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# Ward 6 Newsletter

## Tucson First

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### January 8th Memorial

Let's start with an upbeat item – on the top of the next page, you'll see the flyer sent out by the January 8<sup>th</sup> Memorial Committee inviting the public to the first presentation of the concept proposals for the commemorative memorial. As you can see in the flyer, everybody's invited and it's a free event. The final selection is expected to be made in about two months.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, each of the teams will be given 20 minutes to give a presentation. These are preliminary visions each team brings to the table. The selection committee will have more in-depth presentations with each group and ultimately make a selection. What you should see on the 2<sup>nd</sup> will include the architectural elements, site plan, and a description of how the public will be able to encounter the space once it's built. They'll have up to three visual displays and have also been invited to produce a five minute video that'll be posted on the January 8<sup>th</sup> Memorial web site. The site also gives you a chance to comment on what's being proposed.

The permanent memorial is in respect of the six people who were killed and the thirteen others who were wounded in the January 8<sup>th</sup> shootings. The Memorial Committee has been out in the community gathering input on both what the memo-



**Important Phone Numbers**

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

**Water Issues**  
791-4133  
Emergency: 791-4133

**Street Maintenance**  
791-3154

**Graffiti Removal**  
792-2489

**Abandoned Shopping Carts**  
791-3171

**Neighborhood Resources**  
837-5013

**SunTran/SunLink**  
792-9222

**Environmental Services**  
791-3171

**Park Wise**  
791-5071

**Planning and Development Services**  
791-5550

**Pima County Animal Control**  
243-5900

**Pima County Vector Control**  
Cockroach: 443-6501  
Mosquito: 740-2760

# Continued: A Message From Steve

rial should contain and where it's going to go. The general location is Presidio Plaza/Old County Courthouse. We'll see what the teams suggest in more detail on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Tucson Pima Arts Council is assisting in this selection process. If you'd like to see more on how it's being conducted, please visit their web site at [www.tucsonpimaartscouncil.org](http://www.tucsonpimaartscouncil.org).



Pictures by Janet Marcotte

## DESIGN TEAM CONCEPT PRESENTATIONS

For the January 8th Memorial

The public is invited to view the presentations of the Memorial Design Concepts by the four final design teams for the January 8th Memorial.

6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 2, 2015

Arizona History Museum, 949 E. 2nd Street

Presentations by all four design teams

### DESIGN TEAM FINALISTS

- Chee Salette Architecture Office, Rebeca Méndez Design, ag Licht, Swan/Starts
- Ibarra Rosano Design Architects
- Logan Simpson Design
- HOK



For more info: [www.tucsonsonmemorial.org](http://www.tucsonsonmemorial.org)

### Road Repair Funding

In 2006, the voters approved the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). It's a 20 year, ½ cent sales tax being collected to fund four major regional elements: safety, environment, transit, and roads. Over the course of the 20 years the tax is projected to raise \$1.2B towards roads. The problem is that all we're allowed to do with those dollars is build more roads – each of which needs to be maintained. There is zero provision in the RTA that allows for road maintenance. If you carved out some of the projected road building funding for fixing them, for every 10% earmarked, \$120M would be set aside.

**IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN A HOLE, THE FIRST THING TO DO IS STOP DIGGING.**  
— WILL ROGERS



So, that's the hole we're digging. Regional roads are in poor shape, we're paying an added tax to build more of them, and we have no long-term, reliable dedicated funding source identified to fix either what we have or the new pavement coming on line.

The RTA has to go back to the voters for an extension. It sunsets in 2026. There's already talk of getting this back in front of you soon. The closer they get to the sunset date, the shorter

the maturity period of the bonds they can sell to fund new work. The way it gets back on the ballot is by the Board of Supervisors petitioning the State to move it to a vote. They can do that at any time.

I've touched on other ideas in previous newsletters. Those include an increase to the existing gas tax – some are calling for a dime per gallon increase. It's indisputable that the gas tax hasn't been changed in years, and if there were no other options, it might be a way to go.

The City has Prop 409. That's our property tax increase the voters approved that's earmarked to road repair. The deal was that it'd expire in five years. We're two years into it, and so there's also talk now about asking for an extension. The question as to whether/when it goes back to the ballot will be up to the M&C to decide. Whether to extend it is up to you.

