning and Development Services 791-5550

Pima County Animal Control
243-5900

Pima County Vector Control
Cockroach: 443-6501
Mosquito: 740-2760

Continued: A Message From Steve

southbound traffic at the 4th Avenue underpass. No prior consultation occurred before arriving at that ‘solution’ to the streetcar being backed up on Congress during high demand times. The businesses along both 4th Avenue and Congress were rightly ticked off at having been excluded from even sharing their input. So were the residents of Iron Horse and West University neighborhoods. In response, I called together the people from both sides – City staff and management and representatives of the merchants and neighborhoods.

The meeting was generally productive. In response to the input offered at the meeting, staff agreed to change some of their plans. While that flexibility was a good sign, the fact that we were sitting there reacting yet again was just a continuation of a theme that we hear all the time; that is, the City doesn’t handle proactive communications and inclusive problem solving in an effective way.

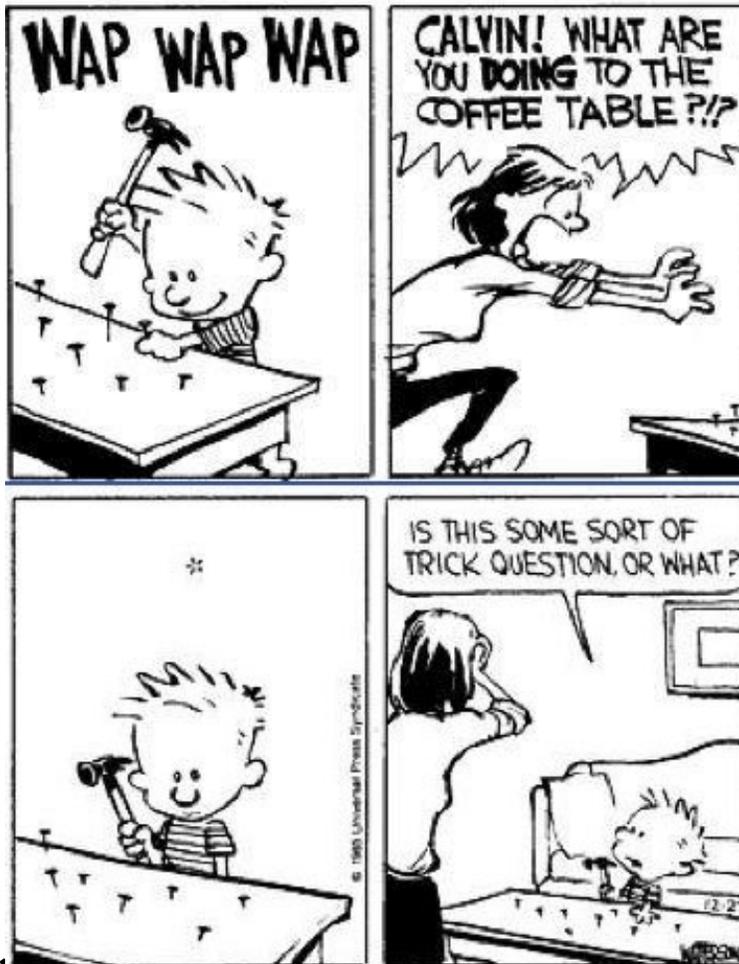
I know for a fact that I am not alone among members of the governing body in being frustrated at what appears to be a closing of ranks around the 10th Floor management team. In this case it’s merchant councils who are upset. With plenty of midtown neighborhood issues, it’s residents who share the frustration. Here’s the simple message I delivered: you’ve got to talk to – and more importantly, listen to – the people. Sometimes seeking

and hearing differing perspectives has value, no? (No, that’s not me as a kid – although...)

Staff came and did that. It’s a start – but what was put into place is not the ultimate solution to the gridlock being experienced at the Toole/4th/Congress intersection.

Last weekend we spent just under 200 hours in TPD overtime to monitor what was happening at that locale. We cannot afford to do that even part of the time. It’s a waste of your money and we don’t have the staffing levels to allow for us to beef up our on-street presence like that. We need a longer-term solution and we need to include the right people in deciding what that solution will look like.

