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# Ward 6 Newsletter

## Tucson First

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### Corbin



In the past week I've attended memorial services for two friends who died (Tom Sanders and Gayle Hopkins – many of you knew them), had a niece married, and became a grandpa. Life's cycles.

So the Ward 6 office now has a grandson. This is Corbin at about two hours old. He's resting up for when I get him out on the road running – and for the trip to the zoo I've already booked for this November. He's the reason my bride recently retired from a 35 year career at TUSD. Pretty peaceful looking pose. I wonder what his world will look like in 20 years.

### Broadway

It's just a wild guess, but I suspect the public hearing we have tomorrow evening won't be quite as peaceful as what Corbin's experiencing in that photo. The hour-long public hearing will begin during our evening session. I expect a full house, and so I requested a change of venue. If you're planning on coming, the evening



**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

session will be held in the County Board of Supervisors’ first floor meeting room at 130 W. Congress. We’ll start at 5:30, and likely get to this item at around 6:30 pm.

At the unveiling of the 30% alignment that was held last week, the city also revealed the results of a study related to moving and saving several houses located on the north side of Broadway, at the west end of the design corridor. Back in the ‘70s we had a similar community conversation about some historic buildings located on the north side of Speedway. Some were moved back to make way for widening Speedway – they’re still in place and now occupied by some UA programs. I found it odd that at the Metro Chamber business discussion that was held a couple of weeks ago, the moderator referred to that as a mistake. I know many in the community would hold a different opinion.



Some of the members of the Rincon Heights Neighborhood asked what it would cost to move and preserve these buildings. As you can see, two of them are already city-owned, and five are privately owned. Poster Frost Mirto just completed a study on what it’d cost to do the work – find their spreadsheet on the next page. Bottom line: if their numbers are correct, it would cost \$1.3M. At this time, the RTA says it would not be an allowable project cost, which means the city, as the lead agency, would have to come up with the cash.

We don’t have \$1.3M laying around to fund this work. The Speedway widening happened before the RTA existed, so the funds came from a different pot of cash. If moving the houses on Broadway were to happen, the RTA and county would have to reconsider their position.

# STATEMENT OF PROBABLE COST

## BROADWAY HISTORIC STRUCTURES RELOCATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

March 30, 2016

Categories of Budget	Property Address							Total x 7 sites Hard Costs	GC, P, Tx, Ins 15% Conting.	Grand Totals
	1601	1611	1615	1625	1629	1641	1647			
<b>Moving Costs</b>	\$ 91,500	\$ 67,600	\$ 82,900	\$ 76,000	\$ 108,500	\$ 67,900	\$ 79,200	\$ 573,600	\$ 244,468	\$ 818,068
Demo moving prep										
Cut/cap utilities										
New foundation/slabs										
Move structure										
Rebuild features										
Reconnect utilities										
<b>Abatement costs</b>	\$ 6,800	\$ 6,800	\$ 6,800	\$ 6,800	\$ 6,800	\$ 6,800	\$ 6,800	\$ 47,600	\$ 20,287	\$ 67,887
<b>Rehabilitation costs</b>	\$ 90,000	\$ 11,500	\$ 15,200	\$ 13,000	\$ 16,800	\$ 9,300	\$ 13,000	\$ 168,800	\$ 71,945	\$ 240,745
<b>Totals</b>										
<b>Hard Costs</b>	\$ 188,300	\$ 85,900	\$ 104,900	\$ 95,800	\$ 132,100	\$ 84,000	\$ 99,000	\$ 790,000		
<b>GC, P, Tx, Ins, 15% Conting.</b>	\$ 80,200	\$ 36,600	\$ 44,700	\$ 40,800	\$ 56,300	\$ 35,800	\$ 42,300		\$ 336,700	
<b>Sub-Total</b>	\$ 268,500	\$ 122,500	\$ 149,600	\$ 136,600	\$ 188,400	\$ 119,800	\$ 141,300			\$ 1,126,700
<b>Extra Contingency*</b>	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000			\$ 175,000
<b>Project Planning Total</b>	\$ 293,500	\$ 147,500	\$ 174,600	\$ 161,600	\$ 213,400	\$ 144,800	\$ 166,300			\$ 1,301,700

\* Extra contingency is included because we were unable to enter non-City-owned occupied addresses to determine rehab costs

Other Alternate Project Costs		
Abate and Demolish all 7 structures. Backfill all 7 sites		\$ 160,000

Doing the work would leave unaddressed the ultimate use of the buildings. The city would still own them, and we're not in the business of being landlords. Some buyer would need to be found, and that new owner would then need to invest in tenant improvements to suit their operational needs. On top of that, I don't know that taking care of one block answers the other questions people have about the proposed alignment – in fact, it might just open the door for requests of a similar nature down the road, literally. I'll be listening during the public hearing for whether this topic is even raised and, if so, for the context in which people speak about it. Here's the Poster Frost Mirto rendering of what the segment would look like if the houses were moved.



