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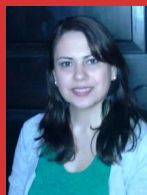
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Ward 6 – Newsletter

OCTOBER 26, 2011

A Message from Steve

All Soul's Procession

On Sunday, November 6th the annual All Soul's Procession will begin to form at 5pm at 4th and University. The Procession will begin at 6pm. This year they had to change the route due to on-going construction. That increased costs to the event by a significant amount, so if you are going to either participate, or observe (you participate by observing, too) please consider a contribution to the event. Attached here is a link that shows the map of the new route

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/as_route_map.pdf

In case you're unfamiliar with the event, you can go to their website and get a full description. If you do, you'll find these quotes included:

DO: Come and enjoy the experience in a way that works for you. Dress up, get out of your regular regiment and persona; make a mask, a puppet, an art installation, an altar; some way of honoring those who have gone before, who we remember, honor, release, and embrace. Allow yourself to flow into an experience of real community, where we interact in ways that are different, authentic to our nature, and open to our feelings.

DON'T: Be high, drunk, or in anyone's space in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable. This event should be safe to bring a newborn infant to, or your dear aging grandmother. What allows the magic to happen is for everyone to feel safe. It is your job to create this kind of space. The moment we require help from police or any other authority to make sure that happens, we have lost something truly precious. Please make sure to honor barricades, civilian security and civic event staff at grand finale and take care for yourself and your fellow participants in stepping off of curbs, crossing streets, train tracks and trolley tracks etc.

Did you ever have a restaurant or other store in your neighborhood go out of business, and then realize that you hadn't really supported it - but were saddened by the loss? As the cost of events such as this increase, and the City has fewer and fewer resources to help with, the burden shifts to those who value them as a community asset to keep them afloat. The same holds true for Tucson Meet Yourself - their costs increased significantly for the event that just ended last week. When they're done tallying the books, the event might well yield a net loss. The same issue of costs escalating holds true for El Tour de Tucson. For police alone, they will pay



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

Planning and
Development
Services 791-5550

Southwest Gas

889-1888

Gas Emergency/
Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus

Hotline

243-7999

Environment
Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal

792-2489

AZ Game & Fish

628-5376

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more than \$5K over what they paid last year. And on it goes.

Tucson has several fun and unique civic events. The City government cannot subsidize them to the extent we used to. Please consider that when you attend and/or participate in any of these.

Ray Carroll

I was honored to be invited to attend my friend Ray Carroll's 50th birthday celebration last weekend. I just hope I look as good as he does when I turn 50! .pause.

Ray represents a public servant who has earned the respect of members of all sides of the political spectrum. A true defender of taxpayer interests, a person who cares deeply about the community in which he serves, a defender of the environment and fiscal responsibility and a man/husband/father of integrity. I can say these things for two reasons:

1. It's not a campaign season for him so it doesn't cross the line of using this newsletter as a campaign stump
2. They're true - and I simply wanted to express my gratitude to him for including me in his celebration of life. May there be many more, my friend.

And may the community be blessed by many more citizen servants who are willing to step into the fray and reflect what they believe is the greater good for the region. It's not an easy road, but it is a worthy one.

Warren Buffett

And speaking of citizen servants, I found this game plan put forward by Warren Buffett to be thought provoking. I don't include it because I have bought into all of the positions, but I just mentioned public service. It struck me that Mr. Buffett captured some of the essence of what we have lost in that phrase and has embedded them into his suggestions:

Warren Buffett, in a recent interview with CNBC, offers one of the best quotes about the debt ceiling:

"I could end the deficit in 5 minutes," he told CNBC. "You just pass a law that says that anytime there is a deficit of more than 3% of GDP, all sitting members of Congress are ineligible for re-election.