Then there's the RTA option. It's a tax you've been paying for seven years. It's a sales tax so everybody who comes to town pays, not just property owners. It needs to go back to the voters for extension. It only builds new roads. It's digging the hole deeper.

I'm opening with this because some of what follows is also RTA related (Broadway update), and at every meeting I attend (probably including Easter dinner at my sister-in-law's) I hear about the roads. I believe adding road repair to the RTA extension does a few things: it obviates the need for a gas tax increase; it means we don't need to extend the Prop 409 property tax increase; and it means we've identified a dedicated funding source that'll last 20 years if the voters approve.

I just want all options to be a part of the road repair funding discussion. To this point, that hasn't been the case. Let's lay them all out and let the voters decide. I'm confident this proposal would be well-received by the voters if given a chance by the Board of Supervisors.

### **Broadway Project Update**

In 2006, the voters were told the traffic counts on Broadway would escalate to the point we'd need to widen it to eight lanes at 150 feet, with all of the expansion going to the north. That plan would have eliminated about 115 homes and businesses.

The traffic projections were 20-years-old at the time of the vote. Subsequent projections have shown they were not valid, and the need to build such a wide cross-section is unnecessary. The challenge has therefore become how to reconcile reality with what the voters were told. Many of us feel that people are smart and creative enough to still make the project valuable, but to do so in a way that isn't simply destructive of the budget and the built environment.

On Thursday, the Citizen's Task Force (CTF) met again with staff and our consultants to try to hammer out an alignment that makes sense. We owe it to the property owners along the corridor to get an alignment established so they can make legitimate plans. I believe they made good progress. Here's how the meeting agenda was published:

4. Discussion/Decisions Regarding Moving 6-Lane Including Transit Baseline Refined Forward - *Review 3 options for baseline alignment, including 1) a new "starting small" approach, 2) new approach submitted by Gene Caywood, and 3) the staff-recommended;*



### **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

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

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

Mayor Jonathan  
Rothschild  
791-4201

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

*CTF discussion regarding preferences on trade-offs using performance measures; and, discuss/develop CTF recommendations for moving a baseline alignment and strategic parameters for design modifications forward.*

The basis for Thursday's discussion was laying out optional baseline alignments and seeing how the CTF and consultant team can blend them together. Nobody's coming away totally pleased – everybody's giving something to get to a conclusion. What the CTF sends to M&C for our consideration will still go back to the engineering staff for further refinements as they engage property owners. There's still a long way to go before we can pinpoint the immediate impact on specific properties, but the alignment that will now go to a public meeting in April and then to M&C is necessary to give businesses some sense of what's to come and their options for staying or relocating. It's also needed to get our arms around the budget impact.

Here's a summary of what was decided:

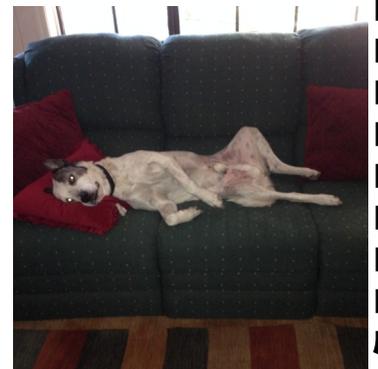
*The task force blended a proposed alignment from three options; the previous staff 'refined' alignment, a newly revised 'start small' alignment, and one produced through the work of Gene Caywood (Southern Arizona Transit Advocates). The blending process included discussion of prioritizing performance measures that'll be used when staff goes forward with the engineering work yet to come that'll eventually yield the final roadway alignment. Those performance measures are primarily related to the area outside of the curb-to-curb cross-width. As is being done on Grant Road, the CTF asked staff to look into the indirect left turn option where it might be useful in preserving businesses.*

*The performance measures the CTF identified as those that should guide alignment refining include preserving the built environment, reducing the proposed width of sidewalks and bike lanes, pulling bike lanes out of the roadway where possible, and incorporating some water conservation elements in landscaped areas.*

The motion from last week related to eliminating the transit image from the logo and changing language in the project description died for lack of action. It wasn't pursued at this meeting, but instead the CTF voted to have M&C decide on when to dedicate travel lanes to transit (e.g., day one, when funding is available, or when ridership indicates the need). I believe it was wise for the CTF to recognize that there are legitimate funding questions we'll have to keep in mind as this process evolves.

