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# Ward 6 Newsletter

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### Let's start with some maps...

#### Yet Another Mass Shooting



If you Google “maps of mass shootings” you’ll unfortunately get a lengthy list of options. This is one of them. Now they can add another incident in Oregon to the list. You’ve seen and heard that another madman murdered nine people, and at least another 10 were injured. On the night of the

shooting, I heard some commentators criticizing President Obama for his statements, alleging that he should wait a while before saying anything. I totally disagree. All we do is wait. Meanwhile, the map continues to grow.

Here’s a portion of what the President had to say:



### Important Phone Numbers

**Tucson Police  
Department**  
911 or nonemergency  
791-4444

**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 Wise**  
791-5071

**Planning and  
Development  
Services** 791-5550

**Pima Animal Care  
Center**  
724-5900

**Pima County Vector  
Control**  
Cockroach: 443-6501  
Mosquito: 243-7999

## Continued: A Message From Steve

*“Somehow this has become routine. I’d ask the American people to think about how they can get our government to change these laws, and to save these lives and let these people grow up.”*

It won’t happen. At least it won’t happen as long as we have a bunch of craven politicians who are afraid of the NRA’s money. It won’t happen as long as we have guys like the sheriff who represents Roseburg, Oregon shilling. In the immediate aftermath of the 2012 Newtown, Connecticut shootings, Sheriff Hanlin wrote to Vice President Biden requesting that the nation’s gun safety laws not be changed. He included these statements in the letter laying out the two reasons he had for writing:

*“First, to make a formal request that you NOT tamper with or amend the 2nd Amendment. Gun control is NOT the answer to preventing heinous crimes like school shootings. Any actions against, or in disregard to our U.S. Constitution and 2nd Amendment rights by the current administration would be irresponsible and an indisputable insult to the American people...”*

He went onto state that he would not enforce any gun legislation.

*“The second purpose of this letter is to make notification that any federal regulation enacted by Congress or by executive order of the President offending the Constitutional rights of my citizens shall not be enforced by me or by my deputies, nor will I permit the enforcement of any constitutional regulations or orders by federal offices within the borders of Douglas County, Oregon.”*

One can only wonder how he feels about his strident comments today.

There are advocacy groups you can check out such as Everytown for Gun Safety and Gun Violence Prevention Arizona. St. Phillips in the Hills has a gun safety committee. Pima County Interfaith Council is also invested in the work, as are several others locally. I, for one, do not fault the President for his reaction. He’s right to suggest that the unfortunate reality is that he’ll likely have to make a similar speech again before he leaves office. And yet, the fact that we cannot prevent *all* future incidents does not lead to the conclusion that we should do nothing at all. There are options for you to get involved.

### Domestic Abuse Wheel

Okay, these are not exactly “maps,” but the instructive graphics that I link to below speak to a very important topic – domestic abuse. October is Domestic Abuse Awareness Month. Stop by the Ward 6 Office and you can pick up one of the “Paint Pima Purple” bumper stickers that we’re giving out to help build awareness.

Domestic abuse doesn’t necessarily always include violence. [Click here](#) and take a look at the two wheels. Inside of the wheel on the left, you can see that the ultimate goal of an abusive relationship is gaining power and control. The means to that end may well include