Another take-away from the



meeting is that staff will host a Monday morning after-action debriefing conversation with the merchants and residents. My office will be there and we'll all work towards a real solution to this good problem together.

My suggestions to staff include a HAWK light to control pedestrian crossings at 4th Avenue and 9th Street, a dedicated travel lane for the streetcar on Congress during high demand times, appropriate signage, and permission for employees to think on their feet – that is, don't just deploy barricades based on the time of day. Look at the conditions and if there's no reason to block traffic, don't.

I'm sure others will offer their input in the after-action meetings. This is totally solvable if we're just willing to sit and work through the competing interests in a collaborative manner – and if we don't create a problem by sticking to a game plan regardless of the facts on the ground.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

...and we also have a not-so-good problem. It's called FEMA sitting on their hands allowing residents and businesses to unnecessarily pay flood insurance and have to go through extra building design hoops that cost money, time and are equally unnecessary.

The County and Army Corps of Engineers are doing a very good job of completing the 8th Street drainage project. When it's done at around the start of next year, the whole area around 4th Avenue and the northeast edge of downtown will be out of the flood plain. That's potentially great news for people who have been buying flood insurance. And it's potentially great news for businesses trying to open who are now tasked with incorporating flood mitigation elements into their design.

It would be really great news if FEMA would complete their part of the task and re-map the area so the County's efforts have their intended effects. Depending on who you speak to, FEMA will take 2 to 5 years to complete the process.

Tucson isn't alone in this. All over the country, jurisdictions are being held dead in the water by this non-flood flood issue. And it's costing millions of dollars in jobs and tax receipts to cities and towns – and nobody will be collecting on the flood insurance policies they're paying for since the areas in question are not subject to flooding any longer.

I've run this issue up the flag pole and have received a very cooperative response from Congressman Barber and his office. They've fought the 'FEMA wars' before and are now engaged, helping to find a local remedy. More to come on this as it develops.

Oh, and the solution offered to one local business prospect was to just build their building up at about 30" above grade, and buy the insurance. Seriously? Sometimes I wonder how people who pass out advice like that go home and feel as though they've earned their salary that day.

Wig-O-Rama Update

A couple of weeks ago I raised the question as to the structural stability of the former Wig-O-Rama space. It was damaged in a January 2013 fire, and when I saw a false ceiling going



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)
602-542-4331
Tucson office:
628-6580

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201

ZoomTucson Map
[http://
maps.tucsonaz.gov
/zoomTucson/](http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/)

back in, I wanted to ensure we had done our due diligence to make sure the wood beams had the capacity to hold the new weight. Last week I was advised that an analysis had been done, and the work that's going on is all according to code.

There are two buildings to the east of Wig-O-Rama that may not be so solid. You can see in the photo that The Grill and Voodoo Jack's took the brunt of the flames. The City is currently conducting an assessment of those spaces and will have to make a decision soon as to their fate. Both of them had shut down in 2011 and ever since then we've seen the revitalization of downtown happening all around their chain link fences. The owners will have to put some money into them if they're going to be a part of the east end downtown's success story.



Other East End Challenges

The red lines with intermittent dots on the map are the streetcar route. Over in the purple area where it loops back towards 4th Avenue is Arizona Alley. It's in the heart of the east end of downtown. Surrounding it are new student housing, restaurants, the Rialto, the proposed new grocery store, proposed new hotel, and plenty of foot traffic. The 'alley' has the potential to be a great connector and when activated can host lots of outdoor seating areas to serve the thousands of new customers we're seeing with the

new development.

It also has overflowing dumpsters. The burden for maintaining the area is on the adjacent property owners. The dumpsters are City maintained, and managed by private waste companies. It's the contracts that are written with their customers that establish the frequency of pick-ups. Clearly those need to be redrawn because the rest of the area is suffering from the neglect.



I've asked our Code Enforcement folks to take a look. In addition, our Environmental Services staff is in contact with the waste haulers and the property owners. There's too much going in a positive direction down there for us to sit by and let some of the new development drag it down.

