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Quotes from the Dallas Police Memorial

President George W. Bush: We judge others by their worst examples, and ourselves by our best intentions.

President Barack Obama: We ask too much from our police and too little of ourselves.



This is out of respect for those killed in gun violence around the country in the past week. In particular, it's for those killed inside a courtroom in St. Joseph, Michigan, and the attack on police that occurred in Baton Rouge. This is not the way for groups to generate support for a serious conversation about community relations.



Important Phone Numbers

Ward 6 Office
791-4601

Tucson Police
Department
911 or nonemergency
791-6813

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
Cockroaches 724-3401

Continued: A Message From Steve

TEP Typo

Last week I did a pretty thorough review of the TEP rate case. It had a significant typo, but one that doesn't change any of the points I was making with respect to the utility's rate requests being an overreach.

I wrote:

Currently, you pay varying amounts for your power depending on what time of day and time of year you use the electricity. During the summer months, you pay the maximum amount during peak use times throughout the day. The cost is \$5.68 per kWh used. That cost drops during-off peak hours in the winter to \$2.71 per kWh.

All fine, except that's .058 cents, not dollars. The point's the same. The new demand charges they're proposing – in their own words – are these:

TEP is proposing a two-tier monthly demand charge with a break point at 7 kW (0-7 kW billed at \$7.40 per kW, over 7 kW billed at \$11.90 per kW). The billed demand will be based on the 1-hour maximum measured demand during the month. TEP is proposing that all solar customers as of June 1, 2015 migrate to either the standard or time-of-use 3-part demand rate.

So the point I made was valid. That is the proposal is to find your highest hour of use and base your entire month's charges on that hour. And remember, the proposal is to double the fixed charges, and halve the credits for rooftop solar energy you send back into the power grid.

I'll add this: TEP, as is true of other utilities, has what are called Service Requirements. They're internal standards the utility imposes and changes from time to time. Sometimes they post the changes, and other times they don't. Last week they sent out this notice to their workers:

Attention Installers:

*In accordance with the SR-1.22, TEP will be limiting DG system capacity installed on shared transformers to 10 kWac effective **July 15, 2016**. The AC capacity reviewed for each system will be the cumulative AC inverter capacity associated with the approved DG system.*

So to the layman that's a little clunky. To solar stores it means the utility is reducing the size of solar units they are 'allowing' to be installed on homes around town. As far as I've been able to determine, it's a unilateral decision.

Truth be known, the size shown above is not going to impact the majority of residential users. But the point is the trend coming from TEP is to increase your costs and reduce your options when it comes to installing rooftop solar units.

This is all taking place as TEP promotes its own rooftop solar service. They'll install units on your home and lease the systems to you for a long-term fixed price. That's in direct competition with the local solar companies selling the systems (now reduced in size), and what you'll read in the fine print of the TEP contracts is that by placing their leased system on your home, you are prohibited from ever installing your own system to supplement theirs. That condition remains in place even if you sell your house.

The Realtors Association should be making that information available to homebuyers. Sorry for the hiccup on the decimal point, but the message remains the same: local solar companies and residential solar users are both in conflict with the rate proposal being presented to the Corporation Commission.

Internal Affairs and Citizen Police Oversight

Internal Affairs Investigations



Earlier this year we lost our Internal Affairs Auditor at TPD to another job opportunity. At the same time, we have a citizen's advisory review board that's working through some issues with respect to its own mission and what we as a governing body hope to see them accomplish. That combination has provided us with an opportunity to take a look at how we do internal investigations and what role the public may have in that process.

On Wednesday, August 17th, I'll be hosting an open forum at the Ward 6 office to receive your input on that topic. The evening will begin with a presentation on our current processes, what works in other jurisdictions, and what models aren't effective. Then we'll open things up for your input.

The City Manager has hired our former Equal Opportunity Program Director, Liana Perez, back on a contract basis. She's in charge of looking at the whole internal affairs and citizen involvement topic and recommending a new model. Liana will be the presenter on the 17th.

The Citizen Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB), which meets at Ward 6, is the city's citizen group which exercises some level of police oversight. As I noted above, that mission and how it's to be accomplished is being reviewed as a part of Liana's project. And how Internal Affairs and CPARB's work dovetails will be a piece of what Liana eventually recommends.

This is a particularly important time for TPD to be looking at this whole issue. We have a new Chief and new command leadership. We're looking for a new internal auditor and CPARB is wrestling with its own identity. Add to that the events you see nightly on the news, and what we have is a great opportunity to implement some positive new protocols for citizen involvement in police internal audits.

Regardless of the eventual model we implement, a few things are essential. One is that everybody's due process is respected. That's for the accused, as well as the accuser. I know my colleagues on the M&C will be expecting the process to be open and transparent to the extent allowable while maintaining appropriate levels of privacy during the investigations. I'll also want to see an active and meaningful citizen component.



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
Tucson Office: 520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd 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/>

Come and join us on the 17th, not just to listen in, but to be an active participant in the discussion. This is a critically important element to our community policing work and we'll be interested in hearing how you'd like to see it implemented.

Police-Community Relations

In the aftermath of the Dallas shootings and the local demonstrations related to that and other well-publicized national events, Chief Magnus shared his thoughts with TPD personnel on how the incidents impact our department. I particularly appreciate his phrase "21st Century Constitutional policing." Here's the full text of what he sent out last week:

Dear TPD Personnel:

Over the past several days, you've once again given me multiple reasons to be proud of our department. This is not an easy time to be a police officer, although if we're honest about it, there has never been a time when policing was simple, completely safe, or without its detractors.

What so many members of our community and I appreciate is that despite some very frightening incidents, like the recent shootings in Dallas, you continue to serve the public with courtesy, respect, and kindness. You understand that it is possible for people to be deeply troubled by—even to protest—certain high profile cases involving the police elsewhere without mistaking these concerns as an indictment or criticism of you personally, or the work you do. You also realize that the most important part of our job is to protect the Constitutional rights of everyone—no matter what their views or perspective may be. That's just what we as Tucson Police do—and we do it very well.

*On Friday, several local African American leaders and others came together with us to acknowledge that even while there are real issues we must continue to work on with our minority communities, **we are in a partnership to accomplish this work.** We have open lines of communication; we are listening to each other; and we have mutual respect for one another. The fact that we could hold a joint press conference to make these points, especially after such a difficult week, is a credit to the relationships you have built and your professional approach to policing.*

Then on Saturday, a group of several hundred community members participated in a protest/gathering to demand policing reforms and greater police accountability. While these protests seemed largely focused on national events, we were able to acknowledge that we can do better right here in Tucson. We are working to make our complaint process more timely and efficient, to improve our training in procedural justice and de-escalation tactics, to be as accountable as possible in tracking and evaluating how we use force, and to do more to recruit a diverse pool of well qualified candidates for positions within the department. These things are part of good 21st Century Constitutional policing and we're an agency that believes in continuous improvement—always striving to be the best we can be.

During the local protest, we were able to keep the peace and avoid conflict even when emotions ran high on some of these issues. In some places, the police responded to protests of this type with a very "us versus them" approach, hostilities and frustrations

among the officers working the events were evident, and the results seemed to drive some residents and police even further apart from one another. **That was not the case here.** Our officers who worked the protests were tactically smart and well prepared, but they were also patient and approachable. I place a premium on that kind of professionalism.

Your role in representing our agency, no matter what your assignment or rank, is very important. I appreciate that you are able to make officer safety a high priority without losing focus of how important it is to treat people in a friendly, considerate, and thoughtful way. This is not easy, but all of us knew we were not taking on jobs that would be simple.

The weeks and months ahead, especially as we head into a highly contentious election season, are not likely to be without challenges. You will continue to encounter difficult situations, emotions that sometimes run high, and folks with a wide range of opinions about how we should be doing our jobs. It is important to remember, every community member is one of OUR constituents. **We work for them.** Hearing them out, treating them the way we'd like to be treated, and being smart in how we do our jobs is what good policing is all about.

It is my privilege to work with you and I highly value your many contributions to both our agency and our city. Keep up the great job!