BROADWAY CORRIDOR - PROPOSED ALIGNMENT  
1601-1647 EAST BROADWAY HISTORIC STRUCTURE RELOCATION FEASIBILITY STUDY



We're not expected to take any specific action after tomorrow night's public hearing, but I'm sure there'll be some conversation on what we've heard, and possibly reactions to the proposed alignment from some of the council members and mayor. Because the city is the lead agency on the project, making sure the project comes in under budget is our responsibility – and covering any busts is our obligation.

**Budget**

On the budget note, today (Monday, April 4th) we're holding a focused forum with city department heads to explore more deeply the budget hole we're trying to fill. The meeting will be held at Fire Central, which is downtown (300 S Fire Central Pl). It'll run from 4:00 pm until around 8ish. It's of course open to the public.

One of the areas of focus for me will be how we're allocating funds to touch the lives of the most needy in the community. The Star ran an article on Sunday that addressed funding sources other than our General Fund. I've got issues with the allocations noted in that article, but that discussion isn't happening at the M&C this week.

We have funding sources other than the General Fund, but since the community needs far surpass the Federal sources' ability to meet them, all of us on the M&C are committed to finding ways to allocate some of our General Fund resources to human service needs.

Last week I obtained the list of the proposals we'll be seeing the first week in May. Over 100 applications came in for funding, and they came from dozens of service providers in the community. Many of them applied for more than one allocation – for example, the Salvation Army applied for funding related to nine different programs that they run, for a total of \$800K in requests. All of the requests combined came out to millions of dollars in programmatic support. We don't have anything close to the amount of resources to take care of those sorts of "asks," but everyone was invited to submit. There were about 12 categories used to score the applications. The criteria ranged from whether the agency mission was consistent with our funding priorities, to whether it demonstrated a need for what was requested, to the cost-effectiveness of their budgets and performance outcomes.

The sources of our funds include Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and Emergency Services Grants (ESG), which are both federal, and our General Fund. The types of sub-categories covered by those funds are things like crisis and emergency shelter assistance, homeless programs, and assistance for youth, elderly, disabled, and other special populations. To give an idea of the types of agencies we've funded in the past, here's a table that shows our current CDBG funding allocation:

**FY 2015 Annual Action Plan Project Allocations and General Fund Requests are as follows:**

	AGENCY NAME	PROJECT NAME		
	HUMAN/PUBLIC SERVICES		SERVICE AREA	CDBG AMOUNT Requested
1	COT/Housing Management Division	Family Self-sufficiency	Public Assistance	\$18,000
2	Primavera Foundation, Inc.	Primavera Women's Services	Crisis Assistance	\$50,000

3	Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona	The Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)	Crisis Assistance	\$190,000	Crisis Assistance
6	Pima Council on Aging/Elderly Independence w/CHRPAs	Case management	Public Assistance	\$30,500	
7	Tucson Centers for Women and Children dba Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse	Crisis Assistance for Survivors of Domestic Violence	Crisis Assistance	\$190,000	
13	Primavera Foundation, Inc.	Emergency Services	Crisis Assistance	\$102,580	
18	Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center	Investigative/Intervention Services for Child Abuse Victims	Crisis Assistance	\$80,000	
9	Our Family Services, Inc.	New Beginnings Emergency Shelter Services	Crisis Assistance	\$60,000	
19	United Way	Income Tax Preparation	Public Services	\$9,000	
21	Youth on Their Own	Special Needs Program	Crisis Assistance	\$40,000	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$770,080</b>	

And here's a table that shows what is being proposed for us to consider on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Human/Public Services based on FY 2017 CDBG Allocation of \$754,688**  
**CDBG Funding**

