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On Wednesday evening I'll be joining the Old Glory Relay on the last leg of the route heading into the UA campus. This is the cross-country relay that's taking the American flag on foot from the west coast to Florida. Tucson is one of the stops along the way.

I'll be picking up the run/walk/relay at Himmel Park. We'll head over to the Mall on campus. If you'd like to be a part of that, please be at the west Himmel parking lot by 4:30 PM. I'm doing this between the afternoon and evening council sessions, so I'll have to be moving out from that location no later than 5:00 PM. If people show up to accompany me and the flag on this leg who can't jog, then we'll walk. The goal is to accommodate anyone who'd like to participate.

Proceeds they raise along the route will go to aiding veterans in need. There are 62 teams with over 1,000 participants carrying the flag over the 4,200 mile route. It'd be great to have a bunch of you come along for this mile stretch from the park to campus.



Important Phone Numbers

Ward 6 Office
791-4601

Tucson Police
Department
911 or nonemergency
791-6813

Water Issues
791-3242/800-598-9449
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

Abandoned
Shopping Carts
791-3171

Neighborhood
Resources
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222
TDD: 628-1565

Environmental
Services
791-3171

Park Tucson
791-5071

Planning and
Development
Services 791-5550

Pima Animal Care
Center
724-5900

Pima County Vector
Control
Cockroaches 724-3401

Continued: A Message From Steve



Gun Violence

Townville, South Carolina. A young kid who clearly needed and deserved mental health assistance shot and killed his father. He then drove to a nearby elementary school and shot two children and a teacher. One of the kids he shot died over the weekend. The other classmate and the teacher should survive. News reports indicate that the young guy had been bullied at his school prior to his taking

those lives.

And also last week another police shooting took place during a traffic stop, this time in San Diego. A man took a pose appearing to be pointing a weapon at the officers. It turned out to be an e-cigarette canister. He too had serious mental illness issues that had gone untreated. I've written before that there are no 'routine traffic stops.'



These things are all too common in the news every week. Let's keep the dialog going.



We had a packed auditorium at last week's End-of-Life Forum over at Banner UMC. The crowd listened to and participated in an extremely interesting exchange on the topic. I was pleased

to have been able to thread the needle and get three different medical perspectives on the panel. One doctor is all in on the idea of legislation supporting the ability of patients to request life-ending medications from their physicians. Another, who relied on his medical oath to 'do no harm,' will have no part in writing such prescriptions. The final physician panelist said he plays ethical gymnastics when giving meds that 'terminally sedate' patients who are in tremendous amounts of pain.

The crowd was a mixture of those who support an aid in dying law, and those who feel bound by religious or other convictions to resist such legislation. As I said in the run-up to the event, this is a tough issue. I'm pleased that we had the opportunity to share the community conversation. *Arizona Daily Star* reporter Joe Ferguson correctly quoted me as having said "the value of events such as this is that the competing perspectives are aired in a very public and open manner. Framing public policy in a way that respects that diversity is going to be tough. I'm hopeful that we can build on the successes seen in the other five states that have gone ahead of us in this."

Right now California, Oregon, Washington, Vermont, and Montana have laws in place that give doctors the ability to prescribe medication that will hasten the death of a patient. This fall, Compassion and Choices will be asking the Arizona State Legislature to consider such legislation. Last session they wouldn't even allow a committee discussion

on the topic. Even if a legislator opposes the law, it's my belief that giving the idea a public airing is how our political system should work.

We allowed for that public airing last week over at Banner. We'll see if the state allows for it to continue up in Phoenix when they arrive back for the '17 session. I mentioned California is one of the five states to have adopted an aid in dying law. Here's the letter Governor Brown wrote supporting what they passed.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

OCT 5 2015

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

ABx2 15 is not an ordinary bill because it deals with life and death. The crux of the matter is whether the State of California should continue to make it a crime for a dying person to end his life, no matter how great his pain or suffering.

I have carefully read the thoughtful opposition materials presented by a number of doctors, religious leaders and those who champion disability rights. I have considered the theological and religious perspectives that any deliberate shortening of one's life is sinful.

I have also read the letters of those who support the bill, including heartfelt pleas from Brittany Maynard's family and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. In addition, I have discussed this matter with a Catholic Bishop, two of my own doctors and former classmates and friends who take varied, contradictory and nuanced positions.

In the end, I was left to reflect on what I would want in the face of my own death.

I do not know what I would do if I were dying in prolonged and excruciating pain. I am certain, however, that it would be a comfort to be able to consider the options afforded by this bill. And I wouldn't deny that right to others.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.



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Senator John
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520-670-6334

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

Age-Friendly Communities

And here's a letter Jonathan wrote in support of Tucson becoming an AARP-recognized 'Age-Friendly City.'



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September 22, 2016

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Dear Ms. Kennedy,

On behalf of the of the City of Tucson, Arizona, I am pleased to begin the process of working toward Tucson being recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO) and AARP as an Age Friendly Community.

The attached Resolution, which I presented to and was approved unanimously by the Mayor and Council, establishes the dedication of the governing body and staff of the City of Tucson to join with the Arizona AARP and the community's Elder Alliance in submitting an application through AARP for the City to be a member and participant in AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

The City of Tucson and Pima Council on Aging (PCOA), the area agency on aging for our community, have worked together for years to adopt policies and take actions to improve the lives of older adults and others in our community. PCOA is a lead agency in the formation of the ELDER Alliance, a broad collaboration that includes representation from non-profit organizations, businesses, government agencies, community partners and age-50+ residents, dedicated to ensuring older adults thrive, enjoy quality of life, and play an active role in shaping livable communities for all ages in Tucson, Arizona. The Elder Alliance will be our partner and "Community Advisory Committee" working to ensure that policies, services, settings and structures support and enable people to remain active as they age.

The Elder Alliance will also support our efforts and commitment to:

- Establish mechanisms to involve older people.
- Conduct a baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of the community.
- Develop a community-wide action plan based on the findings of the assessment, and
- Identify indicators, so progress can be monitored against the action plan.

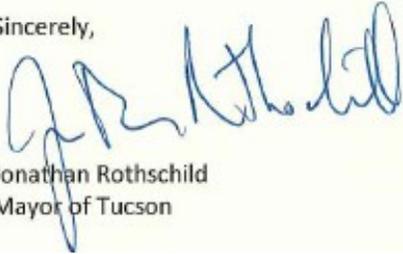
Among other goals, our process intends to:

- Increase awareness about what the age 50+ population needs in order to maintain active, healthy and productive lives where they live.
- Foster dialogue, knowledge and actions that support the development of age-friendly communities across the United States.
- Create a cycle of continuous improvement within the eight domains of livability identified by WHO.

