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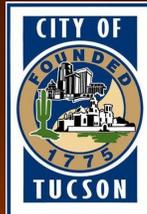
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# Ward 6 Newsletter

TUCSON FIRST

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**Half-Staff**



Last week I reported several Tucson shootings. Sadly, I’m able to do the same this week. On Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> there was a Tucson homicide in the Ajo and S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave area. The very next day, there was an officer-involved shooting in which the TPD officer was fortunate to *only* suffer a scalp wound from the bullet that grazed his head. The perp was shot several times in response. No half-

staff from that incident as both survived.

In Oklahoma, two were shot and killed and two cops were shot and injured by an assailant who’s still at large. In Chicago over the weekend, six were killed and 19 wounded during a 12-hour shooting spree. One of those killed was a 14-year-old boy who just happened to be ‘in the wrong place at the wrong time.’

A week ago, Gabby Giffords and Mark Kelly returned home for an afternoon and encouraged us to keep on advocating for common sense gun safety legislation. We’re doing it at the local level, but we continue to get pushback from the state



### 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

legislature. And every week I'm able to easily fill this half-staff section of the newsletter with losses of life due to gun-related incidents. None of them get the Ducey-initiated notice to lower the flags, though they all involve loss to families and friends of the victims.

Circling back to our officer shooting – we will be talking about incidents such as that, as well as training and equipment the police have, during our November 11<sup>th</sup> screening of *Do Not Resist* at the Loft. It'll be an interesting and timely conversation with some very well-informed people from our community.

I hope you can join us.

**Loft Film Fest** | **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 5:00PM**  
**PART OF THE 2016 LOFT FILM FEST**  
 PRESENTED BY DESERT DIAMOND CASINOS & ENTERTAINMENT  
 GENERAL ADMISSION: \$10 • LOFT MEMBERS: \$8

Panel discussion following the movie, moderated by Tucson City Councilperson Steve Kozachik and featuring Tucson Police Department Chief of Police Chris Magnus, Tucson NAACP President Doris Snowden, and ACLU of Arizona Executive Director Alessandra Soler

"CHILLING"  
- VARIETY

"AN EYE-OPENING EXPERIENCE"  
- THE NEW YORKER

AFI DOCS WINNER BEST DOCUMENTARY TUCSON FILM FESTIVAL 2016

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I believe we'll have a robust and productive conversation. This recent Gallup poll indicates the public has an overall favorable view of law enforcement officers. Given these data, I trust in our community's ability to tackle even the tough issue of police/civilian interactions in a civil manner.

Americans' Respect for Police in Their Areas, by Group -- 2015 vs. 2016

How much respect do you have for the police in your area -- a great deal, some or hardly any?

	Oct 7-11, 2015	Oct 5-9, 2016	Change
	% "A great deal"	% "A great deal"	(pct. pts.)
<b>Whites</b>	69	80	+11
<b>Nonwhites</b>	53	67	+14
<b>Conservatives</b>	69	85	+16
<b>Moderates</b>	67	72	+5
<b>Liberals</b>	50	71	+21
<b>Republicans</b>	82	86	+4
<b>Independents</b>	60	75	+15
<b>Democrats</b>	54	68	+14
<b>Large/Small city</b>	61	68	+7
<b>Suburb</b>	71	82	+11
<b>Town/Rural area</b>	61	80	+19
<b>18 to 34</b>	50	69	+19
<b>35 to 54</b>	61	77	+16
<b>55+</b>	77	81	+4

Gallup

### RICO Funds

RICO stands for Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations. It's a Federal law that allows states and localities to be awarded proceeds from the disposition of assets acquired through certain crimes. A new state law last year requires staff to report to M&C how much we've received from court awards resulting from RICO seizures.

Last week, we received our first update on how much we have 'in the bank,' so to speak.

Here's the breakdown:

Reimbursement Balance as of 9/30/2016:

State:	\$191,622
Federal:	<u>190,934</u>
<b>Combined:</b>	<b>\$382,556</b>

It's not a ton, but it's also an amount that can be put to some good use -- according to the restrictions placed on how RICO money is to be spent by the jurisdiction. The Pima County Attorney's Office has the final say in whether or not expenditures submitted meet the criteria laid out for use of the money.

When we got the report, I asked staff a few questions related to those funds. First was whether we're going to continue getting these updates. The answer is that we will be get-



### Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)  
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)  
520-575-8633

Congresswoman Martha McSally (R)  
(2<sup>nd</sup> District)  
(202) 225-2542  
Tucson Office: 520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)  
(3<sup>rd</sup> District)  
520-622-6788

Governor Doug Ducey (R)  
602-542-4331  
Tucson office:  
520-628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild  
520-791-4201

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

ting quarterly updates. The city is also required to give those updates to the County Board of Supervisors. The controlling statute is SB 1170 – amended last fiscal year by the state. I’m glad to finally be seeing these reports. Transparency in all of our funding sources, and transparency in how they’re spent, is integral to how we make decisions during our budget cycles.