	AGENCY NAME	PROJECT NAME	SERVICE AREA	FY 2017 CDBG recommended allocation
1	Emerge! Center Against Domestic Violence	Crisis Intervention- Child	City Wide	\$62,304
2	Pima Council on Aging	Home Care Services for the Elderly	City Wide	\$50,000
3	Youth on Their Own	Special Needs Program	City Wide	\$50,000
4	Old Pueblo Community Services	CDBG Low Demand Shelter	City Wide	\$150,000
5	Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse	Crisis Intervention- Adult	City Wide	\$150,000
6	Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center	Investigation/Intervention Services for Children Abuse Victims	City Wide	\$76,511
7	Pima Council on Aging	Nutrition Program for the Elderly	City Wide	\$50,000
8	The Salvation Army	Safe Hands: Shelter for Survivors of Human Trafficking	City Wide	\$150,000
	<b>Set asides Funds</b>			
	COT – HCD/PHA Housing Mgmt.	Family Self Sufficiency MOU		\$15,000
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$753,815.00</b>

These are just the CDBG funding proposals. I will be taking exception to two of them in particular when this comes to us: the elimination of funding for the Community Food Bank (CFB) emergency food program and the Primavera shelter programs. Combined, those two sets of programs touch thousands of people throughout the community annually. If they've

got to be weaned off from funding, that sort of action happens over time, not in a single move at the end of a fiscal year.

To be fair, the CFB is recommended for continued funding for its Back Pack program (serves 2,000 kids), but the Caridad Community Kitchen request for General Fund dollars didn't make the cut. Similarly, Primavera is being recommended for continued funding of the Primavera Works program through our General Fund, but other programs are either being zeroed out or only having portions of the requested funding recommended. For example, the proposal above would reduce the downtown drop-in program from the requested \$88K down to \$21K. That program serves over 3,000 homeless people, many of whom are on waiting lists for homes, and many of whom are mentally ill. They provide mail, messaging, and personal health care needs through the program. The Emergency Shelter Grant money they've requested will be dropped to such a level that these people are simply not going to be served. On top of that, the shelter money they received through CDBG funds would be eliminated.

The dollars are being allocated to other agencies. All are worthy of some level of support. One of those is Old Pueblo Community Services. They applied for \$150K in Low Demand Shelter funds – and they pretty much took a shotgun approach by applying for CDBG, ESG, and General Fund money. The recommendation would grant the full amount they applied for under CDBG. Salvation Army is another new recipient for its Safe Hands Trafficking program. Obviously, this is a program I'd want to see supported – they requested \$150K, and they'll also be fully funded if M&C adopts these recommendations.

One of the areas to which I don't believe the selection committee gave adequate consideration is the number of people touched by the programs. As I've noted, between the CFB and Primavera programs that are being zeroed out, thousands of people are impacted. Between the Low Demand and Safe Hands programs, it's a couple of hundred. Those couple of hundred have legitimate needs and deserve consideration. And yet, when funding doesn't meet the needs, tough choices need to be made. One of those is to cut the slices a little smaller so the reach is expanded. Eliminating entire programs as important as those I've noted isn't consistent with that approach.



I suspect others on the M&C will share their thoughts on these proposed allocations ahead of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Getting back to some level of support for those I've identified and keeping an open mind to the input from others on the M&C will be key to spreading our scarce resources as broadly as we can.

Right now, staff proposes a 10% reduction to our General Fund funding for human services agencies. That's in the neighborhood of \$150K. I would support our fully funding this line item and preserve the ability to reach at least three of the agencies that are now being eliminated from our allocation process.

#### **More in the Non-Profit World**

On that same theme, coming tomorrow (April 5<sup>th</sup>) all day - midnight to midnight - will be Arizona Gives Day. It's a single statewide day of giving. Since 2013 when it began, it has

helped to raise about \$4.5M for Arizona non-profits.

**\$22.4 billion**

**The annual economic impact  
of AZ nonprofits**

Source: Arizona Nonprofits: Economic Power, Positive Change



Arizona non-profits employ people (over 300,000) in addition to reaching into the lives of those in need. This graphic shows the broad economic impact that non-profits have throughout the state.

People need a reminder, and in that regard, Arizona Gives Day has been a great tool for getting many of you to open your checkbooks and hearts to the needy. This graphic clearly shows the impact of this Day:

**17,620**  
people  
donated in  
2015

**78%**  
said the day  
prompted  
them to give

**36%**  
of donors had  
never donated  
before

The organizers of Arizona Gives Day have provided ways for individuals and businesses to get involved. Here are some links you can use to do that – and be a part of the solutions we’re trying to achieve through the allocation of scarce resources I’ve noted in the discussion above, where we’ll be placing our own (taxpayer) dollars into community based programs.

[For individuals](#) - they’ve provided resources for you to share why you care and encourage others to join in.