I've also been pushing staff to ensure we have adequate utility capacity to accommodate the several projects that are either on the drawing board or may be soon, depending on the outcome of some Requests for Proposals. Determining the ultimate capacity needs up front and tearing up the street only once are certainly concepts we'd like to embrace. I'm assured that the right conversations are taking place with the right people at this time.

Shared Parking

With the pace of development we're seeing at the east end of downtown and north on 4th Avenue, the challenge of accommodating parking needs is another one we're involved in addressing. After some meetings with Parkwise, businesses, and surrounding neighborhoods, I'm convinced that we can come up with a less abrupt solution than this →

Our police chief might also appreciate a more sensitive approach to parking enforcement.



People don't own the street in front of their homes. But in many cases they've signed onto Residential Parking agreements with the City that permit some level of exclusivity, depending on which plan they've signed onto with Parkwise. We also have small businesses in the midst of established neighborhoods that will need some consideration if they're going to continue to operate. An example of that is The Rogue Theater, located in the Historic YMCA building just east of the 4th Avenue business district in the West University neighborhood.

Parkwise and the Office of Integrated Planning have started to engage on this issue, too. More meetings are planned. The goal is to come up with a way to meet both the legitimate needs of the businesses and the legitimate expectations of the homeowners.

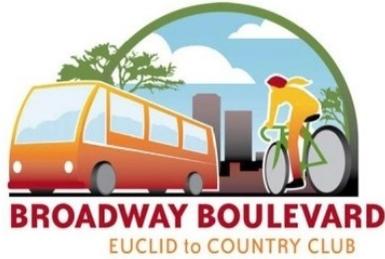
I'm often asked why I'm in the media so often. Well, Ward 6 has the challenges of the expansion of the University into surrounding historic neighborhoods, the streetcar bringing new development into the same areas, parking conflicts, planning for long term utility needs, pedestrians and bikes wanting to share that space, and the need to continue the expansion of our economic base while juggling those competing issues. Every piece of what we're addressing affects the quality of life for both neighborhood residents and the owners of the businesses. Finding the balance is tricky.

Palo Verde Neighborhood

...and on a similar note, we're still waiting for our Environmental Services and Tucson Water staff to present the Palo Verde Neighborhood Association with their permanently located dumpster so the neighbors can do what the City – and evidently some of our new developers

– don't have the energy or staff to accomplish; that is, clean up messes in a timely manner. Pending the arrival of that dumpster, I've suggested to the Palo Verde residents that when they do their patrolling of the neighborhood and gather the debris (mattresses, sofas, TVs, etc.) from the right-of-way and take it to the parcel they've used for the last 3 years during their month-long neighborhood cleaning event (the Tucson Water property where the dumpster has been proposed to go) and just drop it there. Perhaps that will energize a discussion with staff.

Broadway Task Force Update



These unpaid citizen volunteers are showing.

There were two Citizen Task Force meetings last week during which the group was finally given the opportunity to drill down into design considerations that they'll send to M&C in September. The goal isn't for us to vote on a final alignment but to take the temperature of the direction they're headed and provide feedback. I was at about 4 hours of their meetings and must say that I continue to be impressed by the level of commitment to this process that

There are about a dozen CTF members, each appointed to represent a different constituency. Some are there representing business interests, some neighborhoods, and some have served on other roadway task forces and bring a different perspective to the table. The exchanges that took place last week were a refreshing example of how the group can work through differences when given the latitude to do so – or at least identify areas in which they're simply going to agree to disagree.

The task force operates on a consensus model. That means one person on the CTF can "block" a recommendation from coming forward. That 'black bean veto' power wasn't really being enforced last week since what they were doing was putting in place a report for us that will demonstrate the level of agreement that currently exists on their board. The ability to block an item from moving forward until consensus had been reached was really being treated as a 'no' vote.

