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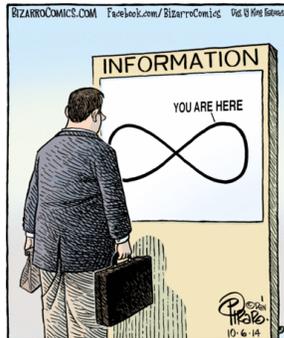
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Broadway RTA Project



Sometimes it feels like we've covered a lot of ground, but we still have a long way to go. With respect to the Broadway project, that's pretty much how I feel. In a nutshell, the vote the Mayor and Council passed last week made no sense, but it was perceived as a step forward. Thanks to Karin for getting it and voting against what was on the table before us.

Here's the map that was included in our material labeled as the Citizen Task Force (CTF) "preferred alternative."





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

The red lines are a 118' wide cross-width. It was to serve as the baseline from which further design tweaks are made by the CTF.

Here's language from the transcript of the last CTF meeting in which they discussed whether or not to identify a width in what came to us. (Nanci is the facilitator for the group.)

Nanci: So, here is the language – help me with it – moving forward you are in favor (except by those who indicated earlier they are not) Refining the 118' alignment and renaming it - 6 lane including local transit priority (Shirley's language) – language to talk about it – 6 lane including transit.

Nanci: This is just to help us make the decision – 96 vs 118 – trying to satisfy your desire to take # away and rename it.

But the 118' cross-width is what we got. As for "Shirley's language," she's one of the members of the CTF. Here's what she submitted, and what was the real 'preferred' language for the CTF:

- (5) Economic vitality should be encouraged in the area by:
 - a. Utilizing innovative urban planning, such as "overlays" (Swaim should provide examples)
 - b. Creating opportunities for communal parking areas (Swaim should provide examples)
 - c. Minimizing acquisitions that result in derelict property
- (6) Impact to buildings and property owners in the area should be minimized

At this point, any of our six-lane configurations will result in exceedingly similar potential for acquisitions. Therefore [at this point] we focus less on the "roadway width" and more on innovative solutions [that accommodate our local transit priority, bike and ped safety, and economic vitality]. Mayor and Council should recognize that the roadway width will flex throughout the project area as is reasonable.

I took the position that we should send the job of identifying an alignment back to the task force, give them free reign to lay one out according to their stated desire of not identifying widths, and bring us back something before Thanksgiving. Lay in the lanes, bike paths, sidewalks, etc. – and only then assign widths to them. Wind the road around buildings and flex it in and out. Staff, stand aside and let them be innovative. Once the widths are assigned to the elements, we will see how wide the roadway needs to be.

The map we were given to vote on doesn't come close to meeting the description of creative or innovative, and it assigns a 118' starting point.

In an effort to move the process forward, M&C voted to eliminate the map from where the CTF is going and yet still have them design the alignment. But if we're eliminating the map, we're voting on the motion I had offered. The vote was couched in terms of giving certainty to the business owners. But what's the frame from which they're beginning? Without the map, the business owners have no certainty. It made no sense.

And they eliminated the part of my motion that called for a solution before Thanksgiving.

We will see where this goes. The businesses absolutely deserve closure on an alignment. The citizens who took part in the public meetings and voted 65% to not exceed 114' deserve consideration. The budget cannot afford the amount of land acquisition being projected for the 6 lane, 118' width. But what we have now is direction given to the CTF to create a 6 lane (including 2 for transit) roadway, not to use the map we were shown as a baseline, and no certain timeline for com-



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

ing back to us.

That’s not giving the businesses any clarity, but it was adopted 5-2. Without the map, the businesses have gained no certainty. The map was not a part of the motion.

Since this all began about 2 years ago, there have been plenty of discussions about how wide the lanes need to be. I’ll just toss this thought into that hopper. Building lanes too wide is problematic. It forces peds to walk further to get across the road – oftentimes having to take refuge on the center median – and wider streets encourage cars to drive faster. That’s a safety issue for the other modes sharing the road (peds and bikes).

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials issue their own guidelines in what’s called their *Green Book*. It’s their bible. Summarizing it, traffic engineer Theodore Pertritsch says this:

For rural and urban arterials, lane widths may vary from 10 to 12 feet. 12-foot lanes should be used where practical on higher-speed, free-flowing, principal arterials. However, under interrupted-flow (signalized) conditions operating at lower speeds (35 MPH or less), narrower lane widths are normally quite adequate and have some advantages.