To be clear, we won’t be able to budget for the RICO funds. The amount we receive is a function of arrests and convictions for certain classes of offense. But as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, we have just under \$700K in our RICO account. Nobody knew. At least nobody on M&C knew.

I also asked what sorts of things we can spend that money on. It’s not a slush fund to be used frivolously, but there are plenty of allowed uses. On Sunday, the *Star* ran a piece about the Sheriff’s submitted requests for use of RICO funds. The implication of the article was that there must have been something nefarious going on because the reporter didn’t have information on the specific uses of the money. As I read the article, I felt it would have been more appropriate for her to have waited for all of the information before leaving a question in voters’ minds a week before the guy is up for reelection. There are proper uses of the funds. By law, these are the sorts of areas to we can allocate RICO money:

- 1. Law enforcement operations and investigations**
- 2. Law enforcement training and education**
- 3. Law enforcement, public safety, and detention facilities**
- 4. Law enforcement equipment**
- 5. Joint law enforcement/public safety operations**
- 6. Contracting for services**
- 7. Law enforcement travel and per diem**
- 8. Law enforcement awards and memorials**
- 9. Drug and gang education and other awareness programs**
- 10. Matching funds: the costs associated with paying a state or local law enforcement agency’s matching contribution or share in a state or federal grant program for items other than salaries, provided that the grant funds are used for a permissible law enforcement purpose.**

The kinds of things called out as impermissible uses of the RICO money include:

- 1. Supplantation - shared funds must be used to increase or supplement the resources of the receiving state or local law enforcement agency**
- 2. Forfeited property (e.g., vehicles) cannot be used by non-law enforcement personnel**
- 3. Purchase of food and beverages**
- 4. Endowments or scholarships**
- 5. Extravagant expenditures**
- 6. Costs related to lawsuits**
- 7. Loans**
- 8. Undercover money laundering operations**
- 9. Payment of salaries and benefits (with some narrow exceptions)**

To close the loop on that line of questions, I asked to see where we been spending our money. It has largely been for travel and lodging, sending law enforcement personnel to training seminars and other legitimate functions. I've already shared with staff that I was disappointed to see we hadn't been using the money for equipment, safety gear, and even vehicles. Now that we know the money's there, we'll have deeper conversations about where it goes.

So who makes the decisions on how RICO money is spent? I've already noted that the Pima County Attorney's Office gets to sign off on the submitted expenses. The recommendations for use of the money come from department personnel, up through their chain of command. TPD and our finance staff internally approve expenditures based on those recommendations. Then they go to the County Attorney for final approval. I know some items have been rejected when they got to the PCAO, so the submittals aren't just a rubber stamp.

The purpose of the Asset Forfeiture Program is to dismantle criminal organizations and enterprises. They're busted, their assets are seized and sold – the community is to benefit from using those dollars to make ours a safer place to live, and the criminals are deprived of the tools of their trade. The key is making good use of the funds.

Now that we're going to get these quarterly updates, we'll be in a position to at least consider augmenting our public safety needs with the use of some of the RICO money. M&C won't be the decision makers on this, but we should at least be voicing some of the priorities we're hearing out in the community. If we had been doing that all along, I'm guessing some of the travel would have been nixed, and some of the money would have gone into equipment needs for our men and women in blue.

### **Finchem's Follies**

The city has now responded to the Finchem gun disposal complaint about which I've previously written. The reply was pretty right on. Not only does it validate our Charter authority to dispose of property as we see fit, but it also points out the unconstitutionality of the law he's relying on to short-circuit our state shared revenues. Remember, that's over \$170M annually we use for General Fund needs.

Here's a portion of the response sent to the AG:

Representative Finchem's request for investigation is premised upon the application of the provisions of various acts of the Arizona Legislature [A.R.S. Secs. 12-941–12-945; 13-3105(A); and 13-3108(F)] that, on their face, dictate the disposition of firearms lawfully acquired and held by Arizona cities. However, under Arizona law, "[o]ur supreme court has held that 'the sale or disposition of property by charter cities' is a matter of solely local concern in which the state legislature may not interfere." *McMann v. City of Tucson*, 202 Ariz. 468, 472, 47 P. 3d 672, 676 (App. 2002) [quoting *City of Tucson v. Arizona Alpha of Sigma Alpha Epsilon*, 67 Ariz. 330, 336, 195 P.2d 562, 566 (1948)]. To the extent that the Arizona statutes cited by Representative Finchem conflict with the City's codes and policies adopted pursuant to the authority of the Tucson Charter, those statutes have no application to the City. The City's methods of disposition of firearms are not in violation of state law, but instead are lawful under the supreme law of the State of Arizona, namely the Arizona Constitution.

