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# Ward 6 Newsletter

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### Wear Orange Day

Plan on joining hundreds of supporters of rational, common sense gun safety laws this coming Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> down at Presidio Plaza, outside of M&C chambers. There will be a series of speakers,

live music, other entertainment, and food options.

Wear Orange Day is a national movement being coordinated to get the attention of policy makers across the country. The goal, of course, is to implement laws and ordinances to increase the safety of the public. We've got several that are on the books locally – some of which are being challenged by the state. More on that below.

The events in Presidio will start at around 6:00 pm, and they should last for a couple of hours. Come and be a part of the message being sent.



### 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 Tucson**  
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

### Local Gun Laws – Preemption

Last state legislative session, the Legislature passed and Ducey signed SB 1266. This is the new law intended to overturn local gun safety ordinances, impose a financial penalty on jurisdictions that keep them on their books, and punish by removal from office local officials who don't toe the line and work to overturn the 'offending' local laws. That's a general description, and it's about the best one can do with the vague and rather incomprehensible language contained in the bill. We'll be going into executive session to discuss it on June 7<sup>th</sup>. My hope is that the M&C will support the notion of seeking a Declaratory Judgement from the court and simply have SB 1266 overturned.



To be clear, local option on gun safety laws isn't something new. Even back in the early days in places like Dodge City and Tombstone, localities had strong local laws, even including banning firearms inside city limits or forcing visitors to check them in with law enforcement upon entering the city. We've always had a wide range of local laws that were tailored to local preferences and conditions.

The NRA began its assault on local control with the adoption of the 1981 Morton Grove, Illinois prohibition on firearms. Today, over 40 states have implemented preemption laws so localities cannot adopt their own standards. Arizona is one of those states. Even so, we've been successful in crafting some ordinances and resolutions that do not run afoul of the state's attempt to cut off our ability to do so. It's that work I want to protect.

In doing some research on this issue, I ran across a report put out by Mayors Against Illegal Guns (<http://www.tracetheguns.org/report.pdf>). In it, they demonstrate that states which allow local regulation of firearms export guns used in crimes at a rate of 4.4 guns per 100,000 residents. In contrast, the 42 states with preemption laws have an export rate of 18.2 crime guns per 100,000 residents. Trafficking of guns is increased with strong preemption laws.

Most state constitutions allow local authority on issues related to public health, safety, and welfare. That concept flies out the door when it comes to guns. Urban areas with dense populations are forced by one-size-fits-all approaches to have the same standards on the books as wide open rural areas. I have yet to hear a rationale for that sort of broad brush approach to law that makes any sense. I'm still asking around.

Back to SB 1266 – it imposes civil penalties on the jurisdiction, but it's not clear who has standing to sue, or exactly what harm they could divine. And subjecting us to removal from office ignores our Charter sovereignty – and the little issue of the will of the voters. As I said above, I'm hoping we just go after it on its face and let a judge toss it in the trash heap.

The larger concept of preemption is where this battle needs to be waged. I'll continue to

look into that, while simultaneously taking on the bills coming at us from Phoenix that are offshoots of that principle.

We regulate safety features on everything from toys to caps on medicine bottles. But when it comes to guns, the discussion turns into one of fear of confiscation. Sad.



On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941, the USS Arizona was bombed at Pearl Harbor. There were 1,177 sailors killed in that attack. Now, on the UA Mall there's a fitting memorial being built – one you can participate in helping to fund.

The area being used is the grassy mall space directly east of Old Main. The area is almost the exact same dimension as the deck of the

Arizona. 1,177 brass medallions will be implanted on the concrete strip surrounding that mall area, each spaced one foot apart and carrying the name and personal information of a sailor who lost his life in that attack. Here's an image of one – note the young man's age:



Each of the medallions will be inscribed with the person's home state, rank and what he did on the ship. James Van Horn was from Tucson.

Most of the guys who were killed on that day were about the same age as the students walking across the mall every day. The hope is that seeing these medallions will give them pause to reflect on what was sacrificed so they can have the opportunities to excel that come with



### Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)  
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)  
520-575-8633

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

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

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

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild  
520-791-4201

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

being a student at the UA.