[For businesses](#) - find information on how to support Arizona Gives Day through marketing communications, sponsorship, matching gifts and more

It’d be great to see Tucson step up and be a big part of this year’s AZ Gives Day.

### **Taxes**

Back to the budget more generally. Another fiscal item we’ll consider involves bringing to the voters a question about changing our charter as it relates to either sales or property taxes – or both. We’ll be talking through those options on Tuesday, but ahead of that I’ve suggested looking at any particular tax in isolation from others and comparing that to other jurisdictions doesn’t tell the whole story. Some cities have property taxes, others don’t. Some have sales taxes at certain rates because they don’t have offsetting taxes in other areas. To

allow us to see the full picture for comparison, staff has produced the table shown below. It's a good summary of who's charging what to their residents. Having this will better inform our conversation on ballot measures. It's also just interesting to see how others fund their core services.

Comparison of Transaction Privilege Tax Rates and Property Tax Rates for Selected Cities											
Transaction Privilege Rates	Tucson	Chandler	Flagstaff	Gilbert	Glendale	Marana	Mesa	Oro Valley	Phoenix	Scottsdale	Yuma
Advertising	0.00%	1.50%	2.051%	1.50%	2.90%	0.00%	1.75%	2.50%	0.50%	1.65%	1.70%
Amusements	2.00%	1.50%	2.051%	1.50%	2.90%	2.50%	1.75%	2.50%	2.30%	1.65%	1.70%
Contracting	2.00%	1.50%	2.051%	1.50%	2.90%	4.00%	1.75%	4.00%	2.30%	1.65%	1.70%
MRRA Amount	2.00%	1.50%	2.051%	1.50%	2.90%	2.50%	1.75%	2.50%	2.30%	1.65%	1.70%
Job Printing	2.00%	1.50%	2.051%	1.50%	2.90%	2.50%	1.75%	2.50%	2.30%	1.65%	1.70%
Jet Fuel Sales (cents/gal)	n/a	0.023/gal	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.03/gal	n/a	0.0732/gal	0.018/gal	n/a
Manufactured Buildings	2.00%	1.50%	2.051%	1.50%	2.90%	2.50%	1.75%	2.50%	2.30%	1.65%	1.70%
Publication	2.00%	1.50%	2.051%	1.50%	2.90%	2.50%	1.75%	2.50%	2.30%	1.65%	1.70%
Hotels	6.00%	1.50%	4.051%	1.50%	2.90%	2.50%	1.75%	2.50%	2.30%	1.65%	1.70%
Hotel/Motel (Additional Tax)		2.90%	0.00%	3.00%	5.00%	6.00%	5.00%	6.00%	3.00%	5.00%	2.00%
Room Sur-tax	\$2/room/24 hrs										
Residential Rental, Leasing & Licensing for Use	0.00%	1.50%	0.00%	1.50%	2.20%	0.00%	1.75%	0.00%	2.30%	1.65%	1.70%
Commercial Rental, Leasing & Licensing for Use	2.00%	1.50%	2.051%	1.50%	2.90%	2.50%	1.75%	0.00%	2.40%	1.65%	1.70%
Rental, Leasing & Licensing for use of TPP	2.00%	1.50%	2.051%	1.50%	2.90%	2.50%	1.75%	2.50%	2.30%	1.65%	1.70%
Rental of Vehicles (<31 days)	2.00%	1.50%	2.051%		2.90%		1.75%		4.30%	1.65%	
Restaurant and Bars	2.00%	1.80%	4.051%	1.50%	3.90%	2.50%	1.75%	2.50%	2.30%	1.65%	3.70%
Retail Sales	2.00%	1.50%	2.051%	1.50%	2.90%	2.50%	1.75%	2.50%	2.30%	1.65%	1.70%
Retail Sales (Single Item over \$5,000)					2.20%						
Retail Sales (Single Item Portion over \$5,000)						2.00%					
Retail Sales (Single Item over \$10,000)									2.00%		
Retail Sales Food for Home Consumption	0.00%	1.50%	0.00%	1.50%	2.50%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.65%	1.70%
Communications	2.00%	2.75%	2.051%	1.50%	6.10%	4.50%	1.75%	0.00%	4.70%	1.65%	1.70%
Public Utility - ROW, Communication Companies	1.50%		2.00%								
Transporting	2.00%	1.50%	2.051%	1.50%	2.90%	2.50%	1.75%	0.00%	2.30%	1.65%	1.70%
Utilities	2.00%	2.75%	2.051%	1.50%	2.90%	4.50%	1.75%	4.00%	2.70%	1.65%	1.70%
Wastewater Utility Services					2.90%				2.70%	1.65%	
Public Utility	4.00%										
Jet Fuel Use Tax (cents per gallon)	n/a	0.023/gal	n/a	n/a	0.028/gal	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.0732/gal	0.018/gal	n/a
Use Tax Purchases	2.00%	1.50%	1.00%	0.00%	2.90%	2.50%	1.75%	0.00%	2.30%	1.45%	0.00%
Use Tax from Inventory	2.00%	1.50%	1.00%	0.00%	2.90%	2.50%	1.75%	0.00%	2.30%	1.45%	0.00%
Use Tax Purchases (Single Item over \$5,000)					2.20%						
Use Tax Purchases (Single Item Portion over \$5,000)						2.00%					
Use Tax Purchases (Single Item over \$10,000)									2.00%		
Feed at Wholesale				1.50%							
Rental Occupancy						2.00%		2.50%	2.00%		
Timbering and other Extraction	2.00%	1.50%	0.0%	1.50%	2.90%	2.50%	1.75%	2.50%	2.30%	1.65%	1.70%
Severance - Metal Mining	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%
<b>Property Tax Rates</b>											
Primary (\$/\$100 assessed)	\$0.5326	\$0.2992	\$0.8234	\$0.00	\$0.4898	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.3414	\$0.5293	\$2.0704
Secondary (\$/\$100 assessed)	\$1.0634	\$0.8800	\$0.8366	\$1.0567	\$1.7067	0*	\$1.2125	\$0.00	\$0.4786	\$0.6244	\$0.00
Combined (\$/\$100 assessed)	\$1.5960	\$1.1792	\$1.6600	\$1.0567	\$2.1965	\$0.00	\$1.2125	\$0.00	\$1.8200	\$1.1537	\$2.0704

