

## Ward 6 Staff



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# Ward 6 – Newsletter

DECEMBER 6, 2011

## A Message from Steve

On Monday, three council members and a new mayor were sworn into office for four year terms. That means the first current Ward 6 team term is half over. With that in mind, I felt it would be instructive to look back and see what has been accomplished in these first two years.

But first, a message to our new mayor about leadership – Jonathon, this picture is a metaphor for you to post on your wall. Lead us in directions that are logical and make sense. Otherwise, you might turn around and find that we're no longer behind you...

And for the rest of the Council you pretty much know what to expect from me by now. I'll do my homework and look for ways to work for the greater good by reaching out to you. So when you look to your right, it'll be timid Steve K you see peeking in your window...

At the going away luncheon held to honor Mayor Walkup, a video was played that painted a picture of "Bob," the man. Thanks go Gene Einfrank for allowing me to share it with you here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJn0pdq9msA>

It's about 15 minutes long, so grab some popcorn and make yourself comfortable.

First, let me give the highest of marks to my staff. If you have had the opportunity to interact with any of them, you know that they reflect my own values of approaching issues on a non-partisan, fact based basis. We've won some and we've lost some. But in each case, we walk away believing that the positions for which we fought re-





### 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

## Continued: A Message From Steve

flected the greater good of the community

One of the themes of my campaign was that I intended to invite a variety of perspectives into the discussion of issues. We listen. Each staff member has specific neighborhood associations, commissions, committees or geographic areas of town for which he/she is responsible. We've hosted numerous meetings at the ward office in which we have invited our commission representatives to share, neighborhood leaders to share, representatives of the local business community to share, TREO/Raytheon and the MCRC.

We have hosted discussions on potentially volatile topics: development in neighborhoods, development in El Con, community issues that involve provision of services to people caught up in prostitution and human trafficking, the build out of the Grant Road corridor, the impact of the Streetcar on merchants, the Gem Show, and more. There's nothing 9-5 about how we serve the community.

Finally, before touching on some specific areas, it has to be said that none of the successes noted in this report card would have been possible without the collaboration and support of the rest of the Mayor and Council. None of us operates in a vacuum from the others, so while this review will point to issues that have meant a lot to me and to my co-workers in the Ward office, the rest of the people seated along the dais also deserve mention.

So, here we go –

### **Rio Nuevo**

The major underlying theme of the campaign and continuing up to the present is how the taxpayers have been ill-served by what could have been a wonderful downtown redevelopment plan. There have been some successes and there continue to be challenges.

We voted unanimously to avoid committing over \$200M of your dollars to building a downtown convention center hotel. The market will dictate a solution to the perceived need for such a hotel and when it does, private sector dollars will be in the conversation.

As a part of the hotel project, the City and Rio renovated the East Entry to the TCC. The subcontractors who did that work remained unpaid by Rio Nuevo, Turner/Sundt and Garfield Traub until mid-2011. It was after several consecutive weeks of the M&C blasting home the message that the local workers deserved to be paid for their work that finally the GC's (not Rio, and not Garfield Traub) made them whole.

And yet, the TCC remains in need of repairs, both to the interior and exterior. The City has invested tens of millions of dollars towards that end. Rio has bond money sitting gathering dust while they threaten lawsuits which will be funded by you, and the target of which is you. Nearly weekly I continue to report on that miscarriage of fiscal responsibility on the part of the Rio Board.

That Board filed a notice of intent to sue the taxpayers for \$47M. In an effort to keep that



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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](http://www.azleg.gov)

Mayor Bob Walkup  
791-4201

City Infoguide  
[http://  
cms3.tucsonaz.gov/  
infoguide](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide)

out of court, and to save the costs associated with litigation, the City Council has led the conversation related to moving into mediation to try to resolve issues off the public dime. Rio has agreed to meet in mediation, but they have agreed to do so without stopping the clock from ticking down towards the date (mid-February) on which they will have to serve the lawsuit on us/you. Bad faith.