Congressional Reform Act of 2011

1. 1. No Tenure / No Pension. A Congressman collects a salary while in office and receives no pay when they are out of office.
2. Congress (past, present & future) participates in Social Security. All funds in the Congressional retirement fund move to the Social Security system immediately. All future funds flow into the Social Security system, and Congress participates with the



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jon Kyl (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman
Gabrielle Giffords
(D)
(8th District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(7th District)
520-622-6788

Governor Janice
Brewer (R)
Governor of Arizona
602-542-4331
Toll free:
1-800-253-0883

State Legislators
Toll Free
Telephone:
1-800-352-8404
Internet:
www.azleg.gov

Mayor Bob Walkup
791-4201

City Infoguide
[http://
sms3.tucsonaz.gov/
infoguide](http://sms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide)

American people. It may not be used for any other purpose.

3. Congress can purchase their own retirement plan, just as all Americans do.
4. Congress will no longer vote themselves a pay raise. Congressional pay will rise by the lower of CPI or 3%.
5. Congress loses their current health care system and participates in the same health care system as the American people.
6. Congress must equally abide by all laws they impose on the American people.
7. All contracts with past and present Congressmen are void effective 1/1/12. The American people did not make this contract with Congressmen. Congressmen made all these contracts for themselves. Serving in Congress is an honor, not a career. The Founding Fathers envisioned citizen legislators, so ours should serve their term(s), then go home and back to work.

Politicians are elected employees. They are not a privileged class. I don't know whether or not I'll be asking you to rehire me in two years, but there is an election going on in our City right now. Do your homework and consider the qualifications and positions of all of the candidates. If you don't have the time to serve in office, you can participate by studying the people who are offering themselves up and by casting an informed vote.

Occupy Tucson

The overtime costs for TPD related to Occupy Tucson. through Wednesday, October 19th were approximately \$35,700. In their briefing on this matter, TPD made the point that the cost estimates for a full custodial arrest, transportation to jail, first day jail board and one hour of transport and booking/processing time would have been about \$40,400. The spokesman went on to say that as the occupation continues, TPD expects the daily overtime costs to become negligible due to scheduling of on-duty resources.

Two points on that. First, the reallocation of on-duty resources simply means cops are not in other areas of the City because of the protest demanding their attention. It's a zero sum game; i.e. "scheduling of on-duty resources" means a person is in one place and not another. Secondly, the discussion of what it would cost to fully adjudicate a protester, while perhaps accurate in terms of the numbers, is a clear attempt at misdirection from the fact that we're spending \$35K of your dollars that would not have been spent but for the protest. When my wife buys a coat on sale, she'll tell me about how much she saved - I remind her how much she spent. Yes, we've saved by not yet arresting and yes, we're still spending your money in overtime for TPD to monitor people breaking the law.

There are other costs that have not been given any publicity.

In order to preserve this public asset, we would ordinarily be watering the grounds daily this time of year, generally early in the morning. The hot, dry conditions over the past week make that even more critical. The watering schedule will decrease as the grass goes dormant, but for now, we are not taking care of it.

According to our Parks Director, it is becoming evident that there will likely be damage to the turf. We will not know the full impact until next spring. But we know that the longer the camping continues, the greater will be the impact.

Another issue not receiving much discussion is the Risk Management requirement of public liability insurance. Last year, we raised your secondary property taxes in order to pay off tort liability claims made on the City. Without the City being named as an additional insured on an insurance policy purchased by the protesters, we are subject to being named if somebody is injured in the park related to this event, particularly if it is a third party. And what makes this even more of an issue is that the Occupy group is a very loosely associated group of individuals. It does not function as an entity for whom an insurance company could, or perhaps would, write a liability policy. Without that, the taxpayers are vulnerable.

The City Council writes the law. It neither enforces nor adjudicates it. The people being injured by the protest are not the alleged targets of the protest. The people being harmed are the 99%; the taxpayers who reside in this rather moderate to low income community. It is not the major corporations who invested the multi-millions of dollars in the R&D needed to develop the synthetics used in fabrication of the camping gear that the protesters are sleeping in - go figure.— Instead it is the people in this community who have seen core services reduced in the last two years, police and parks included.

This week arraignments will begin relative to the over 300 citations that have been issued. The courts can consider community service as an appropriate sanction in response to the citations. I would also hope that the protesters see that, to the extent we have to absorb hard costs out of the operating budgets of both Police and Parks, they are missing their target. In fact, they are hurting those they purport to represent the longer they stay encamped on public property.

My standard in this is pretty straight forward. The Parks Ordinance we have in place is Constitutional and therefore defensible. To the extent we embrace selective enforcement, we vitiate our ability to enforce our rules with others later on. Our City Manager and Police Chief have my full support in how we have dealt with this issue up until now.

Other events are coming that have reserved and purchased permits and insurance for use of the park.

I'm not going to hyperventilate over this. It's pretty simple. We have one set of rules.

Alarm Fees

Ok, so we know that I support TPD and want to preserve their budget capacity - and in fact build it back up. Yet, I don't support doing that in a way that provides a disincentive for people and businesses to protect themselves with alarm systems. Here are two links to photos of shoddy installations that could result in false alarms for which customers would be targeted under the proposed new alarm fee ordinance

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/alarm_pic1.pdf

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/alarm_pic2.pdf

As I have before, I've asked the City Manager and Chief to leave this one alone. We cannot define "false alarms" adequately and charging everybody a fee for simply purchasing an alarm system pe-

finalizes the whole for the behavior of a few.

Dogs

Ok - lightening things up after all of that. I love dogs. Click on this link and enjoy about :45 seconds to see why:

<http://www.wimp.com/throwstick/>

Tohono O'odham Grant Money

You may not be aware of how we are the beneficiaries of Gaming money that is generated on the land of the Indian Nations in our region. Under State law, Indian Nations are required to distribute a certain percentage of their gaming profits to municipalities and counties for government projects that benefit the general public. On Tuesday we approved some Intergovernmental Grants (IGA) that accomplish this purpose. Specifically, people who gamble in the Tohono O'odham casino have played a part in the Nation funding the following:

- Arthritis Foundation - \$11,975
- Downtown Tucson Partnership - \$90,000
- Tucson Festival of Books - \$35,000
- Tucson Police Foundation - \$50,000
- UA College of Education - \$10,213
- UMC Foundation - \$50,000
- TDOT for bus shelters - \$43,000
- Parks and Rec. for playground equipment - \$50,000
- Wards one, two and five - \$30,793 for car seats, bike helmets and booster seats.

The odds are that you didn't know that was how some of this was funded.

Toole Avenue Streetscape

On Saturday the 15th, a group of volunteers gathered and worked side by side all day in order to build a gateway to the Warehouse Arts District (WAMO) by transforming the Toole Avenue Streetscape. This was the culmination of a ton of work put in by Michael Keith and the staff of the Downtown Tucson Partnership (DTP), City staff, Norris Design and of course the WAMO group.

While the softscape is a critical element in the finished product, sculptures and other two-dimensional artwork produced by local artists also highlight the work. Ben's Bells, Santa Teresa Tile works, Tucson Clean and Beautiful and many more combined to produce this success. Thanks go out to them all. Drop by on your next trip into the Downtown area. You will notice the difference.

PAG/RTA

Recently a number of us on Council have made a point to insist that we get more timely updates, and an opportunity to weigh in on issues related to Regional development and policy being put forward by the Pima Association of Governments and the RTA. Late last week we received an update on RTA revenues and on Tuesday we received a PAG update.

With respect to the RTA revenue update - while their sales tax revenues are up by 1.2% more than their planning figure, the fact remains that they intend to sell over \$150M in bonds in order to keep projects moving forward. I am still troubled at our inability to generate any serious consideration of whether or not some of the voter approved projects pass the "truth in advertising" test now that we're over five years post-RTA election. We have the opportunity to see whether or not the underlying assumptions for project justification are valid and we have the opportunity to see closer to the true costs of some of the work.

I'm not quite sure how to advance that discussion, but I do know that will be taking a very hard look at any requests for "early acquisition" of properties along the major corridors planned for development until we have a better idea as to costs and need. I know that I am not alone on the Council in feeling that way.