This memorial will be fully donor funded. If you'd like to participate, go to [www.ussarizonamallmemorial.org](http://www.ussarizonamallmemorial.org). There are videos describing the project, as well as links you can use to support the work.



### Compassionate Choices Forum



We've got the panel set for the upcoming end of life forum I'll be hosting on June 25<sup>th</sup>. It promises to be a very interesting and provocative presentation.

In pulling this together, those of us involved in the planning wanted to offer a broad set of perspectives. As I mentioned last week, we'll have people who have directly experienced watching a loved one go through their last days in some challenging conditions. In addition, we'll have a medical perspective, as well as a legislative one. It's easiest to simply list the roster of panelists:

Lance and Lauren Goldberg - I introduced Terry Goldberg's story last week. Lance and Lauren are her husband and daughter.

Mary Snider - Oro Valley Town Council Member. Mary will bring a personal account of experiencing end of life challenges as they related to a family member.

Dr. Vicki Greiff – specializes in geriatric medicine, and has extensive experience in the issue of medical aid in dying.

Dr. Randy Friese – Banner UMC Trauma Surgeon and District 9 State Representative. Randy will also speak from a medical perspective, but will serve as the link to a conversation about what's to come in the next Arizona legislative session.

State Senator Barbara McGuire – representing District 8, she'll be speaking directly to proposed legislation headed for the next Arizona session.

We'll begin the forum at 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> in the community room at the Ward 6 office (3202 E 1<sup>st</sup> St). This is a fundamentally important issue that can touch any family without warning. I hope you can carve out a couple of hours on the 25<sup>th</sup> to join us in exploring the topic.

If you'd like to see more of Terry's story, including a video shot in her final days, click on this link: <https://www.compassionandchoices.org/terminal-ariz-woman-calls-for-medical-aid-in-dying-laws-in-new-video/>

For more information on Compassion and Choices, you can reach out to Sanda Schuldmann at [sandaschuldmann@gmail.com](mailto:sandaschuldmann@gmail.com) or (520) 437-5614.



Che's Lounge is located at 350 N 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. This picture shows their Watermelon drink – it's getting hot, so this seems like a good local Tucson option to share this week.



Che's has been around on the Avenue for over a decade. It's a great place to meet friends in a casual but comfortable atmosphere. They've got live music on Saturdays, an eclectic jukebox the rest of the time, and a wide variety of 'summer' drinks. Hours are noon until 2:00 am, 7 days per week. Not hard to find – artsy interior – and half way between downtown and the UA. And it's convenient to the streetcar line.

### ***Three City News Items***

#### **SummerGo Passes**

Watermelon drinks signal the arrival of hot weather. Another signal is the beginning of the youth SummerGo Passes that combine access to our transit system with access to city swimming pools. The passes went on sale last week.

For \$45, students from ages 6 to 18 can have unlimited rides on our public transit and free entry into our pools. The passes are available at several city recreation centers around town, and also at city pools. You'll need to present a student ID in order to buy one of the SummerGo passes. The passes will be good through August 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Summer Meals for Kids**

The TUSD, Amphi, Sunnyside, Flowing Wells, and Marana school districts are participating in a program that makes free breakfasts and lunches available to kids who live in the region. These are free meals this summer for kids who are under the age of 18.

The Summer Food Service Program is funded and operated by the USDA. This is what that agency does, not oversee puppy mill conditions. The meal sites are open to the public regardless of your participation in the food program. For those who are though, adults accompanying their kids are served breakfast for \$2 and lunch for \$3.

Check this link to the Tucson Weekly for schedule and location information: <http://bit.ly/1TBujbV>

#### **Tucson Water – Scam Alert**

And possibly playing off from the arrival of higher temperatures, Tucson Water is alerting residents to a phone scam going around town. The topic of the call will be bill collection.

Several Tucson Water customers have reported receiving calls from somebody who claimed to be from a collection agency claiming to have been hired to collect money from water cus-

tomers. The caller threatens to turn off your water if you don't pay immediately.

When people are behind on their Tucson Water payments, we do not make these sorts of threatening calls. You'll receive two written notices of your account delinquency, which will be followed up with an automated phone call asking you to contact Tucson Water. We do not request either payment or financial information over the phone. If you have any questions about your account status, or would like to report questionable calls like this, call 791-3242 or email at [TW\\_customerservice@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:TW_customerservice@tucsonaz.gov).

