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Remembering

No one really dies
until he is forgotten.
Memory can resurrect
a living presence.
Not only of events,
places and happenings
but feelings and experiences
can surface in remembrances.
So we have that mystic power
to bring alive again
through the simple act
of remembering.

by Lyle Paulsen

My Father-in-Law wrote that a while back. I open with it because in the past few weeks I know several people who have lost loved ones. We all have. I thought the sentiment might provide a bit of healing.



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



National Violent Death Reporting System

Back in March, I posted this Guest Editorial in the Star.

March 11, 2014 12:00 am • By Steve Kozachik

In the United States there are approximately as many firearms as inhabitants.

A study conducted by the Journal of the American Medical Association late last year reported that between 2007 and 2010 there were more than 121,000 firearm fatalities in the U.S., including more than 73,000 firearm suicides and more than 47,000 firearm homicides. Mortality rates resulting from most major causes of injury are decreasing. That is not true in the case of annual firearm fatalities.

Eighteen states have voluntarily joined the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS). That is a database that is being gathered to allow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to provide decision makers with data to help address mortality rates associated with gun violence. The CDC uses a public-health approach to studying the data. It's about prevention and pragmatism, not dogma.

A public-health approach uses a four-step model for analyzing data. Those steps include: Defining the problem, identifying risk and protective factors, developing and testing prevention strategies, and finally, ensuring widespread adoption of effective programs. The focus is on prevention, as far upstream from the problem as is possible from a public-policy standpoint.

By way of example, a public-health approach was used to address motor-vehicle deaths. The analysis was not framed around "who" caused the death, but on "what factors" led to the deaths. Following data analysis, a variety of public-policy changes together have had an impact on the issue. Manufacturers produce cars with collapsible steering columns, unlawful behavior is controlled by use of speed bumps, Botts' Dots appear along the side of highways to alert tired drivers when they veer off of the roadway. Through this multifaceted approach, the industry, the public sector and individual drivers mutually participated in affecting the problem.

The same can be done through application of the public-health model to gun-related deaths. The NVDRS database is gaining momentum and is providing valuable suggestions through the results of study that has already occurred. Those include asking manufacturers to do more to child-proof weapons, producing guns with serial numbers that cannot be removed, producing guns that don't discharge when dropped, background checks, licensing and more.

From a social norm perspective, the studies suggest advocating for safe storage of guns (witness two child shootings in Pima County in the last 30 days), and promoting awareness of the dangers of drinking while operating a weapon (Genna's law).

The journal report also revealed that a higher number of firearm laws in a state is associated with a lower rate of firearm fatalities in that state. Sadly, the knee-jerk reaction of the NRA and other gun lobbyists is to reject data collection that can lead to a public policy approach to the issue. Tragically more than 30,000 people continue to die annually in the United States from injuries caused by firearms.

Not surprisingly, Arizona remains a holdout from joining the Violent Death Reporting System. The value of the data only increases as more states come on board and participate in the system.

Each legislative term we see proposed gun laws coming from Phoenix. Some promote guns in more public places, some promote greater restrictions. All of them lack the public health model analysis that can be provided through our participation in the NVDRS.

It's well past time that legislators stop shooting from the hip with their legislation and join in a data collection process that will yield the multifaceted approach we saw successfully implemented in the area of auto related deaths.

The state legislature should immediately show leadership on this issue and direct the Arizona Department of Health Services to join the NVDRS database so future proposed legislation can be based on the results of serious data analysis, not gut-driven dogma.

Shortly after having written that, some folks from that school up north contacted me and suggested that we work in tandem to get Arizona's involvement in place. They really took the lead, but locally I was joined by Dr. Randy Friese (UA Trauma Surgeon) and Jan Leshner from Pima County. We wrote letters of support and offered to sit on their Advisory Committee when/if we were successful in getting the program started. Both of those were key elements that the CDC was looking for; that is broad State-wide support and an Advisory Committee committed to the program.