The April 23<sup>rd</sup> public open house will be held at the Sabbar Shrine at 450 S. Tucson Blvd. The time is yet to be determined. The CTF put together a sub-committee to monitor how this new blended alignment is to be presented at that open house. Following the open house, there'll be one final CTF meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> during which they'll finalize a recommendation that'll come to M&C in May.

The CTF, businesses, general public and staff are all getting a bit worn down by this process. Finally, we're getting close to closure on what an alignment will look like.



I opened with a description of the RTA sales tax and how it will need to go back to the voters for an extension. In addition to including road maintenance as an option for the voters to consider, they'll also want to watch how wisely the voter-approved money has been invested in the community. When we moved away from the 150' wide roadway, we showed the ability to creatively adjust to new realities and not lose trust with the taxpayers. We'll see as this alignment continues to be refined whether that creativity continues to be a part of the process to which we can point when asking for the extension of the tax.

### **Three UA Items**

Often during conversations we have about off-campus student housing, the steady increase in student enrollment comes up. With that in mind, I thought it was worth sharing that the UA is also ramping up its online degree program. Right now the UA offers over 40 online graduate degrees and certificates. There are also 21 undergrad programs that are now being offered. Here's a link to the recently launched [UA Online](#) campus where you can see the full description and learn how to enroll.

Since President Ann Weaver Hart initiated the [Never Settle](#) mission/vision a couple of years ago, online curriculum have been an integral part of how that's being achieved. It essentially opens the doors to people who may not be able to squeeze classwork into an otherwise crammed professional or home schedule. We're a top 100 Research Institution. The online option only makes access more achievable.

### **UA Code of Conduct**

...and for those situations that involve UA students living in off-campus housing, you can also access an online option for letting the Dean of Students know if they're acting up in your neighborhood. It takes a couple of steps to get to the online form. Start by going to the [UA Dean of Students page](#). There's a "quick links" section. Under that heading, click "forms." You'll find the online Code of Conduct Complaint Form on the right. You can check the 'faculty' box in order to get your input entered.

In the past couple of months, we've hosted four meetings in which new Dean of Students representative Mary Laughbaum has participated. We've also had support from the Community Relations folks at some of those meetings. They've involved us bringing property owners, TPD, and surrounding residents to the table. So far, the approach appears to be effective in getting the attention of landlords who were simply allowing their tenants to run wild. We appreciate the involvement from the UA folks and from TPD. Now you have this additional tool to let the Dean of Students know where they need to make contact with unruly students. It's nearing the end of the school year, so you might want to keep the link handy.

The UA also has a 24-hour hotline for when you're in need of assistance in the off-hours. That number is 282.3649. In addition, during every one of the contact meetings we hold in which TPD is involved, neighbors are always told to call 911 if for no other reason than to get a record established.

### **Spring Fling**

Spring Fling returned to campus last year and will be back again next month. The fair will run from April 10<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>, but setup and other traffic impacts will start sooner

than that. If you have any issues or questions related to the event, here's the contact information you'll need:

Office/Hotline [520.621.5610](tel:520.621.5610)  
[springfling@email.arizona.edu](mailto:springfling@email.arizona.edu)  
[www.springfling.arizona.edu](http://www.springfling.arizona.edu)

The hotline will be active starting Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Beginning at 6am on that day, traffic and general campus changes will also take effect. They'll stay in effect until the morning of April 15<sup>th</sup>. Here's some general information related to the event:

#### Spring Fling Operational Hours

- \* Friday, April 10th: 4 pm – 11 pm
- \* Saturday, April 11th: 11 am – 11 pm
- \* Sunday, April 12th: 11 am – 6 pm

#### University Boulevard Closure

Transportation affected by this closure includes all of the following:

- \* Motorists – There will be no east or westbound traffic on University between Cherry and Campbell.
- \* Sun Tran Passengers - The Optical Science bus stop on University will be relocated to Campbell Ave
- \* Cyclists - Detours will be posted to reroute onto campus.
- \* Pedestrians - There will be signage directing pedestrians to the proper routes around the enclosed fence area.

During the event operations, you'll also experience closures on Cherry Avenue, north of the mall.

#### Event Parking

- \* Parking and Transportation will provide free visitor parking in surface lots after 3pm on Friday, April 10th and all day Saturday and Sunday. This is based on a space available basis.
- \* Cherry Garage - There is \$5 pre-pay parking fee in Cherry Avenue Garage on Friday, April 10th. There is no fee to park in campus garages on Saturday and Sunday, April 11th and 12th.