That’s Broadway.

In an effort to give the CTF the clarity it deserves from this body, I’ve asked for the item to be brought back to us on 10/21, not to reconsider the vote, but for the M&C to openly state the principles and priorities we want the task force to give deference to while they go through the design phase. Right now, that direction is lacking.

The next CTF meeting will be interesting. It’ll be held on Thursday, October 23rd at 5:30pm over at the Child and Family Resources building at Broadway and Treat. I hope to see you there.

Impact Fees

On Thursday we also moved ahead with adoption of our new impact fee rates. The plan was to keep our current rates until 2016, at which time the new ones will kick in. The current rates are less than or equal to what will eventually be adopted.

The State legislature budget office announced last week that they’re predicting a \$1B deficit in 2016. Impact fees are paid for development of new homes. If the economy is tanking again, home sales aren’t going to respond well. Here’s evidence of how true that is:

**SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE PERMITS BY ISSUING AUTHORITY
TUCSON METRO AREA**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 ytd
CITY OF TUCSON	2,465	2,188	2,497	2,531	1,252	598	368	314	218	330	124
PIMA COUNTY	3,018	3,271	5,000	3,471	1,721	938	777	683	499	572	361
ORO VALLEY	500	482	354	349	337	225	57	46	43	167	88
MARANA	1,260	1,425	1,763	796	546	228	191	341	328	526	404
SAHUARITA	882	1,705	1,637	1,200	849	749	516	309	186	270	149
SO PINAL COUNTY	386	499	532	232	393	280	168	172	164	175	81
TOTAL	8,511	9,570	11,783	8,579	5,098	3,018	2,077	1,865	1,438	2,040	1,207

ZoomTucson Map
http://
maps.tucsonaz.gov
/zoomTucson/

It's clear that when the recession hit in 2008, permit issuance for new home sales dropped significantly. If we're planning on raising impact fees at the same time the economy is hitting bottom, the home building industry (jobs) will get killed. It was with that in mind that I asked that we consider including a report on how many permits are issued for new home building at the same time we're considering implementing the new, higher impact fees. The number I offered as a trigger was 600 permits, but we backed away from giving a specific number. Instead, we asked that staff include trend line data at the time we're looking at increasing the fees. In addition to new homes, we'll also look at multi-family units. That's fair.

If in 2016 the State is balancing a budget that's predicted to be in a \$1B deficit, there's no way we won't see an impact on the revenues we receive from up north. Last Saturday, one of the current State Representatives told me that they're going after our State Shared Revenues and that our HURF dollars are already gone. If the homebuilders are still struggling, revenues from that important segment of our economy will also be down. As I mentioned, the new, higher impact fees are scheduled to go into effect on July 1st, 2016. Adding new metrics to the permit trigger will help to protect some jobs locally. We need to be smarter than to just be driven by a date on a calendar.

I've already asked for a study session in December to let us consider adopting a construction sales tax in lieu of the impact fee program. If the construction tax isn't too high, we might be able to add that and eliminate the impact fees altogether. It's worth a look.

Until then, the impact fees we have in place are generally lower than they were before, and we'll be considering permit activity at the time we'll be looking at increasing them to new levels. That's a good balance.

Charter Change Committee

If we change our tax code to include an increase in the construction sales tax, that'd be something the voters would approve next fall. We have a committee in place that's looking at items we might want to include in a Charter change.

The next Charter Change Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, October 22nd at 4pm. They'll hold it in the main conference room at City Hall.

During last week's meeting, they started to dig into the issue of governance — specifically, the system of governance by which we operate. Right now it's a manager-council form under which we appoint a City Manager who is the CEO of the organization. He/she answers to the Council. The Mayor does not count towards a quorum and his voting authority is limited. The Committee voted to increase the Mayor's powers, but didn't conclude how far they'd propose going with that idea for a potential ballot measure.

The facilitator passed out a nice graphic that shows a continuum of different council-manager-mayor systems. At one end, the jurisdiction doesn't elect a Mayor, but that position simply rotates between Council Members, similar to what we do with our Vice Mayor position. It's ceremonial. At the other extreme, the Mayor operates as the chief administrator and there isn't a City Manager at all. It's an autocratic model in which authority is vested in one person. By its vote, the committee moved off from the first model, and from their discussion it was pretty clear they're not inclined to suggest an autocrat.

