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Open for Business

Much of the work I'm involved with is assisting small business operators with questions about zoning, changes of use, doing tenant improvements on their property, or how to get started. Based on a study that came out last week, I'm not alone in nurturing our small business successes.

According to the website WalletHub, there are nine cities in the state among the best in the nation to begin a business. Tucson is ranked #1 in Arizona. They compared several factors, including the five year survival rate, cost of office space, workforce education, and others. The survival rate is particularly important since getting established is a hurdle that many small businesses never make it over. Nationally, Tucson was ranked #67.

The City has a small business assistance hotline. It's run through the City Manager's Office by our Economic Initiatives staff. The line is up and running from 8am until 5pm, Monday through Friday. It's available in both English and Spanish. Always feel free to connect with us at the Ward 6 office if you've got questions. In the alternative, the hotline number is 837.4100. It's just one of the nearly two dozen incentives we have in place now to attract and retain jobs in the community.

Budget

We need those new jobs to help fund the services we provide throughout the community. Since the recession we went through a few years ago, our revenues are still catching up with the cost of doing business at City Hall. Last week, I shared budget comparisons among several City Departments. On Tuesday, we had another study



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

session on budget and also held our first public hearing on the issue. We'll hold another on June 9th.

The County announced its proposed budget last week. Largely because of cost shifts coming from the State, they're facing increases in some taxes and fees as well as decreases in some services. We're still sorting out the Pima Animal Care and Jailboard funding IGAs with them. It's no surprise throughout the region that things that were tight before have just been made tighter as a result of the actions coming our way from Phoenix.

With that in mind, I was surprised to see a request from our police union that we fund 100% of their health benefits from the time of an individual's retirement until that person qualifies for Medicare. Their rationale was that we do it for TFD. There's more to it than that.

The way in which we pay health and pension benefits is negotiated through our Meet and Confer process. The labor agreements our workers have are all different. In the example of TPD and TFD, differences exist in equipment allowances and sick leave sell back, among other categories. An important example of the negotiated differences is that 60% of our police work on what's called 'assignment.' When they do, they receive a 5% bump in pay. TFD doesn't get that benefit. I've advocated plenty that we should work to increase our base pay – but while we're still balancing our budget by taking money out of our Rainy Day fund, those increases should come from moving dollars from the benefits column over to the base.

The Department is about to lose dozens of upper level employees due to the deferred retirement period hitting this year. That opens the door for a lot of upward mobility for those officers who stay and who are qualified to move up. TPD's a far better option than jumping ship to a smaller agency in the area.

We also received a request from non-public safety workers to give another pay increase of 55 cents per hour. I checked with our HR folks and learned that doing so would create a new \$5M obligation to our General Fund, without even taking into consideration the added impact of computing overtime or extra time worked. The public safety pension alone would likely increase by nearly \$1M from that added 55 cents per hour. Already staff is recommending police salaries and benefits to increase to \$144M this year – that's about 30% of everything we have available in our General Fund. The anticipated cost of paying all of their health premiums is another \$375K annually.

I totally get the pay concerns raised by our blue collar workers who are having trouble making ends meet. Several mentioned increases Sun Tran workers received (not City employees) while we were still bringing our workers back from furloughs. Those are legitimate issues to raise in the context of a compensation dispute process. But trying to gain legislatively what you haven't been able to negotiate through our Meet and Confer process is not legitimate.



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman Martha McSally (R)
(2nd District)
(202) 225-2542

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)
(3th District)
520-622-6788

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

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
791-4201

So that you're not leaving this with the feeling that we're neglecting offering assistance to police retirees, this statement was offered in one of the union member's written statements in request of the increase in benefits:

After review of the Firefighter and Police Officer Total Compensations Surveys dated October 1, 2014, a discrepancy was noted under "Retirees Health Premiums & Benefits" (Pages 28 and 36 respectively). The firefighter survey shows "The City pays 100% of the premium over the PSPRS subsidy, until the retiree qualifies for Medicare. Retirees receive a \$7,500 City paid life insurance policy."

The police officer survey shows "\$200 monthly subsidy for single until age 65, \$375 monthly subsidy for dependent until age 65, and \$475 monthly subsidy for more than one dependent."

My question for Mayor and Council is why are Police and Fire not being treated equally regarding the Retiree Health Premium & Benefits which was the direction of the City Manager's Office to all City of Tucson Employees in 2008?

As I noted above, these are negotiated benefits. There are several differences between what exists in the police and fire labor agreements, and I suspect there are plenty of you who would like to see a stipend like the ones described to help pay your own health care premiums after retirement.

We'll get through this budget cycle again, but pay and benefit increases are not something we can justify while still relying on one-time fixes to bring things into balance.

HUD Report

Every year, we review our five year joint consolidated plan, which shows how we're working with Pima County in areas related to affordable housing, homelessness, human services and neighborhood revitalization. This includes the analysis of how we funnel HUD dollars to the various non-profits that are working to address the needs of the region. Recently, while we were dealing with some of the 'urban camping' issues that popped up downtown, many of us pointed out that we allocate about \$1.5M out of our General Fund each year to address those sorts of needs. In fact, that's a small piece of what we send out into the community through other funding sources. Here's a chart that shows some of what we invest in support of the needy:

Funding

City of Tucson – HUD Entitlement Grants (Includes Pima County HOME Funds)

HUD FY Allocation of Entitlements	City CDBG	City/County HOME Consortium	ESG	HOPWA	Total
2010	\$6,713,269	\$4,422,522	\$271,483	\$453,391	\$11,860,665
2011	\$5,597,406	\$3,912,499	\$377,894	\$453,761	\$10,341,560
2012	\$5,104,483	\$2,494,633	\$484,731	\$459,084	\$8,542,931
2013	\$5,231,416	\$2,507,550	\$372,387	\$433,227	\$8,544,580
2014	\$5,113,873	\$2,625,360	\$424,994	\$453,063	\$8,617,290
2015 This Plan	\$5,118,094	\$2,375,365	\$455,833	\$451,530	\$8,400,822

Each of those sources of funds can only go to meet specific types of needs. They include housing and rent subsidies, behavioral health treatment, emergency shelter, housing for people with AIDS, and much more. You can find the whole report on line under our May 5th

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

agenda material.

I had several questions about the funding allocations. I'll share two here. One is related to the \$455K we have allocated for emergency shelter support. The question was simply, how are we using those dollars to increase capacity of those shelters? The report noted that on a given day, we have over 700 people in the community who are without shelter. The question was somewhat rhetorical – our non-profit partners are doing the best they can with the funding we have at our disposal. As the national economy improves, we hope to see more assistance coming from D.C. for these real and true social needs.

We also have a program called VANS. That stands for Vacant and Neglected Structures. It's a part of the Community Development Block Grant allocation. We've earmarked \$300K for VANS.

Vacant residential buildings become crime magnets and blights on the surrounding area.

The result is a loss of home value for those who live nearby. Vacant and neglected structures chew up TPD's time, as well as that of our Code Enforcement people. The ultimate result of a property having gone through the VANS process is its demolition.

Here's an example of one such property that we're working to put through VANS:



In fact, we've been trying to get that mess removed for years. On Tuesday, I asked staff to work with my office and the neighborhood to get the work done. The owners have been given multiple chances to cure the code infractions and to repair the structure. They've chosen what you see – shifting the burden to those who have to live next door.

I share these portions of the HUD report with you just to demonstrate the wide variety of issues we're juggling and how we're trying to do that with severely limited funds. In closing, I'd just add this bit of data from the report: In Tucson, only 13% of our residents have a Bachelor's degree. Another 8% have either a Graduate or Professional Degree. That's just one in five people who live here that have a college education or higher. I raise this in the context of the budget cuts the State just levied on the UA. Taking \$30M out of its budget will result in the need to increase tuition to help fund the gap. Already in-state tuition is over \$10K annually. At a time in which such a small fraction of our community has a college degree, it's a very tough case to make to suggest the cuts to education make a whole lot of sense.

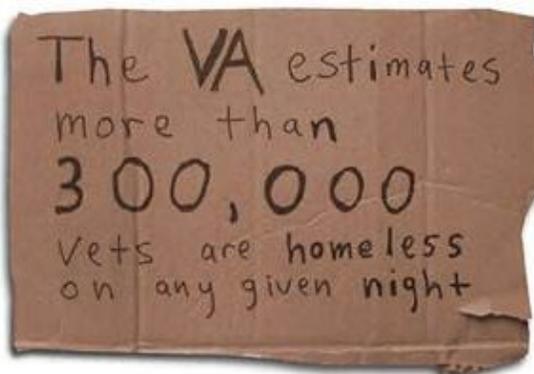
There's 'belt tightening,' and then there's a noose.

Homeless Veterans

About once per month, right before our Regular Session in the evening, we serve as the Public Housing Authority (PHA) for the City. In that role, we vote on what is largely Fed-

eral funding for projects to assist the homeless and needy in our community. You never hear about this work in the media, but I wanted to share a couple of projects we adopted on Tuesday that'll benefit a very special group.

The City has a goal of significantly reducing the number of homeless veterans in our community. On Tuesday, we took an important step towards that goal. Through our role as the PHA, we approved two projects, each of which will provide housing for chronically homeless veterans. One, called Esperanza En Escalante, will develop 44 one bedroom units. The other, Rally Point Apartments, will offer 30 single room studios. That's 74 new housing units for our homeless veteran community. Both of the projects will be completed using a combination of funding sources. The Rally Point will be operated by La Frontera Partners – a group we also partnered with when addressing the downtown homeless population a few weeks ago.



The VA estimates
more than
300,000
Vets are homeless
on any given night

We're grateful for the cooperation of great community partners such as La Frontera. And I know each of us on the M&C feel strongly about our commitment to nurturing projects such as these each time we have the opportunity.

Integrated Pest Management



I won't lie to you. I don't like bees. When I was a little kid, my brother and I were messing around in an old junked car which I soon learned had a bee hive under the seat. The trouble was that I was sitting on the seat and the door was closed when I made the discovery. They weren't amused at my being there, and ever since I haven't had a tender spot in my heart for them, either.

When the Landscape Advisory Committee folks came to me initially asking me if I'd help them move towards a ban on the use of certain pesticides on City property so our bee population could flourish, I was... well, a tough sell. My reluctance was both because of the bees, but also because I try to default towards working for positive solutions before heading for outright bans on products. To their credit, the LAC had that positive solution in mind, too.

On Tuesday, Jackie Lyle from the LAC and Peter Warren from the Pima County Cooperative Extension shared that solution with M&C. The idea is to put in place a broad brush, integrated pest management landscape maintenance program that goes well beyond a simple pesticide ban. That's because the 'pests' we're managing go beyond bugs.

The IPM program we voted to ask the LAC to put together will include managing bees, but it will also address managing weeds, fungi, rodents, and bugs other than bees. The program will ultimately impact the work of our Parks Department, but also Transportation, Environmental Services, and the folks in General Services who maintain our facilities. It won't

simply be a ban on pesticides, although moving away from them is important. Here's a graphic that explains the basis for that concern:

Why use Integrated Pest Management?

- **Societal concerns over pesticide use**
 - Exposing children at schools, parks, etc.
 - Pollinator health and other non-target organisms
- **Economic benefits**
 - Reduced cost of pesticides
 - Less likely to have damaged ecosystems
- **Ecological considerations**
 - Pesticide resistance
 - Pesticide disturbance of natural systems
 - Water quality - non-point source pollution



I shared in a previous newsletter that our region is home to thousands of pollinators (insects, birds and other mammals). Protecting them is a big deal for our own food crop production.

Many thanks to Karin for moving this item along with me and to the experts in the field of landscape management who are taking on the task of bringing us to an integrated program. I'm still not going to like bees, but hopefully we'll find a way to peacefully coexist through the IPM program we end up with.

Media Arts Center



Since I began doing this work back in 2009, we've been funding the Ch.12 operations as well as Access Tucson. We used to do graphic design in-house, and we still pay a variety of sources to help market us as a destination. With the changes in technology and the talent pool we have locally, I support the effort we're advertising to pull all of that and more under one roof.

On June 16th, the Request for Proposals (RFP) related to the creation of a Community Media Center (CMC) will be due back to City Procurement. We'll initially help it with \$300K of seed money, but in two years we'll expect the Center to only charge for services we directly receive.

The goal is to help us put our best foot forward in terms of marketing the area, highlighting

our strong relationship with Mexico, manage our public access channels, and continue to air M&C meetings. In the course of putting all of that production in place, whoever is selected through the RFP will also be providing important training in a variety of media production disciplines. You know I'm big on getting us back into the film production industry. This CMC will help train workers who may eventually contract out to incoming film companies.