We further acknowledge that active aging is a life-long process and that an age-friendly community is not just “elder-friendly,” but is friendly for all ages.

We are excited to submit the attached application and look forward with our partners in completing the work and becoming a part AARP’s Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Rothschild
Mayor of Tucson

A couple of weeks ago the M&C unanimously passed a resolution in support of our doing what’s needed in order to gain World Health Organization and AARP recognition as being ‘age friendly.’ The final section of that resolution reads as follows:

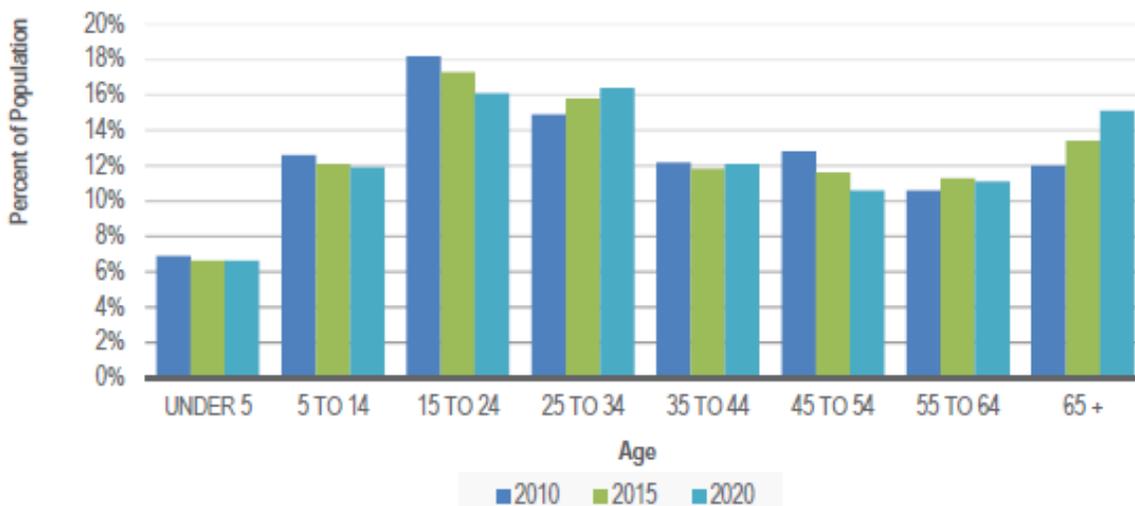
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION. 1. That the City of Tucson Mayor and Council will work to support initiatives and opportunities to engage in the WHO Age-Friendly Cites and Communities Network of municipalities, and to encourage and promote public policies supporting healthy aging.

Since we passed that resolution, I’ve been in touch with several of the people involved in this effort over at the Pima Council on Aging. Alison and I will be joining their work to get the Tucson designation. It’s going to be a long effort, but given the quality people who are already engaged in it over at PCOA, I’m sure we’ll earn the recognition.

The WHO estimates that worldwide the over-age-60 population will increase to almost two billion by the year 2050. That’s more than double the number from the year 2000. It makes the aid in dying discussion that much more relevant. And it makes our becoming ‘age-friendly’ all the more urgent.

Here’s the data related to Tucson and our region:



According to the WHO data, over 21% of adults over age 65 do not drive. Half of that group doesn't leave home on a given day due to a lack transportation options. We can do better than that here in Tucson.

Gaining the 'age-friendly' designation will be about much more than just transportation though. Also included will be how we do as a community in areas related to housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation, employment for the elderly who want to work, communication and information sharing, and community support and access to health care services. It's a designation that looks at a wide range of areas in which a community or city supports the elderly.

Currently, PCOA is gathering the data it will need to submit a comprehensive application. Getting that baseline assessment will take a year or two. That's what Alison and I will be helping with for now. The data will result in an action plan which will take another couple of years to fully implement. No action plan is right the first time. Improving on it will be an ongoing process. Look around you when you're out and about and you'll see the changing demographic, and with that you'll see the value in this work.

Many thanks are due to Mark Clark and Jim Murphy over at PCOA for leading the charge on this, and special thanks to the many volunteers over there who are digging in to begin the application process. It's not just about having a label to hang on the wall. Being recognized by the World Health Organization and AARP as an age-friendly community will mean that we have services in place that earn that distinction. That means we're touching lives in a meaningful way.

I'm happy to be helping work toward that end. Much more on this to come as the work unfolds. If you'd like to get involved, please contact either me or Alison, or you can reach out to the folks at PCOA – www.pcoa.org. They'll be happy to sign you up for some of the early work on this project.



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Last October I was happy to help Emerge! Center for Domestic Violence get the word out about DV and how we can combat it in our community. It's October again, and time once more to help remind people that they do not need to be a victim. Emerge! makes services available 24/7/365.



Emerge! answers nearly 6,000 hotline calls annually. They provide about 20,000 safe nights to both adults and to kids in their secure emergency shelters. The hotline number is 1.888.428.0101.

The hotline is bilingual – do not avoid calling for fear of a language barrier.

For the rest of October, I'll be sharing the Emerge! educational pieces on DV and the role you can play in addressing it. This first week's piece is a reintroduction to Emerge! and what they can offer to victims and their families. They've got:

- Emergency Shelter Facilities
- Food, clothing, and other necessities
- Crisis intervention and safety planning assistance
- Domestic abuse education
- Goal planning assistance
- Opportunities to attend support and education groups
- 911 emergency cell phones
- Referrals to other agencies and resources

Nobody is refused services on the basis of race, creed, ethnicity, gender identity – or any other personal identifying characteristic. There is a safe space, and it's ADA compliant.

Stay tuned throughout the month for these important updates. Do not wait to report DV. And do not hesitate to contact Emerge! if you need help.

Capital Needs

On Wednesday we will renew our conversation about the city's capital needs. Since I last wrote about this, we've been informed of a few changes in how the conversation will have to be framed. For me, the most important difference is that we now know we can only take a property tax question to the ballot during a November election. That's important because I have been advocating for getting our road bonds renewed as quickly as possible. If we can't take a Prop 409 question back to you any sooner than next November, I'll be joining others in suggesting we switch that funding source to a sales tax. I'll also continue advocating that we ask for your permission to change our Charter to allow for sales taxes to be earmarked for road repair. A half-cent sales tax increase is projected to yield about \$50M annually. Some portion of that can and should go to roads.

Here's the A.R.S. language we were made aware of last week that causes this change in approach:

4. The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Notwithstanding any other law, an election must be held on this date for the approval of an obligation or other authorization requiring or authorizing the assessment of secondary property taxes by a county, city, town, school district, community college district or special taxing district, except as provided by title 48.