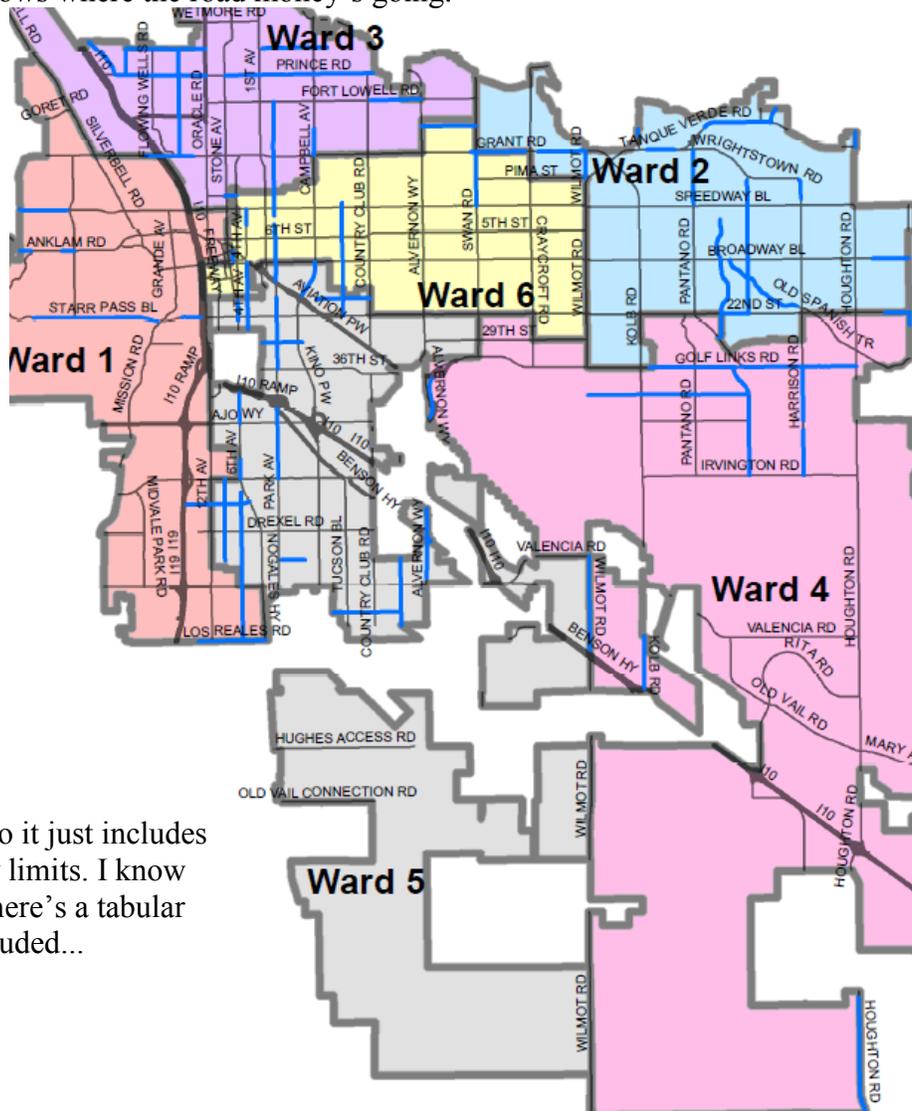
some level of physical force, but it may also be coercion, threats, financial abuse, isolation, or others shown on the wheel.

The wheel on the right reflects a healthy relationship based on equality and respect. That's of course the goal, and getting there is what the education we're embracing as a community during October is all about.

Being able to recognize abusive behaviors is one of the keys to preventing domestic abuse in our community. Emerge! Center for Domestic Abuse is heading up this month long educational effort. Visit the Center's website at [www.emergecenter.org](http://www.emergecenter.org), or if you'd like to talk directly to somebody about a situation of concern, call them at 795.8001. I'll be sharing items on this topic throughout the month.

**A Road Map**

We're going to vote on Proposition 425 in November. That's the \$200M question related to road repair. If you're going to be asked to shell out your cash for any of the questions in the bond package, you deserve to know specifically how those dollars are going to be spent. Here's a map that shows where the road money's going:



I truncated it down so it just includes areas within the City limits. I know it's hard to read, so here's a tabular listing of what's included...



**Important Phone Numbers**

Senator John McCain (R)  
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)  
520-575-8633

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

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)  
(3rd 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/>

