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Ward 6 Newsletter

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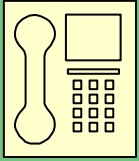


Teresa Smith

A Message From Steve

With summer having arrived Mayor and Council meetings take a bit of a respite. During the break, though, there are still numerous significant issues with which we're dealing in preparation for the resumption of meetings next week. A few of those include:

1. Review of the recently released Guaranteed Maximum Price for the proposed downtown hotel - I'm in the early stages of that review, and the numbers are still rather troubling. In addition, I am not at all sure leading with this project is what we need to kick-start economic development in the downtown area. There are other projects that involve retail outlets that might be more effective in that effort. I'll continue to do the studying and listen for your voice as the decision-making process evolves.
2. As noted in the last newsletter, we passed some changes to the Certificate of Occupancy rules that I believe will be very beneficial to the community. Those recent changes have streamlined zoning review for businesses obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy and who are in the process of moving into an existing building. The changes can save business renters weeks of zoning work. For property owners, it means that many buildings that are empty because of zoning issues can once again be occupied. I asked that Development Services keep a close eye on the impact of the changes to ensure that neighborhoods don't suffer unintended consequences, and have been in touch with the Director of that department to work on how monitoring will occur.
3. Sun Tran/RTA - we continue to wrestle with the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that would transfer Sun Tran rolling stock and operations from the City to the RTA. The City currently subsidizes Sun Tran at \$35 million per year. A portion of that subsidy is due to the fact that nearly 1/2 of all riders receive a low-income fare (.40 cents per ride.) That is less than 10% of the estimated cost per passenger. It is my belief that regardless of whether the RTA or the City is operating the system, that is an issue that needs to be addressed in a manner that both respects the needs of low income riders' financial challenges, while at the same time recognizing that many in our community who do not ride the bus are also struggling from paycheck to paycheck to make ends meet. The stated intent of the transfer to the RTA would be to eventually



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police Department

911 or 791-4444
nonemergency

Mayor & Council Comment Line

791-4700

Neighborhood Resources

791-4605

Park Wise

791-5071

Water Issues

791-3242

Pima County Animal Control

243-5900

Street Maintenance

791-3154

Development Services

791-4505

Southwest Gas

889-1888

Gas Emergency/ Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus

Hotline

243-7999

Environment

Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal

792-2489

Continued: A Message From Steve

reduce, and ultimately eliminate, that subsidy. If that could occur, the General Fund would be saved those significant dollars. To date, I have yet to see in any of the proposals brought to us how that would be effected. The dialogue continues. In the meantime, negotiations are ongoing with the Teamsters to renew the existing collective bargaining agreement. I am hopeful that all parties in those negotiations bring to the table the understanding that these are very lean economic times. The discussions need to occur with that as the underlying premise.

4. At our last Council meeting I continued to press for a solid economic development framework to be put into place someplace within the City administrative structure. The City Manager has assigned that task to his associate and we will continue those discussions during our next meeting on August 4th. Within the past week we learned of the loss of several hundred high-paying jobs to Huntsville, Alabama. We cannot sit by and continue to watch those opportunities end up in other locales. I have been meeting with several prospective developers, and will be meeting with an array of those in our community who market Tucson. Right now it's not so much that we're leaving money laying on the table. I'm not sure we're even at the table. During hard economic times such as these, we cannot simply sit by and accept mediocrity and blame it on the broader economy. We need to roll up our sleeves and aggressively pursue opportunities. I believe we have the talent and that the region has an inherent appeal. I'll keep plugging away, and trust the leaders of the community will continue to do so, as well.

Stay safe and hydrated this summer and be aware of the monsoon dangers.

Sincerely,

Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6

Summer Shopping and Free Live Music on 4th Avenue.