Here's a chart that shows our major revenue sources. You can see that taxes are the main source for our revenues – combined between local and state shared, they're well over 50% of what we have to fund the city organization.

Table 11.2: Major Revenue to the General Fund (FY 2013– 2017)

General Fund Revenues (%GF)	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Estimated	FY 2017 Adopted
Taxes	40.04%	38.36%	40.17%	39.84%	38.88%
State Shared Revenues	25.36%	25.44%	27.95%	28.07%	27.87%

Charges for Services	9.33%	8.34%	8.20%	8.65%	8.68%
Other Local Taxes	9.71%	7.75%	8.69%	8.79%	10.12%
Licenses and Permits	4.51%	4.14%	6.19%	6.01%	5.87%
Primary Property Tax	2.73%	2.66%	2.05%	2.91%	2.93%
Total	91.68%	86.69%	94.05%	94.27%	94.34%

I've shared the next table before. It's an estimate of our other funding sources that are targeted to capital needs. The column showing "409 GO Bonds" is the road bond money that has about a year to go before it expires. That's why if we want to continue fixing the roads we have to get a funding question on the ballot in '17. I will continue to push for placing that question on the ballot before next November. The issue is what, if anything, we package it with, how much we ask for, and for how long.

Current Resources– FY 14-16 (3 years)

City resources expended on capital reinvestment and related needs FY 14-16 (estimated)

Functional Area	General Fund/ HURF	Grant/ Federal Funds	CDBG	Impact Fees	RTA	409 GO Bonds	3 Year Total	Need
Parks & Recreation	6,064,000	3,000	913,000	1,139,000	0	0	8,119,000	113,000,000
Police	4,975,000	2,270,000	0	2,681,000	0	0	9,927,000	85,000,000
Fire	2,864,000	340,000	0	1,715,000	0	0	4,919,000	114,000,000
Road Repair	925,000	0	0	0	0	58,124,000	59,049,000	700,000,000
Sidewalks & Connectivity	2,070,000	1,093,000	398,000	3,000	2,029,000	0	5,593,000	211,000,000
TOTAL	\$16,898,000	\$3,706,000	\$1,311,000	\$5,538,000	\$2,029,000	\$58,124,000	\$87,606,000	\$1,223,000,000

Before I go on, it's important I remind you that for the past six years I've been advocating for the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to ask the voters to reauthorize the RTA tax you're already paying with a portion of it allocated to road repair. Initially, they fought me on that. Now, they are talking not about asking to use a portion of the RTA tax for road repair, but about increasing the tax and using the new money to fix the streets. I believe they're a day late and a dollar short on that idea. Had they moved on this a few years ago, we might have been able to avoid the current debate over new funding sources. But they didn't, so we aren't.

On Wednesday, the City Manager will recommend we do two things. First, he'll ask us to choose a date on which to ask for a half-cent sales tax increase. He's proposing that it sunset in five years, and that the revenue be split between roads and some public safety needs. He'll also recommend that we take a property tax question to you next November. That question would earmark funds for parks improvements. We'll kick those options around. I'm hopeful that we at least get consensus on a road piece. How and when the public safety and parks questions get sorted out may take more time.

It's fortuitous that on Wednesday we'll also be getting a report on the Parks and Recreation Five Year Master Plan. In putting that plan together, the team surveyed the community to find out which elements of our parks system people value the most. Here's what you had to say.

Most Important Parks and Facilities	2000 Survey	2015 Survey	Percentage Difference
Walking and Biking Trails	28%	47%	19%
Small Neighborhood Parks	29%	39%	10%
Picnic Areas and Shelter	23%	19%	-4%
Playground Equipment	18%	19%	1%
Senior Centers	16%	10%	-6%
Community Recreation Centers	11%	8%	-3%

We also learned from the survey that you value reinvestments into and upgrades of existing facilities. Last week I mentioned community partnerships we might develop more fully to achieve that goal. I think we've got to be cautious on how expansive those partnerships become so we don't start to add too much on to a ballot question. But if we can make our own proposal more attractive by linking arms with other community partners with needs, we should at least have the conversation. Here's one example – the economic impact we realized from last year's Nova Home Loan bowl game was estimated at over \$16M. This is a clip from the press release sent out last spring related to the bowl game:

Recap of the 2015 NOVA® Home Loans Arizona Bowl

The NOVA® Home Loans Arizona Bowl was sanctioned in March 2015 as the 41st NCAA college football game and the third bowl game staged in Arizona. The inaugural game kicked off on December 29, 2015. The bowl game featured two teams from the Mountain West – Colorado State and Nevada. The final score was 28-23 in one of the most hotly contested and exciting games in the bowl season. The NOVA® Home Loans Arizona Bowl had the second highest attendance of any inaugural bowl in history. Grammy Award band Los Lobos performed at halftime.

The University of Arizona Eller College of Management estimated the economic impact of the bowl game in 2015 was approximately \$16.8 million, generated primarily by tourism and recreational activities, team expenditures and the creation of part-time jobs. Game organizers projected the event produced over 2,000 room bookings during game week, traditionally a slow time for Tucson hotels.

If there are ways we can build on relationships like that, the region wins. Another example is the impact the Roadrunner hockey team could have. During construction, we're taking a hit in terms of budgeted income. Having to take the arena out of commission for large events during much of the construction has resulted in some opportunity costs. This chart shows the impact – decreased attendance, tickets sold, and income.



**Tucson Convention Center
FY 16 Financial Results - Unaudited
(Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016)**