And in December of last year, the City Council and the then Rio Board agreed on the elements of Term Sheets that, had the Board moved forward to a settlement agreement based on them, would have advanced our relationship in a positive manner. Instead, members of the former Board were removed, new ones appointed by the Legislature and Governor, and the agreement on the Term Sheets was allowed to lapse. Thus, the lawsuit.

So, getting the hotel off your back was a good thing but the relationship with the new Board continues to be a burr under the City Council's saddle that we can't seem to shake loose. The issue will have to play itself in less than 90 days. Either we move ahead or they move us into court.

David Fitzsimmons once again crafted an editorial that pretty much sums up the situation:



### 9-1-1 Call Center

When I began to receive calls from what was then a group of anonymous 911 Center workers about the conditions under which they were working, I felt it was important enough to pass along to the then City Manager.

When the calls kept coming and nothing seemed to be getting done (and with the tragic death of a young lady that might have been linked to the working conditions) I decided to dig into the matter myself.

I learned of dropped calls, no location indicators appearing on screens, no monitoring of calls, staffing levels that were resulting in overtime hours being worked in a high stress job, and more.

With the assistance of a willing media, and the help of some very brave and frustrated Call Center workers, we achieved changes in management, upgrades to the technical equipment that is the backbone of the system, elimination of furlough days for the workers and a hiring push to work towards full staffing.

In all honesty, the weeks during which this was going on were highly stressful. Everything I was reporting had to be fact based, and not rumor. The first time that was deviated from, the integrity of the issue would have dissolved. And yet, the results have been worth the work.

Our community is better off for the emphasis on getting to the bottom of the problems that existed at the center. Getting there was aided by the front line workers, media and my colleagues on the Council.

God's blessings on the family of the lost little girl. I've got a little girl – I can't imagine.

### **Parkwise**

During the same time frame in which 911 was the hot button issue, it was suggested to me that there was similar mismanagement going on in the Parkwise program.

One thing I learned during 911; if you let it be known that you're willing to shine a flashlight, people start to come out from the woodwork alleging wrong doing. You've got to pick your battles. My choice was to push on the Parkwise issue because what I was hearing made it sound as though taxpayer money was at risk and management controls were not in place.

In fact, that's what was ultimately uncovered. New management is now in place, thanks to the redirection of personnel and responsibilities led by current City Manager Richard Miranda and the management of the General Services workers who are now overseeing the program.

Money was lost but we will not know how much. But controls are in place to protect your assets. Possibly most importantly, the spate of issues last summer that cried out for tighter management controls has had a good result in terms of both City Staff and the City Council joining together to tighten up in areas that had been allowed to get sloppy.

### **Fiscal flashlight**

I mentioned the flashlight on fiscal issues. Included in those have got to be:

Bonds – In the past several weeks I have pointed to the need for all governing bodies to play it straight with the people who will be paying the debt service on bond offerings. The examples I gave included language in the 2004 bond package that was unclear and the recent suggestion that we will be asked to further fund a courthouse project that has run short of the bond money we voted to approve eight years ago.

My concern with that project is not at all with whether it's a valid use of taxpayer dollars. My concern is that for far too long in this community, our paychecks have not been sufficiently respected by some who would come back to the well time after time, saying we need to take on more debt because the earlier allocations were insufficient to accomplish what had been advertised before we voted for approval.

Raising this issue is not popular in some circles. And yet, those who would prefer that I remain on the sidelines on this item should look at how voter sentiment is being manifested in bond elections all over the region. My message has been clear: ask for what you need and spend it the way we're being told it will be spent.

RTA is another example of where, during these last two years I have tried to make the point that

“voter approval” cannot be used on the one hand to obligate us to continue on with projects, and on the other hand ignore the underlying assumptions presented to the voters when they “approved” the spending. We have a  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile road section that is over double the cost that was advertised originally and we have a PAG Board now asking for both a State increase in gasoline taxes while the RTA Board (same group of folks) is going to take on another \$152M in debt. I doubt the consensus would be that our roads are in \$152M worth of great shape.