Additionally, Representative Finchem’s request for investigation was filed pursuant to A.R.S. Section 41-194.01, a statute adopted by the Fifty-second Legislature of the State of Arizona under Senate Bill (SB) 1487. SB 1487 is a plainly unconstitutional legislative act that violates multiple provisions of the Arizona Constitution, including but not limited to Article 13, Sec. 2 (relating to Charter Cities); Article 3 (Separation of Powers); and Article 9, Sec. 5 (Appropriations). Any actions that may be brought or sanctions that may be imposed under the putative authority of A.R.S. Section 41-194.01 or other provisions of SB 1487 would further violate the Arizona Constitution. The City requests that the Office of the Attorney General reject Representative Finchem’s request for investigation submitted pursuant to A.R.S. Section 41-194.01, and refrain from taking any actions described in SB 1487, including the withholding or redistribution of state shared revenues.

I find a certain irony in the fact that Representative Finchem has this quote posted on his Legislative member page from a court decision that has been law for longer than he has been alive:

***“An unconstitutional act is not a law; it confers no rights; it imposes no duties; affords no protection; it creates no office; it is, in legal contemplation, as inoperative as though it had never been passed.”***

He should read his own material from time to time.

The city in fact destroys guns. Here’s the data from the past few years.

Guns are destroyed at the discretion of TPD. They’re destroyed when they are no longer needed as evidence, when people turn them in just to get them out of their homes (as they did during my buy-back), when they’re seized in civil forfeiture actions and aren’t needed by TPD units in service – for several reasons. None of them violate state law because our Charter gives us the right to dispose of property as we see fit.

The Attorney General has 30 days to rule on Finchem’s complaint. Attorney General Brnovich should be sharp enough to see that our Charter

2013	
Collected	1926
Auctioned	244
Departmental Transfer	121
Destroyed	1849
2014	
Collected	1694
Auctioned	99
Departmental Transfer	82
Destroyed	1305
2015	
Collected	1587
Auctioned	21
Departmental Transfer	59
Destroyed	538
2016 (as of 10/13/16)	
Collected	1364
Auctioned	49
Departmental Transfer	84
Destroyed	1128

has standing, and the law the state passed that's intended to be a "stick" to hold over the head of a "recalcitrant municipality" (quoting former State Senator Biggs) also crosses constitutionally-prescribed boundaries separating powers of government. If Brnovich takes Finchem's side, he's also ceding Executive power to the Legislature. That'd be a truly odd decision.

### **Hand-Held Mobile Devices**

We're about a week away from the study session in which I'll ask M&C to consider banning the use of hand-held electronic devices while driving in Tucson. People who are not supportive object on the basis of their own convenience. Nobody who's taking an opposing position does so arguing that it's safer to drive a car while talking on a phone than it is to drive without the device at your ear. I don't believe the safety of the public should be sacrificed for the convenience of others on the road.

This reminder is the simple message:



In the best of worlds, the state legislature would have taken the lead on this. But there are numerous people here in Southern Arizona who have decided not to wait on them. Oro Valley and several police and fire chiefs have been working on a template for a regional effort on this topic. Ours will fall in line with that piece of work. We can't compel other jurisdictions to join in, of course, but if we're all working from the same framework, as each city, town, or unincorporated governing body comes on board, the region will have a consistent set of rules. Tweaks are still being made to the template, but the message is simple and clear, as you can see from the image of the bumper sticker.

From a city standpoint, we took the lead with our texting ban a few years ago. As you'll see in the Chief's letter, below, enforcement of that is tough. We also hosted the pedestrian safety action plan meetings over the summer, the recent Look! Save a Life press conference at Fire Station #1, and we just dropped speed limits on our Bike Boulevards by 5 mph. As the second largest city in the state, we should be – and have been – leading the way on making regional impacts on road safety.

Having the support of our public safety personnel is important to getting this ordinance adopted. To that end, I was very grateful to receive this letter from our Chief of Police last week. He very clearly lays out that what we're considering will make our streets safer.



# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 21, 2016

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Council Members  
Michael Ortega, City Manager  
Roger Randolph, City Clerk

**FROM:** Chris Magnus  
Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Information for Discussion to Ban Hand-Held Mobile Devices While Driving

On April 1, 2012, the following Tucson City Code was enacted:

**TC20-160 Use of handheld wireless communications device while driving.**

*A. A person shall not operate a motor vehicle on a street while using a handheld wireless communications device to compose manually, send or read a written message for the purpose of non-voice interpersonal communication, including texting, emailing and instant messaging, while the motor vehicle is in motion.*