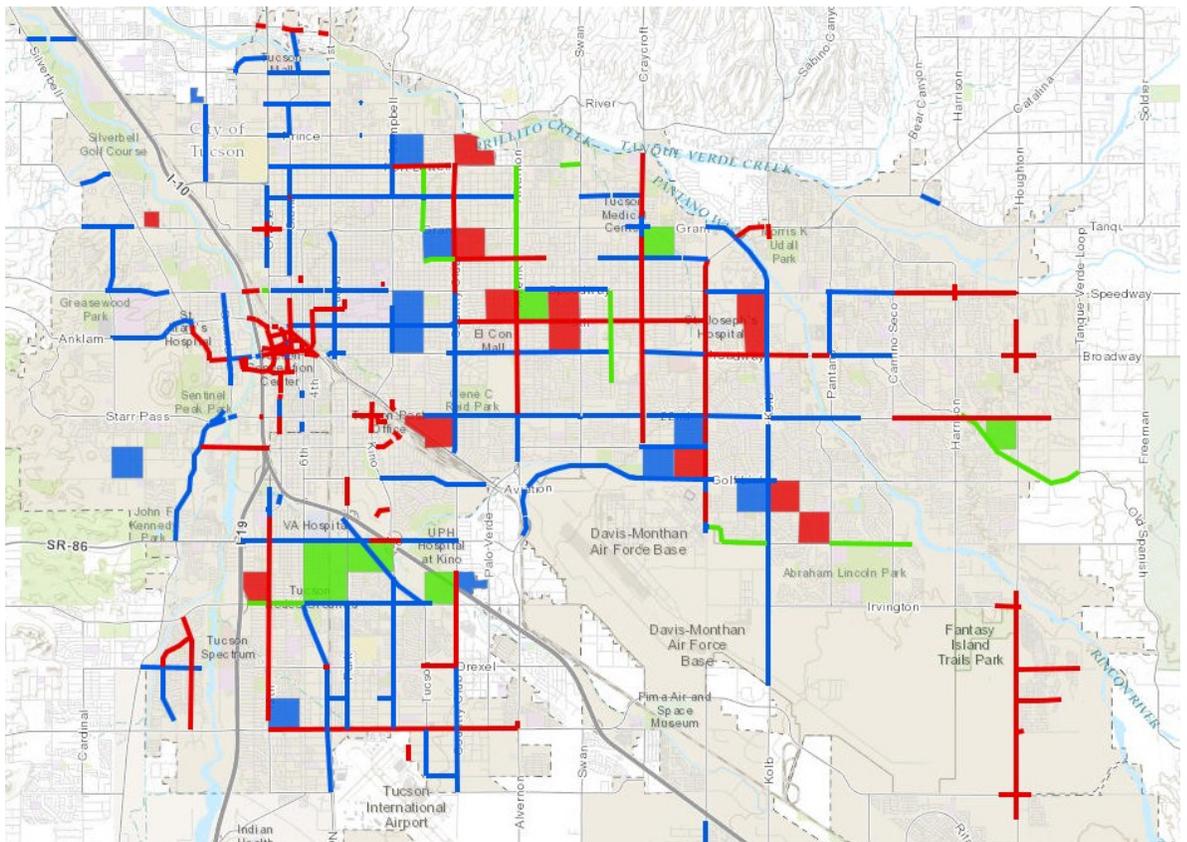
	Year to Date Actual	Budget	Variance
Attendance	502,941	678,749	(175,808)
Attendance - Tickets Sold	181,706	244,287	(62,581)
Number of Performances	578	467	111
Event Days	718	696	22
Square Footage	6,451,647	5,956,320	495,327
Gross Ticket Sales	5,877,299	7,188,822	(1,311,523)
EVENT INCOME			
Direct Event Income			
Rental Income	1,281,666	1,374,916	(93,250)
Service Revenue	1,082,915	237,080	845,835
Service Expenses	(1,791,313)	(627,540)	(1,163,773)
Total Direct Event Income	573,268	984,456	(411,188)

But with construction coming to a close and the season about to start, building on our relationship with the pro franchise is another partnership we might want to keep in mind when thinking about capital improvements that could help the region from an economic perspective.

Wednesday will be an important day for advancing this discussion. Roads first – then what we do with the rest of the needs list. If you’ve got input, I’d love to hear it.

A Brief Roads Update

This map shows road work that we’ve completed (**blue lines**), road work that’s in the planning stages (**red lines**), and road work that’s currently under construction (**green lines**).



See an interactive version of the map here: <https://maps2.tucsonaz.gov/prop409/>

We have also been told that the additional funds we thought we had accrued in our Prop 409 work – originally estimated to be an added \$40M in work we could do – is turning out to be closer to \$31M added dollars. It’s still extra beyond what we had projected, and it won’t affect our originally promised road work.

One issue that I became aware of last week has to do with some of our 409 work that already needs a second touch. The problem is called ‘reflective cracking.’ While it’s not atypical in large asphalt projects, it’s something we need to watch or the roads will prematurely deteriorate. Without getting too deeply into the weeds, the issue is caused by using an asphalt mix that can’t take some of the wide temperature swings we experienced in the last couple of years. The issue is being addressed with a combination of crack

sealing, and more importantly, changing the mix of asphalt we're using on road projects going forward. I've raised this issue with the City Manager. He's looking into questions related to the need for repeat work that were raised at a recent Bond Oversight Committee meeting. It needs to be sorted out before we land on a project list for any extension of road pavement funding.

Sun Link Hours

We have to be totally transparent on how we're investing the current Prop 409 dollars – and the work we do has to be top notch. That's consistent with our asking for either an extension on Prop 409 or other revenue sources to fund more road work. I think the same principle holds true for how we handle our other General Fund money.

I disagreed with the idea of adding back the late night streetcar hours we cut during last summer's budget talks. But the UA and some merchants along the streetcar line objected to the cuts, so we agreed to a pilot resumption of the hours. The time frame for that test run has ended. While we haven't seen any increase in ridership that would justify permanently adding the hours back, we're doing it anyway based on a different *logic*.

UA UPass sales are about \$77K over what was projected. They expect spring semester sales to also exceed what they had anticipated. The UA and merchants continue to want us to extend the late night hours again, this time through the end of the school year. It will cost us about \$90K to re-extend the hours, and the idea is that we can afford to do that now because of the extra money we're seeing from the sales of the UPass.

At a recent Downtown Tucson Partnership meeting, comments were made to the effect that if the city didn't resume the late night hours, the UA would provide that service through Cat Tran and reduce support of the streetcar by whatever it would cost to fund that service. In the interest of keeping all parties on good working terms, the City Manager agreed to resume the late hours.

I've told him that I disagree with the decision. We reduced the hours because ridership didn't justify spending the money. I've at least gotten a commitment from the manager that he'll monitor ridership, and if we don't see an increase that warrants the late hours, we'll reconsider. In the meantime, I believe the merchants and the UA – the parties who asked for the resumption – need to step up and do some aggressive marketing of late night streetcar as a transit option. After all, we resumed the service based on their pressure. If there's wisdom in having done that, it'll show in ridership data. Marketing the product can have an impact.

All of this impacts the narrative related to how well we manage your money. There are larger issues at play that we have to keep in mind.

Mesa Code Enforcement

The input we received during last week's Mesa Code Enforcement presentation planted some seeds for strategies we might implement locally to increase our success enforcing neighborhood preservation codes. To explore those options further, we've scheduled a follow-up meeting for Monday, October 24th at 6:00 PM here at the Ward 6 Office. The City Attorney and City Manager will be present at that meeting. Who else from staff they choose to bring is their call. All of you are invited to come, listen in, and participate in the

exchange.