At the most recent Alvernon Grant Initiative meeting, I reflected with the group on some of the significant changes we're seeing in TPD interaction with the community. I give Chief Magnus and all of the TPD officers great credit for the new emphasis on reaching out and interacting with residents. We hear on a regular basis the gratitude you all have for police officers doing follow up and just letting you know your concerns are theirs as well. The letter from Chris to his troops is reflective of the changes we're seeing.

With all of that in mind, the next opportunity for you to sit and sip coffee with some of our officers in blue will be Wednesday, August 24th from 7:00 am until 9:00 am. They'll be at Beyond Bread, located at 3026 N. Campbell. These sit-downs are simply a chance for residents to interact directly with our TPD officers with no agenda in mind ahead of time. These outreaches are another example of the community policing work the department has been putting into place.



So many of the problems we see across the nation are at some level the result of a breakdown in relationships. Coffee with a Cop is the flip side of that.

Term Limits

In 2013, the State Legislature passed SB 2305 with the intent of making it more difficult for citizens to get initiatives onto the ballot. Under the threat of a veto referendum that was headed for the ballot, the legislature backed down and rescinded the bill in 2014 as HB 2196. Last session, the Republican majority brought back a similar measure (HB 2407) and pushed it through. It's now law.

Stick with me – there's a bit of irony in this. The effect of HB 2407 is to require "strict compliance" with the minutia of how initiative and referendum petitions are filled out. The goal

was to keep more power to legislate in the hands of the politicians and out of the hands of the people. It worked. Here's language that appears in state law currently:

19-101.01. Legislative findings and intent: strict compliance

The legislature recognizes that a referendum may overrule the results of determinations made by representatives of the people and therefore finds and determines that strict compliance with the constitutional and statutory requirements for the referendum process and in the application and enforcement of those requirements provides the surest method for safeguarding the integrity and accuracy of the referendum process. Therefore, the legislature finds and declares its intent that the constitutional and statutory requirements for the referendum be strictly construed and that persons using the referendum process strictly comply with those constitutional and statutory requirements.

That means individual petitions need to be signed properly by the person circulating them; people being paid to circulate petitions must be registered with the state; any individual signatures dated after the circulator affidavit is signed must be tossed out; circulators are required to sign affidavits before a public notary and must swear to and sign that they're the one who collected the signatures... pretty much, the legislature applied 'strict letter of the law' compliance to every *jot and tittle* associated with filing for a peoples' vote through the initiative process.

Here's the irony.

I shared a couple of weeks ago that a group had filed petitions trying to get term limits for council members on the ballot. If we break through the political rhetoric, it's most honest to say the petitions are coming from Republicans who want to see Democrats forced from the city council this way because they haven't been able to win at the ballot box. The last time that happened was when I won in 2009 – and I have since changed parties.

Many of the petitions we received for the Term Limits initiative have been rejected because they don't meet the 'strict compliance' standards the Republicans up in Phoenix enacted last year. In fact, more than 100 pages that were submitted to the Clerk were disqualified. So sad. In response, the Tucson Term Limits Committee filed a special action in Superior Court challenging the City Clerk's action. I think their anger should be directed at their own party, the ones who passed a law intended to make it more difficult for the people to bring questions to the ballot.

I do not support term limits. It rids governing bodies of accumulated expertise regardless of the will of the voters, gives disproportionate power to staff versus elected officials, and simply ignores the fact that every time you step into the ballot box you are exercising your right to vote us out of office – or to retain us.

There's an election coming this fall. On the ballot will be federal, state, and county representation. There will also be a series of propositions and initiatives. All of the candidates for elected office will appear on the ballot because they complied with the rules governing getting enough signatures on petitions. The same is true



of the propositions and initiatives. One initiative that won't appear this year is term limits. That's the result of the Republican-led effort to require 'strict compliance' with how petitions are filled out.

National Parks

July is National Parks and Recreation month. The Feds have set aside nearly 84 million acres of land for national parks.



One that most Tucsonans have visited is the Grand Canyon. An ongoing effort up there is looking to add protections by restricting the types of activities allowed around the park. One of those is a prohibition on uranium mining on federal land surrounding Grand Canyon National Park.