We have a great relationship with Visit Tucson, and they're effective partners in marketing the region. Adding a top notch media production component through this RFP will only enhance the good work Brent DeRaad and his folks over at Visit Tucson are doing. This CMC will help us to up our game in the area of creating marketing videos and ads that will target key markets and industries. Because of that tie-in, the CMC will work closely with our Economic Initiatives Office.

Here's the information on this contract and who to contact if you'd like to get your name in consideration:

CITY OF TUCSON DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 151245 255 W. ALAMEDA, 6TH FLOOR, TUCSON, AZ 85701 PAGE 4 OF 19 CONTRACT OFFICER: LLOYD WINDLE PH: (520) 837-4105 / FAX: (520) 791-4735

More Media Arts

Last Saturday, there was a boxing match, a horse race, a game seven in the NBA playoffs – and there was the annual screening of UA School of Theater, Film and Television down at the Fox. My bride and I chose the films.

I DREAM IN WIDESCREEN

Many thanks to Shelli Hall from the Visit Tucson Film Office and Vicky Westover of the UA Hanson Film Institute for their work in support of films in Tucson. They were both on hand Saturday, along with the many other sponsoring groups who make the Department go.

On Saturday, there were nine 'shorts' shown on the widescreen at the Fox. The awards given afterwards don't do justice to the work invested by the students in 15 minutes of video. From my very limited experience with video editing, I know there were hundreds of hours of work and thousands of dollars spent on what the nearly packed house enjoyed last weekend.

We're a community that supports the visual arts. We need a State-level incentive package in order to truly return to the glory days when Tucson and Pima County led the country in film. The students and their supporters who came out on Saturday all get that vision. Poaching the title from one of the award-winning shows from last Saturday, getting us back on the

map for films is not 'My Worthless Ambition.' Nor is it that for the many who join me in that pursuit.

Congratulations to the UA students, to Jory Hancock for his work leading them, and to the many donors who made last Saturday's performances possible.

Grant Road Widening

On Tuesday, we received an update on the process for going forward on the Grant Road improvement project. This is another of the 2006 RTA voter-approved projects that's being funded in phases. Currently, the work is going on at the west end. It will jump to the east end next, out at Swan. The last segments to be constructed will be the middle ones – from around Campbell out to east of Country Club.

In May, the Citizen's Task Force reconvened and voted to send to M&C its 'Vision Statement' for our formal adoption. We unanimously did that on Tuesday. Here's an excerpt from that statement:

Vision Statement

The improvements resulting from the Grant Road Improvement Plan will enhance safety and balance mobility and accessibility for all users including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and those with disabilities. The Plan will direct the widening of Grant Road to six lanes, also improving its function as an urban arterial street within Tucson's network of streets. The Plan will balance the needs of those traveling through the area on Grant Road with those who live, work, and shop along Grant Road.

The community values the scale, character, and diversity of the neighborhoods and businesses along Grant Road and the Plan will reflect these values. The Plan will recognize the diversity of residents and independent businesses along Grant Road, and will help them to revitalize the places in which they live and work.

The Plan will strive to improve the visual character and quality of Grant Road and the land uses along it, and it will define Grant Road as a unique and vital place that ultimately enhances the community and region as a whole

The Grant Road planning process and its implementation will balance a long range vision with the definition of improvements and programs that fit within the financial resources identified for this project. It will be forward-thinking in its design, consider likely future trends and work to effect positive change to the environment and public health. It will set high standards for community involvement while providing an inspirational model for future Tucson roadway enhancements.

One important piece of the project is getting back to land use discussions. The character of Grant road changes from one district to another. For that reason, issues related to scale, massing, buffers, and appropriate land uses still need to be sorted out. For the Oracle to Park segment, those discussions are starting now. The Palo Verde to Swan segment land use conversations will begin early next year, followed by the Campbell to Country Club section in late '16, and early '17. That sounds very linear, but we'll be engaged in a much more fluid process than that as this project unfolds. You can find the details in the full vi-

sion statement: http://www.grantroad.info/pdf/vs_gp_draft_tf_final_clean.pdf.

From a construction standpoint, the Oracle to Park section is scheduled to be completed in 2017, Alvernon to Swan will run from 2017 through 2019, and Campbell to Country Club from 2021 through 2023. As with the land use piece, those dates will float based on project progress and funding from the RTA.

If you go online, you can find the project description for each of the segments. Here's an example of how the Central Segment is described:

Central Segment Districts

Active and engaging neighborhood buffers.

The districts in the Central Segment on either side of the Campbell Center will:



- *Support the historic single family residential character of the surrounding neighborhoods of Jefferson Park, Samos, Catalina Vista, Campbell-Grant, and Blenman Elm;*
- *Provide an interesting, engaging frontage along Grant Road that encourages activity, safety, and walking;*
- *Buffer the remaining single family homes facing Grant Road on the side that is unimpacted by the widening with a local access lane and side median, as well as the potential for courtyard walls, fences, or hedgerows on the front property lines through private improvements;*
- *Revitalize the remnant parcels that remain following the widening of Grant Road with new buildings limited to one- and two-story heights to be compatible with surrounding neighborhoods, and land uses that largely reflect existing uses such as residences and professional offices, with some opportunities for live-work mixed use or small neighborhood retail;*
- *Design this new development to be more intense than the surrounding neighborhoods which will make new buildings buffers between Grant Road and the existing residences while providing comfortable environments for living and working through configurations such as walled courtyards or side access via pedestrian walks; and*
- *Integrate open spaces into new development, either as individual pocket parks or as one or more linear parks that may connect to the existing "Triangle" park near Campbell Avenue. These parks will be primarily fronted by development so occupants can take "ownership" of the parks and help fund their construction and maintenance.*

The Districts are broken down into smaller Centers. The Campbell Center is described like this:

Campbell Center

Revitalize to capitalize on existing focus of center

The Campbell Center will:

- *Continue to develop into a vibrant gathering, shopping and dining destination for resi-*

dents of surrounding neighborhoods, those affiliated with the University, and people from throughout the city;

- Maintain and enhance land uses that are valued by the community, such as public spaces and unique retail, coffee, and dining businesses;*
- Incorporate residences as well as an educational and civic/entertainment facility that could serve residents and the university's faculty, staff and students while adding vitality to the center;*
- Improve and expand the center's existing public spaces such as the northwest corner "Triangle" park and the linear plaza along the west side of Campbell Avenue to the south of Grant Road, each leveraging the Grant Road streetscape improvements to tie the open spaces to surrounding uses;*
- Recognize the block at the center's southeast corner as an important opportunity site that offers a chance to accommodate a larger mixed-use project that could include residences, retail, an educational and civic/entertainment facility, as well as structured parking in buildings reaching up to 5 stories;*
- Blend new development at the southeast corner into the scale and character of the neighborhood by stepping building heights down to two stories along Edison Street and Norris Avenue and limiting land uses along these frontages to residences or an enhancement of the landscape buffer to the existing parking garage, should it remain;*
- Revitalize and intensify the blocks on the northeast corner with 3 to 4 story buildings; and*
- Benefit from a district-wide shared-parking approach, with opportunities that could include reusing the existing parking structure on the southeast corner, constructing a new parking structure, and potential for surface lots on the property located on the southeast side of Grant Road and Norris Avenue.*

That's a lot of general language. The land use discussions that are about to begin will address the specifics with respect to buffers, size, scale and the rest. There's a lot of design work left to do, and the CTF deserves huge credit for the work they've done getting us this far.

Broadway Expansion

Similarly, there's a lot of design work left to do on the Broadway project. Whereas Grant has an alignment established, and now we're just working on the land use details, Broadway is still working towards an alignment of the roadway. That'll introduce the land use discussions that are yet to come.

The next CTF meeting is this Thursday, May 7th at 5:30pm. It'll be held at Our Saviors Church again – 1200 N Campbell Ave. The goal is for that group to finalize a proposed alignment that'll come to M&C on June 9th for us to consider. That's a key step in this process, as it will open the door for real estate and our civil engineering staff to begin approaching property owners along the corridor and working on solutions for them to stay up and running or to relocate. Without an alignment to work from, those contacts cannot happen.

Last week, I asked staff to do a walking tour of the entire length of the corridor from Euclid to Country Club, maps in hand, to look at the challenges each property owner will face with the draft alignment the CTF will see on Thursday. I owe a debt of thanks to those who participated: Beth Abramovitz (civil engineer on the project), Nicole Ewing-Gavin (Office of Integrated Planning), Phil Swaim (consulting architect), and Gene Caywood (consulting transit advocate). I also dragged along both Alison and Mark from my office. Since it was the hottest day of the year so far, all were *thrilled* to take me up on the offer.

Here's an example of why the alignment is so important. Tucson Tamale Company and its co-tenants in Solot Plaza are going to lose parking. There are about 14 tenants in the center, each of which will need to decide whether or not they want to work together and figure out joint parking arrangements. Those conversations can't happen until we finalize the alignment.



Once we do, staff and our consultants can begin approaching individual property owners and explaining some options. As we learn which of them want to remain and which want to relocate, that information will open the door for creative parking and access solutions for those who choose to stay in their buildings. For example, if two or three of them want to go and those existing buildings are taken down, the new space can serve as a parking remedy for the businesses that remain. There are lots of moving parts to this, but the first step will be laying the draft alignment down on a map to serve as a starting point for those negotiations.

The City cannot compel solutions, but we can put the players together, show them options and let them sort out how they want to move forward. An example in the case of Tucson Tamale would be for them to approach the property owners who sit to the west and talk about leasing some of the covered parking you see at the edge of the picture. That's just one of many options they'll have to consider.

Another important piece of this is, of course, the budget. On our walking tour we identified some locations where, based on the existing draft proposed alignment, there are buildings on both the north and south sides of the street that are potential full acquisitions. Where we can shift the alignment one way or another, we can save the buildings on the opposing side. Where there are significant cost implications for preserving one over the other, staff will take those factors into account as they refine the alignment.

There will likely be a loss of some contributing historic structures that sit on the south edge of the Rincon Heights neighborhood. In order to protect their status as a Registered Historic neighborhood, I've already confirmed with staff that the project can pay to have the boundaries of their neighborhood redrawn so the loss of individual structures will not impact the percent calculation they need in order to maintain their Historic designation.

This began in 2006 with the voters saying they wanted to eliminate about 120 private residences and businesses along the north side of Broadway in order to accommodate a 150' wide, eight lane roadway. Getting to the point at which we now find ourselves is a huge win for the community. It's not the finish line, but kudos to the CTF and our staff who have

managed the process to this point.

And kudos to the community residents who have been so directly engaged as this plan has evolved. In the end, I'm convinced we'll have a corridor that reflects the vision we've heard in the public open houses, one that preserves the economic vitality and sense of place that exists and one that is an attractive destination for people who live around the area.

Sincerely,



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

Events and Entertainment

Tucson Fitness Month

May 1, 2015 – May 30, 2015

May is Tucson Fitness Month. Get active and get fit with fellow Tucsonans by checking out free fitness classes every day at parks and YMCA locations across the city. The month will culminate in a Meet Me Downtown 5K Night Run/Walk on May 30th. For more information and a calendar of events, visit: www.mayorrothschild.com/initiatives/health-wellness/tucson-fitness-month/.

Cinema La Placita Outdoor Movies

Thursday nights at 7:30, May 14 through August 27, 2015

Plaza of La Placita Village, 110 S. Church Avenue

The 2015 season of Cinema La Placita kicks off next Thursday, continuing its tradition of showing classic movies in a beautiful plaza setting downtown with a screening of *Rebel Without a Cause*. This season, audience members on Facebook and at the movies each week will vote for the upcoming month's movies. Admission is \$3 per person, which includes popcorn. For more information, call the hotline at 520-326-5282 or visit www.cinemalaplacita.com.

Sun Tran SummerGO Pass on sale now

On sale through July 15, 2015

Passes valid May 22 through August 5, 2015

For \$45, high school students can get unlimited rides on Sun Tran, the Sun Link streetcar and select Sun Shuttle routes, free entrance into City of Tucson pools and other discounts all summer. The new SummerGO Youth Pass is currently on sale through July 15 with a valid student ID at select pools, neighborhood centers, and Sun Tran offices across the city. For more information, please call 520-792-9222 or visit suntran.com/summergo.

Ongoing**Tucson Museum of Art**, 140 N Main Avewww.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**Tucson Botanical Gardens**, 2150 N Alvernon Way<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>**Fox Theatre**, 17 W Congress Stwww.FoxTucsonTheatre.org**Hotel Congress**, 311 E Congress St<http://hotelcongress.com>**Loft Cinema**, 3233 E Speedway Blvdwww.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'

<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/>**Jewish History Museum**, 564 S Stone Avewww.jewishhistorymuseum.org**Children's Museum Tucson**, 200 S 6th Ave

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

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd
November 9, 2013, through July 2015, "Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios."
www.statemuseum.arizona.edu