In between those extremes are a variety of possibilities. The variation is in how much authority the City Manager retains, how the Mayor is elected, whether the Mayor has veto power over council decisions, authority the Mayor has to appoint/remove department heads, and the degree to which

the Mayor's vote counts in council decisions. It'll be interesting to watch the Committee work its way through those options.

A related element is how the council is elected. Right now we run in Ward-only primaries, but are elected City-wide. It's not uncommon to have Ward-only elections all the way through the general election. The Committee noted that the extent to which there is a Mayor with broader authority than at present – to watch out over the more general City wide issues – it might make sense to change the council member elections to Ward-only. That's another piece the Committee is going to sort through.

The facilitator (Raphael Sonenshein) made a couple of what I considered important suggestions. One is for the Committee to always ask themselves 'what is the problem they're trying to solve' with a particular Charter revision. If they can't articulate what it is they're fixing, maybe what they're studying doesn't need to be touched. The other comment was based on input the Committee has received from the community. That is, the issues of transparency and accountability will be the most salient issues guiding the Committee. Openness in how we govern is something I hear about all the time. If there are areas in the Charter that touch on transparency, the Committee might be taking a look at proposing some tweaks.

The M&C appointed the members of the Committee. They're volunteers, and they're putting in a lot of time in this work. They were encouraged to reach out to groups in the community and to listen to the issues people feel are important for them to address. If you bump into one of the Committee members, thank them, and feel free to share your thoughts on Charter revisions you might want to see proposed.

Alarm Fees

One more item that relates to City revenues. Paul and I asked for a review of the current Alarm Fee system that we have in place. We charge home/business alarm owners \$20 annually, and for that they get one free false alarm. On their 2nd one they have the option of either paying a \$100 fine or going to an alarm fee class (like the driver's classes you can go to if you get tickets). If you don't pay the \$20 fee, you lose that first bite at the apple, and the fine jumps to \$200 immediately.

The goal of the program was to recover the costs TPD absorbs from responding to false alarms. The vast majority of alarm responses the police roll to are false, so one of the measures TPD wanted to address when we adopted the current Ordinance was the number of false alarms they were being called to. The program has been a partial success. I asked to see some tweaks.

It costs us about \$115 per trip to go on an alarm call, so reducing the unnecessary ones is a big deal. Currently we're going to over 500 false alarms per month. That's down from about 3x that many not too long ago. It's also over 90% of the responses TPD makes to alarms. While one factor in reducing the number of false alarms we get might be the education that goes along with the new policy we adopted, the quality of alarms has also improved, so it's, well *false* to suggest that our Ordinance is the cause of all that decrease.

The other factor is our response time. I thought this drawing of my bride responding to a late night call from our daughter would serve to make the point well. The kid's still testing her response time, but now it's by phone and text.



We break down alarm calls by what's referred to as 'call type.' A burglary in progress or other distress sort of alarm generates a far faster response than a simple alarm without any known danger involved. For those Level 1 and 2 (danger) calls, TPD's response times are on average under 10 minutes. However for the less intensive calls the median response time is 77 minutes. For me, that's not a response we should be charging an assessment for, even if it turns out to be a false alarm.

I made the motion to stop charging people with a false alarm if the response time was longer than 30 minutes. It's my feeling that if we're over a half hour out from the alarm, that's not a 'response,' in terms of being able to address an incident if one were in fact in progress. TPD management wanted to retain the assessments since there's still an officer's time involved. It's undeniable that the officer is on the clock anyway, so we're not suffering added costs by sending him/her to the scene.

Mayor and Council voted 5-2 to keep the assessments in place, regardless of how long it takes us to arrive at the scene. Paul joined me in voting for the change. We'll take a new look at the whole program next budget cycle. I'm hopeful we can eliminate the charges for excessive delays in responding. I'm also open to considering models used in other cities that take the police response out of the equation at lower level calls until a private security firm confirms that it's not a false alarm. Salt Lake, L.A., Surprise and other cities have successfully adopted ordinances like that and are saving a ton of police time in not going to unnecessary alarm calls. It'll come up again next budget cycle.

Free Roaming Cat Ordinance

Another item that has financial impacts is the Ordinance change we adopted to allow shelters to release feral cats they have obtained through a program of Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) out into the community. It got a lot of press, and yet I noticed some of the media outlets still got it wrong.