#### Trash

Spring Fling will be sending volunteers through the western part of Sam Hughes during the mornings of April 11th and 12th along with the early evening of April 12th to pick up trash.

The student leadership putting this together has been very proactive in reaching out to the Sam Hughes folks. The phones and email contact information is for real; if you've got input or questions, don't hesitate. They'll also appreciate compliments for how the event is being managed.



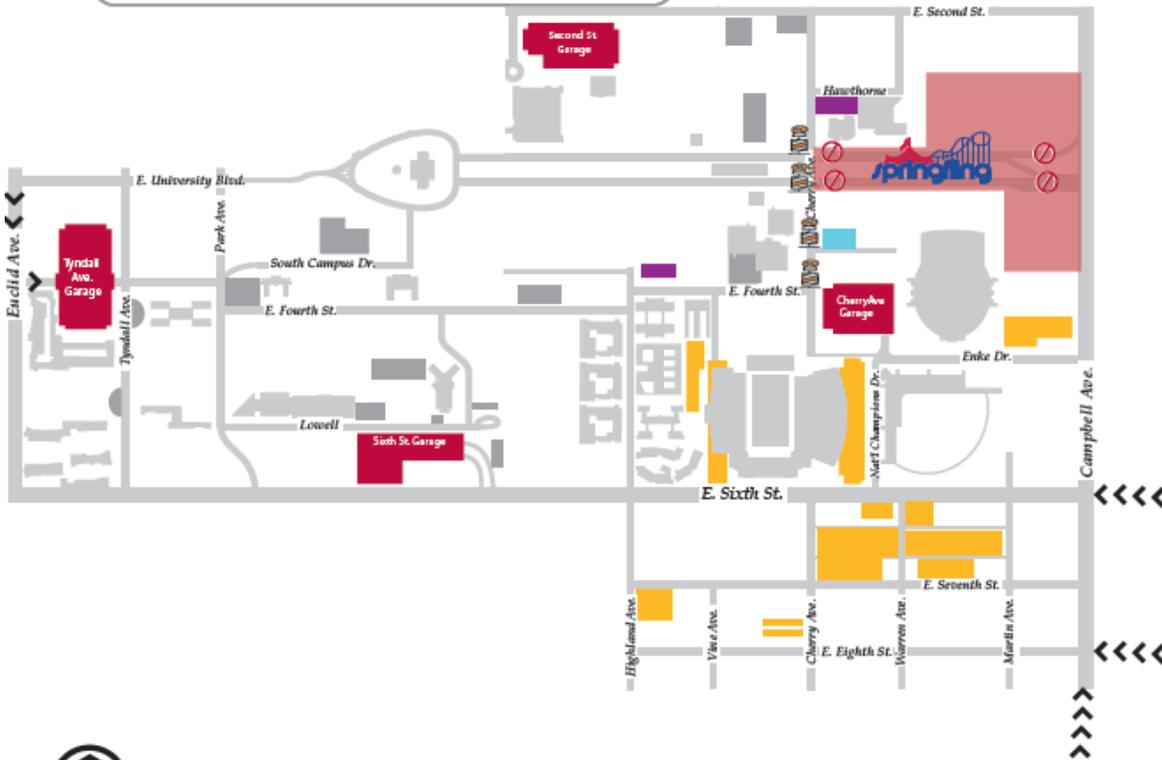
Parking & Transportation Services



April 10, 11, 12, 2015

Legend

- Surface Lots  
Free Parking
- Parking Garages  
\$5.00 at Cherry Ave. Garage & posted hourly rate at all other garages on Friday.  
Free Parking: Saturday & Sunday
- Road closed  
April 6th, at 5:00 A.M. through April 15th at 8:00 A.M.
- Street Closure  
Friday 4/10/15 3:30 P.M. – 1:00 A.M.  
Saturday 4/11/15 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 A.M.  
Sunday 4/12/15 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 P.M.
- Spring Fling Area
- VIP Parking
- Drop off Areas



Gun Legislation

A couple of weeks ago, I shared with you a Public Records Request I had joined with Cheryl Cage in submitting relative to SB1291 – the proposed Bill that makes an attempt at chilling discussion of gun safety ordinances. Based on some heavy-handed treatment of one of the January 8<sup>th</sup> survivors up at a State Committee hearing, Cheryl and I felt we'd at least get the records from a few of the State Senators who were involved and let you know what

the attitude is up there towards Tucson, the Tucson City Council and individuals. Well, the Records Request yielded a response from one of the folks.