I'm particularly interested in exploring the possibility of adding a hearing officer to our protocols. Right now, all we have is the court system to adjudicate code issues. That takes too long, it's costly to everyone involved, and it never seems to bring a sense of closure to the cases. Mesa has had success with an independently contracted hearing officer. Here's a portion of the agreement they have in place:

**EXHIBIT A
SCOPE OF WORK**

Services to Be Provided by Contractor

The Civil Hearing Officer conducts Administrative Hearings related to alleged civil violations of Titles 6 and 8 of the Mesa City Code. The City will provide a case file for each hearing at least four business days before the scheduled hearing. During the course of these hearings, the Civil Hearing Officer may hear testimony and receive evidence from Mesa city staff as well as the cited individual regarding any alleged civil violations related to their conduct. Upon hearing all of the evidence, the Civil Hearing Officer will determine whether the individual has violated a specified provision of the Mesa City Code. If a violation has occurred, the Civil Hearing Officer will also determine a penalty consistent with the applicable code provisions.*

The person they have under contract is an attorney who has worked in areas related to the administration of these codes. As a result, she is familiar with the process. The violations are Class 1 misdemeanors and penalties assessed by the hearing officer can range from \$500 up to \$1,500, consistent with the state statute related to that class of offenses. The process also allows her to consider repeat offenses when handing out penalties.

Another tool used in Mesa that we'll be talking about on the 24th is the 'door hanger' I've mentioned before. Code officers fill it out and leave it at properties that are out of compliance with their codes. Not only does it contain information on the specific code that property owner has violated, but the form lays out all of the other standards property owners are required to adhere to. It's an excellent communication tool. Here's a full copy of what they use:



**INSPECTION NOTICE
CODE COMPLIANCE**

DATE: _____ Address _____

The following violation(s) of the Mesa City Code have been observed:

- _____ 1. **Alleys:** The property owner is responsible for the half of the alley immediately behind the property. Please clear the alley of all vegetation, trash and debris. Maintain the alley at all times.
- _____ 2. **Commercial activity:** Business activities are prohibited in a residential district.
- _____ 3. **Fences:** Fencing and screening walls must be sound and made from standard, consistent fencing material, and be maintained free of deterioration and blight. Fences cannot be higher than 42 inches in the required front yard and 6 feet in the required rear yard. Fencing may not have barbed/razor wire or any other injurious materials attached to them.

_____ **4. Garage Sales:** Four (4) events are allowed per calendar year. Each event must not exceed 3 consecutive days.

_____ **5. Graffiti:** The property owner is responsible for removing graffiti from all sidewalks, walls, fences, signs and other structures or surfaces visible from beyond the bounds of the property.

_____ **6. Housing condition:** Exposed, exterior surfaces of the building(s) must be structurally sound and have no holes, breaks, rotting, crumbling, cracking, peeling and rusting. Yards and landscaping should be well maintained and free from weeds and litter. Painted surfaces should not have peeling, chipping, cracking or blistering paint. Materials, colors and finishes used on buildings, structures or exterior walls and fences must be consistent. Exterior windows and doors should not be broken, missing or poorly fitted. Window screens should not be excessively worn or have any rips or tears. Canopies and metal awnings should be in good condition - no rips, holes or excessive fading. Roofs should be free from surface breaks, raised edges, and missing, curled loose, or excessively worn shingles. Exhaust ducts, air conditioners and evaporative coolers should be in good repair with no rust. Chimneys should be structurally sound with no cracks, deteriorated mortar, and missing or broken bricks. Foundations must be repaired if there is settling, cracking, crumbling or excessive leaning. Outdoor stairs, porches and railing should not have broken or deteriorated deck boards, steps or handrails.

_____ **7. Illegal construction:** A building permit is required for any construction that changes the footprint of the structure, changes or adds to the electrical service or plumbing system.

_____ **8. Inoperable vehicles:** Inoperable vehicles must not be seen from beyond the property line boundaries. An inoperable vehicle is a vehicle that is not equipped with all parts that are required to legally and safely operate it on public streets and/or cannot be driven under its own power. Car covers, tarps, bamboo, shades and other similar types of materials are not acceptable screening. The vehicle owner has 10 days to repair the vehicle or remove it from sight. Vehicles parked in front must be currently licensed.

_____ **9. Junk, litter and debris:** Junk, litter and debris cannot be left in the yard. It must be disposed of properly. This includes but is not limited to: junk auto parts, appliances, furniture, building and/or landscaping materials, tires, discarded paper, cardboard, plastics, beer cans, tree trimmings, fallen tree limbs and/or any other items that have been discarded.

_____ **10. Landscaping:** Property owners are required to maintain landscaping so that it does not appear blighted.

_____ **11. Open and vacant buildings and structures:** The property owner is responsible for maintaining buildings, structures and grounds of a property. Windows, doors and other openings must be kept secure so they cannot be opened from the outside. A property owner may be required to board up a building/structure if it becomes vacant and is not secure. Accessory buildings/structures on the property such as storage sheds and garages also must be secured. If the building/structure is not secured upon request, the city may secure the property and lien the property for such service.

_____ **12. Outside storage:** Outside storage including but not limited to: equipment, building or landscaping materials, parts/auto parts, appliances, mattresses, boxes or any scrap items, cannot be left where visible from beyond the property boundaries. These types of items must be stored safely within an enclosed building or screened by a fence.

_____ **13. Parking:** Vehicles must be parked on the legal driveway or on an improved, dustproof surface immediately adjacent to the legal driveway. To provide a dustproof surface, please provide 3 inches of gravel with a permanent border, concrete pad or asphalt.

_____ **14. Pool water disposal:** Pool water must be either maintained in the yard or drained into the sewer clean out on the property. Water may NOT be drained into a public right-of-way such as the street or alley.

_____ **15. RV storage/occupancy:** RVs, motor homes, 5th wheels, campers, etc., must be stored in the rear yard or in the side yard behind the front face of the house. If over 6 feet in height, the item must be screened with a 6-foot opaque fence/gate. Such vehicles may NOT be used as living quarters. Only one (1) such item may be stored at the residence.

_____ **16. Stagnant water:** The property owner is responsible for maintaining any body of water or pool in a clean, clear manner. Observers must be able to see the bottom of the pool. Any ponding water that breeds insects or oversaturates the soil in a hazardous manner is prohibited.

_____ **17. Vegetation:** Property owners are responsible for maintaining their properties, and the adjacent right-of-way (sidewalk, street, alley), free of dead or dried vegetation (weeds, tall grass, shrubs, trees, palm fronds, etc.). All dead or dried vegetation must be removed and disposed of properly. Trees that hang over the sidewalk should be trimmed so that

a minimum of 8 feet is allowed for passage. Trees that hang over the street should be trimmed so that a minimum of 14 feet is allowed for passage.