## Tucson

Roadway	From	To
22nd St	2905E CL Houghton Rd	WPI Melpomene Wy
22nd St	EPI Sarnoff Dr	WPI Camino Seco (East)
4th Av	SPI Speedway Bl	NPI University Bl
4th Av	SPI Broadway Bl	1316S CL 22nd St
6th Av	SPI Thoroughbred Rd	NPI Los Reales Rd
6th Av	210S CL Illinois St	NPI Irvington Rd
6th Av	384S CL 18th St	50S CL 23rd St
6th Av (6th Av Project)	140S CL Benson Hy	NPI Ajo Wy
Alvernon Wy	545S CL I-10 Exit Ramp (South)	695S Transconn Wy
Anklam Rd	1132W WPI Players Club Dr	25W WPI Players Club Dr
Anklam Rd	1442E WPI Shannon Rd	WPI Greasewood Rd
Benson Hy	100W CL Alvernon Wy	495E CL Alvernon Wy
Bilby Rd	200E CL Park Av	EPI Del Moral Bl
Broadway Bl	1684E CL Houghton Rd	WPI Tanque Verde Lp
Camino Seco	360S SPI Wrightstown Rd	NPI 22nd St
Camino Seco	SPI Golf Links Rd	NPI Irvington Rd
Campbell Av	SPI Glenn St	NPI Grant Rd
Catalina Hy	1490N CL Tanque Verde Rd	NPI Tanque Verde Rd
Drachman St	250W CL Stone Av	WPI 6th Av
Eastland St (Eastland St Project)	EPI Campbell Av	WPI Country Club Rd
Elvira Rd	EPI Plumer Av	WPI Palo Verde Rd
Fairview Av	SPI Roger Rd	NPI Grant Rd
Fort Lowell Rd	260E CL Country Club Rd	WPI Alvernon Wy
Glenn St	EPI Alvernon Wy	WPI Swan Rd
Golf Links Rd	772E CL Kolb Rd	187E CL Camino Seco
Golf Links Rd	170W CL Pantano Pw	WPI Houghton Rd
Golf Links Rd	1442N CL Ajo Wy	5534N CL Ajo Wy
Grant Rd	710W CL Forbes Bl	CL 15th Av
Grant Rd	Venice Pl (match RTA project limits)	832E CL Beverly Av
Grant Rd	718E CL Craycroft Rd	WPI Wilmot Rd
Harrison Rd	250S CL Golf Links Rd	NPI Irvington Rd
Harrison Rd	972E CL Fox Run Pl	153S CL Calle Eunice
Houghton Rd	NPI Flintlock Tr	NPI Tanque Verde Rd
Houghton Rd	4498S CL Dawn Rd	SPI Andrada Rd
Kino Pw	SPI Broadway Bl	285N CL Aviation Pw
Kolb Rd	2455S CL Century Park Dr (City Limits)	NPI I-10 Exit Ramp (North)
Liberty Av	SPI Irvington Rd	NPI Bilby Rd
Los Reales Rd (Los Reales Rd Project)	EPI Santa Clara Av	164W WPI 12th Av
Los Reales Rd (Los Reales Rd Project)	130E EPI 12th Av	WPI Nogales Hy
Melpomene Wy	SPI 22nd St	154N CL Calle Catalina
Nebraska St/Olive St	82W WPI Connecticut Dr	WPI Nogales Hy
Old Spanish Tr	SPI Broadway Bl	560W CL Harrison Rd
Palo Verde Rd	2705N CL Valencia	NPI Corona Rd
Pantano Rd	95S CL Wrightstown Rd	250N CL Speedway Bl
Park Av	46S CL 18th St	65N CL 36th St
Park Av	SPI Fort Lowell Rd	118S CL 1st St
Park Av	SPI University Bl	100S SPI 14th St
Park Av	250N CL Benson Hy	NPI Irvington Rd
Prince Rd	62E CL Mountain Av	522E CL Country Club Rd
Prince Rd	EPI Stone Av	83W CL Mountain Av
Prince Rd	195E CL Runway Dr	WPI Oracle Rd
Roger Rd	250E CL Mountain Av	WPI Wilson Av

Roger Rd	290E CL 1st Av	117W CL Mountain Av
Roger Rd	EPI Romero Rd	WPI Oracle Rd
Romero Rd	NBCR Roger Rd	250N CL Prince Rd
Runway Dr	SPI Gardner Ln	NPI Prince Rd
Sabino Canyon Rd	650N CL Acoma Pl	SPI Acoma Pl
Sarnoff Dr	147N CL 3rd Pl	EPI Pantano Pw
Scott Av	SPI Alameda St	NPI Pennington St
Scott Av	SPI Pennington St	NPI Congress St
Silverlake Rd	2550E CL 6th Av	420E CL Kino Pw
Speedway Bl	WPI Painted Hills Rd	250W CL Greasewood Rd
Starr Pass Bl	30W CL Santa Cruz Ln	WPI Frontage Rd (West)
Starr Pass Bl	30W CL Lost Starr Dr	4385E CL Camino Santiago
Stella Rd	EPI Wilmot Rd	WPI Camino Seco
Swan Rd	SPI Grant Rd	NPI Speedway Bl
Tanque Verde Rd	770E CL Sabino Canyon Rd	217E CL Camino Pio Decimo
Tanque Verde Rd	4152E CL Camino Pio Decimo	WPI Catalina Hy
Tucson Bl	380S CL Mabel St	NPI 22nd St
Wilmot Rd	SPI Valencia Rd	1394S CL Los Reales Rd
Wilmot Rd	SPI Grant Rd	NPI Pima St

The Star is in the middle of an eight part series on each of the bond questions. They're available online Patrick McNamara's page: <http://tucson.com/users/profile/patrick%20mcnamara/>.

**More Road Maps**  
**Grant Road, Phase 2**



About 50 people attended a meeting of the Grant Road Improvement Project Task Force last week. Right now, they're finalizing the Phase 2 construction documents and entering into a longer term discussion of land use options, development incentives, and real estate activities along that stretch of the corridor. On October 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be an open house at the Tucson Association of Realtors building (2445 N Tucson Boulevard) at which the Phase 2 100% docs will be presented. They'll also have 30% construction documents on display for Phases 3 and 4. Those

segments run from approximately Country Club to Swan. They're scheduled for construction beginning in 2017.

The design elements being implemented in the Phase 2 segment will include added travel lanes, pedestrian amenities such as signalized crosswalks and wider sidewalks, bike lanes, and medians. This segment is a combination of residential and commercial, so the real estate and land use discussions will be particularly important as they'll have to balance some-

what competing interests.

Soon after the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>, the design team will begin to conduct interviews with stakeholders from the Phase 2 segment. A review of the results of those interviews, along with incentive and land use recommendations, will come back to the Task Force early next year. There will be more public workshops before the final recommendations come to M&C next summer. As you can see, they're moving very deliberately, understanding that this process will serve as the template for design, land use, and incentive discussions of the upcoming phases of the Grant Road project. Clearly, much more on this to come.

### Broadway Widening Project



The Grant Road process will also serve as a model for how the Broadway project moves forward. At this point the primary difference is that we've approved a final alignment for Grant. We haven't done that yet on Broadway.

The baseline alignment we adopted earlier this year will serve as the starting point for staff,

who will work with our design team to come up with 30% design documents early next spring. In the interim, conversations are taking place with property owners to get a sense of their individual desires to remain on the Sunshine Mile or be relocated – or, in the alternative, just bought out. From a design perspective, the team is also looking at issues related to drainage, grading, the location of utilities, and how those may impact the costs associated with preserving buildings versus relocating businesses, and various zoning options that we may need to consider from a legislative standpoint. On Grant Road, the baseline alignment showed 120 full property acquisitions. By the time that they reached the 100% alignment, that number had been reduced to 55.

There are two distinct segments associated with the Broadway project: east of Campbell and west of Campbell. The eastern segment is more commercial, while the western segment is more residential. They will require different strategies when we analyze the alignment options. In both cases, though, how we buffer new development along the roadway with whatever already sits directly north or south of it will be a relevant question. Reaching an answer will involve input on development incentives, land use and zoning discussions, and work with property owners who want to remain to find ways to make that happen.

The City has assigned workers from our Office of Integrated Planning to serve as points of contact. For property owners along Broadway, it's James MacAdam ([James.Macadam@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:James.Macadam@tucsonaz.gov)), and for other stakeholders, it's Rebecca Ruopp

([Rebecca.Ruopp@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Ruopp@tucsonaz.gov).) If you have questions related to the intended process going forward, I know either would be pleased to chat with you. I'll continue to include updates in this newsletter as things of interest pop up.

### Sports Maps



From 1989 until 1999, we hosted a post-season football bowl game at Arizona Stadium. The UA played in the inaugural Copper Bowl and beat N.C. State 17-10. Following the 1999 game, the bowl moved up to Phoenix. This December, we're hosting our own bowl game again.

This is an opportunity for the City and surrounding region to earn much-needed tourism dollars. When we hosted previously, teams came in from Indiana, Utah, Wyoming, Boston College, Baylor, Kansas State, Oklahoma, and more. Those are hotel rooms being filled, cars being rented, restaurants being visited, and everything else that comes along with visitors.

The competing conferences for the new Arizona Bowl will be Conference USA and the Mountain West Conference.

Here's Conference USA:



...and here are the Mountain West teams.

As you can see, this covers a lot of real estate. People will come and see what a great place this is – and they'll return.

Great work by Alan Young and the folks at the Arizona Sports and Entertainment Commission for landing this event. It'll be held on December 29<sup>th</sup> with a 5:30pm kickoff. ESPN will telecast.



### Another Sports Map

Cyclovia's coming next month. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 10am until 3pm, midtown will host the event course. Here's the route map.

Living streets alliance presents:

# Cyclovia Tucson

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1  
10AM - 3PM

5 MILES OF CAR-FREE CITY STREETS FOR WALKING, BIKING, & ALL-OUT FUN!  
MIDTOWN ROUTE featuring 4TH AVE. & FONTANA BIKE BLVD. !