The program is a \$300,000 per year donation to the community for 3 years coming from Best Friends Animal Alliance. That money is intended to buy traps, provide for some minimal staffing, and administer the program. Our part was to be a \$200K annual match. That money is intended to pay for surgeries of up to 5,000 cats brought in through the TNR program. Our County animal control people are certain that we'll have no trouble in trapping that many feral cats in Tucson zip codes.

The money savings will be in the form of reduced intake at the Pima Animal Care Center, reduced euthanizing at PACC, and with that, reduced operations costs. We pay a portion of the PACC ops costs, so our \$200K cost is really an investment. Because fewer cats will be killed at the Center, the program makes both financial and humane sense.

Staff knew we were going to be charged these higher fees back in June. That's one point the media never picked up on. It's not accurate to say that the County dropped this new cost on us after our budget had been established. I only know because I obtained a copy of the email exchange in which the City was advised. But M&C wasn't told until about 2 weeks ago. That was when I learned of the potential loss of the program and called the meeting in which the Mayor, City Manager, and County administration got together to try to sort out a solution.

The solution initially offered to Best Friends was that we'd pay \$100K, but would ask the community to fund the other \$100K. The assumption was that if the residents didn't pay a part, they must not value the program and we shouldn't be getting involved. I think that reasoning is fundamentally flawed. You are already subsidizing PACC and their spay/neuter programs through your taxes. Many of you are also already making extra donations to PACC. They're generating about \$250K

annually from philanthropic gifts. I wouldn't support an Ordinance tied to soliciting you for the money to run it. You already are.

To his credit, Pima County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry rose above the political in-fighting and offered to waive the City's \$200K first year obligation and fund it himself through other County resources. After all, those are still City of Tucson resident resources since we're all also County residents. That solution began at the meeting I convened with the players noted above, and ended when Huckelberry stepped up and made the offer. He deserves credit for salvaging the program.

Based on that, we passed the Ordinance change to allow reentry for the feral cats and accepted Chuck's offer for the \$200K. Our current IGA with the County expires at the end of this budget year. Right now, spay/neuter and administration costs are our obligation under the terms of that agreement. I'm sure our respective staffs will begin talking about new terms soon. The current feral cat program will serve as the springboard for those talks. Here's some of the existing language that I'm sure will be the focus of the newly negotiated IGA:

11. Financial Report Depicting Receipts and Disbursements of the County Rabies Fund and the Total Cost of Enforcing City Animal Control Ordinances. The County shall prepare a financial report for each monthly invoice submitted to the City and a final financial report for each Fiscal Year that includes the following information for each County accounting period:

- a. By jurisdiction, a statement of period-end and year-to-date receipts, disbursements, and the balance of the County Rabies Control Fund.
- b. By jurisdiction, the percentage of administrative expenses allocated, the number and types of dog licenses issued, the number of calls that resulted in a response from the Pima Animal Care Center, the number of animals processed at the shelter, the number of animals adopted, the number of animals euthanized, the number of animals spayed and neutered, the number of dead animals picked up, the number of animals that died in the kennels and the number or educational event units performed.
- c. The total Pima County Animal Care adopted budget including operating revenues by revenue source and operating expenses by type of expense.

Equal Opportunity

This is the final week before we gather at Catalina High School for the forum on jobs, education, policy, and the media – and how all of that is working in our community to help provide opportunities and avoid some of the ugly scenes we're seeing in other parts of the nation. We've had our own share of conflicts, so this forum is both timely and will be an important chance for all of us to do some listening to our fellow community members. Here's the panel:

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 Kahil
NAWBO
President



HT Sanchez
TUSD
Superintendent



Lee Lambert
PCC
Chancellor

I hope you can join us. Some of the fringy radio jocks are suggesting that this isn't a valid conversation to have. If that's the way they feel, they're welcome to stay away. I simply beg to differ.

Sex Trafficking Legislation

If you're a 15 year old girl who is abducted, forced into prostitution and forced to commit crimes (burglary, drug sales, etc.) for your pimp, you carry those convictions on your record for 99 years in the State of Arizona. Consider the 51-year-old grandmother I know who has put her life back together and is working in the behavioral health field now with other sex trafficking victims. On every job application she files, she must state that she was convicted of prostitution, despite her status as a minor, and despite that it happened over 30 years ago.