I've joined with a number of others in signing onto a letter to the White House in support of designating the area the Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument. The effect of the President invoking the Antiquities Act and making that designation would be to ban uranium mining from the federal lands around the Canyon. I'll share the text of the letter:

The President

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama,

As representatives of Arizona businesses, community leaders, and elected officials, we write to respectfully request your support for the proposed Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument. Only permanent protection under the Antiquities Act will safeguard these economically, ecologically, culturally, and spiritually important public lands.

The Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument proposal seeks to protect areas of the Kaibab National Forest, as well as lands in the Arizona Strip—that portion of Arizona lying north of the Colorado River—that are currently managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). All the lands included in the monument proposal are already owned by the American people and are managed by either the U.S. Forest Service or BLM.

The Grand Canyon Heritage proposal encompasses some of the West's most spectacular wild land. Specific notable areas included in this proposal are the House Rock Valley grasslands, the Kaibab-Paunsaugunt Wildlife Corridor—the largest intact ancient forest in the southwestern United States, and numerous culturally valuable areas such as Kanab

Creek and Red Butte. In addition, the area contains hundreds of seeps and springs on both the North and South Rims of Grand Canyon that provide important wildlife habitat, clean drinking water for nearby communities, and contribute to the Grand Canyon watershed, which feeds the Colorado River.

Millions of people visit Arizona every year to experience our magnificent public lands—from the Grand Canyon to the Sonoran Desert. These tourists play an important role in supporting the local economy. In fact, the Outdoor Industry Association estimates that outdoor recreation in Arizona generates \$10.6 billion in consumer spending and supports 104,000 direct jobs. As Arizona continues to grow and attract a diverse array of residents and business owners, we need to ensure that opportunities to recreate and enjoy our natural wonders are protected and available to everyone, including future generations. Recently, the Center for Western Priorities released a report showing that the public lands within the proposed monument already result in over \$40 million dollars to local Arizona communities. It found that tourism is the primary economic driver of the Northern Arizona region, and that these dollars reverberate and support the economy of the entire state of Arizona. It also revealed that other southwestern national monument designations have bolstered rural local economies to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

The designation of the Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument will enhance Arizona's reputation as a place for outdoor recreation and enjoyment of the great outdoors. It will drive additional tourism and dollars throughout Arizona, to the benefit of all of us who call this state home.

The North Kaibab is also nationally recognized for its hunting opportunities, including its prized mule deer herds. With this national monument designation, we have an opportunity to protect the habitat of the many wildlife species that hunters, anglers, and other conservationists hold dear, including mule deer, bighorn sheep, mountain lion, and Apache trout.

We choose to run our businesses, raise our families, and give back to our communities in Arizona because investing in the future of this state will mean a better life for all who call it home. This is why we are so concerned about the unsound commercial enterprises and disparate federal land-management practices that currently threaten the globally unique Grand Canyon ecosystem. We urge you to make this same investment in the future of Arizona and the American Southwest by designating this national monument to protect the public lands we love.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

The Antiquities Act was signed into law in 1906. It allows the President to designate public lands as National Monuments with the goal of preservation. To date, sixteen presidents have designated over 100 national monuments. The land around the Grand Canyon certainly deserves consideration.

The designation would still permit hiking, hunting, fishing, and other regular activities associated with sightseeing around the Canyon, and it would not impact private or state-

owned lands. What this designation is intended to do is prevent the Grand Canyon and surrounding area from becoming uranium mines. It was only a few short years ago that a flurry of interest was expressed. This current effort is therefore not simply academic in its importance.

In the midst of all the crazy political activity we see going on, this would be a wonderful capstone to the Obama presidency. Many of us are hopeful he'll take the Canyon out of the potential inventory of mining lands before he leaves office.

Local Parks and Recreation

Last week, we learned that Tucson's parks rank 14th out of the 100 largest cities when assessed by WalletHub with 35 metrics. Those measure things such as the quality of parks, accessibility of entertainment and recreational facilities, climate, and other items that speak to the relative benefits of public spaces. We know from recent surveys done in conjunction with the update of our Parks Master Plan that you value our parks system. The use of neighborhood and regional parks is significant. The multi-modal paths we have connecting various parts of the city and region are also an amenity you've said you value. Seeing this ranking is validation that we're spending money in areas the community values.

Here's a link to the WalletHub study: bit.ly/29tomLz

We have the new Parks and Recreation activity guides available at the Ward 6 office. Please stop by and grab a copy – and sign up for some of the classes that are being offered.

Free Swimming

Finally, on a similar note, last week we announced that for the last two weeks before school starts, kids under 17 years of age will be offered free access to all of our swimming pools. From now until August 3rd, all 17 of our pools will be open to youth, free of charge. Here's a list of the pools involved, and their addresses:

Free Pool locations:

Amphitheater – 125 W. Yavapai Rd.

Archer – 1665 S. La Cholly Blvd.

Catalina – 2005 N. Dodge Blvd.

Clements – 8155 E. Poinciana Dr.

El Pueblo – 5100 S. Missiondale Rd.

Fort Lowell – 2900 N. Craycroft Rd.

Freedom – 5000 E. 29th St.

Himmel – 1000 N. Tucson Blvd.

Jacobs – 1020 W. Lind St.

Kennedy – 3700 S. Mission Rd.

Mansfield – 2275 N. 4th Ave.

Menlo – 1100 W. Fresno St.

Palo Verde – 300 S. Mann Ave.

Purple Heart – 9800 E. Rita Rd.

Quincie Douglas – 1563 E. 36th St.

Sunnyside – 1725 E. Bilby Rd.

Udall – 7200 E. Tanque Verde Rd.

The hours of operation vary. Use this link to find that, as well as a map of their locations: www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/pools-and-splash-pads.

Sonoran Environmental Research Institute (SERI)

Tucson Water is creating a program to help low-income people install rainwater harvesting systems at their homes. SERI is a local non-profit that has been working in the community and partnering with low-income families on efforts to protect the environment. There exists an opportunity for Tucson Water to work with SERI and other similarly-focused groups to expand the reach of our water harvesting rebate program further into the community.

Tucson Water offers a rebate program for two types of rainwater harvesting systems. For “passive” rainwater harvesting, which uses land contouring and basins to slow water down and soak it into the ground, you can receive up to \$500 back on the cost of your system. For “active systems,” like the cisterns you see around town, you can get up to \$2,000 back depending on the system’s capacity. The issue we’ve seen though is that low-income families are still finding it tough to take part because they can’t afford the cost of the installations even with the rebates.

Last year, M&C voted to earmark \$300K out of our water conservation fund for a loan program to help low-income families with the initial outlays for water harvesting. That’s where SERI and other groups will come in. We’ve directed half of that conservation money to be set aside for a pilot program aimed at low-income rainwater harvesting and grey-water systems. Tucson Water will bring the outline of that program back to us in September. It will likely include some participation from SERI.

SERI has already conducted over 8,000 home visits in the Tucson area focused on environmental issues. While some of that involves issues related to lead paint and other environmental concerns, they’re also already working in the area of water conservation. They conduct workshops in an effort to connect homeowners with our rebate program. Since Tucson Water lacks the staffing needed to carry out an effective outreach program on low-income rainwater harvesting – and it’s not what the utility is in business to do – SERI may be a natural partner in that effort.

If you’d like more information on the Sonoran Environmental Research Institute, you can easily find them online. They do good work, and we look forward to hearing from staff what role they may play in this rainwater harvesting outreach pilot program.

Innovation at the UA

This is the interior of one of the habitats out at Biosphere 2. It’s run by the UA through the College of Science. Makes sense. But a change that’s coming makes even more sense.

Dr. Joaquin Ruiz is the Dean of the College of Science. He’s being moved over into the



Office for Research and Discovery and will assume a new title of VP for Innovation. It's an intriguing move that will position the UA to advance its mission of innovation in the field of science. How?

Biosphere 2 is already an international leader in innovation for multiple scientific disciplines. Joaquin will join Dr. Kimberly Andrews Espy (Senior Vice-President for Research) in working toward some significant new grants under their new joint umbrella. One of the grants is the MacArthur Foundations "100&Change" program. Here's a description of that grant from the 100&Change website:

A new competition launched today will award a \$100 million grant to a single proposal designed to help solve a critical problem affecting people, places, or the planet. The Foundation's competition, called 100&Change, is open to organizations working in any field of endeavor anywhere. Applicants must identify both the problem they are trying to solve, as well as their proposed solution. Competitive proposals will be meaningful, verifiable, durable, and feasible.

I've known of Joaquin's work for a long time. He's the right guy to be working with Dr. Espy in pursuit of this grant. The UA has been a leader in the creation of an artificial heart, putting a lander on Mars, and immense mirrors that can see beyond time. We're also involved with Osiris Rex – a program that's intercepting an asteroid out in space. (I say "we're" as though I had anything to do with it.)

These are some really smart folks in pursuit of some really big money to study some really important issues. Kudos to UA President Hart for swinging for the fence and making these internal changes.

Note to the state legislature – don't underfund higher education or you kill the golden goose that's helping to shape our future.



Local First
ARIZONA

Downtown Community School

This week's local Tucson is a bit of a downer.
But you can help.

Last week, a fire destroyed the Downtown Community School, located at 614 S. Meyer in Barrio Viejo. The historic building was built back in the 1880s.

The school had been open since 2012 and served up to two dozen preschoolers and kindergartners. The fire occurred during the night, and nobody was injured. But there's no way they'll be able to reopen for the fall semester.

Emily McCrea is the school's founder. She's working now to find referrals for the kids who were scheduled to attend beginning on August 9th. And they're taking donations to help them get back on their feet.

If you can help this local, community-based, tuition-based pre-and-K nonprofit, please find them online at www.gofundme.com/2e28cb5g.

Even though they're not technically within the City of Tucson's limits, there's an education outreach aimed at assisting needy kids in South Tucson that deserves some recognition. This flyer speaks for itself.

The Healthy South Tucson Coalition Presents:



The following donation items will benefit South Tucson youth and ensure that schools and afterschool centers can support students all yearlong.

Clothing Items

(all sizes for boys & girls)

- * New Socks
- * New Underwear
- * New Shoes (close-toed preferred)
- * Gift card for shoe purchases

Other Supplies

- * Copy paper (all colors)
- * Tissues
- * Antibacterial Wipes
- * Healthy, non-perishable snacks
- * Reusable Water Bottles

All donations (supplies and monetary) can be dropped off at:
Primavera Training Center, 151 W. 40th Street, Tucson, AZ 85713

Arrange for pick-up of items by emailing:

Alonzo Morado at amorado@primavera.org

Monetary donations will be used for the purchase of the listed items.
Checks can be made out to the "Primavera Foundation."



The Healthy South Tucson Coalition is a partnership of schools, agencies, and non-profit organizations who serve the residents of the City of South Tucson. All donations are tax-deductible.

Education is so fundamental to our health as a community. However you can help in either or both of these solicitations would be very much appreciated by each of the families that benefits.

Transit Fare Open Houses

I mentioned that we are moving ahead with public input on three different fare options. I included a table that showed each of them in last week's newsletter.

The public open houses are now scheduled. We'll hold a public hearing on the options during our evening session on September 7th. In advance of that, there will be six presentations around town. Here's the schedule:

Tuesday, July 19th @ 6pm – Quincie Douglas Library – 1585 E. 36th St.

Monday, July 25th @ 6pm – Golf Links Library – 9640 E. Golf Links Rd.

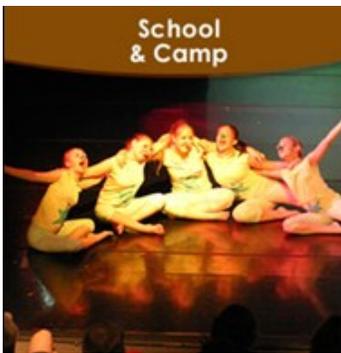
Tuesday, July 26th @ noon – Main Library downtown – 101 N. Stone

@ 5:30 – Wilmot Library – 530 N. Wilmot

Wednesday, July 27th @ 10am – Woods Memorial Library – 3455 N. 1st Ave.

Thursday, July 28th @ 10am – El Rio Neighborhood Center – 1390 W. Speedway

ZUZI! Theater



The Historic Y is the host venue for ZUZI dance school. It's one of several groups to have leased space from the Y over the years. It has truly become known as the center for Arts, Education and the Environment. Now an opportunity to build on that has popped up.

