

## **waterWRLD Internship Program Spring 2016 Local Civic Engagement “Scavenger Hunt”**

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*The purpose of this “Scavenger Hunt” is to help you to understand the meaning of and give you practical knowledge in Civic Engagement so that you might gain even more out of your waterWRLD internship experience in this 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. You are welcome to use the entire semester to complete the scavenger hunt, but you are encouraged to complete the section on “City Officials in Action: WMG and Green Streets” before your “Engaging in the Civic Process” Workshop with Catlow Shipek. We will review your findings at the end of the semester.*

### **What is “Civic Engagement”?**

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**Civic:** (adjective) of or relating to a city or town or the people who live there; of or relating to a citizen, a city, citizenship, or community affair *from Merriam-Webster Dictionary*

**Engagement:** (noun) the act of engaging *from Merriam-Webster Dictionary*

**Engage:** (intransitive verb) to involve oneself or become occupied; participate *from The American Heritage Dictionary*

Draft your definition of “Civic Engagement” here:

### **City of Tucson Wards**

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*Knowledge:*

How many Wards are there in the City of Tucson? \_\_\_\_\_

Which Ward do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your City Council Representative for your Ward? \_\_\_\_\_

*Action:*

- Sign up for your Ward’s Newsletter
- Take a “selfie” in front of the rain garden at your Ward Office; if your Ward Office does not have a rain garden, take a “selfie” in front of the Ward 6 rain garden (email to [papuga@email.arizona.edu](mailto:papuga@email.arizona.edu))

### **City of Tucson Neighborhoods**

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*Knowledge:*

Go to: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/integrated-planning/neighborhood-association-registration>

What are some reasons for forming a Neighborhood Association (NA)?

Go to: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/apps/associations-and-neighborhood-maps/>

How many Registered Neighborhood Associations are there in the City of Tucson? \_\_\_\_\_

Which Neighborhood do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your Neighborhood Association President? \_\_\_\_\_

*Action:*

- Introduce yourself to your NA President by email and ask to be added to the neighborhood listserv

## City Officials in Action: WMG and Green Streets

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For this portion of the scavenger hunt, complete the following:

- Go to <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/tv12/mayor-and-council>; find the May 29, 2013 Study Session, Parts 1 and 2
- Locate, open, and read the agenda for the May 29, 2013 Study Session

What item on the agenda is related to WMG and Green Streets? \_\_\_\_\_

How much time has been allocated to the Green Streets Agenda Item? \_\_\_\_\_

- Go to minute 37:20 of May 29, 2013 Study Session Part 1 and watch the segment of the video related to the Green Streets Proposal (which continues in Part 2).

How does WMG define Green Infrastructure?

What are the positive aspects of Green Infrastructure that Mayor and Council note?

What concerns do Mayor and Council have about the Proposed Green Streets Policy?

Council Member Romero talks about an “unfunded mandate” in the City of Tucson. What is that mandate and how does the Green Streets Policy relate to it?

- Go to <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/tv12/mayor-and-council>; find August 6, 2013 Regular Session Part 1
- Locate, open, and read the agenda for the August 6, 2013 Regular Session

What item on the agenda is related to WMG and Green Streets? \_\_\_\_\_

What three “supporting materials” documents related to WMG and Green Streets are made part of the public record as part of this Regular Session?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

Who signed the approval of the Green Streets Policy?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you believe this individual was responsible for approving the Green Streets Policy?

- Go to minute 54:15 of the August 6, 2013 Regular Session Part 1 and watch the segment of the video related to Consent Agenda.

Explain what happens to the Green Streets Policy as part of Mayor and Council’s Consent Agenda.

*Follow Up Knowledge:*

What are key differences between a study session and a regular session meeting for Mayor and Council?

As a citizen of Tucson, if you had an issue to raise to Mayor and Council, you could attend a \_\_\_\_\_ Session of Mayor and Council and speak during the \_\_\_\_\_ agenda item.