I hope that shocks you. It shocked me when I learned about it. And even today the State authorities who regulate these sorts of matters cannot tell you for certain if this is a matter of law, policy, or what... it's just how we do things in Arizona.

Also under the general heading of 'equal opportunity' comes an issue I'll be co-presenting on next week – that is, advocating for legislation to be adopted this legislative term up in Phoenix to allow judges to expunge the record of women in situations such as I've described. Joining me at the kick-off of this advocacy will be Beth Jacobs, a trafficking survivor and advocate of this legislation, and State Representative Victoria Steele. Victoria will be sponsoring the bill this term up in Phoenix.

We're going to host a media/public discussion on this issue on Friday, 10/24 at 1pm at the Ward 6 office. The most important thing is getting this onto the public and legislative radar screen. We're in election season now, so it's not too early to get commitments from candidates relative to their willingness to join Victoria in sponsoring the bill.

It's not at all uncommon for victims of human trafficking to be forced by their traffickers into criminal activity. I've already noted that sexual activity is the norm, but drugs and theft are not unusual. Even victims who were minors at the time are not able to have those convictions removed from their records.

Why does this matter in Arizona? Other than simply the gross injustice it represents on its face, Phoenix has been listed as one of the nation's top 20 human trafficking cities in the country. So far, 19 other States have laws that put in place judicial processes by which trafficking victims may have their convictions vacated. Arizona isn't one of them. We hope to see that changed during the upcoming legislative term.

Beth has put together a White Paper on this topic. Here are the bullet points the proposed legislation is intended to address:

BILL PROPOSAL

- Permits a person to vacate any Arizona criminal conviction that is a direct result of the person being a victim of human trafficking. Application is made to the sentencing judge, who may vacate the conviction upon proof that the statutory conditions are satisfied. The application may be made at any time after the conviction is entered.
- The court may consider any evidence it deems reliable, including the sworn statement of the person, which alone is sufficient if found credible and if no other evidence is available. An official government record showing that the person was a human trafficking victim at the time of the offense creates a rebuttable presumption that relief should be granted, as does the fact that the person was under the age of 18 at the time of the offense if the conviction is for sexual conduct for which the age of consent is 18.

A conviction vacated under this section will be deemed not to have occurred, and evidence of it will be removed from the State’s criminal records. A person whose conviction has been vacated may deny the existence of the conviction, including on applications for employment, housing, financial aid or loan applications, except for applications for jobs requiring a fingerprint clearance card.

The Ward 6 office is located at 3202 E. 1st. The 24th is coming right up, so please mark your calendar so you can come and show your support of this effort.

Tucson Firefighters Chili Cook-Off



Another hot topic, but this one’s not at all controversial. The Firefighters’ annual chili cook-off is right around the corner. There’s a change of venue this year for the cook-off. The Firefighter event has moved from downtown over to Reid Park. We’re still proud to host this event in Ward 6. The move should make some of the access concerns a little easier to navigate.

I know it’s way early to be thinking about the upcoming Holiday season, but on the 25th you can soften the stress of thinking you’ll soon begin seeing decorations popping up all over by supporting the chili cook-off and knowing that the proceeds will go to the Firefighter Adopt-a-Family program. Through that program they help needy families in our community with the basics like food and clothing, plus they provide toys for the kids throughout the Holidays.

The event runs from 10am until 10pm. The band shell is located about ¼ mile north of 22nd Street off from Country Club.



For more information go to <http://www.isfflocal479.org/>



January 8th Memorial Update



The time for submitting on the January 8th Memorial design has ended. I think it’s pretty amazing that the selection committee received about 60 responses. With that many to choose from, the committee isn’t going to rush through and cut to a shortlist in a hurry.

By way of reminder, the sites that have been selected to host the Memorial include the exterior community space in El Presidio Park, and the interior space on the 1st Floor of the Pima County Courthouse. There’ll be a presentation of online information that’ll include a collection of commentary from survivors and witnesses, including first responders who were

directly involved with the events of the day. The artistic part is what’s being juried by the selection committee.

The January 8th Memorial Foundation is now a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, so any donations you may choose to give towards their work are tax deductible to the extent allowed under current tax

law and based on your individual tax circumstances. If you'd like to contribute online, you can do so at www.tucsonsmemorial.org, or you can just send in a donation to Tucson's January 8th Memorial foundation, PO Box 40355, Tucson – 85717.