### June 25 at The Shelter Lounge



Che's Lounge is our local Tucson focus this week, but I'll be hanging out at a different bar on Saturday, June 25th. It's all a part of helping to support the *Beading Divas to the Rescue*, a local group that makes beaded bracelets and donates the proceeds from the sales to different animal organizations.

Since they started this back in 2009, the Divas have raised over \$150K in support of animal non-profits. This event will be a combined celebration of their accomplishments, a chance for you to come and support their work, and as an added bonus this year, we'll be celebrating the closure of Tucson Greyhound Park.

Even with the TGP closure, plenty of needs out in the animal welfare community remain. I think they want me to 'bartend,' but once they see that act, they may just make me a waiter. Either way, the event runs from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. I'll be there for as much of it as I can. The Shelter is located at 4155 E. Grant, on the north side of the road just east of Alvernon.

If you can't make the event but would like to know more about the Divas, email [karynzoldan@yahoo.com](mailto:karynzoldan@yahoo.com) or call 955-9061. You can find plenty of references to the group by Googling Beading Divas to the Rescue.

### *Transportation Items*

#### **I-11 Corridor**

I shared a couple of weeks ago the map of the study area related to the Arizona portion of the I-11 border-to-border transportation corridor. An ADOT 45 day public comment period has now begun. It's the next step in the three year environmental study of the project. Through that process, you'll have a chance to weigh in on the concept, the proposed alignment, environmental and wildlife considerations, and other issues related to the project.

There will be six formal public presentations given throughout June. The Nogales to Wickenburg section of the roadway is being discussed. The proposed alignment would run along US 93 from the Hoover Dam bypass bridge, south to Wickenburg, west around Phoenix, south to Tucson, and then down to Nogales. Hearing your input on this general route is a valuable part of this environmental review.

The Tucson meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> out at the Riverpark Inn (777 W Cushing St., west of the freeway). The meeting will run from 4:00 pm until 6:30 pm. Each public presentation will offer the same material, so if you miss ours, you can check one out in a surrounding city. They have a website that lists all of the public meetings: [i11study.com/Arizona/](http://i11study.com/Arizona/). There's also an online survey on the same website that you can take to share your thoughts, email address to which you can write ([I11ADOTStudy@hdrinc.com](mailto:I11ADOTStudy@hdrinc.com)), and a toll-free bilingual telephone hotline to call (1-844-544-8049).

### Broadway Widening



Last week, this 30 foot tall saguaro was taken down by TDOT workers. Given its size, it likely weighed over four tons. I've been jogging past it for years. While I do not agree with the decision to move the 30% roadway alignment forward, partially due to what many of us feel is unnecessary demolition that will occur along the corridor, taking out this saguaro was *not* a direct offshoot of the widening. But it would have been once construction begins. More below.

The cactus was leaning toward the sidewalk and the street. The ground at its base was separating, meaning that the root system had begun to pull out of the ground. It was losing its own support and had become a public safety hazard. It's a drag that it needed to be taken out, but I believe staff made the right decision based on the circumstances they found.

...and yet (there's always an 'and yet') the cactus was in fact within the 30% design right-of-way that M&C just approved for the Broadway widening. If it hadn't been taken down due to the safety concern, it would have when construction began. With that in mind, I've alerted staff to another large, old growth saguaro that's about 50 feet to the west of where this one was. It's also within the eventual Broadway right-of-way, and will therefore eventually be taken down. So are two more saguaro on city-owned property at Tucson Blvd and Broadway. They'll go too unless we proactively relocate them. What I've suggested to staff is that they do that, and at the same time do a landscape inventory of the north side of Broadway looking for other valuable cactus and landscape specimens that we might relocate now, banking them for future use when we need to create landscape buffers after construction. There's a big semi-open plot of land filled with mesquite right next to where the saguaro was just removed. Its city-owned and could be used to 'store' the harvested landscape materials until needed during construction. In fact, we just planted this mesquite grove about two years ago. This site is a landscape buffer for the assisted living facility that's located immediately north of the harvesting site I'm proposing. What is now open space for them will soon become a drive lane for traffic.