With respect to the PAG update we received on Tuesday, in my own opinion some of the policy positions being suggested in the report demonstrate a real need for M&C to get these materials even earlier in the process. This will enable us to develop coherent positions that reflect the interests of Tucson, and not a diluted "Region-wide" policy stance.

Two examples: expanding the Regional Council from nine members to 54 members. The proposal would include members who represent unincorporated areas and members of the private sector. We have enough of a problem being only one of nine voting members. Why would we agree to even further minimize our voice?

Another policy position offered to us on Tuesday was to "oppose intergovernmental competition for economic development." I argued at our study session that competition raises everybody's bar. I would rather see us win jobs inside of the Tucson City limits than to be satisfied if they ended up in one of the outlying jurisdictions in the region. We are in the process of putting together a more effective tool kit with which to lure jobs into the area. One example is the new HUD 108 bridge loan option we're finally getting closer to adopting. We have streamlined permitting, eased the Certificate of Occupancy process, lowered certain fees for builders, passed a downtown infill incentives package, and more. Given that activity, it makes no sense to agree to shy away from competing for the jobs we say we want.

Ensuring that M&C has an earlier voice in the Regional issues being developed is an area I am certain there is a strong majority on the Council to support.

Student Behavior

Finally, ending on a high note. With the recent issues related to mini-dorms, red tags and unruly behavior, the title of this section is misleading.

The Eller College on the UA campus has over 400 students who are enrolled in a nonprofit management class and who will participate in Make a Difference Day on October 22nd. This group of students will do graffiti abatement, plant trees, remove grasses from tree wells along the Santa Cruz river, and more.

The volunteers will each be assigned to a local nonprofit to give 3-4 hours of service. Some of the nonprofits include the Salvation Army, Ben's Bells, and Tanque Verde Schools. US News and World Report ranks the Eller undergraduate program #14 among public business schools nationally. It is community based programs such as this that account for that prestigious ranking.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik

11 TUCSON FIREFIGHTERS CHILI COOK-OFF Oct 28th, 10AM-10PM

El Presidio Plaza Park, 160 W. Alameda

http://www.tucsonfirefighters.com/chili_cook-off.html

More than 1000 gallons of chili will be cooked for this event. There are 34 booths in friendly competition, each bringing at least 30 gallons of chili to the event. There will be a wide variety of chili from spicy hot to veggie. The chili is \$1.00 a cup and all proceeds will benefit the Tucson Firefighters Adopt-A-Family Program, which assists needy families and children with clothing, food, basic necessities and toys throughout the holiday season. If you don't like chili, no problem, there will be roasted corn, hot dogs and plenty of other things to eat. Last year more than \$52,000 was raised for needy Tucson families at this event. It would be great to raise even more at this year's cook-off.



Annual Palo Verde Community Yard Sale Oct 29th, 8AM-12PM

Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1825 N Alvernon

Come design your Halloween costume, sell your artwork, crafts, and antiques. There is a limited number of spaces available so it is a first-come/first-served for neighbors and businesses. There is a \$15 charge for a booth. Sellers must provide their own display tables, have change, and remove all items at the end of the sale. Click the following link for the registration form...

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/pv_yard_sale.pdf

Copper Chef Challenge & BBQ benefitting New Beginnings Oct. 30th, 11AM-3PM

Kiva Patio and Ballroom at Loews Ventana Canyon

Price: \$35 per person

<http://www.tucsonculinaryfestival.com/copperchef.shtml>

Neighborhood Market at Rosemont Community Church Nov 12th, 10AM-2PM

5005 East Winsett Street

It's a great market with food, entertainment and locally made products and collectibles

Contact franmanzo@yahoo.com for additional information

Downtown Arts and Entertainment District Events

This week at the arts and entertainment venues in Downtown Tucson . . .

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Thursday, October 27, 7:30pm. **“Dead West”**

Friday, October 28, 7:30pm. **Don McLean** in concert.