While the language in the title of the code indicates it is a ban on hand held communication devices while driving, this is not actually the case. Specifically the code only bans drivers from composing, sending, or reading written messages while driving. This means that a driver is still free to use their mobile communication device to do a multitude of other actions such as social media, mapping, and internet searches, still causing them to be distracted from their primary responsibility of driving. Additionally, this code is extremely hard to enforce because it is so specific. Short of an officer personally witnessing the violation or a driver admitting to the violation, it is almost impossible to enforce. This is because just the mere observation of someone using their mobile device while driving is not enough to prove they were actually in violation of this section. It is, in fact, so difficult to enforce that since its inception over 4 years ago, the following citations and warnings have been issued by TPD:

**TC20-160D (When an accident is not involved) – 79 citations and 51 warnings issued by TPD**  
**TC20-160E (When an accident is involved) – 11 Citations and 16 warnings issued by TPD**

Combined, this equates to just over 22 citations and just over 16 warnings per year for this violation. For comparison purposes, between 10/01/2015 and 10/01/2016, TPD issued over 27,000 citations and over 3,800 warnings for speeding, a statute that is much more enforceable.

A Tucson City Code banning *any* use of hand held mobile communication devices for any reason while driving would have a positive impact on traffic safety. It would be enforceable simply by observing a driver using their mobile device for any purpose. Through a collaborative effort with City leadership and other area police departments, this would also be a step toward a larger goal of state legislative reform. The Police Department looks forward to being a part of the discussions.

I also received this letter from our Fire Chief, also in support of the ban:

Dear Vice Mayor Kozachik:

I am writing to offer my full support for your proposed ban on hand-held devices while driving within the City of Tucson. As a matter of public safety, distracted driving, resulting from cell phone use while operating a moving vehicle, poses a significant risk to our community.

In 2014 alone, over 3,000 drivers in the U.S. were killed due to distracted driving; accounting for roughly 10% of all motor vehicle fatalities. In many cases, handheld devices such as cell phones, tablets and other electronics were the cause.

The collisions that result from distracted driving can be prevented and it is incumbent upon all of us to reduce this risk in every way possible. I fully support this initiative and look forward to partnering with you on solutions to this problem.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Critchley  
Fire Chief

Finally, this letter from a health care provider speaks about a ban that was implemented by certain UA operating units for workers driving on 'company business.'

*Dear Mr. Kozachik,*

*Thank you for supporting a common-sense restriction on phone use while driving. I have a roughly 25 mile one-way commute that takes me across Tucson from the northeast side to Ventana Medical Systems in Oro Valley, where I am employed in the Safety, Health, and Environmental department as Senior Safety and Health Engineer. I am not exaggerating when I say I observe at least one dangerous phone-distracted driver during each leg of my commute. When I say dangerous, I truly mean someone bouncing off lane lines, continuously staring at his or her lap at a phone, oblivious to surroundings and creating a dangerous situation for everyone around him/her.*

*A few years ago, when I was the Corporate Safety Officer at U of A Medical Center, we realized the risk that cell phone use and driving posed and banned all cell phone interaction while driving on company business. The evidence against cell phone use is overwhelming and Arizona is lagging the rest of the country in not taking a stronger position - there is no reason Tucson needs to do the same. ADOT has now started a campaign against distracted driving, so now is certainly the time to make this important change. Thank you for trying to keep drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians a little safer.*

*Sincerely,*

*Patrick Harrington, MS, CIH*

Note that Patrick works up in Oro Valley. As I mentioned at the beginning, they're also working with public safety agencies on the template for the region that the M&C will consider. As I wrote last week, this is a move that several other states and multiple other cities have already taken. If by our doing this we can encourage the county and other surrounding jurisdictions to join, the entire region would be a safer place to ride, drive, jog, walk – and these reminders would be more meaningful:



**Code Enforcement Meeting**

On Monday, the 24<sup>th</sup>, we had over 50 people in attendance at the Ward 6/TRRG Code Enforcement meeting. The meeting was an outgrowth of our having hosted the Mesa CE folks a while back. That was another meeting I co-sponsored with TRRG. The collaboration is headed in a good direction.

The turnout on a Monday evening shows just how important this issue is for the community. Also in attendance were Mike Rankin (city attorney), Mike Ortega (city manager), Albert Elias (assistant city manager), Michael Wyneken (code enforcement head), Pat Tapia (environmental services head), and several other city staffers. They were off the clock, on their own time for the 90-minute evening meeting so a very big note of thanks to them all is due.

Also at the table were residents who represented multiple midtown neighborhoods. In advance of the meeting, we submitted a series of questions to staff for their study and consideration. They ranged from just walking through the current departmental reporting lines to more specific issues related to things like our hiring an in-house CE hearing officer, increasing fines, shortening 'grace' periods, buying new software, adding ways to make the code process less dependent on complaints filed by residents, and how TRRG can fit into finding solutions to issues such as these.

Some representatives of rental properties also attended the meeting. In total fairness, they wanted to express the voice of the property managers who do it right. Valid point. They were encouraged to join TRRG so that voice can be a regular piece of input when the neighborhoods meet in that forum.

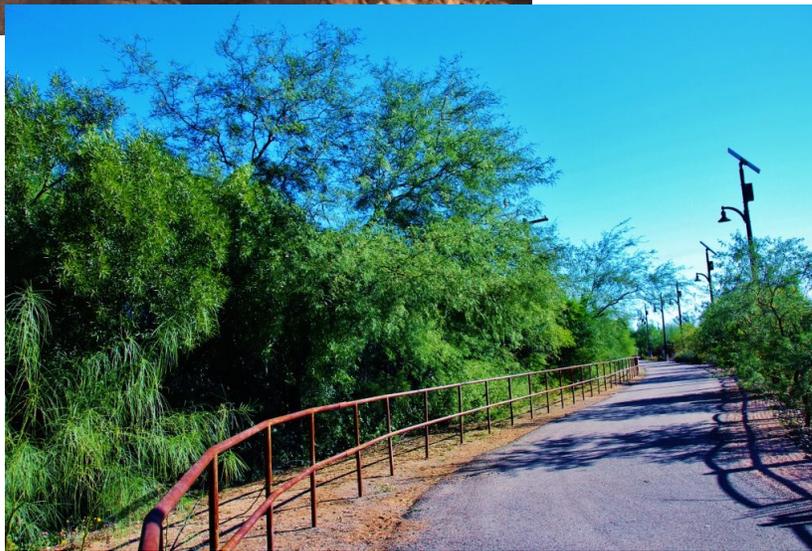
We learned that our Charter contains language that prevents us from hiring an independently contracted hearing officer. However, the county has such a position. We'll talk about possibly setting up an Intergovernmental Agreement to use that person to hear some of our cases. The details are in the works. I'll let you know if they seem to make sense or not.

The city manager is taking back the input from the meeting, and he will be working on a set of proposals to bring to the M&C. They'll include some ideas about fines, process, the county IGA, procedures our inspectors may adopt such as targeting specific geographic areas for identifying violations, use of prison labor for clean-ups, and closer coordination with the UA and the Campus Community Relations Committee in public education outreach. It's a lot to digest, so I'd expect framing ideas will take several weeks. Still, the meeting was a very good continuation of what has been a long conversation.

I think we're all looking forward to the next steps coming out of the manager's office. There were lots of very good comments shared at the Code Enforcement meeting. Whether they'll prove to have been worth the time invested will be a function of what we're able to implement in an effort to streamline our CE system.

In terms of public education, one of the best suggestions was that instead of focusing on the slobs among us, let's begin to share examples of areas where people have taken pride in their neighborhoods with clean and neatly-groomed rights-of-way, cool landscaping,

and inviting community areas. If you have photos of those sorts of areas in your neighborhoods, email them to me and I'll try to use them in newsletters as examples of the positive. For this week, here are two shots to help begin this sharing of the positive streetscapes we have all over town. These two show the Arroyo Chico walking path:



It's also my **Local Tucson** item for this week.

Thanks to Frank Q. for sending this one to me.



This will be a combined 'thanks' to Tucson Clean & Beautiful's Tom Ellis, his staff, and the multiple neighbors from Broadmore-Broadway neighborhood. The group came together on a beautification project

last week that will have lasting impact on the area just west of Reid Park.

A short time back, the banks along the Arroyo Chico wash were stripped of vegetation by some overly zealous landscape workers. There's a difference between trimming overgrowth and clear-cutting an area. We got the latter. But to Tom's great credit, the area now has two

new palo verde trees, a mesquite, some agaves, shrubs, and papoose grasses to replace what had been removed. The photo above shows some of the work in progress.

The troublesome loss ended in community building and the new plants. The Arroyo Chico in this area is rich in habitat for birds in Colonia Solana portion, and for lots of other wild-life as you move west. This work will help to nurture all of that.

Also last week, some rumblings began over a possible Army Corps of Engineer plan to go through the area again and lay concrete on the wash's banks, and possibly along the bed. I've reached out to the people who should know whether this is in fact accurate. What appears to be happening is that the Corps is taking a fresh look at a 1996 project to see if it still has any merit. In 2004, the Regional Flood Control District recommended that the project be cancelled. To many involved, the changes made by the Flood Control District in the interim have had sufficient impact to suggest the former project is not needed. Based on the community pushback, it's also not a road the Corps would want to go down at this time. The old adage:

*LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE*



I'm sure I'd be joined by plenty of others who would take a pretty harsh view of anyone going through and placing the growth along the wash at risk, especially in the immediate aftermath of what TC&B and the neighbors just produced.

If the Corps or Flood Control District are looking for projects, I know the city manager has placed several in their lap based on the old project list I dusted off last July. There's plenty they can do that the community would embrace.