Last week I received this notice from the ASU group:

ASU College of
Public Programs

Arizona to track violent deaths in effort to prevent suicides and homicides

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY (Phoenix) September 22, 2014 -- The ASU Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety will begin gathering and analyzing data on murders and suicides in Arizona for the **National Violent Death Reporting System**. The data will help state and local officials better understand when and how violent deaths occur by linking information from law enforcement, medical examiners, vital statistics, and crime laboratories. The collected data will help public health practitioners and violence prevention professionals develop prevention and intervention strategies to reduce violent deaths in Arizona.

"Law enforcement tracks the number and manner of murders in Arizona, and health officials do the same for suicides, but no one is looking at the bigger picture," says Charles Katz, Watts Family Director of the ASU Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety. "This allows us to get a better idea of what's going on and why."

Working in close collaboration with the Arizona Department of Health Services, Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center, medical examiners, law enforcement agencies and injury prevention specialists, the Center will examine violent deaths as both a crime and public health concern. The system will diagnose the scope, nature and source of particular characteristics contributing to violent deaths in Arizona, which will in turn inform prevention efforts.

"We had 1,070 suicides in Arizona in 2012 and 358 murders," says David Choate, Associate Director of the Center. "Having all the facts about the violent deaths that occur in Arizona will help identify the right prevention efforts to save people's lives."

Arizona will be one of 32 states collecting data for the National Violent Death Reporting System, run by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The first report is expected to be issued next year.

About the ASU Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety

A research unit of the College of Public Programs at Arizona State University, the Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety conducts use-inspired research that advances the scholarly knowledge and practical application of explanations and solutions to the causes and correlates of crime, to reduce violence, and improve the quality of life of our community.



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/)

Kudos to Dr. Katz and his colleagues for pushing this across the finish line. Now the challenge is to get local law enforcement agencies to sign on so the database is robust. The old adage is



so making sure what's reported to the CDC is truly reflective of our State-wide experience is important. Between my guest piece in the Star and the letter from ASU, the basis of the program is pretty clear. I've already alerted our Chief of Police and the County folks, so I'm confident they'll make contact and continue their involvement in the program.



More Public Safety Items

We had on our consent agenda Tuesday two TPD related items, both of which sound (and maybe are) great, all things being equal. But aside from in art, they rarely are (equal, that is,) are they?

One item was a grant award to us by the U.S. Department of Justice – the four-year Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. We're splitting it with the County. Our share is about \$182K. The award is for the purchase of 40 body-worn cameras for use by our police department. Setting aside the issue of whether or not one believes the police should be wearing these, I had concerns over their potential impact in a few different areas.

One is the issue of how we're going to store the data. What's the cost for long-term storage? What's the impact on our I.T. capabilities? Who's going to manage the data? What about Freedom of Information requests (FOIA)? We're already not doing a great job of responding to those. What are we walking into with respect to opening a Pandora's box of FOIA requests for the video clips? Staff time? Cost? Is there a chain-of-custody issue with respect to keeping 'evidence' pristine before it's used in a courtroom setting?

I had concerns about whether we have adequately thought through these and related issues. In fact, this is being presented as a pilot program. Maybe we should pilot it with just a few cameras until we know the true costs. I voted against accepting the grant money if it was going to be used to outfit our police with cameras.

The other issue is a program that I think has near-universal support. School Resource Officers (SROs) are police officers who are assigned to work on school grounds, serving a variety of functions. We eliminated them a while back as a budget and deployment prioritization measure. I had mixed feelings about this one but deferred to our Chief's judgment.

TUSD and the Amphi School District have offered us funding for 9 SROs; 8 in TUSD and one in Amphi. Their assignment is to present safety education, drug abuse prevention, delinquency and crime prevention, and provide investigative and referral services. All good stuff. But the grant only covers 80% of the TPD costs for the TUSD assignments, and we'll be redeploying 6 officers from other duty to cover these positions.