All rates as of April 1, 2016  
 Prepared by: Revenue Division, 03/24/16

\*CFD

### Tucson Greyhound Park

There was more activity out at the track last week related to dogs being taken to a local veterinarian for treatment.



Meet Bailey. He was taken to Briarcrest animal hospital last week after having been served "bad food." At this point, we're not sure if it was tainted by being in violation of the prohibition of serving uncooked "4D" meat (coming from dead, dying, diseased or disabled livestock), or because of some other issue that happened with the food in his kennel. Over half of the dogs from that one kennel came up with some symptoms, likely food related.

Racetracks across the country feed diets based on 4D meat. It's considered unfit for human consumption, so they feed it to the greyhounds. They're supposed to cook it and kill the bacteria, but trainers are reluctant to do that because of concerns that it'll slow down the hounds while racing. So, they take a minimalist approach, and as is typical of the greyhound racing industry, the dogs are the collateral damage. Uncooked 4D meat exposes the dogs to pathogens such as salmonella.

I requested an inspection from the state, which sent out personnel but have yet to finalize the inspection. Of course, the longer it goes on the less likely it becomes that anybody will be held accountable. The night following Bailey's incident, all races were cancelled. The report out to the public was that it was due to "equipment problems."

As is typical, Bailey and his vet bills were turned over to a local rescue. Neither the track, the trainers, or the owners pay for the medical bills related to the dogs they injure or make ill. It's yet another of the unsavory aspects of greyhound racing. Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption could be the recipient of your Arizona Gives donations.

### **HB 2127**

On a more positive note, last Thursday, the legislature took one more step towards ending live greyhound racing in Arizona. On a voice vote, the senate ratified the bill aimed at closing down TGP by the end of this year. Finally the owners (Florida based, and living the life of luxury at the expense of the dogs) have either gotten tired of dropping revenues and/or the bad press many of us have been trying to help make public. With the owners finally ready to cash in their chips, it becomes more likely that a bill will be signed into law.

I've said for a long time that the only reason live racing continues in Arizona is the state mandate that it do so in order to allow tracks to also run off-track betting facilities. If HB 2127 is passed, the owners will continue to have that right for the next two years. But the live racing would end at the end of this calendar year. There are nuances in the bill to make sure all the players get their cut of the gaming money. For instance, the TGP owners will be paying a portion of their handle to horsemen's groups as a way of buying the support of the horse racing tracks up in Phoenix. After two years, Turf Paradise – a horse track in Phoenix – will be allowed to open its own off-track betting facilities.