18. **Watercraft/utility trailer storage:** All watercraft, utility trailers, or any nonvehicle-mounted camper shell or truck camper must be stored in the rear yard or side yard fully behind the forward face of the nearest adjacent enclosed building. All watercraft trailers, utility trailers, nonvehicle-mounted campers and truck campers visible to the public rights-of-ways must be operable, have inflated tires and be kept free of weeds and debris.

19. Other _____

20. Other _____

NOTES: ES SU RESPONSABILIDAD QUE ENTIENDA EL CONTENIDO DE ESTA NOTIFICACION.

Another topic I'm going to want to kick around is the software used up in Mesa. It's much less labor-intensive than ours, tracks cases every step of the way, and can be accessed by the public at any point in the process. I know there's a cost, but if penalties for violations are earmarked back into the CE department as investments into their operation, that's a potential revenue stream we can look to for funding over time.

Mark your calendar – we at the Ward 6 office along with the TRRG membership are looking forward to keeping the momentum of this conversation going.

Broadway Update

On the topic of momentum, here's a quick update on the Broadway discussions. First, staff has met with the Vint group. The feedback I've received indicates that there were some productive ideas shared, specifically related to the design of Solot Plaza. The land use discussions generally still need to take place. I've offered to facilitate a meeting in which multiple property owners and/or tenants who share space in some of the segments of the corridor can come together to talk about remedies to the impacts the widened road will have. That sort of meeting is consistent with the outcome of our recent study session related to Broadway. It needs to happen so solutions are baked into the ongoing design efforts.

Staff is still receiving input from community stakeholders on the design of the road. Most recently, the Pedestrian Advisory Committee shared some concerns they have related to how the Broadway/Campbell intersection is being laid out. Specifically, they focus on the issue of adding about 50' to the cross-width in a location that is so heavily used by pedestrians and bikers. Here's their letter:



September 21, 2016

Honorable Mayor Rothschild, City Council Members, Tucson City Manager and Director of the Tucson Department of Transportation:

The Pedestrian Advisory Committee is submitting this letter to Mayor and Council in response to the Council's recent decision to approve 30% design plans for proposed improvements to Broadway from County Club to Euclid. We have a number of concerns regarding pedestrian safety with respect to this design which we have previously expressed. At this time, however, we would like to draw your attention to the redesign of the intersection of Broadway and Campbell Avenue. In addressing this intersection, we first respectfully remind Mayor and Council of the following:

- The development of the conceptual design for the proposed Broadway improvements was a difficult, contentious process, one during which the Broadway Task Force spent considerable time and effort addressing the width of the proposed roadway alignment. Given the public attention that this process received, it would appear that Tucsonans are very concerned with the negative impacts associated with expanded roadways.
- The Design Concept Report which evolved from the conceptual design process introduces the project by citing "Context Sensitive Solutions." This is an approach to transportation design that is intended to foster the planning and designing of streets to "better serve their community, environmental and transportation contexts." It is "an approach that considers the total context within which a transportation improvement project will exist." A specific document that was referenced during the conceptual design process is *Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach*.
- The Broadway-Campbell intersection is within a half-mile of the southern boundary of the University of Arizona campus and is frequently used by university students who walk to school.
- At the southeast corner of the Broadway-Campbell intersection is the neighborhood grocery store which is accessed by pedestrians of all ages throughout the day and night.

Given these references, we call attention to the fact that as illustrated by the 30% design, the Broadway portions of the intersection at Campbell will be widened from five to nine vehicular lanes not including the two bike lanes or the center median. The width of the roadway will be increased from approximately 75 feet to approximately 120 feet at this intersection.

These proposed improvements are not consistent with the intent of the Design Concept Report: There is no recognition of the context of the site nor the needs of users other than motorized vehicles. The design of the intersection is not conducive to pedestrian safety or convenience. We further suggest that the proposed design is not consistent with the spirit of the Broadway Task Force, for which the overall roadway width was such a challenging and contentious issue. In short, the current design of the intersection is one in which pedestrians will be viewed as impediments to the efficient flow of vehicular traffic.

For these reasons, we make the following recommendations:

- In order to reduce the overall width of the intersection, eliminate dedicated right-hand turn lanes.
- For the same reason, reduce the number of dedicated left-hand turn lanes to a single lane.
- Most drivers look for gaps in vehicular traffic when making a left-hand turn, overlooking the presence of smaller and slower-moving pedestrians. Consequently, most pedestrian casualties result from vehicles that are turning left. To address this

concern, protected left turn traffic signals should be installed. These signals restrict left-hand turns to a left green arrow.

- Install leading pedestrian interval traffic signals which allow pedestrians to advance into the intersection slightly ahead of vehicles, thereby reducing the possibility of conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles that are turning right.

We respectfully urge Mayor and Council to reconsider the design of the Broadway-Campbell intersection and to do so with an eye for the context of the site and the use of the intersection by users other than the drivers of motorized vehicles.

I'd like to see the protected left turns and leading pedestrian signals considered at multiple intersections around town, not just on Broadway. But I share this letter to indicate staff is still getting some quality suggestions – another reason I felt the April vote to lock in the 30% alignment was mistaken timing.

Redistricting Commission

Last week I shared that there was a proposal to change ward boundaries. Its purpose was to consolidate precincts so they didn't slop over across two different wards. I also shared my sense that the more important consideration was to preserve relationships, and not make the voters go through yet another change in not only where they vote, but who is representing them on the city council.

Consistent with that position at one of the earlier meetings, my representative on the redistricting committee, Mark Crum, moved that they adopt no changes to the boundaries. The group rejected that idea and unanimously agreed to hold a public hearing on the recommended changes to six precincts. That public hearing occurred last week.

I don't know what input the committee received prior to that hearing, but I do know the representatives from Broadmoor-Broadway neighborhood showed up to protest being moved from Ward 6 into Ward 5. I've read their letter and very much appreciate the civility in which it's drafted. They correctly noted a deep respect for the work Richard does for his constituents in Ward 5 – and also noted the relationships developed over time between that group and our office. Beyond that, they noted the relationships the neighborhood has developed with other Ward 6 neighborhoods over time in joining together to support various causes. One immediate example is the Broadway widening. Another is the historic landmark designation for Broadway Village.

In the end, the commission circled back to Mark's original motion – to recommend no changes. Here's a portion of the letter they drafted in which they reached that position:

IV. Reasons for the Committee's Initial Recommendation

Tucson Code § 10A-44(b)(1), provides that the Committee is to determine if redistricting is necessary. The Committee made that determination regarding this Option because six precincts are split amongst two (2) or more wards.