They touched on a couple of main points. One of the points was to talk about the various cross-section options. As you'll recall, the RTA has agreed to take the original 8 lane, 150' option off the table. They made that decision largely based on the recognition that the current data on driving patterns doesn't support a roadway that wide. They admitted that the data used in selling the voters back in 2006 was flawed.

What's left on the table is some configuration of 6 lanes. I've shared before the frustration among CTF members when they were advised at one meeting that 4 travel + 2 transit lanes was fundable but at another meeting the public was told that it was not fundable. The direction last Thursday's meeting went was pretty much just a change in how the number of lanes is being described. That is, instead of saying "4 + 2T," Senator Farley came and recommended using the phrase "6 lanes, including 2 transit lanes." I'll grant that it's totally semantics, but if that's what it takes to get the RTA and the County to continue their funding commitment, then let's adopt the terminology. Flowing from that was a discussion about whether or not to dedicate two of the 6 lanes to transit on day 1 or to let demand

make that call over time. The task force was pretty much divided on that decision. There was a fair amount of agreement that whatever they call the lanes, they need to make the street wide enough on day 1 in order to accommodate the dedicated transit function at some point in the future if demand called for that.

The other main point they talked about was the placement of the alignment. While there was some support for avoiding identifying a particular number of feet in the cross-width, there were concerns raised about the number of buildings that will be subject to demolition based on both how wide and where the roadway is programmed to meander. While the neighborhoods that lay to the north of Broadway expressed concern over historic preservation, some on the CTF also pointed out an apparent contradiction in that position. That is, supporters of preservation also are largely supporters of transit options. Higher density would make transit, walking, and bicycling more viable transportation choices. It would reduce the need to look only at Level of Service in terms of how many cars are travelling through a given area, but allow for consideration of development that reduced the number of vehicle miles travelled – for example, bike lanes, pedestrian paths, or development such as a grocery store or other businesses that serve a locale and allow local residents to travel shorter distances by car to shop.

Transit needs density that's greater than single story small businesses or homes to be financially viable. That argues for trade-offs as the task force moves closer to a final design proposal. As with the item on cross-section variations, this question also resulted in a split vote. We'll get their recommendations later in September. Embedded in those will be a description of how they voted as a part of sending them to us. That, along with ensuring the direction we approve will qualify for the maximum funding to which the RTA and County are presently committed, will help to guide our discussion.

Panda Site and Food Truck Fridays



Here's a view looking to the southeast of what was formerly the Panda Buffet building on Broadway. As you'll recall, the building was demolished because it had become a crime magnet. Staff conducted a good public process with stakeholders to decide on some temporary treatments for the site with a rather small budget. The work is now done (shown in the photo, above) and the area serves as the Food Truck Friday location (11am – 1pm, and 4pm – 8pm) –

approximately Broadway and Tucson Blvd on the north side of the road. You can go to the Sunshine Mile website @ www.sunshinemile.com for a growing list of activities planned for the site. The intent is a gathering site for residents. Thanks are due to Jenn Burdick and

staff for engaging and carrying through on what we heard from the public during the outreach process.

Baby Elephant



Funding for the Broadway project was the elephant in the room at the CTF meeting on Thursday of last week. The folks out at Reid Park Zoo have a new literal elephant in the room. They haven't named this little lady yet, but when the zookeepers come up with some options, they'll turn the final candidates over to the community and let the public decide.

Born on Tucson's 239th birthday, this is the first elephant to have ever been born in Arizona. At last count she was pushing 300 lbs and growing.

The timing of letting her out into full public view is a slow process. The zoo staff is allowing some daily exposure, but there are still elements in the Tanzania Exhibition area that could be a hazard to the baby, so any public jaunts are closely monitored. At the rate she's growing, though, it won't be too long before you'll have a chance to go out and find her roaming around with the grown-ups. If you go to the Reid Park Zoo website, you can find times of day when the baby will be out in public.

Stay tuned for the naming opportunity. The Zoo folks will use a full media blast to share the options and let you know how to get involved in the process for selecting the little girl's name.