It's clear to see when all the layers are peeled back that none of this is about the welfare of the greyhounds. It is people making money on them, and rescues paying the freight when the dogs are ill or injured. Ending the track operations will come none-too-soon, and when the bill is finally signed, the focus will change to ensuring the dogs are adopted out in the most humane manner before the end of the year.

### **World View**

Letting the air out of another balloon, a lawsuit has been threatened over the agreement the county made with World View, the near-space balloon company that's hoping to open operations out by the eventual Sonoran Corridor later this year. This is of interest because the M&C recently also approved a deal to allow our Primary Jobs Incentive package to go to World View. A development agreement is be-



ing crafted right now. I voted against that because I don't believe having the county fund their manufacturing facility meets our standard for over \$5M of private investment into the region. It appears a lawsuit might answer that question now.



I said on the night of our vote that I hope for the success of World View. I continue to feel that way. I feel the same about the full build-out of the Sonoran Corridor. But we have a gift clause built into the State Constitution that mandates any taxpayer incentives given to private development has to yield back to the taxpayers more than what they're giving. The letter below explains the rationale

for the threatened lawsuit – it's based on the Gift Clause.

**GOLDWATER**  
 I N S T I T U T E  
*Where freedom wins.*

March 28, 2016

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 Fax: (520) 884-1152

**VIA U.S. MAIL & FAX**

Re: Pima County's Subsidy to World View Enterprises

Dear Chairperson Bronson:

The Goldwater Institute has learned that the Pima County Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with World View Enterprises, Inc. on January 19, 2016, in which the County obligated at least \$15 million in public funds to construct a high-altitude balloon facility for World View's use and benefit.

To pay for this project, the County has approved new Certificates of Participation (COPs)—debt that the County expects to repay over the course of 15 years. The COPs are essentially second mortgages on several public buildings, including the Public Works Building and parking garage, the Legal Services Building, the Public Service Center and parking garage, and the Adult Detention Center. This financing scheme adds \$15 million in long-term debt to the County's existing liabilities, extends repayment of existing COPs, and risks Pima County's

critical infrastructure on a speculative and untested business. In addition to constructing a 135,000 square-foot headquarters for World View, the County has also agreed to build a balloon pad that World View will control and use rent free.

Because the County is lending its credit in aid of a private corporation in the one instance, and subsidizing construction and use of the balloon pad in the other, this agreement violates the Gift Clause of the Arizona Constitution (Art. IX, sec. 7), which makes it illegal for the County to “give or loan its credit in the aid of, or make any donation or grant, by subsidy or otherwise, to any . . . corporation.” The Arizona Supreme Court has held that public expenditures must be for public purposes and if public expenditures create private benefits, the government must receive fair consideration in return. Moreover, indirect benefits—such as general economic improvement—are not consideration under the Gift Clause. *See Turken v. Gorden*, 223 Ariz. 342, 224 P.3d 158 (2010).

This agreement serves no public purpose. World View will charge \$75,000 for balloon rides to the stratosphere—three times the average per capita income in Pima County. This is beyond the reach of most residents, and will only benefit extremely wealthy passengers and World View itself—if it ever begins operations—at the taxpayers’ expense. Moreover, the jobs that World View has said it might create provide no direct benefit to the County, or its residents. These factors are doubtless why the County’s voters overwhelmingly rejected public subsidies for economic development and tourism promotion in November.

Nor is the consideration fair to taxpayers. The County is using public credit to finance this project at taxpayer risk while a private corporation enjoys the benefits of the bargain risk-free. Although World View will lease the building with an option to buy, this is an unlawful lease because County taxpayers are left with a \$15 million bill should World View default. The County doesn’t even expect a return on its investment until the 18th year of its 20-year agreement, and given the speculative nature of World View’s business—it has never given a ride to a single passenger—it is doubtful that World View will remain financially viable.

But even if World View were to succeed and either fulfill the lease or purchase the building, the consideration the County will receive is inadequate. The County will, at best, recover its investment capital plus a profit that is less than other, safer investments would produce—all while subjecting taxpayers to enormous risks. Moreover, World View will have the exclusive right to control the balloon pad, including the ability to charge rent to other space balloon companies. At most, the County will receive the cost of maintenance for the balloon pad.

This agreement also violates Arizona law and the Pima County Procurement Code. The County consulted in secret with Swaim Associates, Ltd., and Barker Morrissey Contracting, Inc., for at least six months before seeking approval to contract with them for design and construction of the balloon pad and facilities. The County then awarded both contracts to these corporations without competitive bidding, by claiming that an “emergency” existed under A.R.S. § 34-606. There was no emergency. The County simply set an expedited timeline, and then used that deadline to claim that there was insufficient time for legally mandated competitive bidding. This is unlawful, and is an affront to taxpayers who will be forced to shoulder the financial burden for the County’s defiance of competitive bidding laws and the Arizona Constitution.