These dollars are not Monopoly money. The people managing the projects and the people pushing for bond elections have to take that to heart. And to that end, I’ve tried to make the system accountable for at the very least “truth in advertising” when going back to the well for more of your money.

The dynamic of the public being tired of the seemingly never ending raid on their paychecks played itself out last fall when the voters rejected a proposed half cent sales tax, despite the pleas by the then City Manager that failing to adopt that tax would result in significant reductions to core services, and public safety in particular. The voters told us to find another way and the Council did that.

I am hopeful that the lesson learned in all of that is simply this; when asking somebody to open their wallet, tell it straight.

### **Budget**

Public sector budgeting is not an easy process. In our homes, we pretty much know what our income will be and what our expenses will be. That’s not the case in government. It’s really not the case during an economic downturn that is affecting all levels of government.

In both of my first two budget cycles I have worked with my colleagues on the Council to find ways to preserve our core services while at the same time minimizing tax and fee increases so that our business community could regain a foothold. Without a healthy private sector, our cookie jar is empty and critical services are vulnerable.

This is an area in which our varying priorities are exposed. Mine have been very much behind fully funding our Police and Fire. Others have tended to want to draw a tighter line around Transit than I would have preferred. Together we all rejected a Renter’s Tax, and we worked together to reduce fees that were hampering the business community.

We tackled significant budget deficits. We each brought to the table our own perspectives and in the end adopted budgets that reflected the will of the majority of the council. And yet, I would maintain that even while in the minority, my voice, that of my co-workers in the ward office, and supportive constituents were heard and played a role in the final packages we adopted.

Think about a recent shopping trip you took with your spouse during which you two disagreed on which product to buy. You have limited resources, so you’ve got to find a middle ground, or somebody has to simply give in.

Now think about limited resources in the context of running the City of Tucson, and disagreements relative to priorities, not between a couple but between six members of the Council, the

Mayor, and Staff who can impact the discussion based on how information is presented. It's a much more complex process coming to closure. We got through it and we'll get through it again this year.

And after two cycles it will come as no surprise that I'll be encouraging Public Safety academies and replenishing our forces as a priority. We'll lock horns a little on how that works with the varying perspectives and we'll get through it again.

### **Doing Business in Tucson**

We've all heard the cliché that Tucson is not "business friendly." So what has happened in the past two years to change that perception (if not that "reality")?

We have initiated several incentives geared to attracting and retaining businesses in the City. Those include permit fee waivers, flexible code requirements, primary jobs incentives, downtown infill incentives, solar fee waivers, Certificate of Occupancy streamlining, a central point of contact Ombudsman at Development Services, the hiring of a Building Official at Development Services to help prod the permitting process along, concurrent plan review and multiple serious discussions about simply the culture of how we approach clients (taxpaying business operators) trying to either open their doors, or to keep them that way.

We have made changes to the sign code (and adopted a fun Historic Sign Code), the Land Use Code, and have extended sunsets for plan review, the Urban Overlay District and the Infill Incentive District.

At the Ward 6 office, we have held multiple meetings with representatives of the business community in general, the Speedway merchants, the 4th Avenue merchants and individual business operators who simply wanted a hand in navigating the system.

After the last two budget cycles in which we faced decreasing revenues and escalating costs, all of us at the dais took to heart the need to focus on the health of the private sector. We have given focus to small, local businesses. We're considering how to craft a local preference policy. The mantra across wards is job creation and retention.

We get it. I'm proud of my staff and grateful to my colleagues for sharing the focus.

### **Zoning issues**

Joined at the hip with the private sector is a series of zoning issues that touch the quality of life in and around our R-1 zoned areas. Ward 6, and to a lesser degree Ward 3 (from a geographic perspective), are uniquely touched by this issue by virtue of having the University situated right in the middle of the Ward. There is a built-in tension related to how to accommodate nearly 40,000 students and preserve the character of surrounding neighborhoods, many of which have achieved a "Historic" designation.