We all remember the Tucson theme that came out of the shooting: Together We Thrive. The Memorial will build an enduring reflection in respect of that motto.

Should we care? Well, Arizona's gun death rate is 40% higher than the national average, over the last 10 years in Arizona over 3,300 people were murdered with guns, the Brady Campaign ranked Arizona dead last in their 2011 State rankings of gun safety laws, and the NRA gave an A or A+ rating to 5 of our 8 Representatives. Yep, we should remember the events of January 8th and continue to fight for rational gun safety laws.



And thanks to those of you who joined me in communicating to "Mickey" that the overgrowth of weeds on this property were not the most visually appealing way to market her rental – and that they violated City Code. This is how it now looks. One step forward...

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 . . .

La Pilita Museum 420 S. Main

Thursday, October 16, 6:30PM

Written in Thread: AZ Women's History Preserved in Their Quilts

Join Pam Knight Stevenson as she traces Arizona history through women who recorded pieces of their lives in their needlework. Beginning with 1860s Mexican women, through 1990s Hopi women and angol pioneer women, this presentation introduces women who pioneered Arizona through quilts they stitched. The colorful patterns of women's quilts added a spot of brightness to their homes and their lives. They also celebrated and recorded special events with their quilts.

Living Streets Alliance:

Thursday, October 16th, 6 to 8 pm Catalina Park, 900 N. 4th Ave.

How to travel, by bike!

Ever wanted to learn more about bike touring? What do you bring? How hard is it, really? Where can you go nearby? All these questions and more will be covered and we'll even watch an inspiring movie about a group of college students who took to two wheels to travel across the USA, raising awareness about food cooperatives, supporting the local economy and bicycle touring. Living Streets Alliance, BICAS and the Food Conspiracy Co-Op are hosting a free Bike-In movie and bike tour "how-to", Thursday, October 16th, 6 to 8 pm in Catalina Park.

<http://www.livingstreetsalliance.org/event/the-food-co-op-hosts-a-bike-in-movie-at-catalina-park/>

Get Help to Keep Your Home**Oct. 17-18 at Pima County Housing Center**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Are you worried about foreclosure? Have you been turned down for mortgage assistance in the past? Pima County Housing Center is hosting a free Housing Recovery Event on Friday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HUD-approved housing counselors will be on site at 801 W. Congress (2 blocks west of Interstate 10) to discuss new programs you may now qualify for and answer all your home ownership questions.

Please bring with you:

- Current mortgage statement
- Current bank statements (1 month)
- Prior tax returns and W-2s (2 years)
- Current income statements – pay stubs, award letters, etc. (1 month)

Call 724-2460 for an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

PAG's Annual Bicycle & Pedestrian Count**Oct. 18 Nov. 1****Volunteer Information**

During this two-week period, please help us make walking and bicycling better in our region by volunteering to count bicyclists and pedestrians. To sign-up for a count location, please read PAGs [volunteer info sheet](#), then visit PAGs interactive web map at: <http://gismaps.pagnet.org/BikeCountSignup>

Weekday counts occur in two-hour increments between 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. These should be conducted on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Weekend counts occur in three-hour increments on either a Saturday or Sunday morning (7:00 to 10:00 a.m.).

Note: If you have not volunteered before, you must attend a **brief training session** on October 15 or October 17. For more information about the count and training sessions review the info on the [volunteer sheet here](#) or contact Sam Sanford (ssanford@pagregion.com).

Kidical Mass

Saturday, October 18th, 12 pm to 2 pm - a FREE family-friendly bike ride leaving from Howell Elementary School, 401 N. Irving Ave., riding to Himmel Park and back with stops along the way.

Your favorite things about Kidical Mass will be back:

- El Grupo Youth Cycling leaders will accompany smaller riders and help guide the ride
- FREE bike repair and support by BICAS
- FREE ice cream from Isabellas Ice Cream
- FREE helmets for youth under 18 and bike maps for all

<http://www.livingstreetsalliance.org/event/kidical-mass/>

Tucson Museum of Art

140 N Main Ave

La Vida Fantástica: Selections from the Latin American Folk Art Collection

Open to the public, Saturday, October 18, 2014

Members' Opening Celebration Friday, October 17

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org



Ongoing

Tucson Symphony Orchestra 260 S. Church Ave
<http://www.tucsonsymphony.org/>

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave
<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

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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
 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>