The Committee majority unanimously believed that this option is viable because:

- Total City population is within the MPD of 10%.

- Ward populations are within the MPD of 10%.
- Ethnic balance is maintained among the wards so that dilution of minority voting does not occur.

V. Final Recommendation

The Committee considered comments presented both in writing and those made during the Public Hearing. Additionally, the Committee received comments from their respective Mayor and Council offices. These comments focused primarily on the impact the changes would have to the existing neighborhoods. Although neither the Tucson Charter nor the Tucson Code provide for a review of this type of impact, the Committee felt that it was an important consideration in maintaining the established and recognizable ward boundaries with a minimum of disruption. The Committee determined that the splits between the precincts could be handled administratively and at little additional cost to the City. Based on the public input and further deliberations held by the Committee during their review, the Committee voted unanimously to forward a recommendation to the Mayor and Council that no ward boundary changes be made this year.

VI. Conclusion

The Committee thanks the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to advise them regarding redistricting and hopes its recommendation and statement of reasons will assist them with their decision regarding redistricting in 2016.

I know everyone on the M&C appreciates the hard work the committee invested in this recommendation. I appreciate the thoughtful input offered by the Broadmoor neighbors. I'm aware that Colonia Solana also supported the retention of the existing Broadmoor ward boundary, so that input was also helpful and appreciated. I believe this will ultimately come to M&C for adoption. Given that a 'no change' recommendation was the unanimous position of the committee, I'd anticipate the item to simply appear on consent so that we can move on with other business.

Cooper's Hawk Shootings



This guy's a Cooper's Hawk. I suspect you've seen them around. In the past month Game & Fish has reported that two of them have been shot. One was shot with a 5" dart and killed. The other, just last week, was shot with a pellet gun and killed. One shooting occurred out on the east side around Houghton and Rita Road. The other was up in the Picture Rocks area in northwest of Tucson.

Killing a Cooper's Hawk violates both state law and the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty. Convictions are punishable by fines up to \$750 and six months in jail.

G&F is offering rewards for catching the jerk(s) who shot the birds. You can report tips to Operation Game Thief at 1.800.352.0700. I don't understand some people's idea of kicks.



Local First ARIZONA

Here are two dueling **Local Tucson** items this week. First is a local freelancer who took these photos from the top of Tumamoc Hill last week.



His name is Spencer Yarter. The images are stunning. If you'd like to get a hold of him for shoots you may have in mind, let me know and I'll get you connected.



And if you've been around Tucson for a while, you'll likely remember Chaffin's over at Park and Broadway. Last week they reopened as Welcome Diner. I was happy to join hundreds of others in welcoming them back to the corridor – with the historic exterior preserved, and a remake of the original diner-style interior also restored.

Right now they're open from 5:00 PM until 2:00 AM. Once they get their feet on the ground and get settled in, you can expect the crew to expand to some brunch hours as well. For now, check them out evenings – 902 E. Broadway, on the south side of the road.



casa de los niños

CHANGING LIVES FOR GENERATIONS

I'm going to close with a couple of important events you may be interested in supporting. One is the ground breaking ceremony for the new Casa de los Niños building that's coming to the corner of 5th Avenue and Speedway. This labor of love is the beginning of construction on the *Cole and Jeannie Davis Family Center at Casa de los Niños*. The Davis' are wonderful community partners, without whose involvement this facility would not be possible.

The ground breaking will take place this coming Friday at 3:00 PM. All of the information you'll need to get involved is contained in this flyer:



**THE COLE & JEANNIE DAVIS
FAMILY CENTER
AT CASA DE LOS NIÑOS**

**GROUND
BREAKING
CEREMONY**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016
3:00PM

5th Avenue & Speedway
Reception to Follow
Please park in church parking lot
on 4th Avenue and Speedway
RSVP krystala@casadelosninos.org
or 520.624.5600 x10400



casa de los niños

1101 N. 4th Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85705

Casa has been around since 1973 providing programs aimed at addressing child abuse and neglect. This new facility is going to be a critical component in allowing them to continue their important community work.

Unsilencing Anatomies

This is more a series of events than a single presentation. The theme is using the written and spoken word as well as art as avenues for the expression of how people of color may feel disenfranchised from the medical community. The premise is that there is a separation between needs in the minority community and the opportunities available for treatment in the medical community. This series of events explores that premise, and will serve as a way for those impacted to express how those impacts manifest themselves in their lives.

The first event in the series will be held this coming Wednesday over at Drachman Hall in the College of Pharmacy on the UA campus. It's right across the street from the eastern streetcar terminus. The presentation is titled "Bodies, Silences, Culture and Medicine." A description of the panelists is given in the informational flyer on the next page. It also shows the remaining events that will be presented during this series. It should be an interesting combination of left and right brain sorts of exchanges that will hopefully expand awareness of how we can better use our amazing medical capabilities to serve a wider audience than perhaps we do now.

The UA Poetry Center is one of the key partners in this series. If you go to poetry.arizona.edu/blog/unsilencing-anatomies you'll find a full description of the event, its background and some of the key players who will be involved.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
Ward6@tucsonaz.gov

UNSILENCING ANATOMIES

a public event series connecting art, culture, justice & medicine
part exhibit, part dialog, part story-telling / Oct 1- Nov 30

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illustration of arteries around the scapula from SILENT ANATOMIES by Monica Ong

EVENTS

Oct 1, 5:30-7pm

Meet-N-Greet with visiting poet
Monica Ong and UnSilencing
friends. Food, drink, stories.
Sosa-Carrillo House

Oct 5, 6pm Talk: Poetry & Public Health,

Monica Ong, & **Panel: Bodies, Silences,
Culture & Medicine**, with UA scholars:
Ken McAllister, Monica Casper, Deanna
Lewis, Ron Grant, TC Tolbert
UA College of Pharmacy, Drachman Hall

Oct 7, 12:30pm Monica Ong Reading & taste
memory story gathering. Gastronomy Exhibit,
Tucson Meet Yourself

Oct 7, 4pm Multi-Media Artist Talk / Exhibit
viewing, New Literacies of the Body,
Monica Ong. UA Poetry Center

Oct 7, 5:30pm Performance on Streetcar with
TC Tolbert & Kristen Nelson, **Bio 5 terminus to La Pilita**

Oct 7, 6pm UnSilencing Group Poetry Reading with Monica Ong
and others, curated by TC Tolbert and Kristen Nelson. **La Pilita**

Oct 1-30, Exhibits of Pharmapoetic art by Monica Ong,
UA Poetry Center; **Oct 1-Nov 30**, Tucson Chinese Cultural Center

Oct 21, 6-8pm Screening of Public Health Digital Stories, with
Creative Narrations. YWCA.