Date: Saturday, July 31, 2010

Time: All day and Evening

Where: All along 4th Ave

Spend all day **Saturday July 31st on 4th Avenue Shopping** for Spectacular Savings at over 45 different locally-owned businesses. From food to clothing, bicycles to furniture, seems like everything is on sale during this once a year spectacular sale. Enjoy free live music at three locations on the Avenue. Save your dollars while keeping your dollars local. Stroll, shop and play. Summer has arrived!

For more information visit

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



Reid Park Zoo FREE Summer Sunrise for Members

Date: July 31, 2010

Time: 7:30 AM

Duration: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Members are invited to enjoy the Zoo during cooler mornings hours on Saturday and Sunday. The Zoo is not open to the general public until 9 a.m. If you are not a Reid Park Zoo Member yet, go online to www.tucsonzoo.org or visit the Membership Booth at the Reid Park



Take Me Out To The Ball Game...The Tucson Toros take on the Tijuana Cimarrones

Date: July 29-31, 2010

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Hi Corbett Field

Call 325-1010 or go to www.tucsonoros.com for more information.



Back to School Supplies

The Ward 6 Council Office will be collecting new school supplies until Wednesday, September 1st. The school supplies will be donated to the Tucson Unified School District. The supplies will be divided and distributed to selected schools in Ward 6. The schools need Crayons, Pencils, Pens, Scissors, Notebooks, Glue, Paper, Rulers, and Erasers.

Please bring donations to the Ward 6 Council Office at 3202 E. 1 st. Street.

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Tucson's 235th Birthday Events

Old Time Radio Theatre

Start: Aug 3, 2010

End: Aug 3, 2010

Location: Beowulf Alley Theatre

Join us for a family-friendly evening of the stories as told on the radio during the Golden Era of Radio - Blondie, My Friend Irma, Dragnet, Abbott & Costello, to name a few. Watch as we create the sounds of creaking doors and footsteps across gravel driveways...

We will have birthday cake in the lobby and will make a curtain speech to recognize Tucson's 235th birthday.

For additional events visit
<http://www.tucsonsbirthday.org>

Email us at ward6@tucsonaz.gov

National Night Out

Start: Aug 3, 2010, 6:30

p.m.

End: Aug 3, 2010, 9:30 p.m.



Location: Your Neighborhood!

Plan a neighborhood Tucson's Birthday party outdoors to enjoy the company of your neighbors and meet new people on your block. The Tucson Police Department supports your participation in National Night Out; visit the website below for more information on this nationwide event. If you live within the city limits, e-mail Officer Johnson at the address below. Send the details of your event, including contact name and phone number, address of event, times, and the number of people expected so a member of the police department can try to stop by to visit with you and your neighbors. You can have fun and fight crime at the same time! Tucson Police Department James Johnston,
Special Events Coordinator
James.Johnston@Tucsonaz.gov or
791-4855

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION ORDINANCE 16-36

Sec. 16-36. Posting of handbills prohibited.

(a) **Posting prohibited.** No person shall post, affix, display, paint or attach; or direct, permit, or cause any other person to **attach any handbill upon any street lamp post, street sign, traffic sign or signal, traffic control device**, curb, sidewalk, hydrant, tree, shrub, **utility pole** or any other public building, structure or object except as may otherwise be required or authorized by law; or upon any private structure or building, without the consent of the owner or person in control thereof.

(b) **Presumption.** For purposes of this section, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that any person or entity whose name, address, telephone number, e-mail address or other identifying information is indicated on the handbill, and any owner, manager, or responsible party of any business, product or service which is the subject of the handbill, has directed or caused the posting or attaching of the handbill in violation of subsection (a).

(c) **Penalty.** A violation of this section is a civil infraction. In addition to any other penalties prescribed by law, any person found responsible for violating this section shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). Each handbill illegally posted shall constitute a separate violation, and shall be subject to a separate fine. In addition to the minimum fine(s), upon finding any person responsible for violating this section, the court shall order that person to reimburse the city for its costs in the removal of the illegal handbill(s) pursuant to subsection (d), as documented by a statement of costs presented to the court by the city.