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CYCLOVIA TUCSON  
CYCLOVIATUCSON.ORG

- CYCLOVIA ROUTE
- CAR CROSSING
- STREETCAR ROUTE
- INFORMATION STATIONS
- RESTROOMS
- WATER STATIONS
- FREE BIKE REPAIR
- FREE YOUTH HELMETS
- MERCHANDISE

0 0.3 0.6  
MILES  
ROUTE LENGTH: 2.6 MILES

TO THE PIMA COUNTY LOOP

6TH & 6TH ARTS DISTRICT  
6TH AVE BUSINESS DISTRICT  
WAREHOUSE ARTS DISTRICT

It will start near the Helen Keeling School on Glenn and Fontana, roll down Fontana Ave, and tie in with the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bike Boulevard to end up in the Warehouse Arts District. As with all Cyclovia events, the entire route will be car-free. You're invited to ride, walk,

or run – the goal is to take part somehow.

The length of the route from start to finish is just a bit over 2.5 miles. They'll have aid stations, free bike repairs along the way, and will distribute free bike helmets to kids who want to participate but show up without one.

This is one of the many community events promoted by the Living Streets Alliance. Check out their website for a full list of what they're up to: <http://www.livingstreetsalliance.org/>. It's all aimed at encouraging the development of a healthy community.

### Arena Site and Greyhound Depot



The white building in the foreground belongs to NorGen. It's used as a staging area for one of our more lucrative gem shows. The area in the background, to the right and surrounded by trees, is what's generally called the "Arena Parcel." The rectangular building you can see on the parcel is the current Greyhound Bus Depot.

Photo credit to Becky Pallack

In 2005, the City and Greyhound agreed that its location on the Arena Parcel would be temporary. We agreed to pay the moving costs when a new permanent location was found. Filling the moving van and trucking their property to the new site is estimated at costing around \$50K. We still have that obligation.

As a part of our legal settlements with Rio Nuevo, we agreed to give them the Arena Parcel to develop. Rio conducted a Request for Proposals, and NorGen was awarded the right to that redevelopment. The award came with a time frame within which they have to show progress.

Two weeks ago, we signed onto an agreement that may allow NorGen to perform in a way that gives them the ability to take advantage of some favorable lending conditions. Prior to that agreement, once NorGen closed on their loan to buy the parcel we would have reviewed their site plans and, once those were approved, we would have had one year to relocate Greyhound. The agreement we just signed moves that one year deadline up and places Rio Nuevo into the position of working directly with Greyhound to find its new home.

In her article on this agreement, Becky Pallack correctly quoted me as having said that this is an example of the continued improvement in our relationship with the Rio Board. Two years ago we were in litigation. Now, we're signing development agreements that continue to move the revitalization of the east end of downtown in the right direction. We're seeing retail, market rate housing, hotels, and developers who are relying on the private lending market, not public sector funding sources, to make their projects work. As that happens, our tax base expands and we grow our economy.

We'll get the NorGen site development plan soon. The meter for moving Greyhound is now

running. All four parties – the City, Rio, NorGen, and Greyhound – have a similar incentive to see this all come together. I'm confident that in this new and healthy environment, it will happen. A few years ago, that wasn't at all the case.

#### **Also Transit Related**

It'll come as no shock to you to hear that we just ended a bus strike. The strike affected Sun Tran, but didn't involve either Sun Van (our transit service related to the disabled community) or the Sun Link streetcar. In an effort to get out ahead of those contract talks, I submitted a series of questions to staff. I had intended for them to form the basis of a study session agenda item, but the replies came back in a form that was so responsive to my concerns that I pulled the item from our next M&C meeting. In lieu of that public discussion, I'll just share the contents of the exchange here. My questions are numbered, and the staff responses are in *italics*.

- 1) What are the expiration dates of the labor agreements relating to Sun Van and Sun Link?

*The Sun Van labor agreement expires December 31, 2015. Sun Link employees are currently not represented and have chosen not to organize at this time. Given this, the remaining questions and information below relates only to Sun Van.*

- 2) Who is the bargaining agent for Sun Van?

*Sun Van employees are represented through Teamsters Local 104 (Kevin Thomas, Business Agent; Andy Marshall, Secretary/Treasurer)*

- 3) What is the projected budget for each system that will form the basis for negotiations?