I did a quick recon of the area on the north side between Tucson Blvd and Mountain Ave. In addition to the three saguaros and the newly planted mesquite grove by the assisted living facility, there are cactus and mesquite by the Starbucks on Campbell, Mediterranean palms at the Maderas Gallery, large palms on Mountain, and other potential material around Warren. Not all of it will be cost-effective to move. Some might be. The saguaros are specific-

ly called out in our Native Plant Preservation Ordinance. These aren't project cost line items we've seen included up until now.

I grow and nurture native plants all around and in my house (this guy's doing just fine in my back yard). Sometimes they've got to come out, though. If we can 'bank' those that may only be killed because of the Broadway right-of-way, then we save money that would have later been spent to create buffers, and we save the resources that now exist.



Pima County has a native plant preservation ordinance. We expect private developers to go the extra mile in preserving native cactus like saguaro. Honoring the spirit of that is worth our investigation.

One other Broadway item – in the material approved by M&C to move the 30% design forward, an amendment to our intergovernmental agreement with the RTA contained this language: “Structures within the proposed right-of-way shall be demolished within 180 days from acquisition.” During the first meeting last week between Bob Vint and his group and staff, it was made clear that the language only relates to when a portion of a building is actually severed by the new ROW. If that happens, yes, the building's coming down per the amended language. If however, all of a business's parking is taken but the structure isn't touched by the alignment, the 180 day demolition language doesn't kick in. Ultimately the building might come down, but that would be after land use decisions had been made, and those conversations haven't begun with property owners yet.

From all accounts, the first meeting with the Vint team was too large. It was certainly too late in the process to expect meaningful change to result. Much of what was discussed have been topics covered during CTF meetings and public open houses. The first meeting set the stage for further meetings, where they'll break out into smaller groups, each with a specific area of focus (land use, for example) and try to find acceptable adjustments to what's now on the documents.

With the vote to accept the 30% design, we aren't going to see wholesale changes to the design. The project team is moving forward towards 60% documents – we should see those by about the end of the year. Within those constraints, the Vint team is doing what it can with staff to try to mitigate some of the concerns many of us have with respect to impacts on surrounding homes and businesses – and saguaros.

### **Transit Fare Meetings**

We have also the process for consideration of transit fare increases and route changes into motion. The dates, times, and locations for the public outreach have now been set. You'll have eight opportunities to share your thoughts before the issue comes back to M&C for a vote. See the next page for information on when and where those meetings will occur.

I've previously shared that one of the fare proposals is to increase rates by a dime this year and by 15 cents next year. Combined those increases will yield just under \$2M annu-

**Additional Open House Event Schedule**

Date	Location and Time
Wednesday, June 1, 2016	10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at El Rio Neighborhood Center, 1390 W. Speedway Blvd.
Thursday, June 2, 2016	10:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Woods Memorial Library, 3455 N. 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave. 6:00 - 7 p.m. at El Pueblo Activity Center, 101 W. Irvington Rd.
Tuesday, June 7, 2016	12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Joel Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave.  5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Wilmot Library, 530 N. Wilmot Rd.
Thursday, June 9, 2016	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Clements Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Dr.
Tuesday, June 14, 2016	5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Pascua Yaqui Reservation, TBA
Thursday, June 16, 2016	5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Oro Valley Library, 1350 W. Naranja Dr.

ally back to the General Fund. That figure is based on some loss of ridership presumed by staff in their modeling.

One other idea that's being proposed for consideration is what Paul's calling a Value Deal Fare. Generally, it's reducing by about 20% the fares for some categories, keeping the base fare unchanged until 2021, and starting to increase the economy fare next year. Here's a comparison on the revenue yields between what's now on the table (called the City Manager's Recommended) and what Paul's proposal would bring in:

Comparison of Additional Revenue	FY 17 (9/12ths)	FY18	Total (2 years)	FY19	FY20	FY21	Total (5 Years)
City Manager's Recommended	443,010	1,471,500	1,914,510	1,503,230	1,536,060	1,569,905	6,523,705
CM Cunningham 5.4.16*	131,339	373,750	505,089	625,355	790,630	1,237,620	3,158,694
Difference	(311,672)	(1,097,750)	(1,409,422)	(877,875)	(745,430)	(332,285)	(3,365,012)
Percentage of City Manager's	-70%	-75%	-74%	-58%	-49%	-21%	-52%

Revenue Forecast	FY 17 (9/12ths)	FY18	Total (2 years)	FY19	FY20	FY21	Total (5 Years)
No Change in Fares	8,861,265	12,326,700	21,187,965	12,507,800	12,692,700	12,881,500	59,269,965
City Manager's Recommended	9,304,277	13,798,195	23,102,472	14,011,030	14,228,760	14,451,405	65,793,667
CM Cunningham 5.4.16	8,992,604	12,700,450	21,693,054	13,133,155	13,483,330	14,119,120	62,428,659

Note: FY17 figures assume increase effective October 2016. FY18 through FY21 are annualized figures.

To meet the budget numbers we're shooting for, the Value Deal proposal requires an increase in full fare cash ridership of about 225,000 next year, and by an additional 490,000 new riders in FY'18.

I know the Mayor has a fare increase idea, and I also know a couple of members from the Transit Task Force are working on a proposal that'll yield the same budget numbers contained in the CM's recommendation of a dime and fifteen cents. If either of those are going to be a part of the upcoming public open houses, they need to be brought to M&C so we can formally insert them into the process.

### Scott Avenue Changes

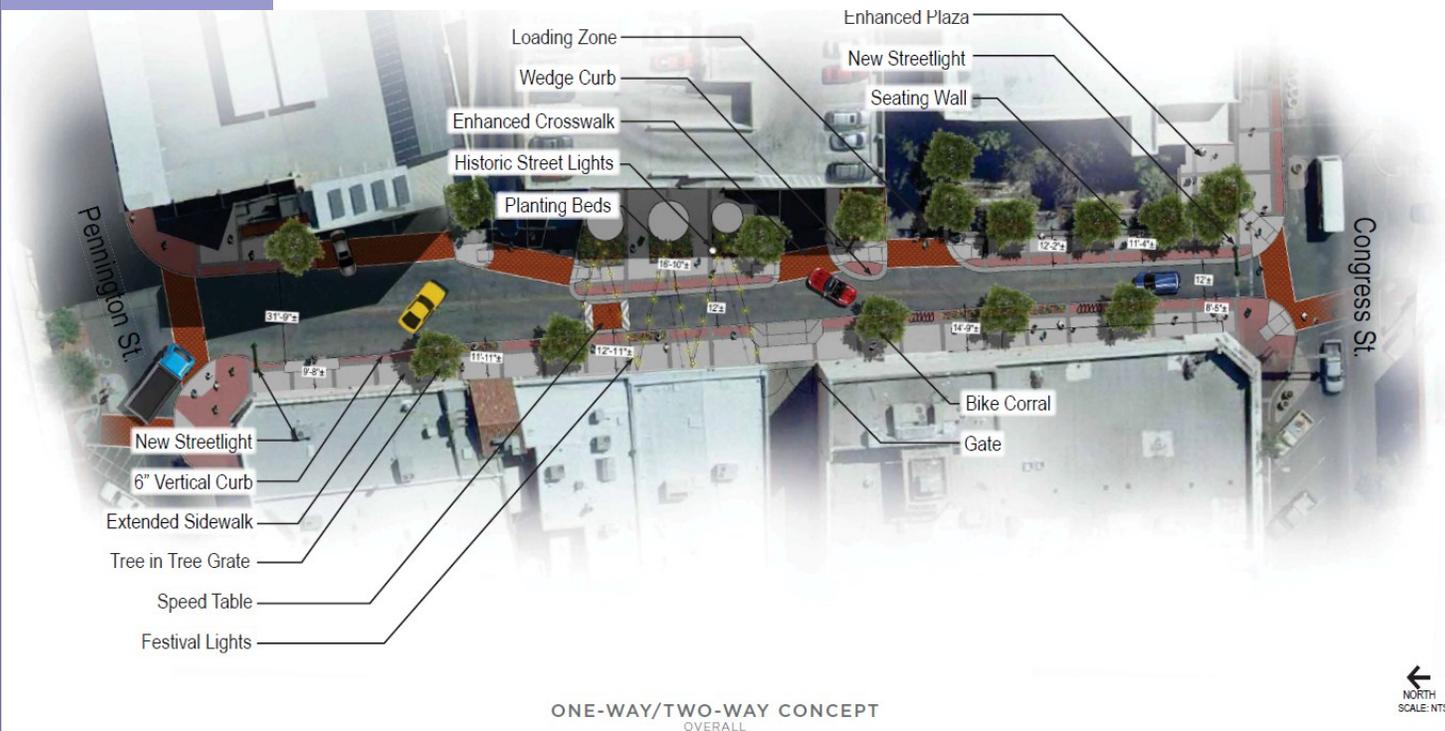


If you travel downtown right now, this is what you'll find on Scott, north of Broadway. It's pretty dismal. Kudos to the businesses that have taken an investment chance and located around this area. We have some Rio money available to do a remake of this segment of road and right-of-way.

The overall goals of the project are to upgrade the aesthetics, create opportunities for the businesses in the area to thrive, improve security along Scott Ave., and encourage pedestrian and bike activity. The city also runs the Pennington Street garage. Increasing revenues through greater use of that asset is a by-product of this work.

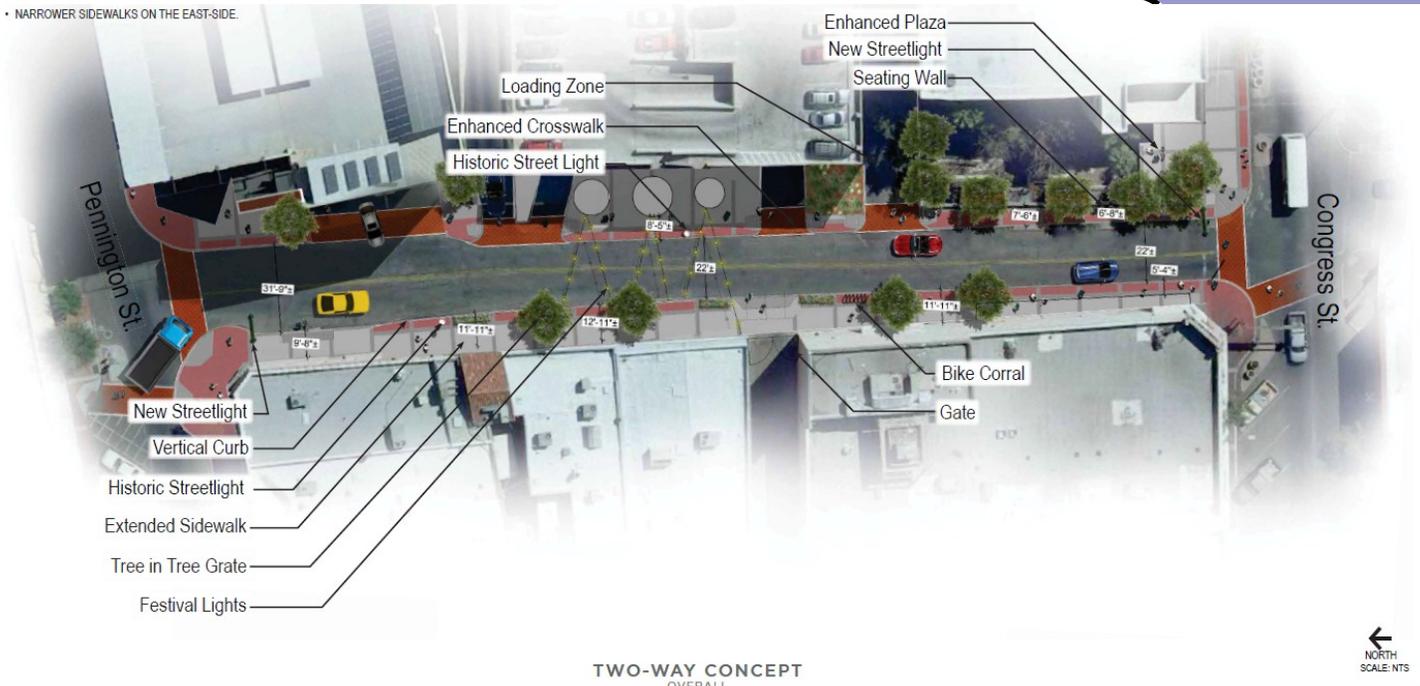
There are two alternatives being considered: retaining the two-way traffic condition that's now in place and changing it to one-way, northbound only traffic. Staff has been out gathering input from the various stakeholders, including businesses and the Park Tucson Commission. There seems to be a growing level of support for the two-way concept. Here are renderings of each:

Note the yellow car that's headed into the Pennington garage. The one-way concept still retains the option for auto traffic to head south for a couple hundred feet on Scott into the garage off from Pennington Street. The one-way northbound drivers would need to be cognizant of that potential traffic conflict.



ONE-WAY/TWO-WAY CONCEPT  
OVERALL

• NARROWER SIDEWALKS ON THE EAST-SIDE.



Keeping the two-way traffic for the entire route results in narrower sidewalks than are included in the one-way concept, but still results in better lighting, landscape, bike corrals, and overall security.

Both concepts are improvements over the current condition. This is another example of Rio’s investment into the downtown core. It’s also an example of how the businesses who have trusted in investing downtown are finally seeing that trust honored by those of us who are in a position to offer support at a policy level.

Thanks to the staffers who have done some very good legwork on this, weaving together the various pieces of input and arriving at the point where there are minimal differences between the one-way and the two-way concepts. Look for the final decision on this to be made in the coming few weeks. Given the potential traffic confusion the one-way proposal brings, and the very similar new amenities, I’ll be supporting the two-way proposal.

**UA and Films**

The young guy in this picture is Daniel Dillon. He’s standing next to Steven Spielberg. The picture was snapped during a trip Daniel took to the Cannes Film Festival last month.



Daniel travelled to Cannes to take part in the screening of *Snaily*, a film shot, created and produced by students at the UA School of Theatre, Film and Television. Last week, I shared how the Hansen Institute is directly involved with on-campus film production. This one was screened at what is arguably the largest and most prestigious film festival in the world.

Photo Courtesy of Bryan McAdams

UA graduate Bryan McAdams directed the film, and Daniel traveled to France as the UA team's representative. They've also been invited to a screening next month in the Atlanta Terminus Festival.

The Loft gave *Snaily* its first screening during a recent First Friday Short event. It won their \$200 grand prize. We at the Ward 6 Office wish Daniel and his team the best at Cannes. This is yet another example of film industry impact on our local community. It'd be great to see this momentum carry forward into the upcoming state legislative session.

### Ward Only Elections and Term Limits



I'll close with this. Next week on our agenda, we will talk about whether or not to send Ward Only elections to the ballot. Once it becomes a ballot issue, I can't advocate either way in this newsletter. I can – and will – out in the community, but for now, it's only a discussion piece, so I'm free to state my position here.

Similarly, a couple of weeks ago I included a piece in the newsletter indicating a group has pulled papers in an effort to get Term Limits on the ballot. If they get their signatures, once it's a ballot measure, I can explain what they're after, but can't advocate one way or the other in the newsletter. I'm not constrained by either being ballot questions right now – so I'm going to offer some thoughts.

First, I'm not in favor of sending anything related to governance to the ballot this fall until we see how the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court rules on the lawsuit that was filed against our current form of elections. The city clerk said a ballot measure will run in excess of \$300K if we run it in November. I believe we'll win in court and so changing the Charter becomes a moot question.

A few other facts are even more important than the money. First, voters have said time and again at the ballot box that they do not want us to adopt a Ward Only form of election. The entire city right now has a voice in retaining or removing any of us from office. Under Ward Only, that's only true of the council member who represents your ward. The question has been asked and answered multiple times.

Further, I believe the way we're currently elected reflects how we govern. That is, there are ward-centric issues we each deal with (zoning, constituent concerns, etc.) on which we rightly defer to our colleagues, expecting that they have worked the issue properly and included the right people in the conversations leading up to the vote. None of us has the time to do all the legwork needed for every topic that happens throughout the city. But when it comes to issues that in fact have regional impact, we're each expected to do our homework and bring our thoughts to the table. Those would be items like the budget, water security, major road projects, etc. So we govern on a ward only basis on some issues, but consider the greater good of the community on others. That's the 'hybrid' form of election we currently have in the Charter.