More on Animals

A couple of weeks ago I shared a few lines from the recently conducted audit that was done on Tucson Greyhound Park. The general theme was that it's hurting for cash and may face bankruptcy without a significant infusion from its Florida owners. Here's a quote from the report that makes the point:

In summary, the analysis of TGP's Z-score indicates TGP is in financial distress and as such there is a higher likelihood it would file bankruptcy without the financial support of its owners. In the interviews with Veriti, majority owners Zappala and Consolo represented they were committed to providing financial backing to TGP to ensure it continues to operate indefinitely. The owners' financial backing is a necessary component to TGP's future viability, and should they cease to fund operations, TGP will likely go bankrupt. Veriti conclusions herein assume the owners continue to provide the necessary resources to keep TGP operating until such time it is self sustaining.

The audit was commissioned by the Arizona Department of Racing as a part of the tri-annual relicensing process that the track goes through. The firm and the salutation from the report appear like this:



Forensic Accounting • Fraud Investigation
Business Valuation • Litigation Support

May 15, 2014

CONFIDENTIAL

William Walsh, Director
Arizona Department of Racing
1110 West Washington, Suite 260
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Investigation of Tucson Greyhound Park, Inc.

Dear Mr. Walsh:

...and the report follows.

The gaming industry is going through some hard times. That may be due to the economy being in a downturn or some other market factor. The Veriti investigation compared how TGP is faring in comparison to other gambling-related industry peers, both within the gambling trade and in comparison to what they describe as other 'spectator sports.' In the case of Tucson Greyhound Park, that label's a stretch. To be categorized as a spectator sport, you need spectators. The financial data indicate that you won't find them out at TGP in mass quantities.

The track was compared in several categories. Some of those are shown in the chart on the next page. They include how liquid the track is, the amount of working capital they have (for upgrades to the facility?), debt, profitability, and several other metrics. You can see that TGP isn't a top-ranked facility. In fact, they're listed as doing 'worse' than the norm for competitors in every category that's highlighted in the table.

Remember the financial projection I opened with; that is, without a cash infusion from the ownership, the track is facing bankruptcy. These data validate that statement. And recall that TGP is still being heavily subsidized by your tax dollars, dollars that are coming straight from the State General Fund instead of being used for road repair, health care, or education.



Based on the audit results it would be disingenuous to argue that TGP isn't going through hard financial times. Based on the projected State budget deficit and the State's recently disclosed obligation to repay school districts over \$300M, any 'hardship tax credit' needs some

EXHIBIT 2
Tucson Greyhound Park, Inc.
Ratio Analysis Compared with Industry Results

| LIQUIDITY | Year Ended December 31, | | | | | General Trends 2009 - 2012 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|-------------------------------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | |
| <i>Current ratio</i> | | | | | | |
| TGP | 0.23 | 0.35 | 0.19 | 0.16 | 0.31 | Fluctuating |
| Other Gambling Industry | 0.72 | 0.74 | 0.76 | 0.78 | 0.78 | Increasing |
| TGP vs. industry | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse |
| Other Spectator Sports Industry | 1.69 | 1.74 | 1.79 | 1.84 | 1.84 | Increasing |
| TGP vs. industry | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse |
| <i>Working capital to revenues</i> | | | | | | |
| TGP | -48.3% | -25.6% | -32.7% | -37.5% | -39.9% | Worsening |
| Other Gambling Industry | -3.8% | -3.5% | -3.2% | -2.9% | -2.9% | Improving |
| TGP vs. industry | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse |
| Other Spectator Sports Industry | 10.3% | 10.9% | 11.6% | 12.1% | 12.1% | Improving |
| TGP vs. industry | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse |
| RISK | | | | | | |
| <i>Z-score</i> | | | | | | |
| TGP | (6.72) | (2.23) | (5.09) | (6.64) | (6.51) | Fluctuating |
| Other Gambling Industry | 2.07 | 2.22 | 2.37 | 2.53 | 2.53 | Improving |
| TGP vs. industry | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse |
| Other Spectator Sports Industry | 3.33 | 3.46 | 3.60 | 3.73 | 3.73 | Improving |
| TGP vs. industry | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse |
| <i>Fixed assets to net worth</i> | | | | | | |
| TGP | (1.91) | 2.91 | 7.93 | (40.44) | (3.25) | Fluctuating |
| Other Gambling Industry | 1.70 | 1.62 | 1.54 | 1.47 | 1.47 | Worsening |
| TGP vs. industry | Worse | Better | Better | Worse | Worse | Worse |
| Other Spectator Sports Industry | 0.68 | 0.65 | 0.62 | 0.59 | 0.59 | Worsening |
| TGP vs. industry | Worse | Better | Better | Worse | Worse | Worse |
| DEBT ASSESSMENT | | | | | | |
| <i>Total debt to assets</i> | | | | | | |
| TGP | 141.1% | 74.5% | 89.6% | 102.1% | 121.9% | Worsening |
| Other Gambling Industry | 59.5% | 57.3% | 55.2% | 53.0% | 53.0% | Improving |
| TGP vs. industry | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse |
| Other Spectator Sports Industry | 63.9% | 61.7% | 59.6% | 57.4% | 57.4% | Improving |
| TGP vs. industry | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse |
| PROFITABILITY | | | | | | |
| <i>EBITDA to revenues</i> | | | | | | |
| TGP | 1.5% | 1.2% | -3.0% | -3.3% | -9.7% | Worsening |
| Other Gambling Industry | 6.2% | 6.1% | 5.9% | 5.7% | 5.7% | Worsening |
| TGP vs. industry | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse | Worse |

very close scrutiny. I'm certain that members of either party could find some more productive uses for the nearly \$1/2 million dollar annual subsidy that they're now allowing to go in support of Tucson Greyhound Park.

I'll monitor how the track finances are moving. The owners can take the track off from your financial back, but you'd need to contact them and voice your concerns because they're not likely to spend the money needed without some heavy duty push from the general public. Certainly, the ADOR isn't going to bend over backwards to ensure a significant cash infusion is headed to the track from Florida.

site of the earliest water source for the area that was Tucson's Spanish Presidio. The water's no longer on the surface, but its story is told through the exhibits in La Pilita.

The museum is one of the many that holds fundraisers and looks for support from the business and the general community. They're open from September 4th through the end of May, Thursday through Sunday from 11am until 3pm. Admission is free – they have a 'donation' bucket where you can help them out.

Some of the special fall celebrations you'll find there include:

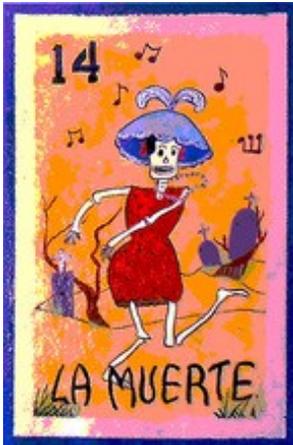


EXHIBIT
Dia de los Muertos
SPEAKERS SERIES
6:30 pm Thursdays in October
**WALKING TOUR,
SPIRITS OF BARRIO
VIEJO**
October 3rd, 5:00 pm. \$15 per person. Register with Alan Kruse, 625-8365.



TALAVERA POTTERY SALE!

Saturday, Oct. 4th
10:00am - 3:00pm

Includes animals, Katrinas, and Dia de Los Muertos items for home and garden.



T-SHIRT SALE!

Saturday, Oct. 25th
9:30 am- 1 :00pm

Their 5th Annual T-shirt sale featuring re-nown Tucson designer, Nancy Lenches.



ANNUAL AUCTION!

Friday, Nov 7th , 5:00 pm
at the Museum.

La Pilita serves as a teaching lab for not only the community, but for the students at Carillo school and others in our public school system who take advantage of the hands-on learning center. We have several of these sorts of historical treasures that could use a little financial help. I'd encourage you to give this one a look and see if it's something in which you and/or your group would like to participate.

40th Annual National Suicide Prevention Week

September 7th through 13th is National Suicide Prevention Week. Prior to the Mental Health Forum that Temple Emmanuel hosted for me back in July, I had in mind timing it

with the September suicide week. The shootings that took place in Santa Barbara caused me to move it up.

I had also hoped to be able to stand with some of our gun shop and shooting range owners to announce that they had agreed to post the suicide prevention hotline phone numbers in their places of business. To date, they've rejected that suggestion. I think that'd be a better piece of publicity for them than the recent coverage of a 9 year old girl being allowed to fire off an Uzi and ending up killing her 'instructor.'

I'm still very much willing to host the photo-op with them if they have a change of heart.

An incident that touches on the issue of suicide prevention and getting people proper treatment took place last week and involved TPD. I'm going to include the full text of a letter of appreciation sent from the Community Partnership of Southern Arizona to our police leadership team so you can see the full context:

Capt. Sayre:

I just wanted to take a moment to recognize TPD Officers and Sgt. Winsky for their response to an individual Friday morning, at our two CPSA offices on Broadway.

I think this is a perfect case study of how clinical and law enforcement can complement a response in crisis. The person got safely (and voluntarily) transported to treatment, the officers resolved the situation without use of force (and also came to no harm themselves!), and public safety was maintained.

Sgt. Winsky was communicating with me, who was relaying observable signs of psychosis and risk factors. In turn, Jason relayed to the officers that this was a behavioral health crisis. This is such a stark comparison to other recent events that have received national attention, where deadly force was utilized against someone with a known mental illness.

Our CEO Neal Cash recognized TPD on our company-wide intranet today, stating "I was very impressed by the responsiveness of the Tucson Police Department. All the responding officers were very well trained and professional. They not only had all our best interests in mind, but the best interests of the individual who prompted the call as well."

Thank you so much for TPD's amazing response (and especially Sgt. Winsky) to this situation—a great reflection of both the training provided to officers as well as the department's philosophy.

Best regards, Kate

*Kate K. V. Lawson, MPA
Criminal Justice Manager
Community Partnership Care Coordination*

The buzz is the militarization of our police forces. This incident shows that with proper training and sensitivity to both the needs of an individual, and the resources available in the

community, we can avoid the ugly headlines and videos that seem far too often to take up space in the media.

This incident didn't get any media coverage. It didn't bleed, so it didn't lead.

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 . . .

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St

Friday, September 5th 7:30 PM

Fox Tucson Theatre presents Mavis Staples, with her passion for soul, R & B, jazz, blues, rock and gospel musical genres. Honored by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and recently winning a Grammy, her latest project 'One True Vine' is an album of "gospel created for the 21st century." Experiencing her performance live, in the intimate setting of Fox Theatre will take you to a world where nothing can be taken for granted. A benefit for KXCI 91.3FM.

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Blacksmithing at the Presidio: Tools of the Trade 133 W. Washington St

Every Sunday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday September 04, 2014 - September 20, 2014
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Tucson Presidio museum presents an exhibit about blacksmithing in the Presidio and the tools used.

Ongoing . . .

Tucson Symphony Orchestra 260 S. Church Ave

2014-15 Season Opening Weekend!

This classic American program kicks things off in high style with Bernstein's Three Dance Episodes from the 1944 musical "On the Town", George Gershwin's Piano Concerto performed by Mr. Lefèvre and concludes with the essential American symphony, Aaron Copland's Symphony No. 3. Two performances on Friday, Sept. 26, 2014 at 8 pm and Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014 at 2 pm.

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave

"Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" The winner of the 2013 Tony Award for Best Play!
Written by Christopher Durang, Directed by Joel Sass
September 13 – October 4, 2014

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

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St

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

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

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

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.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave

Temple of Shadows — August 21st to November 1st.

Jewish History Museum invites the public to view 15 prints showing the Museum before its renovation in black and white and afterwards infused with color.

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

Through December 2014, "The Best of the Best: Prize Minerals from the Vaults of Arizona's Collectors."

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

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave.

Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org>

Sacred Machine Museum & Curiosity Shop, 245 E Congress St

<http://sacredmachine.com>

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St (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

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way

<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>