*The adopted budget for Sun Van for FY 2016 is approximately \$15,471,930. See attachment B for additional information.*

- 4) What is the status of labor discussions?

*Meetings will be scheduled for October, November and December. Teamsters representatives were contacted on September 21<sup>st</sup> to set up initial meeting dates. See attachment B for additional information.*

- 5) What is the plan for getting the parties together at the bargaining table well in advance of the expiration of the current agreement?

*The purpose of initiating the meetings in October is to address potential issues and share information in advance of the expiration of the agreement.*

- 6) How will Mayor and Council be kept advised of the status of negotiations, and be made aware of potential stumbling blocks that may be developing that could prevent successful resolution without a strike?

*Sun Van management will provide regular updates to TDOT, and that information will be shared with the City Manager for communication to the Mayor and Council.*

We cannot afford a work stoppage on Sun Van, and the streetcar workers deserve to be treated fairly, regardless of union status. We'll stay alert to both of these in order to make sure we don't see a repeat of what happened last summer with the busses.

### **Mold and Safety**

Concerns about mold and safety were raised during the bus strike. Both are being addressed.

The mold was traced to seat inserts in pre-2005 busses that had been stored in the shop for extended periods of time.

Staff is going through and identifying those inserts (the colored cushions shown in the picture) and replacing them with new ones. We're also implementing a quality assurance program with on-going reviews of operational practices so similar incidents don't reoccur.



There were also concerns about mold and adequate water percolation in a retention pond that we have. Evidently, in 2012 some recycling work was done around the pond, and its ability to percolate water through may have been compromised. We've hired an engineering firm to take a look at it and put in place a biannual maintenance schedule related to the pond.

Mold concerns were also raised in relation to the cooling system at the maintenance facility. The same engineering firm is studying the system's air flow and will make recommendations to us at the end of October. The issue will be related at some level to the monsoon season's humidity. However, adequate air flow will help, regardless of the time of year.

Finally, safety concerns were raised in relation to drivers being confronted by passengers. There has been an 'assault committee' in place for a while. They've met and are discussing options for installing partitions on selected routes. The thinking is to buy three types of partitions, install them, and give the drivers and passengers a chance to comment before we make a final decision. Our procurement people are putting together pricing information. We can't lose sight of the fact that there's still a budget in place, and whatever we do has to work within its constraints.

### **Police Wages**

On a related note, after the settlement of the bus strike the police union came forward with a new wage demand. Last week, I shared with you that they asked for "a double merit increase, plus a \$2 across-the-board COLA adjustment." The night we received that request, I asked staff to put a price tag on it.

A double merit increase is a 10% pay bump. Together with the cost of living increase they've requested, the total is just about \$16M annually. That's all pensionable. We already expect to see our public safety pension obligation increase by well over \$20M next fiscal year. Even if we had \$16M to pay the police for their base pay request (and we do not), doing so would exacerbate the pension problem we're going to face.

A quick comment on the pension issue: We just paid nearly \$40M ahead on our annual obligation. Typically, we would a payment at each pay period for exactly what's due. By paying in advance, we'll save about \$500K this fiscal year (estimated depending on rates of return on the money). There's not a ton we can do with a system that's managed by the State, but

we're doing what we can locally to minimize our out-of-pocket costs. Is there a risk to making a balloon payment? Yes. We're relying on our income streams to meet our budget expectations, and that when the State begins collecting taxes for jurisdictions, they don't delay sending us our portion. But those risks are worth taking in order to help our General Fund deficits.

There's another piece to this. We just signed an agreement with AFSCME that includes what's called a 'me, too' clause. That means if we give raises to another group of workers, they want to be included. That increase would also be pensionable for the blue collar workers – another impact on the General Fund.

Nobody on the M&C is unaware of the desire to address pay issues. I'd also suggest that nobody in the private sector is, either. We're all constrained by the realities of our budgets. What the police union is asking for is totally unrealistic.

*A Couple of Neighborhood Items*

**Palo Verde Neighborhood Market**

Our partners in the Palo Verde neighborhood are active in civic affairs. They're in regular contact with our Code Enforcement people, TPD, the Catalina High leadership, and have taken on many neighborhood beautification projects with Watershed Management Group, Tucson Water, and their own sweat equity.

On Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, they're going to host a neighborhood-wide 'Market,' an opportunity for artists, crafts-folks, and people who want to simply off-load some yard sale goodies to get together in one place, socialize, and sell their stuff. I've included their application form, below.

**Palo Verde**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD**  
**MARKET**

**Saturday, October 17 7:00am to 12N**

**Emmanuel Church - 1825 North Alvernon**

Everyone is welcome. Yard sale vendors, artists, crafts folks, plant & vegetable sellers, and anyone else with something to sell. Limited spaces for vendors available on first come/first served basis. Early Bird \$15.00 reserves 12 x 12 space. Vendors must provide own tables for display, have monetary change and remove all property at end of sale. More info: 870-7360

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**VENDOR APPLICATION**

Please mail a non-refundable check or money order\* made out to **PALO VERDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Mail to: PVNA Neighborhood Market  
3513 E. Willard Street  
Tucson, AZ 85716

\* \$15.00 per space by Monday 10/12/15. From 10/13 - 10/16, spaces cost \$20.00. Day of the event, the cost is \$25.00. Set up is from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Spaces will be assigned in advance.

**For further information: (520) 870-7360 or [kidlaw96@aol.com](mailto:kidlaw96@aol.com)**

#Community service representatives are welcome and may exhibit for free. Please contact us for space assignments

The reservation fees will help to offset the costs of staging the event. Any excess will go back to the PVNA for its on-going work throughout the year. Thanks to Emmanuel

Church for offering up their facility for this event. You save money by reserving your space early. All of the contact information is included on the form.

### **El Con Water Tower**

Nearly hidden from view by the Colonia Solana HOA is a 90' tall water tower. Known as the El Con water tower, it was built in 1928 to provide water to that subdivision. In 1932, Roy Place was commissioned to design some ornate sheathing to enclose the tower's metal frame and hide its 50,000 gallon water tank. In 1944, the City purchased it and took it out of service.

The tower is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and it's one of our designated Historic Landmarks. It fell into disrepair, and there was brief talk of demolishing it back in the 1960s. Through the work of the Colonia Solana residents and the City's Historic Preservation Office, the tower was rehabilitated. More work was needed. Last week, that \$70K effort was completed.

The work took about three months to complete. It included repair of wooden doors, stucco patching, exterior painting, roof tile replacement, and more. The work was funded through a 2013 HUD Community Development Block Grant for historic preservation.

We at the Ward 6 office are grateful for the hard work of the Colonia Solana residents, and to all among City staff who took ownership of the project and brought it across the finish line.

### **Buffelgrass**



I'm sure you've seen the stuff around. If not, go out and check in the alley behind your house. If it's there, it's your responsibility to get rid of it (half of the width of the alley is the adjacent property owner's responsibility).

Buffelgrass spreads aggressively. Eventually, it will crowd out our native plants. When it goes dormant, it becomes a huge fire hazard. If it's not entirely eradicated, a plant can return in the same location for up to 20 years. Just lopping off the visible part isn't sufficient.

When you go out to pull the clumps, be aware that snakes can sometimes nest in the growth. Pull carefully. Get the roots, not just the exposed part of the plant. When you get the root ball, put the whole clump into a large trash bag, seal it, and send it to the landfill through Environmental Services. We don't want the seeds to spread, which may happen if you toss the plants into a garbage container unbagged.

You can also use an herbicide on buffelgrass. In order to be effective, at least half of the plant's leaves need to be green. You know enough to read the instructions on any chemical you apply.

Because it's a public health and safety hazard, the State regulates buffelgrass as a noxious weed. Check around your house and alley. We've had some nice monsoon rains so it's not unlikely you've got some new or returning growth around your place that needs to be eradicated.

There's a group in town that works this issue on a regular basis. For contacts, events, information on volunteering, or to schedule a group presentation, call 615.7855 or go to [www.buffelgrass.org](http://www.buffelgrass.org)

### **Illegal Dumping**

We often see correspondence between neighborhood residents and our Code Enforcement people related to things people have just dumped in the right-of-way, apparently expecting others to clean up. It's not uncommon to see near the end of the month when tenants are moving out or at the end of a semester around campus. Property owners are responsible for items dumped on their property. How can they be removed?

One option is for you to wait for the semi-annual Brush and Bulky collection service we offer through E.S. An alternative is for you to pay a small fee to order an off-cycle trash collection. You can do that by calling the E.S. Customer Service line at 791.3171. Another option is to call Goodwill or another charity of your choice. Many will come and pick up items that are in relatively good condition. If it's a situation where somebody's just letting things pile up in their right-of-way, Code Enforcement can come and gently urge them to clean up their own mess. If the owner fails to comply, Code Enforcement may charge a \$75 re-inspection fee and issue a citation. Fines can range from \$125 up to a maximum of \$2,500 per violation. To report a violation, you can call 791.5843, or do it online through <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/pdsd/code-enforcement-violation-report>.

The best route, however, is self-policing, charities, and the Brushy and Bulky program.

### **Ballot Measure Forum**

By way of reminder, Tucson Residents for Responsive Government is hosting two more forums related to the ballot measures you'll either see in the mail soon or in November at the ballot box. These forums are educational, and the information will be shared by people who served on the citizens' panels that put the measures together before they came to M&C. The next forum will be on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm out at the Quincie Douglas Library (1585 E 36<sup>th</sup> Street). We're hosting the last one at Ward 6 on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. They're both free and open to anyone who's interested.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik  
Council Member, Ward 6  
[Ward6@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Ward6@tucsonaz.gov)

## Events and Entertainment

### Safe Seniors Event

**Saturday, November 14, 2015, 10 am – 2 pm**

**La Quinta Inn Ballroom, 102 N Alvernon Way**



Join the Tucson Police Department Operations Midtown Division for an event that will provide our senior community with access to information and resources for keeping their Golden Years safe and healthy. A wide variety of community organizations will be on hand, including the Arizona Attorney General's officer, the Association for Resources and Choices "Elder Shelter", the United States Postal Inspector, Pima County Council on Aging, Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Tucson Community Food Bank, and Pima County Health Department to name a few.

### Tucson Cine Mexico screening of *Güeros*

**Saturday, October 10, 2015, 7 pm**

**Temple of Music and Art, 330 S Scott Ave**

Tucson Cine Mexico, a partnership between the Hanson Film Institute and New York based Cinema Tropical will present an encore presentation of the critically praised film *Güeros*, which originally screened as part of March 2015's *Tucson Cine Mexico*. Tickets will be available at the door and are free and open to all. For additional screening information or to reserve tickets in advance please go to: [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2195159](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2195159).

### Tucson Meet Yourself

**Friday, October 9 – Sunday, October 11, 2015**

**Downtown Tucson (Old Pima County Courthouse, El Presidio Park and Pima County Library/Jacome Plaza)**

Tucson Meet Yourself is an annual celebration of the living traditional arts of Southern Arizona's and Northern Mexico's diverse ethnic and folk communities. Each October, the three-day event features hundreds of artisans, home cooks, dancers, musicians and special exhibits that celebrate and honor beauty in all its diverse, informal, and everyday forms. Volunteers make it possible. Visit [www.tucsonmeetyourself.org/volunteer](http://www.tucsonmeetyourself.org/volunteer) to find out more, create a profile and grab the shifts you want while they're still available!

### Screening of *INHABIT: A Permaculture Perspective*

**Monday, October 12, 2015, 5:30 pm**

**Joel Valdez Library, 101 N Stone Ave, Downstairs Conference Room**

Sonoran Permaculture Guild and Sustainable Tucson host a special viewing of the new documentary *INHABIT: A Permaculture Perspective*. A panel of Permaculture design professionals will follow to answer your questions and discuss how permaculture principles can be applied to our Sonoran desert. View the trailer at: [inhabitfilm.com](http://inhabitfilm.com).

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## SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 18 | Envision Tucson Sustainability Festival  
 Monday, October 19 | Connected Communities Forum at The UofA  
 Tuesday, October 20 | 10West TECH DAY at Connect Coworking (Day 1)  
 Wednesday, October 21 | 10West TECH DAY at Connect Coworking (Day 2)  
 Thursday, October 22 | IdeaFunding  
 Thursday, October 22 | Ignite520 (Day 1)  
 Thursday, October 22 | Comedy Showcase at the Flycatcher  
 Friday, October 23 | 10West Tucson Music Showcase  
 Friday, October 23 | Ignite520 (Day 2)  
 Friday, October 23 | Southwest Regional Angel Conference  
 Friday, October 23 | InnovationUA DAY  
 Saturday, October 24 | 10West ArtWalk  
 Saturday, October 24 | 10West Tucson Music Showcase at Hotel Congress

...and more!

## MUSIC

Did we mention local bands?

**XIXA** \ **Vox Urbana** \ **Katterwaul**  
**Keli and the Big Dream**  
**Katie Haverly** \ **Tom Walbank**  
**Rich Hopkins and the Luminarios**

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