Nov 15, 6-8pm Reading & interactive conversation: "UnSilencing
the Sexual Body" with Katherine Standefer, **SAWS/EXO**

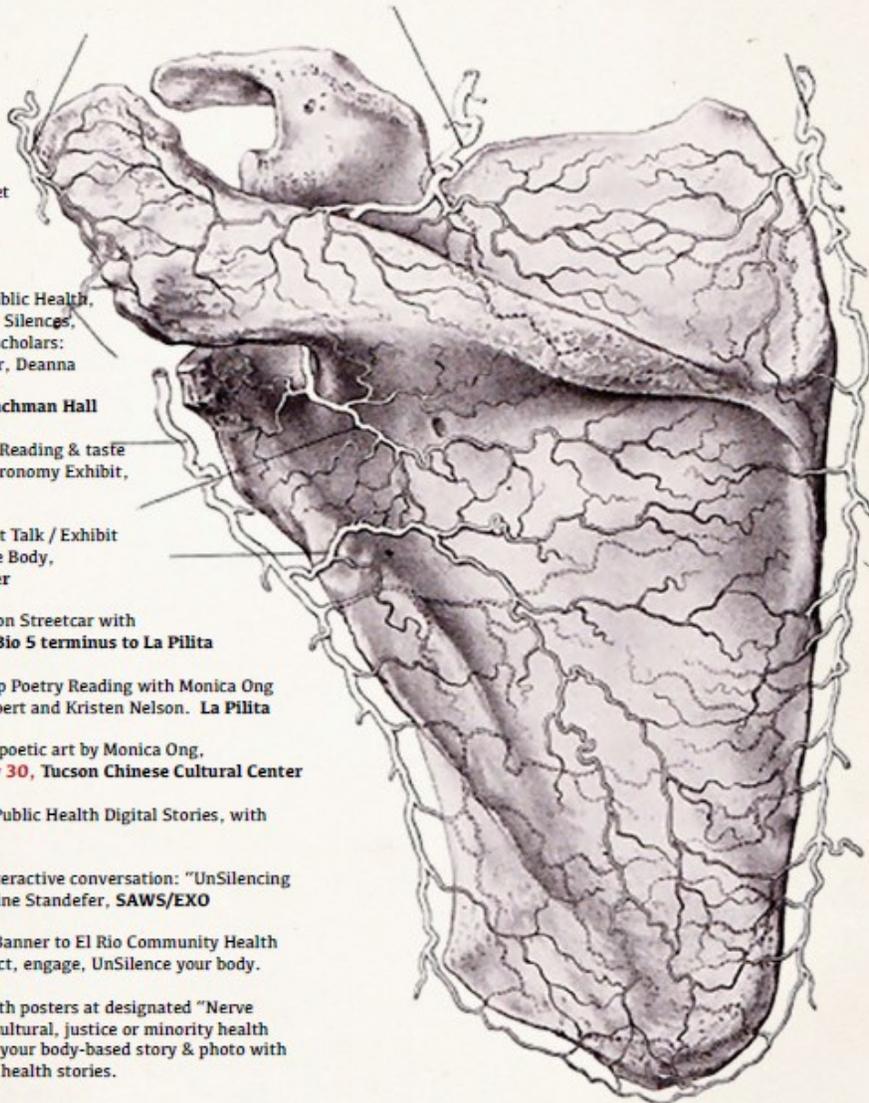
Oct 1-Nov 30, Journey from Banner to El Rio Community Health
Center on the streetcar. Reflect, engage, UnSilence your body.

You are invited to interact with posters at designated "Nerve
Centers" (sites of significant cultural, justice or minority health
work) around town and share your body-based story & photo with
Digital Milagros, community health stories.

UnSilencing NERVE CENTERS

UA College of Public Health, UA Poetry Center, UA Women's Resource Center, The Dean's Office at the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, UA Africana Studies, UA Gender and Women's Studies, Adalberto & Ana Guerrero Student Center, Common Ground Alliance, UA Institute for LGBT Studies, UA LGBTQ Resource Center, Antigone Books, La Pilita Cultural Center, Sosa-Carrillo-Fremont House, Mariposas Sin Fronteras, Dequeness, Tucson Chinese Cultural Center, BorderLinks, Barba Williams Performing Company, Pima County Public Library, Jewish History Museum & Holocaust History Center

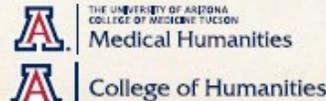
"I wish I could tenderly lift from the dark side of history, voices that are anonymous, slighted, inarticulate."—Susan Howe



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Events and Entertainment

Borderlands Theater Presents: *Sonoran Shadows*

Friday, Oct. 14, 2016 | 6 pm (sundown) | Armory Park Bandshell, 221 S 6th Ave

Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016 | 6 pm (sundown) | Oury Rec Center, 600 W St Mary's Rd

Sonoran Shadows is a captivating shadow play based on Patricia Preciado Martin's short stories and local folktales. This ritual of remembrance takes its form from the ancient Balinese shadow tradition still active today. Activities begin at sundown with a blessing by Aztec dancers, Xochilpilli Centeotl, followed by a brief pre-show discussion with author Patricia Preciado Martin. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and snacks. Pay what you can. More information at: www.borderlandstheater.org.

Boo Bash

Saturday, October 22, 2016 | 4 – 7pm

Lincoln Park Soccer Fields, 4325 S Pantano Rd

The City of Tucson Parks and Recreation department and Pima Community College East Campus present the Boo Bash at Lincoln Park, a fun-filled night of tricks and treats. Come enjoy carnival games, trunk-or-treat, a costume parade, and more. The costume parade will begin at 6 p.m. Food also will be available for purchase. Special thanks to our sponsors: Pima Community College, Tucson Water, Cigna, CareMore, Peter Piper, and Macaroni Kid. For more information, please call the Clements Center at 791-4730 or visit the event Facebook page [Boo Bash](#).

Ongoing

Mission Garden, 929 W Mission Ln | www.tucsonbirthplace.org

A living agricultural museum and ethnobotanical garden at the site of Tucson's Birthplace (the foot of "A-Mountain"). For guided tours call [520-777-9270](tel:520-777-9270).

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave | www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way | www.tucsonbotanical.org

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave | www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd | www.uamineralmuseum.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave | www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St | www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St | hotelcongress.com

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd | www.loftcinema.com

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St | www.rialtotheatre.com