Remember the 'all things being equal' caveat. As long as our TPD force numbers are down, I was concerned that those six officers should be out in the community doing their regular officer/policing work.

The Chief felt otherwise and I'll give this one to him – supporting a good program, with the concern that we still need to beef up our numbers on the street.

A Final TPD Add – Nextdoor

We were also given a presentation by TPD and the representative of an online company called Nextdoor Network. They aim to connect neighbors via the Internet by offering an online conversation site, much like what many of our neighborhoods already have on their own.

The TPD involvement is that they can use Nextdoor as a way to advise neighborhoods of on-going criminal activity in their areas. Individual neighbors can choose to interact over the site with TPD, or not. If you want to make it a two-way exchange, that's up to you. Unless you respond to TPD's notices, they can't access you directly. And TPD cannot observe the intra-neighbor exchanges that you engage in.

This is a totally voluntary product. If a neighborhood doesn't want to sign up, nothing compels them to do so. Beyond that, I had some concerns that I must say weren't fully satisfied in the answers I received.

My main concern is over the issue of privacy. Anytime you engage in a social media site, you run the risk of having somebody access information about you. You do Facebook, Twitter, email – and Nextdoor – at your own risk. We've seen major corporations' security breached. Nothing's immune.

I also don't like the commercial aspect to this. Their representative committed that they're not selling lists to advertisers, but from a purely aesthetic standpoint, if you get connected with them, you'll be seeing commercial advertising in some manner on the site. In fairness, it's a business, so instead of charging you a fee, they sell ads on the back end. If that doesn't bother you, have at it.

I confirmed that the City is not signing a contract of any kind, and that we can back out of this at any time. The Chief wants to use it as a way of communicating with the neighborhoods – not to supplant the other ways they already get in touch with us, but as an added tool. I can see how it could be valuable in terms of real time information from a law enforcement standpoint. As I say, it's voluntary, so if your group wants to be a part of it, that's totally your choice.

West Side Development

Everybody on the Council wants to see the successes we've generated in the downtown core to extend west of the freeway. On the east side we've seen private sector cash invested, retail that generates tax revenue for the General Fund, and tens of thousands of people visiting, living, and working in that small, compact area. The proposal that was in front of us Tuesday for commitments to development on the west side lacked too much of that for me to support.

The proposal in front of us was for two separate Bond projects, as well as follow-on commitments from us to support those projects once they're completed – assuming the voters give the go-ahead.

One project was \$15M for a Regional Orientation Center (ROC). You'll likely see much more about this prior to the November 2015 Bond Election, but the basic idea is to build an informational hub for regional attractions, public outreach and education, and heritage destinations over on land west of the Santa Cruz. The other project is \$3M for the Santa Cruz Riverpark, from Starr Pass to Grant Road. That project would provide ecosystem restoration and riparian habitat enhancement along the route and improve ped/bike connectivity to Rio Nuevo and other west side attractions. Ultimately, you'll get to decide on those two projects if they make it to the ballot.

My 'no' vote on Tuesday was not a statement about those projects. It was partly based on what is being requested of us in support of them. I'll get to that. But I voted against moving ahead with what's being proposed for a variety of reasons. One is because I don't see any private capital being committed to building up the west side. We've got a development agreement over there that's nearly fully relying on public funding to make it go, senior housing that was all publicly funded, and now this proposal asking for more taxpayer subsidy. If allowed, the market will bring private dollars that will yield back tax revenues. That's what I've been trying to generate east of the freeway, and for the long-term good of the area I believe it's what we should be pushing for on the west side.

Also, and in a similar vein, I don't believe the nature of the attractions, once finally built, will yield nearly the tax revenues we should be aiming for. That's the sort of lost focus that got the City in trouble years ago when it mismanaged Rio Nuevo funds. I don't want to start down that road again.

In support of the projects the city is being asked to do the following:

- 1) Assign a 5-acre parcel to the County, contingent on the Bond proposals passing, for the purpose of building the ROC. This wasn't a deal killer for me because if the voters approve the Center, we should be a player in finding a site on which to build it. The County is committing to build and operate it, so the land is small potatoes. The detail of when we cede the land over to them is a key, unresolved item.
- 2) Ultimately build a parking garage to provide parking for the ROC. This is a non-starter for me. We're losing money on parking garages over on the east end of the Santa Cruz where the density is far greater than will be the case even if the Regional Orientation Center and surrounding amenities are built. I don't want to see the City signing onto a commitment to take on another money-losing parking structure. We're talking about building one over by the 4th Avenue business district where there's residential, student housing, and a wall of businesses on both sides of the street for 6 blocks. We can't even make that one pencil out yet.
- 3) Pay up to \$40K for water connections and \$70K annually in water costs to irrigate the river park and surrounding area. If this was in support of private sector retail development, I could justify it. But as I noted above, the private money going into any of this is small to nonexistent. I want to see that sort of investment before I agree to taking on a long-term financial obligation.
- 4) Waive all tipping fees and State environmental fee of \$0.25 per ton for the landfill the County would ultimately remove to build their part of the project. Although it's lost revenue, if the project moves ahead, it's probably not a deal stopper.

There's more being asked if the project is approved by the voters, but those were the main sticking points that caused me to vote in opposition to the M&C vote. For now though, the first move is yours when the ROC and Riverpark work is put on the '15 Bond Election Ballot. What was approved on Tuesday flows from that.

AC Marriott Hotel



On Friday, September 12th, I joined Mark Irvin from the Rio Nuevo Board in a significant contract signing that will kick-start the new AC Marriott hotel downtown. We met on the roof of The Playground, just west of the Rialto Block and shared this important step forward. Rio signed the deal. They're funding the garage portion of the hotel. I've asked for our part to be placed on the October 9th study session agenda so we can get our own development agreement inked.

You'll note both Richard and Regina standing with me at the event. We're mutually supportive of success, and this was an opportunity for each of us to sing from that sheet of music. The deal points for this project make sense;

that is, it's mainly private dollars, with a measurable and sizable return to the taxpayers, and it checks one of the boxes we need to check in terms of providing rooms close to events that'll take place at the TCC. When I started this work back in 2009 we had in front of us a \$200M hotel that was entirely publicly funded and had room rates not to scale for our local economy. We deep-sixed that "offer" and are now moving ahead with this project. We're doing it in concert with Rio, the private sector, and the continuing growth of the downtown core.

All successful cities have a vibrant downtown. I hear from time to time people kvetching about why I'm

largely focused on that area of the City. Well, it's the heart of Ward 6, we have a great momentum going, there are tens of millions of private dollars invested, and I'm committed to making sure those who have taken the risk have an advocate to see it continue.

As downtown succeeds, so does the rest of the community. Thanks are due to Mark Irvin, the Rio Board, and to my colleagues for their mutual commitment to this step in the right direction. And thanks are of course due to Scott Stiteler for having worked through some tough times with the City, believing in my support, and sticking with the vision that we're now seeing worked out. The next update on this'll be after our first meeting in October.

TUSD Meetings

Last week, I shared that I'm in touch with TUSD administration for the purpose of opening up a dialogue on a few different topics. Most importantly, it's time we work together – City/District – in engaging with the public proactively on items that affect quality of life in our residential areas. To that end, I can now report that two meetings have been confirmed.

One is the October 15th meeting that'll be held at the LIRC Center (2025 E Winsett) to discuss the placement of solar arrays on various school sites. TUSD has added some school sites to their presentation scheduled for that night. These are the schools that'll be addressed on the 15th:

Blenman Elementary School • Cragin Elementary School • Collier Elementary School
Davidson Elementary School • Fruchthendler Elementary School
Manzo Elementary School • Miles Early Learning Center PK-8 • Pueblo Gardens K-8 School
Robins K-8 School • Tolson Elementary School • Tully Elementary School
Whitmore Elementary School • Wright Elementary School

Look 'em over and come to the meeting if you see a site that's in your area. I'll also be there to participate in the discussion.

In addition, I've booked a meeting with several of the TUSD folks to come and discuss the Dodge-to-Townsend move and the sale of Ft. Lowell Elementary. That meeting will be on Thursday, October 30th starting at 6pm. We'll meet at Dodge Magnet school (5831 E Pima). I've asked their staff to be ready to talk about timing and to hear from you on the topic of traffic as it relates to drop-off/pick-up at Townsend. Other issues that are on your mind are totally fair game, too.

I also reported last week that I've suggested to TUSD that my staff be a part of their "Dodge Committee." That's the group they've formed to work through the logistics of the shift over to Townsend. I was told the principal of the school would make the decision as to who's on the committee. I haven't heard back yet – but will follow up if I don't for a while. It's important that we have an outreach position with the District.

With respect to the sale of Ft. Lowell Elementary, I've learned that the move won't happen for over a year. The media reporting of the sale didn't explain that timeline. Right now, they're going after court approval for the potential sale, which is part of the desegregation order under which the District is still operating. Following that approval, they can execute the sales agreement and begin to work with the potential buyer on issues related to the site. I've asked them to begin to talk to the neighborhoods during that timeframe. Thus, the October 30th meeting.

If the buyer decides to move ahead, they will be coming to the City early next year to talk about zoning issues. I'm told by TUSD that they don't anticipate any demo work to begin on the site until about this time next year. There's a lot of ground to cover between now and then, and the public outreach is a key part of that. I'm hopeful that this recent round of conversations I've had with several members of the District will have opened the door to more coordinated work on these sorts of issues in the future. We've operated independently of one another for too long.

October 20th Community Conversation/Listening Forum

I gave a summary of this upcoming event in last week's newsletter. There's a more 'flyer-like' description for you on the next page. It speaks for itself – I hope you can join us for the evening.

It's Time to Talk: Inclusion and Equality in Tucson

A Night of Sharing, Listening, and Learning

Could events like those that recently took place in Ferguson, Missouri, happen here in Tucson?

On Monday, October 20th, leaders in government, business, education, and members of the community at large will come together to discuss what can unite and strengthen Tucson in the face of potential divisions within our community.

The strength of our future depends on our ability to understand the realities of racism, build new skills around inclusion and equity, understand the opportunities already available in our community, and commit ourselves to acting together.

Please join us and take part in this open conversation about diversity, inclusion, and equality.

October 20th, 2014

Catalina High School — 3645 E Pima Street

Moderated by



Tom Beal
Arizona Daily Star

6:00 pm – Doors open

6:30 pm – Opening comments from panelists

6:45 pm – Moderated conversation, panel and audience

7:45 pm – Closing remarks from panelists

Panelists



Steve Kozachik
Ward 6
Council Member



Clarence Boykins
Black Chamber
President



Sheldon Fishman
GLBT Chamber
President



Lea Marquez-Peterson
Hispanic Chamber
President/CEO



Mike Varney
Metro Chamber
President/CEO



Reba Kalil
NAWBO
President



HT Sanchez
TUSD
Superintendent



Lee Lambert
PCC
Chancellor

Charter Change Process

On Monday the 15th, the Charter Change Committee held another meeting. I was impressed with the direction they're headed. The overarching charge they've been given by the facilitator is to review our current Charter, decide what changes to make – if any – and suggest new additions – if any. The group identified several areas they're going to want to study before bringing us recommendations.

This is a significant exercise. We have a very old long form Charter. It has archaic language that reflects a different era. Several areas are no longer relevant and will simply need to be cleaned up. Those include items such as the Charter referencing jobs that no longer exist in the City structure, gender specific language, and cross-referencing to portions of the Charter that no longer exist. Those will be easy to fix. It's the areas that form the framework of how we govern, how we select elected officials, the powers of office, civil service, taxation – the Constitution that guides our business – that'll be what the Committee wrestles with.

This is fundamentally important stuff. Twice in the last 3 years we have fought the State legislature and won in areas where they passed laws that were contrary to our Charter. Those were elections cases. We were able to show that that's an area of substantially local concern, and therefore our Charter trumped State law. What the voters ultimately decide to include in that document is all about local control and local governing principles. Accordingly, it's worth being serious about what we include on the ballot and, ultimately, in the document.

Here are several of the areas the Committee voted to study more fully. This is just for them to study – not to necessarily include as a part of the package of recommendations that will come back to us next spring.

- Taxation
- Powers of elected officials
- Civil service issues
- Mayoral parity
- Anti-discrimination language
- Number of Council members
- Ward only, non-partisan elections
- Strong Mayor form of government
- Salaries for elected officials
- Role of the City Manager
- Protecting the natural environment
- Funding sources for the arts and environment
- Defining the role of neighborhoods
- Campaign finance
- Technology and transparency

They took those issues and grouped them into about 6 umbrella categories. It'll be those groupings that will guide the Committee's agenda discussions going forward. It's a diverse group, and each member brings a commitment to this process. I'm looking forward to following along as they go through the process.

There will be calls to the audience at each of their meetings. Please mark your calendar if you'd like to be an active participant in how this very important work evolves.

The next two meetings will be held on October 6th and 22nd. Both will start at 4pm and will be held in Council Chambers.

Pima Animal Care Center

Given the current arrangements, I recognize the need to upgrade the PACC facilities. As with all other rescues and shelters in the region, they're over-stuffed and in need of capital improvement. But that support doesn't imply that I wouldn't actively consider options if the City involvement in PACC's operations becomes too costly. Last week we were given notice that we might be bumping up against that issue.

We have an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Pima County that legitimately obligates us to pay our share of PACC operations. Our IGA is for 2 years. When it came to us for approval, I did not support the 2 year length of the agreement. I felt keeping it to an annual renewal would leave us in a better position to consider options if the need arose. That need seems to have been dropped in our lap.

We have been told that the County wants us to pay not only the operations costs we owe, but they've also unilaterally tossed in the capital costs for the new 'pup tent' they built, some pro-rated administration costs, and charges for the spay/neuter program they run. Here's the breakdown:

Tent Construction - \$238K

Pima County Administration Costs - \$250K (approximate figure)

That's \$1/2M in charges that are not included in our IGA for operations. It also doesn't include a significant increase in charges they're now passing along to surrounding jurisdictions for their spay/neuter program. That critical program is really the key to getting our arms around the explosion in the number of strays we see in the region. I wanted the M&C to more heavily fund spay/neuter, but they didn't go along with the suggestion. Now the County is unilaterally charging us for its administration. I'm not sure that decision can be made without our going back and changing the terms of the IGA.

For the record, since the M&C rejected the notion of further funding the spay/neuter, I've donated about \$13K to the effort. None of the current disagreement is about supporting PACC or their work. It's about the correct manner in which agreements are amended.

We have rescues and shelters all over the region that are cash strapped. I'm going to reach out to some and see if we might develop a different model of chasing down the issue of taking care of the strays in need of a home. In the meantime, City staff is contacting other jurisdictions regarding these additional costs and we'll be reaching out to the County with an appropriate response in the coming days.

Mobile Health Care Fund Raiser

Over 25 years ago, former State Senator Dr. Andy Nichols founded a mobile health care program that has provided care to uninsured and underinsured populations in the Tucson Metro area. He was assisted in the work by Dr. Augusto Ortiz and his wife Martha Ortiz. Dr. Ortiz has now passed away, but in order to ensure the work would succeed any of the current players, they founded the Ortiz Endowment at the UA Foundation. Its purpose is keeping the work alive.