Finally, the argument that our current system 'disenfranchises' people is phony. Let's be

honest – the people pushing for this are basing their argument on a strictly political party argument. Republicans want a way to elect at least a couple of council members by carving out some ‘safe’ wards. They lose city wide, so let’s change the rules, they say. But the fact is that I won having run as a Republican. I later changed party affiliation for some well-documented reasons. At the time I was first elected, the sitting Mayor was a Republican. Historically, Rs have been well represented on the M&C. The key is running quality candidates whose message resonates with the electorate. Do that and you can win. Don’t do that, and you shouldn’t win.

I support our current ‘hybrid’ system for the reasons I noted above.

As for Term Limits – we have them. They’re called elections. As with the Ward Only proposal, this idea is being floated as a way to ‘term out’ members of the M&C after two terms by people who haven’t been able to win at the ballot box. If it’s adopted at the ballot in November, it means I’m ineligible to run again in 2017. The same would be true of Richard. The next time around, none of the sitting council members or the Mayor would be allowed to run again. The strategy is pretty obvious. If you can’t beat us with good candidates, force a changing of the guard another way.

I do not support Term Limits. When you feel I’m no longer doing this job as you want it done, you have the right and the responsibility to vote for somebody else. If you do feel I’m doing the job as you’d want it done, you should have the right to support me at the ballot box for as long as I choose to run. Term limiting us out of office is undemocratic. It also ignores the reality that it takes time to learn how to be a good and effective council member. That’s the same as with any job – nobody walks in the door and knows all the ins and outs. In the corporate world there’s a recognized value in investing in training, and then retaining employees who are doing their jobs well. The only people suggesting we should do otherwise in elections are the ones who continue to lose at the ballot box.

My hope is that the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit rules in our favor on how we conduct our elections and that the Term Limits people aren’t able to buy enough signatures to make it to the ballot. Then, let’s head into the 2017 election season with the understanding that whoever runs for office is either retained or not based on how well they’ve done this job (for incumbents) or how well they present a new message to the public (for challengers). That’s about as democratic as a process can be.

Sincerely,



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## Events and Entertainment

### **Himmel Park Beautification Project Completion Celebration**

**Saturday, June 4, 2016 | 9:00 am**

**Himmel Park Library, 1035 N Treat Ave**

Tucson Parks and Recreation and The Himmel Park Beautification Project Committee invite you to celebrate the newly-renovated landscaping in front of Himmel Park Library. Please come see what a small group of dedicated individuals, in partnership with the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation, can accomplish, using their vision as inspiration to take on similar missions. To learn more about the project, visit: [samhughes.org/himmel-park-beautification.php](http://samhughes.org/himmel-park-beautification.php).

### **Downtown Kids Camps**

**Through July 2016**

Bring your kids downtown to experience Downtown Summer Camps! Camps are offered May-July for children of all ages. Camp sessions begin at various dates and times over the summer. Learn more here: [www.downtowntucson.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2016-Downtown-Summer-Camp-Brochure-2.pdf](http://www.downtowntucson.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2016-Downtown-Summer-Camp-Brochure-2.pdf).

### **Ongoing**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Mission Garden**, 929 W Mission Ln | [www.tucsonbirthplace.org](http://www.tucsonbirthplace.org)

A living agricultural museum and ethnobotanical garden at the site of Tucson's Birthplace (the foot of "A-Mountain"). A non-profit educational organization demonstrating the region's rich agricultural history by growing the heritage crops that represent the more than 4000 years of cultivation in the Tucson Basin. Open Saturdays: April through November 8 am to 12 pm and December through March 10 am to 2 pm. For guided tours call 520-777-9270.

**Children's Museum Tucson**, 200 S 6<sup>th</sup> Ave | [www.childrensmuseumtucson.org](http://www.childrensmuseumtucson.org)  
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturday & Sunday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

**Tucson Botanical Gardens**, 2150 N Alvernon Way | [www.tucsonbotanical.org](http://www.tucsonbotanical.org)  
October 1, 2015 – May 31, 2016: *"Butterfly Magic" Exhibit*

**Southern Arizona Transportation Museum**, 414 N Toole Ave |  
[www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org](http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org)

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

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

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