Because the County entered into illegal contracts with World View, Swaim Associates, and Barker Morrissey, the Goldwater Institute respectfully requests that the County terminate the agreements and cancel the related COPs. Should the County ignore this request, it will be liable to a constitutional and statutory challenge by County taxpayers to enjoin these illegal expenditures.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of these matters and look forward to receiving a response no later than **April 8, 2016**.

The letter is signed by James Manley. He's a senior attorney at the Goldwater Institute.

Just a hunch, but I doubt the county is going to terminate any of the contracts, so this has the potential to end up in litigation. I'm not going to try to predict whether the plaintiffs try to put the brakes on the project until the lawsuit is completed, but it wouldn't be a huge surprise. That'd likely also put a halt to our own development agreement.

I've stated in the past that if indeed World View has the research contracts lined up that they say they do, they've got the financial ability to go into the private market and secure their own loans for the project. To avoid the time and money associated with litigation, seeing that happen would be the best result. If that were the case, our own Primary Jobs Incentive would be an appropriate part for the city to play.

### **Something More Down to Earth – 22<sup>nd</sup> Street & Alvernon Construction**

If you've been past that intersection in the past few weeks, you will have seen major road repair work going on. It began with the need to replace a sewer line, portions of which dated back to 1952. There's also a water transmission main that's being relocated – of course – to the middle of the intersection, as well as repairs to other segments of a 30" line that failed near the northwest corner of the intersection. This is a huge project involving multiple partners. It's going well, and the people involved deserve credit for minimizing the impact on the traveling public.

The work had to be broken into two phases – first replacing the corroded section of water pipe (done), and then pulling a liner inside the old pipe to prolong its lifespan. The work will continue until about mid-May. Following that, they'll go in and repave the area – end of May is the likely full project completion date.

Until the job's done, there will be periodic lane closures. If you'd like to follow the progress and keep updated, you can do that through this link: <http://sewerimprovements.com/22nd-street>.



When I kicked off my 2013 campaign, we did it at Borderlands Brewing Company. Great local brewers, started by some guys just hoping to make a go of it, and now a fixture in the downtown core.

This week's Local First is located at 119 E. Toole, right in the heart of the Historic Warehouse Arts District. Mike and Myles – the guys who run the place – both come from medical backgrounds, both continue to pursue medical and research careers, and both share a passion for home brewing. They pulled their resources together and opened Borderlands back in 2010. The Tap Room hours vary by the day.

Wednesday and Thursday, noon until 9pm  
 Friday and Saturday, noon until 10pm  
 Sunday, noon until 5pm

Check 'em out. Great service, and the product mix is a quality addition to the micro market that has blossomed in Tucson. Their phone number is 261.8773.

### Neighborhood Support Network - Huddle Up!

On Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Neighborhood Support Network (NSN) and city staff are going to kick off a series of get-togethers in an effort to connect people who are active in improving their neighborhoods. This event will run from 1:00 to 4:00 pm out at the Sentinel Building on Commerce Park Loop, and the activities planned for it will get things started and seek ideas for future sessions and workshops from you. By way of example, those future topics for those could include things like conflict mediation, new neighborhood board member orientation and training, what makes for good bylaws, and how to get the most of online resources like PRO and the County Assessor's property search page. In addition to that, the agenda builds in time for you to swap ideas and experiences with your counterparts from other areas of the city.

Mark your calendars for April 16<sup>th</sup> if you're involved with your neighborhood and would find access to others' strategies, tips, and know-how helpful. This should be a fun afternoon, and those who come to this meeting will choose the topics for future get-togethers, so make it a priority if that longer-term effort sounds valuable.

We're grateful to NSN and city staff for taking part in this effort to build bridges throughout the community.

Save  
the  
Date

Saturday, April 16

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sentinel Building, 320 N Commerce Park Loop

~ Refreshments Provided ~

### Neighborhood Huddle

The City of Tucson and the Neighborhood Support Network (NSN) are partnering to host an afternoon of networking, sharing, and problem-solving for neighborhood leaders on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

This neighborhood huddle will kick off a series of casual get-togethers for neighborhood leaders - past, current, and prospective. The goal is to provide a regular outlet for sharing successes, problems, and ideas with others who are active in improving their neighborhoods.

