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# Ward 6 Newsletter

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### First Amendment Forum – Free Speech & Civility; Striking the Balance



The Klan marching in Skokie, Illinois and burning an American flag are both considered “protected speech.”

In these days of social media, you can ‘speak’ to tens of thousands of people at the click of a mouse. What’s legal? What’s appropriate? Where’s the line? What place does context play in any of those questions?

Come this Wednesday at 6pm to the Modern Languages building on the UA campus to participate in that conversation. On the panel we’ll have a former UA Law School Dean, representation from the Dean of Students Office, the Islamic Center, and the Jewish Federation, and former Congressman Ron Barber representing the Center for Civility. There will be an open mic for your questions and comments.



**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

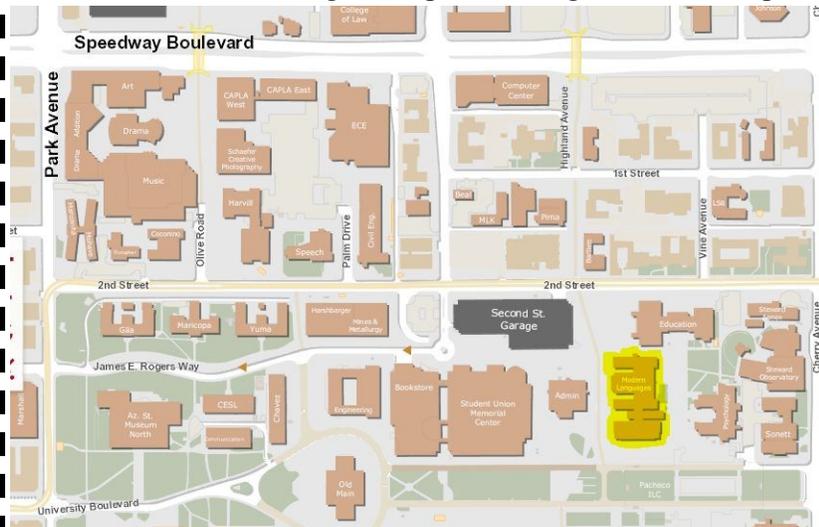
**Pima County Animal Control**  
243-5900

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

# Continued: A Message From Steve

This forum is an offshoot from several unfortunate incidents that occurred on and around campus last fall. Those involved faith-related epithets, but the issue of speech versus civility includes far more than religious offensive speech. In TUSD over the past several years, there have been eight suicides that were connected to bullying. The LGBT community has suffered from offensive speech and actions. Race, ethnicity, picketing funerals – it’s all of a piece when it comes to the issue we’ll be talking about.

The intent of the meeting is to open a dialogue with the hope we’ll be a more understanding and compassionate – thinking – community as a result. I hope you can make it. The more voices included, the more we’ll all have the chance to learn from one another.



Modern Languages,  
Room 350 (in the middle of campus, by the Admin Building.)  
Doors @ 5:30  
Forum begins at 6pm

## Pima Animal Care Funding



Those aren’t images of the Pima Animal Care Center, but they’re relevant. The pictures are of portions of the Pima County sanitary sewer treatment facilities. There’s a connection.

We have an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County to pay *our share* of the operations costs for PACC. Since about half of the animals they take in are from within City limits, that’s totally fair and appropriate. I’ve advocated for increasing our payments and earmarking the increase to the County spay/neuter program – unsuccessfully. But if we as a region are eventually going to decrease shelter costs, that’s going to have to be a part of the solution.

We also have an IGA with the County in which the City agrees to include the costs for the sewer system on our water bills. When you get your bill, look it over and you’ll see sever-



### 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

al line items. One is Water, one is Environmental Services, one's a conservation fee, and one is for the County wastewater system. We collect their fees and pass them along. That's the negotiated agreement.

Our negotiated agreement for PACC is for operations. It does not include either a piece for 'administration,' nor does it include a portion for the large tent facility they built at PACC last year. Last week, we received notice from the County that they would like us to include those costs – a unilateral change to our negotiated agreement. That's \$310K for "administrative overhead," and \$245K for "additional kennel capacity."

I shared in a previous newsletter two relevant things:

- 1) The State has shoved costs down to the City and County and we're going to have to sort out these new costs together.
- 2) There is intentional misinformation being floated that the City is not interested in continuing our support of PACC.

The fact is that we have been negotiating our FY'16 IGA for a couple of months. If we didn't want to continue funding PACC, we wouldn't even be at the table. At the same time, it is simply bad faith bargaining by the County to attempt to shove a half-million dollar bill onto the City that was never agreed to in advance.

When we saw the Ducey State budget, we all knew this round of negotiations at the local level was going to be tough. It doesn't make it any easier to maintain a cordial and working relationship when one side makes unilateral changes to previously agreed-upon terms of IGAs. That's what's going on.

I believe admin charges can legitimately be considered a portion of operations, but you negotiate that, just as we did with the admin charges the County pays when we provide them with billing services. I also believe we should be paying a portion of the capital costs associated with the new kennel capacity the County built, but the way to do that would have been for the County to have checked with each of the surrounding jurisdictions to make sure we were all able and willing to pay a chunk of that bill *before* moving ahead with the construction.

We'll accomplish what we need to in these negotiations, but we'll do it through good faith efforts at reaching an agreement, not by sending bills that were not agreed to earlier, and not by sending the PACC volunteers misleading propaganda intended to levy pressure on the City to simply write a check.

If the County would like to eliminate its line item on our Water bill and collect its own fees for running the sewer system, I'm sure nobody on the M&C would flinch. If that change were to be made, you'd be able to see just how much the sewer bills are increasing. Now, when you see an increase in your bill, that portion is hidden within everything else that Tucson Water collects.

Good governance requires good faith. We'll get there, and PACC will be properly funded.

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

## Sex Trafficking

According to Federal law, anybody who's under the age of 18 who is induced to perform a commercial sex act is automatically a trafficking victim. All minors, regardless of whether or not they give consent, are considered victims.

Last week, the Tucson Weekly ran a piece on the recently passed trafficking legislation that made its way through the State Legislature. The Weekly accurately described my disappointment with that bill. That disappointment was based on amendments which limit its application to victims whose convictions occurred prior to last year, and only apply the bill's provisions to convictions related directly to having sold sex. No other convictions that may be associated with having been trafficked are touched by the bill.

Around the same time, the ASU School of Social Work sent out a flyer describing training that's now being given to public safety workers. The training is specifically aimed at sensitizing public safety workers to the special needs of trafficking victims, and giving them ways to identify them. Some of the unique signs may include

- Evidence of sexual trauma
- Cigarette burns
- Fractures
- Bruises and or contusions
- Tattoos found on the body may serve as a "brand" that the victim belongs to a certain trafficker
- Drug abuse related health issues such as asthma, Hepatitis C, skin infections



Also last week, Amy and I joined several others at Catalina High School to meet with parents, administration and the school security officers in order to talk about recent incidents in which CHS students had been inappropriately approached by a guy outside of their campus. Was he trying to traffic the girls? Well, from the perspective of Federal Law I've cited above, he was by definition. More broadly, was his motive to abduct them? We don't know, but meeting with parents and students to alert them to the potential was the responsible thing to do.

On Friday night of last week, my bride and I took part in the Sold No More (SNM) event out at Victory Assembly Church. It was a fundraiser for the SNM non-profit work that's specifically aimed at trafficking. One of the facts they shared was that 300 runaway girls in Tucson will be approached by traffickers *just this year*. If you'd like more information on that organization, you can find them at [www.soldnomore.org](http://www.soldnomore.org).

And from 9:30am until 4pm (EST) this coming Thursday, anybody can participate in a conference call that's being coordinated by Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Education on the topic of human trafficking. The morning session will be devoted to talking about trafficking issues in middle and high schools. It'll include an interactive training and panel discussion that will include both law enforcement and non-governmental organizations. The afternoon will cover the issue as it relates to colleges and universities. If you'd like to take part, you can register by going to [bluecam-paign@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:bluecam-paign@hq.dhs.gov).

The point is that prostitution is not a victimless crime. It's a crime of exploitation in which the trafficked are psychologically, physically and chemically abused. We'll see the results of that recently-reported massage parlor investigation over time, and when they come out bear in mind the true nature of how these are people who are being bought and sold like a commodity. The 'Johns' are facilitating that 'transaction.'

Finally, on Tuesday evening I'll be taking part in a group discussion at a private home in the Catalina Vista neighborhood on the topic of trafficking. This is yet another opportunity to get people engaged by educating them about the real vulnerabilities that exist in this community.

Despite the glitch in how the State legislature addressed this important topic, it's gratifying to see academics, public safety, public schools, faith based organizations, the media, and neighbors all taking aim at this subject. We have good momentum going. If you see opportunities to join in, please do so. If you'd like some ideas, please contact us at the Ward 6 office and we'll get you plugged in.

### Davis Monthan Update



That's an image of a HH-60 helicopter. It's one of the aircraft used in Search and Rescue missions. The 563<sup>rd</sup> Rescue Group trains out of DM.

Right now we're in a public comment period relative to this mission. Last week, I wrote about a study written by Barry Blechman that the Star reported on which made clear the need for bases to establish mul-

multiple missions if they're going to remain viable in the face of tough budget cuts. This is one such mission we already have at DM.

The comment period is related to a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) being conducted in which the Air Force is proposing new training 'landing and drop sites' for the 563<sup>rd</sup>'s work. Here's a description of the alternatives they have been considering:

*Two alternatives - the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative - were analyzed in detail in the SEA. The Proposed Action and any alternatives were evaluated based on their potential to satisfy the purpose and need, specifically to provide realistic personnel search and rescue training for Air Force and other Department of Defense (DoD) units, ensure that an adequate number of HLZ/DZs are available during training events, and ensure that a wide variety of terrain types are available to provide realistic training.*

Two things about military reports: They use run-on sentences (I'm also guilty) and they use acronyms. HLZ/DZ are "helicopter landing zones" and "drop zones." Let me prep you for another acronym coming below: CSAR is "Combat Search and Rescue."

I hear from time to time that people don't feel their comments on these SEAs are meaningful. I'm using this one to demonstrate that that's not always the case.

This SEA is considering up to 20 additional training sites. Each site would potentially be used up to 250 times per year. They'll range in size of from 0.3 to 2.7 acres. In analyzing the sites they take into consideration both natural and human environments. Here are some comments I took from the SEA abstract that demonstrates how your input may be important to their conclusions:

*The Federally Endangered Pima pineapple cactus (*Coryphantha scheeri* var. *robustispina*) and lesser long nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuena*) food sources such as saguaro (*Carnegiea gigantea*) and Palmer's agave (*Agave palmeri*) were found at some of the HLZ/DZ sites and would be avoided during site use.*

*The use of the Grapevine and Stronghold sites would impact the land use and visual resources, socioeconomics, and noise environment of the surrounding area. Also, the use of the Jenna HLZ/DZ site, would have potential noise impacts on the Coronado National Forest. Due to these impacts, the Grapevine and Stronghold sites will be removed from the list of proposed HLZ/DZ sites and will not be used during routine training events conducted by the 563 RQG. During training use, low-flying flight patterns over the Coronado National Forest north of the Jenna HLZ/DZ will be avoided so that specific noise threshold is not exceeded over the USFS lands. The training personnel will be advised of this requirement prior to each training mission using the Jenna HLZ/DZ. With these implementations, the impacts would be minor to moderate, and no significant impacts would occur. (Underlines are my emphasis.)*

The public comment period on this SEA ends on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. You can see the full report through this website: <http://tinyurl.com/mpqf5sl>.

Davis Monthan is important to our locale, the nation, and to military preparedness. It also suffers from residential encroachment. Identifying missions appropriate for all of those realities is what the Blechman Report addresses. Be a part of the conversation through whatever means you feel most comfortable.

#### **DM Footnote:**

I get feedback each week on some of the items I put in the newsletter. Last week, a guy who worked in the office that was facilitating West Coast Navy-Marine base closure planning and execution back in the 1990s connected with me after he had read the newsletter. He had read the piece on the Blechman Study and noted similarities between the controversy he experienced back in San Diego and what we're seeing here today. The Navy-Marine issue was about consolidating multiple missions into what is now Miramar Marine Corps Air Station over in San Diego. The military was conflicted over the issue of putting fixed wing and rotary aircraft operations on the same airfield. They ended up doing it, and what was then a base vulnerable to closure is now an active installation that continues to play a significant role, both regionally and internationally. It was good to see that example of how the military has come to terms with the sorts of questions we're facing with respect to DM, sequestration and consolidation of multiple missions that match the opportunities and constraints of the local area.

#### **Broadway Update**

The proposed alignment for Broadway was revealed at the public Open House last Thurs-

day. It's available for you to see online at [Tucsonaz.gov/Broadway](http://Tucsonaz.gov/Broadway). The next public discussion of the proposal will be this Thursday at 5:30pm at Our Saviors Lutheran Church located at 1200 N Campbell.

The new proposal shows the direct or potential impact of up to 85 properties. Back in February, the number was less than half that. I'll be meeting with staff to learn how the increase came about and what we're really gaining with it.

The new proposal also includes the discussion of a possible Indirect Left Turn at the Campbell intersection. The Citizen's Task Force will have to work through trade-offs related to road width, where to use/eliminate landscaping, width of sidewalks, width of bike lanes and travel lanes, and property acquisition. The two key factors underlying these considerations are affordability and functionality.

The M&C will get a proposal from staff on June 9<sup>th</sup>. I've already shared with some of them that we cannot be given something they know cannot be built (sidewalks too narrow to comply with ADA requirements, for example). Nonetheless, any direction that we give will have to build the flexibility for staff to respond to what they find in the field once specific negotiations begin with individual property owners. Even what's shown on the alignment we'll get to vote on will not be etched in stone. It will be the baseline working alignment from which discussions with property owners may move forward. The community and all property owners along the corridor deserve that level of decision. Without it, the ongoing disinvestment in the corridor will simply continue.

### **Budget Update**

When we were putting together the FY'15 budget, there were both transit fare increases and route efficiency proposals coming to us from Staff. The two original fare alternatives were these:

*Alternative A (Proposed Fare Structure with Base Fare Increase \$0.25 in FY15)*

*Yields - \$2,228,132*

*Alternative B (Alternative A with Economy Fare to 50% of Base Over 6 Years)*

*Yields - \$2,405,647*

Both of the options were eventually projected to bring in around 25.5% farebox recovery.

Staff also presented to us route efficiency options – described this way in our initial FY'15 budget talks:

*If approved and implemented, the recommended Sun Tran service changes would result in an estimated \$2.4 million annual operating budget savings in FY2015 for the City.*

We ultimately chose neither of the fare options and route changes that were only projected to yield \$110K.

I've asked Staff whether any of the original options can be reconsidered without having to go back through a Title VI analysis. I voted on the losing side of each item, so if they're coming back for this budget cycle, somebody else will have to make that motion.

Another option M&C are considering to balance the budget this year is to continue to delay some of the transit-related capital projects that staff has in the pipeline. Here's what's on the table:

<b>Capital Improvement</b>	<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>Local Match</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sun Van Replacement Vans FY 2015*	\$1,797,100	\$572,900	\$2,370,000
Sun Van Replacements Van FY 2016	\$2,170,000	\$434,000	\$2,604,000
Admin Bldg. Repairs (Elevator)	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000
Design of CNG Fueling Facility at Sun Tran NW	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
Stormwater and Repaving South Yard**	\$1,600,000	\$400,000	\$2,000,000
Transit Center Improvements	\$0	\$475,000	\$475,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,967,100</b>	<b>\$2,381,900</b>	<b>\$8,349,000</b>

*\*The buses may arrive before June 30. We will not know the final vehicle delivery schedule until May. If delivery is before the end of the fiscal year, then the budget capacity will not be needed in FY 2016.*

*\*\*The full project cost for this item is \$4 million. Deferment of this project until May 2016 is already accounted for in the recommendations presented in the City Manager's Recommended Budget.*

And here's the Staff response to our even considering stopping these capital projects at this stage:

Deferment of these projects presents a variety of risks, such as:

- Delaying replacement vans increases the likelihood of current vehicle breakdowns resulting in increased maintenance costs and potential loss of service to Sun Van customers.
- Deferment of repairs to the elevator at Sun Tran's South Park Garage, increases the risk of potential malfunction, employees and/or customers being trapped in the elevator as well as incurred cost of rescue, repair and failing to meet FTA State of Good Repair guidelines under federal guidelines. The expected useful life of the elevator is 30 years and the current age is 39 years.
- Due to long lead time for project design and construction, deferring the design of the CNG fuel facility at the Sun Tran Northwest Facility increases the chance that fuel will not be available for new CNG buses at this location. This affects the ability to deploy CNG buses throughout the system without incurring additional operating costs due to increased deadhead miles.
- Further delay of the storm water and repaving of Sun Tran's South Yard project increases the chance of employee injury and damage to equipment over time due to extremely poor pavement condition.
- There are a number of projects scheduled under Transit Center Improvements, deferring these projects could jeopardize the safety of our employees and customers such as bathroom conditions, uneven concrete and paving surfaces, unreadable kiosks, and overcrowding at the Laos Transit Center.
- Lastly, delaying the start of any project shortens the amount of time available for the expending of federal funds, which increases the chance that the federal funds could be eliminated for late project delivery.

I believe the most telling part of the memo we received from Staff concerning these projects was this statement:

*Delaying capital projects is a temporary financial action which does not address the underlying structural budget issue. The City Manager does not recommend deferment of these projects with the exception of the Stormwater and Repaving South Yard project which is proposed to be deferred until May of 2016, and is reflected in this manner in the FY 2016 Recommended Budget.*

In other words, don't kick these cans down the road again. Any business operator or homeowner knows that deferring maintenance will eventually result in more costly fixes than what would have been necessary when the needs were first identified.

We have other budget responsibilities. I've looked at the past few years' budgets and pulled together some data relative to some of those.

Department	Actual FY'14	Adopted FY'15	Recommended FY'16
Planning & Development	\$8.1M	\$9.2M	\$8.9M
Parks (Operating)	\$36M	\$37M	\$37M
Tucson Fire	\$86M	\$92M	\$99M
Tucson Police	\$154M	\$161M	\$167M
Sun Tran (GF Ops)	\$28M	\$29M	\$30M
Sun Van (GF Ops)	\$10M	\$11M	\$11M
Streetcar (GF Ops)	\$0	\$905K	\$2.3M

It's important to note that in Planning and Department, the Code Enforcement staff totaled 30 in FY'14. It's being recommended to continue at a reduced number of 28 employees this year. We had sent a very different signal to many who are frustrated with the City's inability to abate Code violations in a timely manner.

With respect to both of the Public Safety agencies, the cause of the increased budgets is 'Salaries and Benefits.' For Fire, those dollars have increased from \$78M in the 'Actual FY'14' column to a recommended \$90M this year. For TPD, the 'Actual FY'14' figure was \$133M, and Staff is recommending \$144M this year. The cause is a combination of the salary increases we adopted last year and pensions.

The State is responsible for working out the pension part of our Public Safety costs. We don't control that. They tried to impose an illegal fix last year and as a result we're on the hook for \$18M in back fees this year, with the likelihood of a similar legal mandate coming early next year.

On a tangential note, we need to buy new police cars. Although the Star ran a piece on this last week, we knew it over a year ago when I requested Staff publish our "Unmet Needs" list. It's over \$1B, and both police and fire vehicles are a part of it.

In order to address the TPD portion, last weekend I requested Staff apply for grant money that's being offered by the Tohono O'odham Nation for public safety needs. By State Statute, the Nation is required to pass through 12% of their gaming proceeds to "benefit the general public." One of the eligible uses for those funds is public safety needs that exist in cities, towns and counties. Our needs certainly qualify to at least make an application. The due date is June 12<sup>th</sup>, so Staff has time to get our oar in that water.

We need to invest more in our Parks. There are some County bonds you can vote on this fall if you agree, but we can't rely solely on that or our physical Parks infrastructure will suffer. Similarly, we should not continue to defer maintenance on our transit fleet. We should increase funding for Planning so that Code Enforcement is more appropriately staffed. As I've said before, no one portion of the budget can stand alone as a silo from the rest.

More discussion on the budget coming next week at our May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Parks**



A big thanks to our Parks & Rec staff for getting this pet water fountain installed at the Tahoe Park. I've seen dog owners let their animals use the regular water fountains to rehydrate – this is much more appropriate.

Also, the Summer Program Guide for classes offered through P&R is now available. You can pick up a copy at any library or at any of our P&R facilities. If you want to 'page' through it online, you can do that too by go-

ing to [tucsonaz.gov/parks](http://tucsonaz.gov/parks).

The programs include leisure classes, swim lessons, as well as other sports programs and camps. The guide also describes low income and senior rates, specials that you can enjoy at the Reid Park Zoo, and our golfing options. This summer there will be swimming available at 18 pools around town. I poached some information directly out of a staff advisory that you should know about registration:

*Register online at [www.ezeereg.com](http://www.ezeereg.com). Timely registration is recommended, since summer offerings fill up quickly.*

#### **Registration Dates:**

*April 25 at 6 a.m. – In-Betweeners, Sports Camps, Junior Staff in Training, and KIDCO*

*April 25 at 9 a.m. - Leisure classes and Learn-to-Swim Lessons/Aquatics*

*April 27 at 9 a.m. - Therapeutic Recreation Programs and Adaptive*

*Aquatics classes, and non-city residents*

*Please see the Program Guide for registration information and deadlines.*

## This 'n That



This is about the time when our winter visitors start heading back home. As they do, the extremely helpful volunteer time they invest in the community goes with them. ITNGreaterTucson works hard to fill that gap. Our seniors still need to get around town, and if you have the means with which to help, please give Kathy or Bob Wilson a call at 209.1645 to get involved. They've also got a website at [www.itngreatertucson.org](http://www.itngreatertucson.org).

Tucson Residents for Responsive Government held its annual meeting at the Ward 6 office on Saturday. A part of the meeting was breaking into groups and identifying factors that make for successful collaboration. The goal is to integrate those into how government and the various community stakeholders interact. It comes as no surprise that the group noted a willingness to listen, hear multiple voices, and be open and transparent in how final decisions are reached. Thanks to Nicole Ewing-Gavin and Rebecca Ruopp for taking a chunk of their Saturday to participate.

You know I'm big on nurturing the local film industry. This Saturday at the Fox downtown there'll be a show called "I Dream in Widescreen." It's going to be an evening of various screenings of short films produced by UA fine arts students. I work with many of the UA Journalism students and see the amount of work they put into their 90 second projects. The shorts you can see on Saturday are closer to 15 minutes in length. I know of five that will be shown, but I suspect there will be more than that. I hope you can come and show your support of the creativity these students are going to display. You can get tickets ahead of time either at the UA Fine Arts Box Office (noon – 4pm) or by going online to [tickets.arizona.edu](http://tickets.arizona.edu). The show begins at 7pm, with doors at 6pm.

Physicians for Social Responsibility, in collaboration with Climate Smart Southwest, has produced a booklet that gives a wide variety of information about what you should do to prepare for extreme weather here in the Southwest. This *Citizen's Guide* speaks to planning, preparation, how to build resiliency into both your home, and into your neighborhood – and it gives numerous emergency phone numbers you should have at hand in case of the unexpected. To check on getting a copy of this (or multiple copies for your neighborhood association board) you can either go to [www.psr.org/azclimate](http://www.psr.org/azclimate) or give Amy a call in our office and she'll get you connected with the group.

Sincerely,

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

## Events and Entertainment

### **Civic Orchestra of Tucson Pops Concert**

Sunday, May 3, 2015, 7 pm

DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center @ Reid Park

The orchestra is led by this year's Tucson Musicians Museum inductee Dr. Herschel Kreloff. The concert is free and will feature two winners of the orchestra's Young Musicians' Competition winners. Come early for an Instrumental Petting Zoo at 6 pm in front of the band shell. For more information, visit [www.cotmusic.org/upcoming.aspx](http://www.cotmusic.org/upcoming.aspx).

### **Join Watershed Management Group in Defending Your Public Rain Gardens**

Be part of The Monsoon Squad, the front line of defense for Tucson's community rain gardens. Through gardening and observation, Monsoon Squad members play a pivotal role in keeping community rain gardens looking their best and functioning properly. You'll help care for one of four City Council offices or Watershed Management Group's Living Lab and Learning Center. By signing on to the Monsoon Squad you join a force of people that gathers for exclusive trainings, special outings and makes water harvesting a shining public example. You'll receive an orientation with all the information to get you started. Want more information? Click here: <http://watershedmg.org/monsoon-squad>. Have questions? Contact Emma at 520-396-3266 x 15 or [co-op@watershedmg.org](mailto:co-op@watershedmg.org).

### **Art in the Park Exhibition "Lightpainters"**

Tuesday, April 28, 2015, 3:30 pm – 6 pm

UA Tech Park, 9070 S Rita Rd, Executive Briefing Center – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Light Painters is a photography exhibit by Sunnyside High School Career and Technical Education students that represents three years of light mastery. The paint brush is a camera and pigment is the light. These photographs cover art that crosses the 19th and 20th century and each picture was made with a philosophy, design and reflection using 21st century materials to discuss contemporary points of view. Free tickets available at:

[www.eventbrite.com/e/art-in-the-park-light-painters-tickets-16485156547](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/art-in-the-park-light-painters-tickets-16485156547).

### **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 trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.

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

<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org>

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

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

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

[www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org](http://www.TucsonMusuemofArt.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.childernsmuseumtucson.org](http://www.childernsmuseumtucson.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)