*Follow Up Action:*

- Take a “selfie” in front of Mayor and Council Chambers (email to [papuga@email.arizona.edu](mailto:papuga@email.arizona.edu))

## Boards and Commissions in the City of Tucson

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For this portion of the scavenger hunt, complete the following:

- Go to: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/boards>  
List three of the City of Tucson Boards or Commissions that are of interest to you:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

WMG's Catlow Shipek is a member of which Committee? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Catlow get appointed to the Committee? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours does Catlow spend with this Committee each month? \_\_\_\_\_

- Go to: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/clerks/uploads/bccfiles/5474.pdf>  
*During the May 29, 2013 Study Session, it was noted that the City of Tucson Landscape Advisory Committee reviewed and approved of and made recommendations for the Green Streets Policy.*

What is the role of the Landscape Advisory Committee in the City of Tucson?

For how many years has there been a Landscape Advisory Committee in the City of Tucson? \_\_\_\_\_

What types of people are members of the Landscape Advisory Committee in the City of Tucson?

About how often does the Landscape Advisory Committee in the City of Tucson meet?

(Hint: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/boards?run=pastagenda&board=44>)

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- Go to: <http://www.pagregion.com/>  
What is Pima Association of Governments (PAG)? (hint, look under the "About" tab)

List three of the PAG Committees, Subcommittees, or Working Groups that are of interest to you:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

What is the role of the Stormwater Management Working Group (SWMWG) at PAG?

Go to: <http://www.pagnet.org/tabid/189/default.aspx>

According to PAG, how does Stormwater Management link with Green Infrastructure?

Read the PAG 2015 Green Infrastructure Resolution:

[http://www.pagnet.org/Portals/0/documents/Environmental\\_pdfs/GreenInfrastructureResolution2015.pdf](http://www.pagnet.org/Portals/0/documents/Environmental_pdfs/GreenInfrastructureResolution2015.pdf)

Give some reasons why Transportation has interest in Green Infrastructure.

Are there other WMG Staff members besides Catlow that are on Boards or Committees within the City of Tucson?

*If yes, list the staff person(s) and their committee(s) below:*

**Local Civic Issues: Making Note and Taking Action**

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In Flint, Michigan residents have been dealing with a major local water crisis over the past couple of years. Recently, this issue has been highlighted in the national news. Do an internet search and become familiarized with this issue.

Describe the Flint, MI water crisis.

Who are some of the major players that were involved in this water crisis?

If you lived in Flint, MI, what might your reaction to this crisis be; what action might you take, if any?

*Knowledge:*

In Tucson, Arizona we have our own local issues. As a citizen of Tucson we often hear about these issues on the television, radio or the newspaper.

List three TV Stations that carry Tucson's local news:

(1) Channel: \_\_\_\_\_; 4 Letter Station ID: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Channel: \_\_\_\_\_; 4 Letter Station ID: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Channel: \_\_\_\_\_; 4 Letter Station ID: \_\_\_\_\_

List Tucson's main newspaper:

\_\_\_\_\_

List Tucson's public media radio station:

Channel: \_\_\_\_\_; 4 Letter Station ID \_\_\_\_\_

*Action:*

- Watch an hour of the news on one of the TV stations you listed above; take a "selfie" with the news on the TV in the background (email to [papuga@email.arizona.edu](mailto:papuga@email.arizona.edu))
- Get your hands on a hard copy of the Arizona Daily Star; cut out a local news article you are interested in, paste into your journal and discuss
- Listen to an episode of Arizona Spotlight on KUAZ 89.1 (<https://radio.azpm.org/kuaz.azspotlight/>).
  - What is the date of the episode you listened to: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Describe one of the stories you heard about on this episode in the space below:

- If you do not have one already, sign up for a twitter account on twitter.com
  - List your twitter handle here: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Follow Watershed Management Group and the three TV Stations you listed above on twitter
  - Use your twitter account to follow a local issue that interests you. Describe what you learn below: