

Quick Greetings on a Friday afternoon!

The weeks seem to get away from me sometimes, given the level of activity within the City on so very many fronts! Next week I'll catch you up on budget issues and the myriad other actions before Mayor and Council. But I didn't want the week to pass without giving you a few ideas for this weekend ... and a few kudos along the way.

Saturday:

*Tucson Festival of Books:* Join me in a celebration of reading, writing and books! This Saturday and Sunday the University of Arizona will be filled with books/books/books and authors/authors/authors! From 9am to 5:30pm you can attend free for these workshops, author book signings and a variety of talks. Parking is also free at the area UA garages. I'm honored to be presenting awards to the Youth Flash Fiction Writing Contest on Saturday morning at 10am at the Children's Story Telling Stage. Use any UofA parking garage - or even better, take the bus or ride your bike like me!

Sunday:

*Sam Hughes Neighborhood Home Tour:* Here's your chance to get behind some of the fascinating doors of some of the most wonderful homes in the historic Sam Hughes Neighborhood. For \$15 [which supports the neighborhood association] you'll receive the maps for a Self-guided Walking Tour. You can participate from Noon to 5PM. You can buy your tickets at Rincon Market at 2513 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street OR two doors down at Karma Day Spa, 2525 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. There will also be refreshments and a raffle. For more information, please call 520-323-7891 or 520-419-7694.

Every Day:

No doubt you read about the fire at the Lost Barrio on South Park Avenue ten days ago. Please know that – other than a few stores that were damaged in the three alarm fire – THE REST OF THE LOST BARRIO IS OPEN!!! Art galleries, cafes, boutiques and more. Please do stop by!

And a point of pride: Our Tucson Fire Department. This blaze broke out a week ago Tuesday, so I stopped by to see what was happening on my way home after Council meeting. I was so impressed with the professionalism and commitment of our firefighters. They were able to contain the fire to just three businesses ... and protect this important area of our city ... and the many businesses there. Three alarm fires don't happen very often. They made quick work of it. We should all be proud!

Check out the new video!

MY CITY is an ongoing program on Channel 12. It offers an up-close and personal

look at the members of Tucson's Mayor and Council, revealing neighborhoods, city initiatives and the people that make each council ward unique. This edition of MY CITY features Ward 6 and me! I hope you'll check it out at:

<http://www.tucson12.tv/programs/MyCity>

And please do join me on Facebook! I'm enjoying finding my way through this new form of communication! For those of you already comfortable in the digital age, I'd love to have you join me there to continue our dialogue.

*As always, please stay in touch!*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nina".

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