**Hope you can join us!**

*RSVP appreciated so we can provide enough of everything.*

Contact Becky Flores at 837-5013 or [neighborhood@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:neighborhood@tucsonaz.gov).

### Honor Flight

And finally, we want to help Margo Susco from Hydra in her work on behalf of the Honor Flight heroes who'll soon be flying back to D.C. This annual event is remarkable in how

communities from across the nation step up to let our military men and women know how much we appreciate what they've done for us. Margo will be accompanying one of our WWII veterans on the trip. Please help her defray some of the costs associated with the trip - the flyer shown below had all the details.



**HONOR FLIGHT GUARDIAN  
BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER**

**Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am to 7:00 pm**

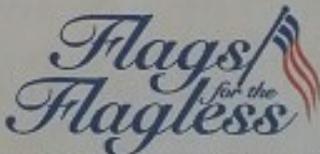
**6<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Congress Street  
(Downtown in front of Hydra)**

I will be escorting a WWII Veteran to the National Memorial in Washington, D.C. April 23<sup>rd</sup> through April 25<sup>th</sup> and must cover my own costs. Donations may be sent or delivered to: Hydra, 145 E. Congress, Tucson, AZ 85701, (520) 791-3711.

After the travel costs have been met, any additional donated funds will be split between:



Honoring Those Who Gave So Much  
[www.honorflightsaz.org](http://www.honorflightsaz.org)



Raising American Flags and Community Pride  
[www.flags4flagless.org](http://www.flags4flagless.org)

Sincerely,



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

## Events and Entertainment

# Empowering Communities through Healthcare Partnerships

Cross-Border Relations, Accessible Healthcare, and Local Impacts



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE TUCSON

Global & Border Health



You are invited to the free premiere of a short film on cross-border healthcare initiatives featuring the work of the Arizona Sonora Border Projects for Inclusion - or ARSOBO - the UA College of Medicine's Office of Global & Border Health and Sonoran University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD).

After the screening, a panel of experts will discuss accessible, affordable health care, cross-border relations, and how lessons learned could help expand this work.

**Where:** The Loft Cinema – 3233 E Speedway Boulevard

**When:** Thursday, April 21st – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

*Doors open at 6:00 p.m. – join us for happy hour*



ARSOBO works in Sonora, Mexico to provide low-cost medical devices like hearing aids, all-terrain wheel chairs, and prosthetic limbs to people with disabilities. It employs craftsmen who are users of the medical devices they build, and leverages donations to make the products available at prices its clients can afford.

*Questions? Contact the Ward 6 Council Office at (520) 791-4601*

### University of Arizona Spring Fling

Friday, April 8 – Sunday, April 10, 2016

University of Arizona Mall

Come check out the largest student-run carnival in the nation and experience over 35 rides, games, and a wide variety of over 20 original food booths ranging from corn dogs to crab puffs. The fair raises money for dozens of student organizations. Visit [springfling.arizona.edu](http://springfling.arizona.edu) for information on admission, parking, and road closures.

**Parks & Recreation Master Plan Open Houses**

The City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department is inviting the public to a second round of community-wide public open houses to continue efforts to gather public input on how it can best deliver recreation and leisure opportunities. The master plan will anticipate future needs and outline actions necessary to deliver high quality recreation facilities, programs and services. Residents are invited to make their voices heard at any of the meetings and through a variety of online and social media options. Visit [www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/masterplan](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/masterplan) for more information. Each of the following open houses will be held from 5:30-7:30 pm.

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

**El Pueblo Activity Center • Multipurpose Room • 101 W. Irvington Rd.**

**Wednesday, April 13, 2016**

**Morris K. Udall Center • 7200 E. Tanque Verde Rd.**

**Thursday, April 14, 2016**

**Randolph Dell Urich Golf Course • Copper Room • 600 S. Alvernon Way**

**Wednesday, April 20, 2016**

**Desert Sky Middle School • Multipurpose Room • 9850 E. Rankin Loop**

**Feldman's Neighborhood Water Harvesting Work Day**

**Saturday, April 9, 2016 | 7 – 10 am**

**East side of St. Luke's Home | 615 E Adams St**

The Feldman's neighborhood invites you to join them for a final planting and rain garden building work day on its C2E grant project along 1st Ave. They have 5 more trees and 50+ native shrubs to plant. If you can, bring a shovel, gloves, and a refillable water vessel. Coffee, juice, and snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to Iylea Olson at [ilode-signs2@gmail.com](mailto:ilode-signs2@gmail.com).