The program operates under the umbrella of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the UA Medical School. The services they provide are not reimbursed by either Medicaid or Medicare or by private insurers. Thus, the need for the Endowment.

The kinds of care they offer include prenatal care, wellness checks, physicals, diabetes testing, and much more. The care is provided by clinicians, nurse practitioners, student volunteers, and community health work-

ers. Given the impact of un- and underinsured patients on ERs and rural clinics, this work is significantly important.

On Sunday, October 12th, a benefit concert will be held over at Holsclaw Hall on the UA campus. The show will start at 2:30pm, and all of the proceeds will go to the Ortiz Endowment. There will be free parking at the Park/Speedway garage – just a short walk from the Hall.

If you'd like more information on how to get tickets, you can check out the event by clicking on <https://uafoundation.org/NetCommunity/gabrielayalaconcert> or by contacting Thom Melendez (Director of Development, Family and Community Medicine) at tmelende@email.arizona.edu or 626-4961.

Village Porch Fest – Broadmoor/Broadway Neighborhood

Porch Fest is a community driven, community participant event. It's a chance for local talent to share their abilities (musical, artistic, poetic) and for you to stroll around and enjoy the evening – for free. The Fest has been staged in Armory Park, Garden District and on September 28th the Broadmoor/Broadway neighborhood will play host. That neighborhood is to the southwest of the Broadway/Country Club intersection, behind Broadway Village.

They will have the event up and running from 4pm until 7pm. This is a completely family-friendly event. In fact, they'll have a kids' section over in Malvern Plaza that'll be focused on percussion/art/poetry. And they're counting on some naturally occurring music coming from the wide variety of birds that make the Arroyo Chico wash their home. The humans will be playing bluegrass, flamenco, jazz, and what is totally inappropriately called "oldies" from the '70's. It's contemporary on my radio dial and in my shower.

This is a great time of year to get out and enjoy the evenings. Ward 6 is proud to have seen previous Porch Fest events – and we are once again this year. I hope to see you out and about with your family on the 28th.

Walmart Giving Day

Finally, in the spirit of being a good community corporate partner, Walmart is conducting an "Arizona Day of Giving" event on Wednesday of this week. They're announcing nearly \$600K in grants that'll be awarded to 15 non-profits from around the state. Some of them are located in Tucson. Those are:

SOUTHWEST CENTER FOR HIV AIDS INC (\$30,000)

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (\$25,000)

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK INC (grant covers Phoenix and Tucson) (\$25,000)

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK INC (\$36,000)

The "Arizona Day of Giving" is made up of two parts: (1) a volunteer event at the Tucson Community Food Bank, and (2) a check presentation to each of the four non-profits half way through the volunteer event. We made sure Kate was there to represent the Ward 6 office as a way of showing our appreciation for these important gifts. Each of the non-profits is both deserving and can certainly put the cash to good use.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
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Events Calendar

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



When: Sunday, September 28, 4 – 7 pm

What: Broadmoor-Broadway Village Porch Fest

Porch Fest is a community event where Tucsonans can share their love of playing and listening to music all while enjoying and participating in the distinct vibe of a neighborhood. Tucson has rotated host neighborhoods beginning with Armory Park, then Dunbar Springs, Garden District, and now Porch Fest will be held in Broadmoor-Broadway Village. This is a free community building event - with over 12 porches with music open for visitors, including a kid friendly music area on our Malvern Plaza, and several food trucks! Find up-to-date Porch Fest info on the BBVNA website: broadmoorbroadwayvillage.com/calendar/porchfest2014 or Tucson Porch Fest Facebook page: www.facebook.com/tucsonporchfest

Sunday Evening Forum of Tucson Welcomes Linda Ronstadt

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St

October 5th at 7:00PM

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Tucson's own Linda Ronstadt will be interviewed by longtime friend, Jeff Haskell, during this special Sunday Evening Forum at the Fox. **The event is FREE and open to the public.** Tickets are only available for pick up at the Fox Box Office on October 5th (Day of the Event) starting at 4:30pm.