Saturday and Sunday, October 29 and 30, 7:30pm. **“The Shining”**

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Thursday, October 27, 8:00pm. **Gaelic Storm** (Celtic fusion). All ages.

Friday, October 28, 8:00pm. **Solace in Nothing** (Metal), with Stands with Fists, Ensphere, Lethal Dosage, Trinity. All ages.

Saturday, October 29, 7:00pm. **Nightmare on Congress Street**

The East End of Congress brings you NIGHTMARE ON CONGRESS, an evening of high-quality, mixed entertainment at 4 venues within steps of each other with just one ticket. Enjoy cinematic live music on the Rialto stage, music & art at Sacred Machine, a dance party & haunted house at Hotel Congress, and a unique rooftop experience at the brand new Playground!

Monday, October 31, 8:00pm. **Filter** (Rock), w/ Menew, American Android, Stareater. All ages.

Wednesday, November 2, 8:00pm. **Tinariwen** (World), with Sophie Hunger. All ages.

www.RialtoTheatre.com

The Screening Room, 127 E. Congress St..

Thursday, October 27, 7:00pm. **“Hip Hop: Beyond Beats & Rhymes”**

Friday, October 28, 7:15pm. **Halloween Double Feature**

Saturday, October 29, 7:00pm. **Kung Fu Double Feature**

www.azmac.org/scroom

Beowulf Alley Theatre

Active Imagination Theatre presents: **A Weenie Halloween.**

October 29 and 30, 12:00noon.

www.BeowulfAlley.org

Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave.

Arizona Theatre Company presents

Tony Award-Winning Comedy – Best Play 2009: **“God of Carnage”**

October 22 – November 12, 2011

www.arizonatheatre.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S. 6th Ave.

Saturday, October 29, 1:00-4:00pm. **Not-so Spooky Halloween**

Afternoon of fun crafts and events. Costume contest at 3:45

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Tucson Shot Rock and Roll: Rock Photos by Tucson Photographers

A special pop-up exhibit gallery at 245 E. Congress St., Suite 171 (next to Sparkroot).

Exhibit runs through Friday, October 29. Thursdays and Fridays, 4:00pm-10:00pm

<http://www.tucsonshotrock.com/>

Cinema La Placita, La Placita Village, 110 S. Church Ave.
Thursday, October 27, 7:30. "Dracula" (1931), starring Bela Lugosi

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), 265 S. Church Ave.
Friday, October 28, 12:00pm. **Curator Tour**
Saturday, October 29, 5:00pm. **Artist Talk: Armando Migulez**
www.MOCA-Tucson.org

Tucson Convention Center Events

Tucson Arena:

Friday and Saturday, October 28 and 29, 7:30pm. **Arizona Wildcats Hockey vs. Texas.**

Exhibit Halls B and C:

Saturday, October 29, 8:00pm. "Day Glow: The World's Largest Paint Party"

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/tcc/eventcalendar>

4th Avenue

Saturday, October 29, 5:00 to 8:00pm. Spooky 4th Avenue. Kids Halloween Costume Contest.

www.FourthAvenue.org

Ongoing

Meet Me at Maynards Maynards Market & Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Ave, historic train depot
A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Tucson Farmers' Market at Maynards 400 N Toole in the Historic Train Depot

Saturdays 9:00am – 1:00pm On the plaza at Maynards Market & Kitchen.

Santa Cruz Farmers' Market Mercado San Agustin, 100 S. Avenida del Convento

Thursdays, 4:00 – 7:00pm.

Science Downtown: Mars + Beyond 300 E. Congress St.

Thursday through Monday, 9:00am to 5:00pm (until 6:00pm on Fridays and Saturdays, and until 9:00pm on 2nd Saturdays)

<http://www.sciencedowntown.org/index.html>

Susan G Komen for the Cure presents . . .



PRETTY IN PINK



Join us for a very special screening of this timeless '80s classic, celebrating
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Saturday, October 29th at 9:30 a.m.

Admission: \$5.00 (includes a complimentary drink and snacks)