#### **Another Code Item**

The city's looking for members of our Environmental Service Advisory Committee (ESAC). It's one of our more active Boards, Committees, or Commissions, providing input as to how we roll out programs related to refuse collection and disposal, recycling, environmental protection and yes, code enforcement. The citizens who serve on ESAC are volunteers who want to make a difference in framing recommendations on policy related to those areas.

If you'd like to explore getting involved, they're looking for people who have a background in finance, environmental management, or people who are involved with related neighborhood or business concerns. If that's you, please send a letter or email of interest before November 18<sup>th</sup> to...

Environmental Services  
 Attn: Cristina Polsgrove  
 P.O. Box 27210  
 Tucson, AZ 85726-7210

Email applications should be sent to [crisrina.polsgrove@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:crisrina.polsgrove@tucsonaz.gov).

### Electronic Warehouse Receipts

Our regional tourism partner is Visit Tucson. Brent DeRaad and his staff send out regular and very comprehensive email updates on the work they're doing. Everyone on the council is well briefed on their good work. It's why we're happy to continue funding them. Here's how that funding breaks down throughout the region.

#### Visit Tucson's 2016-17 Budgeted Revenue

	Budget	Percentage
City of Tucson:	\$4,100,000	46%
Pima County:	\$3,275,000	37%
Town of Oro Valley:	\$250,000	3%
Pascua Yaqui Nation:	\$75,000	1%
Tohono O'odham Nation:	\$75,000	1%
Private Sector:	<u>\$1,063,650</u>	<u>12%</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,838,650</b>	<b>100%</b>

But the heading for this section is Electronic Warehouse Receipts (EWR). The connection?

An EWR is a document that helps businesses that trade with Mexico move cash more rapidly than they could without them. Here's how they work. Normally when exporters send product to a warehouse in Mexico, they get paid when the final distribution is made. Say it's grain. They send a certain amount of grain to the warehouse, and as individual buyers pick up their portions, payment is made back to the exporter. At that time, they have working capital to move back into the production phase.

With an EWR, the exporter is issued a document (the EWR) at the time the delivery is received at the warehouse. Based on work now finalized between Mexico and some of our domestic lending institutions, the EWR can be used as collateral for new loans as soon as it is received. No longer does the exporter have to wait on final sale and distribution of the product. It's good for business, it's good for international trade, and it's good for the relationship we continue to build with our partners south of the border.

I often write about the importance of the build-out of the Sonoran Corridor – out by Raytheon, connecting I-10 and I-19. This new tool will help some of the businesses now considering opening up shop out in that area. Last week, the county announced a new \$10M grant from the state shared revenue account to help move the construction of the roadway along. As I mentioned to Murphy Woodhouse from the *Star* last week, this area of the region is our ace in the hole when it comes to the long term economic health of the region. I'd still like to see a ballot question focused on regional funding for the work we need to do out there. The long-term potential both for domestic trade and international trade with Mexico is huge.

In July of '13, we approved a 10-year operating agreement with Visit Tucson. A part of its intent was to continue building on the relationships we have in Mexico and through that, increase trade. According to their most recent annual report (sent to all of M&C last week), Visit Tucson generated over \$180M in economic impact during the past year. Much of that comes from Mexico. With this new tool, we can expect that figure to grow even more in the immediate future.

### **Before I Die Project**

First, take six minutes and watch this video. Or commit to three minutes and turn it off if you get bored. I think you'll be in for the full ride, though.

[https://www.ted.com/talks/candy\\_chang\\_before\\_i\\_die\\_i\\_want\\_to?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/candy_chang_before_i_die_i_want_to?language=en)

Tomorrow, November 1<sup>st</sup> I'm joining Carol Clark and the Casa de la Luz hospice folks over on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to launch our own local interactive art-with-a-message project. It's based on the chalk board program you see in the video.

Casa took part in the End of Life forum I co-sponsored with Compassion and Choices last month over at Banner UMC. They're working hard to get the community involved in pro-actively thinking about these very real and very tough decisions we'll have to confront – perhaps sooner than we 'plan on.'

All day on Tuesday over at Haggerty Plaza on The Avenue (4<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 8<sup>th</sup> Street), there will be people standing by to explain the event – and to encourage anybody who would like to take part to share their own personal message on the boards. November is National Hospice Month, and so this display will be up and available for anyone to interact with through November.

Many thanks are due to Fred Ronstadt and the Fourth Avenue Merchants for opening up the Plaza to this event. I expect to be there for a while during mid-morning, but will also be checking back from time to time during the month to see what people are sharing.

Most importantly, get your personal papers in order. Those include a Will, Medical Power of Attorney, if you're so inclined a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) statement, Living Will – talk to the folks from Casa at the event and they can give you the rundown.

If you'd like to give them a call and check into their services, you can reach Casa at 351.5440 or [www.casafoundation.org](http://www.casafoundation.org). At that website they've also got an online program called Five Wishes through which you can sign up for some of these directives. Go to their Programs link, choose Advance Directives, and you'll find it.