ZUZI has been an anchor tenant for 17 years. They're leasing space that was originally built out in 1988 by the 10th Street Danceworks group. Now, Artistic Director Nanette Robinson and Y Chair Shawn Burke are focused on putting together a coalition of dance and arts groups to share the space and build on the successes the Y has experienced since it was first built in 1930. Nanette and the ZUZI Board are transitioning to their core educational role. That has led to a call out into the community for other groups to join in sharing the space. The result will be a collaboration of arts groups that will keep the space activated, while sharing in the lease and reducing everyone's costs.

Here a link that describes the space: <http://www.zuzimoveit.org/theater/rentalinformation.html>

If your group would like to tour the facility or talk to Shawn about this opportunity, you can reach him at shawnburke@me.com or 415.218.0020.

Movie Night

Finally, we have outdoor movies showing downtown, and every now and then a corporate sponsorship will facilitate a show in one of our parks. Now neighborhood groups are joining in as a way to build relationship among residents. It's a great way to bring people together – low-cost and low-maintenance. This flyer announces a movie night we're having in Catalina Vista. I share it both as an invitation to you to come and as a way to plant a seed that it

might be worth considering in your own neighborhoods.

Join Your Fun Neighbors This Summer For
Catalina Vista



**Every other Saturday
through August**



**Next Movie: Saturday, July 16th
@ The Barrett Home**



**7:00 Kids Indoor
Kid's Choice**

**8:00 Outdoor
(bring a suit & watch from pool)
The Good, the Bad and the Ugly**



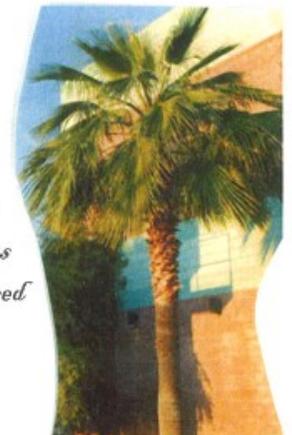
**Doors
Open
6:30 P.M.**



Providing:
Fresh popcorn
Lemonade & Ice Water
Strawberry & Mango Smoothies
Sierra Vista Margaritas
B4OB whatever you want!



*In support of our Neighborhood Improvement Projects
\$5.14 donation family donation suggested but not required*



If you're interested, contact Annie Barrett at anbarret@aol.com and she can get you involved, or just walk you through how they've gone about planning, organizing, and promoting the Catalina Vista Neighborhood Association events.

Sincerely,

Steve Kozachik
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Events and Entertainment

Register for fall Parks and Recreation Activities

Parks and Recreation's Activity Guide for fall 2016 is available online at the link below and at all Parks and Recreation facilities, including administration offices, recreation centers, pools, and many local libraries. The Activity Guide contains information on leisure classes, summer KIDCO, aquatics, sports programs, registration, and the Discount Program. Registration will open July 16 for city residents and July 19 for non-city residents. For questions, please call Registration Services at [\(520\) 791-4877](tel:5207914877).

View guide and register for classes: bit.ly/1u7q4db

Tucson Parks and Recreation: 1.usa.gov/1ua6RJt

Loft Kids Fest

Saturday, July 23 – Sunday, July 31, 2016 | Every morning at 10:00am

The Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd

Super summer excitement returns to The Loft Cinema with the tenth annual Loft Kids Fest! Each morning, children and their parents can experience some of the best family-friendly films of all-time, along with a fabulous animated short before every feature. Enjoy fun games, hands-on activities, live performances, great giveaways, tons-o-free-popcorn and crazy surprises. And best of all, it's free! loftcinema.com/event/loft-kids-fest

Ongoing...

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way | www.tucsonbotanical.org

Twilight Thursdays, every Thursday through the summer, 5 – 8 pm

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave |

www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd | www.uamineralmuseum.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave | www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St | www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St | hotelcongress.com

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd | www.loftcinema.com

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St | www.rialtotheatre.com

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd | www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave | www.arizonatheatre.org

The Rogue Theatre, The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd | www.theroguetheatre.org

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave | www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

Tucson Convention Center, 260 S Church St | tucsonconventioncenter.com

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St | 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

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](tel:520-777-9270).

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave | www.childrensmuseumtucson.org