John Kavanagh is the guy who last year was at a Joe Arpaio 'roast' and came away infamous for dropping a number of off-color, racially-tainted quips. Here's his response to my Public Records Request:



March 11, 2015



Mr. Steve Kozachik  
City of Tucson Council Member  
P.O. Box 27210  
Tucson, AZ 85726-7210

Dear Mr. Kozachik:

Pursuant to the Arizona Public Records Law, Section 39-101, Arizona Revised Statutes, et seq., I request the following public records:

Any e-mails between you and any other Tucson City Council member regarding firearms being possessed or discharged by the public, stored in public buildings or transported, purchased or sold by the public.

In addition, please forward any e-mails that mention Senate Bill 1291 or state preemption of regulation of firearms by cities.

Also, please forward any e-mails between you and any Officers of the Pima County Democratic Party regarding the regulation of firearms or Senate Bill 1291.

As my request for records relates solely to e-mails I do not anticipate any costs of compliance. Please promptly forward the e-mails requested to [jkavanagh@azleg.gov](mailto:jkavanagh@azleg.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kavanagh".

John Kavanagh  
Arizona State Senate  
District 23  
Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, Rio Verde, and Tonto Verde  
(602) 926-5170

In highly uncreative and unresponsive fashion, he just sent our City Clerk a Records Request on my City emails. I'm fine with that – we have a proxy (the City Clerk) who just goes in and poaches any emails that pertain to the Request and sends them off to the guy. In the Legislature's case, it's all an honor system; that is, nobody but the good Senator decides what to send in response to the Request. We're still waiting.

With that in mind, you might want to consider these Bills:

**HB2527**- This went to the Governor's desk last week. It's the one that would eliminate our ability to implement policies related to background checks on private gun sales taking place at the TCC.

**HB2320** - This is the one that'll force jurisdictions to allow guns in public buildings, unless they put in metal detectors and security staff at every entry. Public buildings will include everything from City Hall to courtrooms, libraries, the VA, and museums. The proponents say there's no cost if we simply allow people with CCW permits to carry in those buildings. If jurisdictions choose otherwise, paying for the security measures will cost in the millions of dollars

**SB1330** - Prohibits State and local law enforcement agencies from enforcing any Federal gun laws. Some of us feel this is an invitation to more costly and losing litigation with the Feds.

**HB2431**- This creative measure would preempt future State legislatures and the voters from enacting gun laws that would be stricter than Federal law. It's achieved by having Arizona sign up with other States in an 'interstate compact' in which the members' laws related to firearms are 'substantively identical.' Any laws that are agreed to by the member States cannot be superseded by individual State legislatures or voters. Something about giving up one's sovereignty screams of the hypocrisy coming from the Arizona State Legislature in this bill.

The only one of these that has arrived on Ducey's desk yet is 2527. If you'd like to share your thoughts on the other ones, his number is 602.542.4331.

### St. Mark's Wednesday Supper Out



Public service is more than just passing laws making guns more prolific in public places. Last week, Amy and I had the opportunity to share in the St. Mark's church evening meal. As you can see, our part was in the distribution, not the consumption. I mention this here because I was surprised at the turnout from the neighborhood – so much so that I wanted to share the idea with you in case you're involved with a group that might have an interest in doing something similar. It takes volunteers, some ability to pull the food together, and a room with tables and chairs. Nothing over the top – the people were grateful for what was offered.

Kudos to St. Mark's very new pastor Bart and his staff for pulling this together each month. It's a way to touch some lives in your area that doesn't take a ton of heavy lifting.

### More Social Outreach

On Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Second Chance Tucson is going to host a community forum that'll be focused on how to assist people in overcoming the challenges faced by having prior

criminal convictions. The idea is helping reintegrate those who have ‘paid their debt’ to society. It’s about helping people to move forward in their lives.

The event will take place from 2pm until 5pm at the Apache Ballroom, TCC. Sponsored by the Community Partnership of Southern Arizona, the forum will cover these topics:

- The impact on the community of having high rates of incarceration
- The role of trauma, mental health, and substance abuse
- Criminal justice responses to reentry challenges
- Success stories and employer impacts
- Highlights of local reentry programs

At our last study session we adopted a “Ban the Box” policy so that people don’t have to disclose prior convictions until they’re past the initial screening and have a conditional offer of employment (exceptions for sensitive positions that require background checks). The Second Chance Tucson forum will build on that policy. The forum will benefit job seekers, employers, and will be generally instructive to people who simply want to educate themselves more deeply on this topic. They need an idea of crowd size, so...

[Click here to R.S.V.P.](#)

### **Service Line Warranties of America**

I must admit that last year when we signed on with SLW, it felt a little like we were spamming your mailboxes, but they’ve been recognized by the Better Business Bureau since 2003, the service is optional, and so I figured we’d give it a whirl. Well, the second year of the program is starting in April, so I wanted to give a short report on the first year’s tally.

So far, over 14,000 Tucson residents have enrolled. Just over 9,000 of those are for the water line program, and just under 5,000 are enrolled in the sewer line part of the program. Those numbers indicate that many of you appreciated the option.

The deal is that you can sign up to be covered for repairs to either your water or sewer line. It’s your responsibility to cover repairs out to where the water (or sewer) line connects with the utility. Any number of things can cause a break in the line (tree roots, extreme weather, age) so everybody has to assess their own level of vulnerability and decide whether or not the situation makes this a good investment. I pulled out all of the potentially invasive plants in our yard and our lines are fairly new, so I’m not a subscriber, but I’ve got a co-worker whose parents own an old house surrounded by oleanders – they signed up.

You’ll be getting more information in the mail soon. This is not a sales pitch for the program. As I noted above, it makes sense for some people and it doesn’t for others. If you’d like more information about the program itself, you can click on this link and it’ll take you to a FAQ page: <http://www.slwofa.com/slw-faqs.html>. If you want to ask City staffers about how the program works, the contact number is 837.4094.

## Water Rates



On April 7<sup>th</sup>, we're going to be asked for approval to move a proposed water rate increase forward into the public discussion phase. For the past several years we've been moving rate hikes forward at about 8.3% annually. This year, and projected for the next four, that increase is 7.3%. What's important to recognize is that even with the increase, Tucson Water customers pay less than a penny per gallon for drinking water. When we move this forward into the public process, though, a part of the increase that's key to understand is that we're also including price incentives for those of you who conserve in your use of potable water.

We have what's called a 'block rate schedule.' That means we put in place a series of 'blocks' that reflect the amount you pay for each Ccf (100 cubic feet) you use. Tucson Water did a study and determined our average single family residential customer uses just under 9 Ccf per month on an annual basis. Then they broke that down into summer months (where we're using more water outdoors for things like watering fruit trees, filling swimming pools, etc.) and winter months. They found the winter usage is just over 7 Ccf monthly, while the summer months it jumps to over 10 Ccf. The conclusion is that our average indoor use is about 7 Ccf.

With that in mind, what we'll be asked to consider next month is an adjustment to one of the 'blocks' in the rate structure. Nearly half of our customers use 7 Ccf or less on average. Right now, our lowest rate block runs up to 10 Ccf. What Tucson Water is proposing is to drop the top of the low 'block' down to 7 and set rates for those customers at even less than what they currently are for the 1-10 Ccf block. The goal is to further incentivize water conservation.

Here's a comparison that shows how the rates would look if we just did the 7.3% increase without changing the blocks versus what they'll be with a block change. The figures in the far right column are the cost per Ccf.

<b>Preferred Alternative: Option A*</b>				
	<b>consumption (Ccf)</b>	<b>% consumption</b>	<b>% of accounts</b>	<b>proposed rate</b>
<b>Block 1</b>	<b>0-7</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>\$ 1.40</b>
<b>Block 2</b>	<b>&gt;8-15</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>\$ 2.70</b>
<b>Block 3</b>	<b>&gt;16-30</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>\$ 7.23</b>
<b>Block 4</b>	<b>&gt;30</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>\$ 11.50</b>

<b>Reflects Current Structure: Option B</b>				
	<b>consumption (Ccf)</b>	<b>% consumption</b>	<b>% of accounts</b>	<b>proposed rate</b>
<b>Block 1</b>	<b>0-10</b>	<b>73.9</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>\$ 1.52</b>
<b>Block 2</b>	<b>&gt;11-15</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>\$ 3.40</b>
<b>Block 3</b>	<b>&gt;16-30</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>\$ 7.50</b>
<b>Block 4</b>	<b>&gt;30</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>\$ 11.75</b>

As you can see, the very high water users constitute fewer and fewer TW customers. That means the conservation message is working. I'm in favor of rewarding very low water users with lower rates. We'll see how the discussion goes when this item comes to us next month.

Oh, and the reason Option A is called "Preferred" is that our Citizen's Water Advisory Committee supports making those changes in the rate block structure.

### **Final Water Item**

We're opening swimming pools again this summer at multiple locations around town. You can check the Parks and Recreation website to find which is closest to you.

Pools don't run themselves. Right now, Parks and Recreation is in the process of hiring 150 lifeguards and swimming instructors for this summer's seasonal work. The work will begin on May 25<sup>th</sup>, but the hiring is taking place now.

In order to apply you'll need to meet these minimum qualifications:

- Must be at least 15 years old at time of hire
- Experienced swimmer and available to work required hours/locations
- American Red Cross certification in CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer
- American Red Cross certification in First Aid Basics
- American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification

To learn more about the jobs and how to apply, you can use this link:

<http://1.usa.gov/19lCztk>.

### **Welcome to Ward 6**

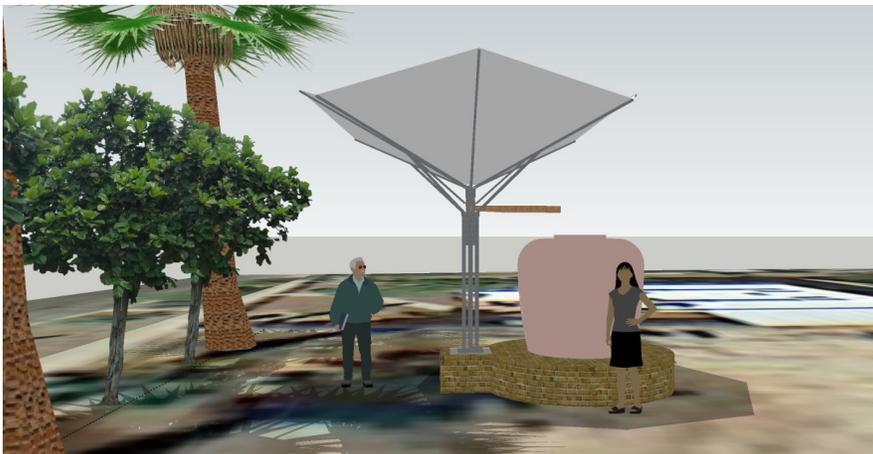
Two new businesses are coming to Ward 6, and both are repurposing some old buildings in lieu of knocking them down and starting from scratch.

This Wednesday, The Downtown Clifton Motel is opening at 485 S. Stone. The building they're renovating was built in 1948 and has gone through several prior uses. What's particularly cool about the Clifton business model is that they're partnering with some other nearby local businesses. Those include Tap & Bottle, Scott and Co. and Five Points Market. Together they'll offer discounts to Motel guests and help to get the word out about the activity going on at those other businesses.

Also coming is the repurposing of the former Franklin's Clothing Store at 876 E. University. Gearing up for an August opening is a new Mexican Restaurant called Illegal Pete's. They already have some outlets in Colorado. This will be their first here. What's interesting about their business model is their wage scale begins north of \$10 per hour for restaurant workers. They also offer their workers a good fringe plan.

We're keeping good momentum going with appropriate commercial additions to the streetcar corridor and surrounding areas.

## Rincon Heights Work Day



If I had to guess, those are images of Rincon Heights President Evren Sonmez and resident Mark Homan in the picture. Alfred Hitchcock always had to get himself into some scene in each of his movies – same principle is evidently going on over in RHNA.

The rest of what's shown is the work they're planning for this Saturday. What's depicted is a 'rain jar' that will be sculpted as a water harvesting feature over in their community garden. The canopy above will funnel rainwater into the jar, and it'll serve the dual purpose of providing shade for some of the more delicate herbs they're establishing in the area.

Both the UA Facilities Management masons and the UA School of Architecture are helping with some of the work, but on Saturday you can join in the sculpting of the 'rain jar.' To do so, get ahold of Heather at [hgillette@email.arizona.edu](mailto:hgillette@email.arizona.edu), or give her a call at 561.7636. They'll have both a morning and an afternoon session, so it's likely one of them will be convenient if you've got the urge to hone some new skills.

## Rosemont West Development Meeting

In closing, I want to invite any interested parties to come and join a presentation by JL Investments at the Ward 6 office relative to early conceptual ideas for development of a parcel out east on Broadway at Rosemont. This is the land you may be more familiar with for having a pumpkin and Christmas tree operation during the fall months. Tom Warne is the primary developer involved with the project.

The presentation will be on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. The purpose is for Tom and his team to first relate what they've heard in two prior similar meetings, and to continue to fine-tune their plans based on what comes out of the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Everybody's welcome to come and be a part of the discussion.

Sincerely,

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

## Events and Entertainment

### **Jane Jacobs Walk**

Saturday, April 4, 2015

Meet at 45 N 5th Avenue, 10 am – 11:30 am

A Jane Jacobs Walk is a free neighborhood tour that celebrates and investigates the people and places that make a city great, celebrating author and urban activist Jane Jacobs' legacy. Brought to you by the Living Streets Alliance, this walking conversation will explore the connections between fine-grained urban infill development, historic preservation, walkable neighborhoods, and economic vitality. The walk will be co-led by Architect/Planner/LSA Board Member **Corky Poster**, City of Tucson Preservation Lead Planner **Jennifer Levstik**, and LSA staff. [www.livingstreetsalliance.org/event/jane-jacobs-walk-spring-2015/](http://www.livingstreetsalliance.org/event/jane-jacobs-walk-spring-2015/)

### **Canine Walk for Cops**

Saturday, April 4, 2015, Check-in at 7:30 am

Brandi Fenton Park, 3482 E. River Road

Benefitting the Tucson Police Foundation, this fun-filled morning leads off with a one-mile walk, then breakfast, an exciting TPD K9 demonstration, doggie contests/awards and a terrific raffle. Cost is \$20 for one walker and one doggie and includes breakfast for the walker and a goodie bag and bandana for the doggie. Don't wait – this event is limited to the first 200 registrants. Register online at <http://www.tucsonpolicefoundation.org/canine-walk-for-cops/>

### **Arizona Gives Day**

Thursday, April 7, 2015

Arizona Gives Day is a statewide, 24 hour, online giving campaign. It is a way for people to find, learn about, and contribute to causes they believe in. Arizona Gives Day provides nonprofits with a way to share their story and engage the community through a unique online giving platform. Donors' contributions will go even further with over \$150,000 in prize money available to participating nonprofits. Find your favorite nonprofit or a new organization to support and schedule your donation now at [azgives.givebig.org](http://azgives.givebig.org).

## Ongoing . . . .

**Fox Theatre**, 17 W Congress St

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

**Hotel Congress**, 311 E Congress St

<http://hotelcongress.com>

**Loft Cinema**, 3233 E Speedway Blvd

[www.loftcinema.com](http://www.loftcinema.com)

**Rialto Theatre**, 318 E Congress St

<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

**The Rogue Theatre** at The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd

<http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm>

**UA Mineral Museum**, 1601 E University Blvd

February 7, 2015– January 31, 2016, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

'**Meet the Trilobites - Arizona's First Inhabitants**' - Long before the dinosaurs ruled the earth, the trilobites ruled the seas. Ancient relatives of lobsters and horseshoe crabs, trilobites flourished in the warm seas that covered much of Arizona millions of years ago. *Meet the Trilobites – Arizona's First Inhabitants*, the new exhibit at the Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium, features world-class trilobite fossils from around the globe. Come travel back in time and discover the wondrous world of trilobites!

<http://www.uamineralmuseum.org/>

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

Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight train passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org>

**Arizona Theater Company**, 330 S Scott Ave

<http://www.arizonatheatre.org/>

**Tucson Museum of Art**, 140 N Main Ave

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

**Meet Me at Maynards**, 311 E Congress St (north entrance on Toole)

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

[www.MeetMeatMaynards.com](http://www.MeetMeatMaynards.com)

**Tucson Botanical Gardens**, 2150 N Alvernon Way

<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

**Jewish History Museum**, 564 S Stone Ave

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

**Children's Museum Tucson**, 200 S 6<sup>th</sup> Ave

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

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

**Arizona State Museum**, 1013 E University Blvd

November 9, 2013, through July 2015, "Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios."

[www.statemuseum.arizona.edu](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu)