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Ward 6 – Newsletter

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A Message from Steve

Last Friday night I put together what was to be this week's newsletter. As is usual, it covered council news and gave a review of upcoming items that we'll be taking on. Then Saturday happened. And with Saturday the focus of us all became glued to the victims, their families and other loved ones, and to the community at large as we join together in the process of healing.

On Tuesday the 11th, we cancelled our regular Council meeting. For any who might consider that not doing the work of the people, let me simply suggest that at this time the 'work of the people' is healing, together. That is what we as a Mayor and Council are doing with you. Could we have met and talked about budgets, zoning, Rio Nuevo and the rest. Sure. Should we have. Not in my opinion.

Now is the time for us to focus on one another with an eye towards how we touch each other where we're broken. For the physical victims of the shooting, those places are under the wonderful professional care of some of the best medical workers in the world. We thank God for that level of care. For the rest of us, those whose injury is spiritual and psychological, the scars are neither quite so obvious, nor is the method of healing quite so clear. That's why our skipping the council meeting and engaging that process was in fact doing the work of the people.

Each of us, in the Mayor's office and in each Council office have spent these past days touching the broken among us, including ourselves, and beginning the process of finding our spiritual moorings that will set us in the direction of a stronger and more unified community once we're past this.

I'd invite you to visit any of the various places of honor that are popping up around town - the candle light shrines honoring the victims. The two I've been frequenting are at UMC and at Gabby's office over on Swan and Pima. Pretty much any time of the day or night, you'll find others there to share your thoughts with.

In the next few days there will also be services held in churches around town to remember specific people whom we lost last weekend from our community. Those are listed below. However you choose to participate - and for some, that will be finding solace in personal and private reflection - it is my hope 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 791-5505

Southwest Gas

889-1888

Gas Emergency/ Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus

Hotline

243-7999

Environment Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal

792-2489

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belief that through it all we will emerge from this with new sense of unity, and most importantly a new sense of how we should go about exercising the liberty of speech that is guaranteed to each of us in our founding documents.

The words of unity shared next speak to the need for our facing, and growing from this together.

Sincerely,

Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6

My name is Father Glenn Snow, and I am the associated pastor at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, just across Pima and Swan from here. I would like to thank Miss Reeves and her friends, who organized this candlelight vigil, and thank her also for asking me to offer a few words at the start.

I am a Catholic priest. I clearly cannot speak for everyone here. We are Catholic and Protestant, we are Jew and Muslim, we are agnostic, atheist, old and young, of many races and nationalities and languages. While I cannot speak FOR everyone, I am blessed to be able to speak along WITH everyone, all of us gathered here tonight. That is the gift of the First Amendment of the Constitution, from which Representative Giffords read less than one week ago on the floor of the House of Representatives.

We come to this place from near and far. And our gift is precisely that we are not all the same. We are different. But we are not INdiffernt. What brings us here, what brings us together, is more than just a desire to be part of a group. More than just Facebook, or Twitter, or Reddit, or a phone call or a text from a friend. What brings us here is more than just a simple wish for peace. What brings us here is an ache. It is the ache born of loss of some good and honest people. It is the ache of the fear that any more might join those sad ranks. It is also the ache of a loss that is broader though less tangible. What brings us here is the ache of the loss of civility.

Our gift is precisely that we are not all the same. And yet we come together here on this night in this place. Our gift is that we can be different, and yet come together. That gift, that lesson, is so small...and yet can change us, and perhaps more than just us. Because what brings us here is not just and ache. What brings us there is also our hope.

I am a Catholic priest. I cannot speak for all of us. But I must pray who I am. And if you cannot join me in my prayers, perhaps you can join me in my hope.

Loving God, we are in need. We are broken. Our hearts are broken from the loss of those we love and respect. Our relationships are broken from too many falsehoods and too much hate. Our society is broken from too much fear and misunderstanding. Loving God, give us the civility to listen. Give us the integrity to grow. Give us the courage to forgive. And give us the grace to reach out...to heal, and to be healed; to challenge and to be challenged; to love and to be loved.

I make the prayer through Jesus Christ my Lord.

Memorial Services

WEDNESDAY

President Obama will be in Tucson on Wednesday to will speak at a memorial event at McKale Center. Obama's address, "Together We Thrive: Tucson and America," is scheduled for 6 p.m. and is free and open to the public, according to a press release from the University of Arizona. Doors will open at 4 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early, as a capacity crowd is expected, and there will be increased security as part of the President's visit.

Prior to the event, on the University of Arizona Mall visitors are encouraged to visit the UA Mall on Wednesday afternoon to write messages on the chain that will be presented later that night at the McKale Center.

THURSDAY

Services for Christina Green will be held on Thursday, January 13. The funeral mass will be for 1 p.m. and will be at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 8560 N. Shannon Rd. To view information: <http://tucsoncitizen.com/community/2011/01/10/christina-greens-memorial-service-scheduled/>

Services for U.S. District Judge John Roll will start on Thursday Visitation from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, Rosary at 6:00 pm St. Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church 5150 N. Valley View Road. For more information: <http://tucsoncitizen.com/community/2011/01/11/district-judge-john-rolls-memorial-services-scheduled/>
<http://www.stthomaspreschool.com/parish.htm>

Donations for victims please go to website listed below for updated information: <http://www.kvoa.com/pages/tragedy-in-tucson-time-to-heal/>