4:30 p.m.: Box Office Opens – Tickets Available

5:00 p.m.: Fox Theatre Doors Open

7:00 p.m.: Armchair Interview / Audience Q&A

8:00 p.m.: Post Champagne Reception

The Champagne Reception is a Ticketed Event!

Purchase tickets for the Post Champagne Reception with Jeff Haskell at 8pm for \$125/Ticket. Reception includes champagne, dessert, a book written & signed by Linda Ronstadt and a preferred seat during the Forum. Click the link to purchase tickets to the Champagne Reception: <http://www.sundayeveningforum.com/pages/events.html>.



Be part of our "LIVE STUDIO AUDIENCE"

We are filming our Mental Health Safe Space Training at Access Tucson.

Thursday, October 9th, 6:00PM – 7:30PM

We invite you to attend!



AccessTucson
Community Media
accesstucson.org

Mental Health Safe Space: *know the facts • learn the signs • provide help*, is a FREE 90 minute training that leaves you with practical information about mental illness and skills to identify and support those in mental health distress. We invite you to be a member of our live studio audience as we offer this FREE training at Access Tucson during National Mental Illness Awareness Week. Space is limited. RSVP by clicking the link below.

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/mental-health-safe-space-free-community-training-live-to-tape-tickets-13167262637>

Volunteer

2014 Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Count

This October, the Pima Association of Governments (PAG) will coordinate the seventh annual Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Count. This effort is crucial — it helps our regional understand of how many people walk and bicycle in various parts of the region and monitor how those numbers change over time. These results also help us determine and prioritize appropriate locations for future bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements.

To gather this information, PAG needs your help counting bicycle and pedestrian traffic at various locations in the region. Here's how to assist in this effort:

Step 1: ATTEND TRAINING

New counters **MUST** attend **ONE** of our short training sessions, which last about 45 minutes. You do not have to attend both training sessions. Training sessions are scheduled for:

Wednesday, October 15, 6:00 p.m.
Himmel Park Library
1035 N. Treat Ave., Tucson, AZ 85716

Friday, October 17, 2:30 p.m.
Himmel Park Library
1035 N. Treat Ave., Tucson, AZ 85716

Step 2: SIGN UP

Sign-up for volunteer times and locations using PAG's interactive web map, which can be accessed from the 2014 count web page at: www.pagnet.org/bikecount. See above for dates and times.

Step 3: PERFORM A COUNT

Perform a bicycle and pedestrian count at the particular location you selected on step 2.

WEEKDAY COUNTS— Once at each location, morning and evening peak activity periods are counted between the hours of 7 and 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. on a Tues, Wed, or Thurs. Volunteers can choose just one, two-hour shift (e.g., 7 to 9 a.m. at a particular location) or multiple shifts. Morning and afternoon counts do **NOT** have to be conducted on the same day.

WEEKEND COUNTS— These three-hour volunteer shifts are conducted either on a Saturday or Sunday morning from 7 to 10 a.m. No counts occur on weekend afternoons.

Step 4: MAIL IN COUNT SHEET

Mail us your count sheets. We'll provide you with a pre-addressed, pre-stamped envelope at the training. You can also scan and e-mail your count sheets to Sam Sanford at SSanford@PAGregion.com.

Please direct questions to Sam Sanford at SSanford@PAGregion.com or 495-1478.

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 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014 at 2 p.m.

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/>

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.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.childernsmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd

Opening October 18, 2014

Regarding Curtis: Contemporary Indian Artists Respond to the Imagery of Edward S. Curtis Whether romanticized or contested, the enduring power of the imagery of Edward S. Curtis has informed contemporary notions of Native American identity and perception. By inviting contemporary Indian artists to respond to these issues of identity and perception, we carry this dialogue into the present day, both visually and intellectually.

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd

Now 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>