Percentage of individuals with an advance directive

# PAINT PIMA PURPLE

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH 2016

Remember that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This week I'm sharing one guy's personal account – not the 'typical' image you have when thinking of DV.

### Martin's Story



#### INTRODUCTION

Martin is 27 years old and lives with his longtime boyfriend, Ben, and their dog, Muppet.

#### PUT YOURSELF IN MARTIN'S SHOES

You didn't grow up with much and started working when you were 15, sometimes several jobs at a time. When you met Ben, he showed you a life you had only dreamed of.

The two of you spend a lot of time traveling and love visiting different countries, learning about different traditions around the world and exploring local cuisine.

Your family has never accepted the fact that you identify as gay, and you carry with you feelings of shame and rejection, and a longing for your family to accept you. Ben makes you feel safe and proud of who you are, and after only being together for two months, Ben told you he loved you. You revel in his acceptance and love; sometimes it feels like just you and Ben against the world. Your relationship with Ben has changed your whole outlook on life.

You notice after a few months of dating, though, that there are some things about Ben's personality that bother you. He's often rude to wait staff when you go out to eat, and he's constantly making fun of other people. He often uses a phony niceness with people, but is judgmental of them later. After being together about six months, he started to criticize you, too, but when you get upset, he always goes out of his way to make it up to you. Lately, the insults have started happening more and more and your self-esteem is lower than it was before you met him. You're confused about how someone who loves you can be so hurtful. Not a day goes by that there isn't some type of complaint or disapproval from Ben. Just this morning, you were getting ready for a big meeting at work and asked for an opinion on your outfit – *'you dress like a slob, Martin, why don't you pick out something of mine? While you're at it, you should just burn all of your clothing and we can go shopping this weekend.'*

Since your family is so unaccepting of your identity, you haven't come out to most of your friends or coworkers. Ben used to be supportive of your decisions and said that you would 'come out on your own timing,' but lately, he's been pressuring you to be more open with everyone in your life. *"You're an ungrateful disgrace to the gay community if you don't*

come out,” he said recently. His words have echoed in your head ever since.

One afternoon, when you let him know you’re too worried about losing your job and your friends to risk telling them the truth, Ben rages at you, and smashes your phone, some picture frames and your favorite painting. Muppet comes into the room and barks at the commotion, and in response, Ben begins throwing plates at the dog. As you rush over to protect Muppet, a plate smashes on the ground and a piece of glass cuts you.

When Ben sees that you’re hurt, he immediately calms down. Your wound won’t stop bleeding, so you and Ben go to urgent care. On your way there, Ben apologizes profusely and makes you promise that you won’t tell the doctors what happened. When you’re there, the nurse goes through his usual protocol of questions and asks if you feel safe at home. You can feel your face turn bright red as you just barely get out the words, ‘*of course I do.*’ Seeing your reaction, the nurse gives you some information about Emerge! Center, the local domestic abuse organization, and suggests you call their 24-hour bilingual hotline for help. You hide the information and meet Ben in the lobby when you’re done. The next morning when you wake up, Ben has cleaned everything up and some of the things that were broken have been repaired. Ben is extra sweet to you and even has a surprise wrapped up for you on the kitchen table – two tickets to Bermuda.

#### CHOICE A

Call the Hotline for help.

#### CHOICE B

Forgive Ben.

Abusive behavior doesn’t end simply because someone forgives another. Encourage those you know who are or who may be in an abusive relationship to contact Emerge! The hotline number is 795.4266. It’s on 24/7/365.



#### A Lighter Touch

In the midst of the political season, we’ve got to look for something to lighten things up – and maybe even be able to laugh at ourselves a little. Last Sunday, the *Star* ran a guest editorial in which the writer was giving awards to some of the current campaign ads. One was for an ad someone had sent to me last week suggesting I use something like it if I decided to run for re-election next year. It’s really pretty funny – and might work if I decide to run again. I just thought I’d share it – it’ll make you smile.

<https://youtu.be/wzjRwNUQDRU>

When I shared it with my bride she initially thought it was a good idea to maybe use it and when next year – until I reminded her that the person on screen would be her. I think ‘camera shy’ would be a good description.

#### Operation Deep Freeze

It has been in the 90s for the past couple of weeks. And yes, it’s time to start thinking about Operation Deep Freeze (ODF).

The Salvation Army folks will run ODF this year from November 15<sup>th</sup> through the end of

March. The site will be their Hospitality House located at 1002 N. Main. Here are the ground rules:

- ODF is triggered on nights when the temperature reaches 35 degrees or below in dry conditions, 40 degrees or below in wet conditions, or after 2 days of rain. It will remain in effect until the conditions subside.
- ODF will be announced via the TPCH Google group, on the TPCH.net website and Facebook page.
- Dinner, breakfast and shelter will be provided.

No ID is required, but they do a breathalyzer test. If you are intoxicated, they will get you to a place to detox but won't put anyone out on the street.

**2017 Meeting Schedule**

Finally, last week we on the M&C adopted our meeting schedule for next year. There are some Tuesdays and some Wednesdays. So you can plan ahead, here's what we agreed on. It could change from time to time, but if that happens, notices will be sent out so you'll know in advance.

Meeting Dates

<u>January</u> 4 (Wednesday) 18 (Wednesday)	<u>May</u> 9 23	<u>September</u> 4 * † 6 (Wednesday) 19
<u>February</u> 7 22 (Wednesday)	<u>June</u> 6 20	<u>October</u> 3 17
<u>March</u> 7 21	<u>July</u> 5 (Wednesday)	<u>November</u> 8 (Wednesday) 13 * 21
<u>April</u> 5 (Wednesday) 19 (Wednesday)	<u>August</u> 8	<u>December</u> 4 (Monday) Inauguration 5 19

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\* Date of Election Canvass pursuant to Tucson Charter Chapter XVI Section 15.  
† Meeting on Labor Day will be cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Sincerely,



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## Events and Entertainment

### All Souls Procession Weekend

**Procession of Little Angels: November 5, 3 pm - 7 pm**

**Personal Altars Vigil: November 5, 3 pm - 7 pm**

**All Souls Procession & Finale Ceremony: November 6, 4 pm - 10 pm**

The Many Mouths One Stomach arts collective presents the All Souls Procession Weekend. This people-powered, people-created grassroots Tucson event is perhaps one of the most inclusive and authentic public ceremonies in North America today. Well over 150,000 participants fill the streets of downtown Tucson for a two-mile long human-powered procession that ends in the ceremonial burning of a large urn filled with the hopes, offerings and wishes of the public for those who have passed. Visit [allsoulsprocession.org](http://allsoulsprocession.org) for details on the route map and additional events.

### Tucson Comic Con

**Friday, November 4 – Sunday, November 6, 2016**

**Tucson Convention Center, 260 S Church Ave**

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Tucson Comic-Con is dedicated to bringing an epic community-based pop culture experience for all that reflects today's fandom and the unique nature of Tucson, Arizona and the American Southwest. Visit [www.tucsoncomic-con.com](http://www.tucsoncomic-con.com) for information on programming, passes, and more.

### Loft Film Fest 2016

**Wednesday, November 9 – Sunday, November 13, 2016**

**The Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd**

The Loft Film Fest was created in 2010 as a showcase for the very best independent, foreign and classic cinema. For five days in November, the Loft Film Fest provides an intimate and unique setting for film fans to experience hand-selected festival favorites from Cannes, Sundance, SXSW, etc., and to meet internationally-renowned artists from the world of independent cinema. [loftfilmfest.org](http://loftfilmfest.org)

## Ongoing

**Tucson Botanical Gardens**, 2150 N Alvernon Way | [www.tucsonbotanical.org](http://www.tucsonbotanical.org)

*"Frida Kahlo: Art, Garden, Life" Exhibit, October 10, 2016 – May 31, 2017*

**Southern Arizona Transportation Museum**, 414 N Toole Ave |

[www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org](http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org)

**UA Mineral Museum**, 1601 E University Blvd | [www.uamineralmuseum.org](http://www.uamineralmuseum.org)

**Jewish History Museum**, 564 S Stone Ave | [www.jewishhistorymuseum.org](http://www.jewishhistorymuseum.org)

**Fox Theatre**, 17 W Congress St | [www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org](http://www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org)

**Hotel Congress**, 311 E Congress St | [hotelcongress.com](http://hotelcongress.com)

**Loft Cinema**, 3233 E Speedway Blvd | [www.loftcinema.com](http://www.loftcinema.com)

**Rialto Theatre**, 318 E Congress St | [www.rialtotheatre.com](http://www.rialtotheatre.com)

**Arizona State Museum**, 1013 E University Blvd | [www.statemuseum.arizona.edu](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu)

**Arizona Theater Company**, 330 S Scott Ave | [www.arizonatheatre.org](http://www.arizonatheatre.org)

**The Rogue Theatre**, The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd | [www.theroguetheatre.org](http://www.theroguetheatre.org)

**Tucson Museum of Art**, 140 N Main Ave | [www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org](http://www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org)

**Tucson Convention Center**, 260 S Church St | [tucsonconventioncenter.com](http://tucsonconventioncenter.com)

**Meet Me at Maynards**, 311 E Congress St | [www.MeetMeatMaynards.com](http://www.MeetMeatMaynards.com)

A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!  
Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

**Mission Garden**, 929 W Mission Ln | [www.tucsonbirthplace.org](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> Ave | [www.childernsmuseumtucson.org](http://www.childernsmuseumtucson.org)