So, the two year report card contains my support for the Jefferson Park Neighborhood Preservation Zone plan. I made it clear during the discussion that I felt we had been backed into a corner by a particular builder who did not necessarily reflect the actions of the majority of builders. And yet, to

to the extent that our hand was forced, we played it. This is an issue that will be settled in court.

Another item that's headed to court is a "Use Determination" issued by the Zoning Examiner. It states that you may not have "five or more unrelated people" living together in an R-1 zoned area. I did not support that Determination because I have very strong concerns about how it will be enforced: the fact that anonymous complaints may be lodged, and that all of us can point to examples of 'five or more' unrelateds living together that are perfectly harmless and appropriate. But, this one is off to court as well.

The genesis for that "Use Determination" is behavior. I felt it was inappropriate to include behavioral conditions in the Land Use Code (we have a Landlord/Tenant Act for that). So, in order to address the behavioral issues, my staff and I have joined the Ward 3 office in bringing together representatives of the UA, neighborhoods, builders, TPD and City Staff to look at how we can strengthen the existing Red Tag codes. We're close to agreement. That should help to address some of what the Zoning Examiner had tried to touch upon in the Use Determination.

Also related to zoning, I do not believe the Streetcar will pay for itself, either at the fare box or with the addition of development along the corridor. And yet, without that development, the impact on our General Fund will be potentially enormous. So, I have been quite the pest in terms of pushing staff to getting some Transit Oriented Development related zoning in place along the corridor. We've got some projects already coming up out of the ground as a result, with more to come. The net result will be to relieve the tension of mini-dorms being built in the interior of neighborhoods, initiation of mixed use/retail along the corridor and in the process, easing the hit to our budget once the Streetcar is operating. I'm told that grant money for O&M is scarce. We've got to address that component of the Streetcar with local dollars.

Zoning is an area that necessarily impacts a variety of interests. I won't pretend to suggest that I've satisfied everybody in the decisions I've made (builders were unhappy with my support of the NPZ, residents are unhappy with my lack of support for the Use Determination, and building along arterials will impact residences one and two blocks into the interior of a neighborhood). The goal is to mitigate the negative and to enhance the positives. That's the balance I and my staff have tried to address.

### **Public Safety**

I mentioned Public Safety in a budgetary context. There's more to the issue than funding, though. Here's a 3 minute video that gave much deserved national attention to our own Fire Station #1 firefighters

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itZsQQ0W1yU&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itZsQQ0W1yU&feature=youtube_gdata_player)

Even though my wife beat Capt. Tamietti in a 4 mile "Turkey Trot" (we know who earned that title) the men and women over there do a great job.

First I need to give thanks to not only the men and women who put on their service uniforms every day, but also to their families. The work is dangerous, the hours are not always hand-picked, and the stress on the whole family unit is for real. I don't have to wear a weapon to do my job and I don't have to pull broken bodies out of wrecks (although I've been one on more than one occasion). So, thanks to this group of workers, and to their families for their sacrifices.

If you'd like to get a sense of what this group of workers does on a daily basis, arrange for a "ride-along." It will be instructive.

I've done several of those in both agencies and the result is a solidifying of my support for them. It also opened the way for me to begin a discussion with a variety of social service agencies locally (see last two newsletters) on the topic of prostitution and treatment. The issue has many levels – drugs, weapons, physical/psychological/mental abuse, and more. The problem exists in our neighborhoods, not on the news. It is a public safety issue and we're addressing it. We've already got a follow-up meeting with those, and additional agencies booked, with the intent of gathering the forces of the community to try to change lives, and to try to clean some of the crime out of our neighborhoods.

We are counting down the days towards a public hearing on implementing a local no-texting while driving ban. The ban is intuitive and the objections that have been raised have so far been wholly unconvincing. This is also a public safety issue and I'm pleased to have shared in raising it for consideration.

The State forced a change in our "no guns in public parks" ordinance. On the night we were to adopt the language into our Code, I refused to make that motion. Admittedly this was purely symbolic since State law trumps local ordinance, but I believed it was an important enough issue to deliver the message to Phoenix that the vast majority of constituents I hear from don't think opening up our public parks to carrying handguns makes us safer. The majority of the Council agreed – so the language in our local Code differs from, and sends a message to the State; stay out of our stuff.

On both the texting and guns issue, I have heard from the detractors. Neither should be a partisan issue. Both are public safety issues. And I remain unconvinced by those who would have me walk away from either or both of these issues.

You've seen the bumper sticker "Thank a Cop." If you have any question about any of the issues I'm calling 'public safety' try "Ask a Cop." They live it.

### **Environment**

In this category I can point to what I consider two of the most critical environmental issues that we deal with; water and light pollution.

In reverse order: the astronomy industry draws hundreds of millions of research dollars and hundreds of millions of tourist dollars into our region on an annual basis. The University of Arizona is recognized around the world for its leadership in this area. We boast a leadership role in the Mars Lander, Hubble telescope, a mirror casting lab second to none, Kitt Peak, NOAO, and more.

With that as a background, I was pleased to bring for Council consideration an update on the outdoor lighting code that is acceptable to both the business community and to the astronomy community. When you can get earth and outer space to agree on something, it's a win (note: we can't get Rio to agree on anything – different galaxies?). That code will be region wide, assuming it passes the public hearing and County muster that's coming in the next few weeks. This is about preserving a non-renewable asset and protecting an important, clean industry.

Water: two very significant moves we've made in the past two years; adopt a "water service policy" that places reasonable conditions on when and where the City is obligated to serve and giving City Management direction to begin construction of a treatment facility that will clean up the pollutant 1,4 Dioxane.

We chose to adopt the obligated to serve policy because we recognize that water is necessarily the eventual limiting factor on how this community grows. We chose to begin construction on the treatment facility, despite knowing that it is the Department of Defense that is culpable for the pollution of our aquifer, because we do not want to wait on a huge bureaucracy to come to that conclusion while we sit by and watch our life blood become contaminated with their sludge.

This Council has a lot to be proud of with both of those policies.

### **Home rule – State legislature**

I began this review with a comment about non-partisanship. I'll bring it to a close on a similar vein.

Last session, the State legislature was pounding us with pre-emptive bills that took aim at our Home Rule prerogatives. The State legislature is by super-majority Republican. If any of the other Council members had taken the lead on objecting to the incursions into our local decision making authority, it would have been blown off as purely partisan.

So, near the end of the last session I was given the opportunity by the Arizona Daily Star, Inside Tucson Business, and a variety of local radio talk shows to speak out about what I considered to be an inappropriate over reach by the legislature. I began an on-line petition to also drive home that point and over 900 people signed on. At the end of the session, the Governor ended up vetoing a significant number of the bills. Was there a cause and effect? Nobody can say for sure, but what I can say is that if they come at us again this term, the reaction will be the same.

This report card demonstrates that we do not need an overseer from up north. I'm proud, and humbled to be a part of the governing board of this community. The legislature can learn something about bi-partisanship and civil discourse from how we do business. We'll see if they're watching.

In closing, two items of "Honorable Mention."

First, in the aftermath of the January 8th shootings, this community made me and the rest of the Council proud to be serving and representing you all. We came together, set aside partisanship and got about the process of healing. The losses were tremendous. The quality of the people who make up our City was seen around the world. You all should take a bow for that.

And, finally, the one person who deserves to be mentioned in this is my bride of 31, or 32 years (something like that – a long time, though) who has been my counter balance throughout. She has a 100% attendance record at council meetings and she is a constant sounding board when I need one. Regardless of what these next two years bring, I know she'll be in a supportive role throughout. Given the challenges of this "part time" job, that means a lot.

In closing, this is not a part of the report card but it is time sensitive, so I wanted to include it before next week's newsletter – I received it from TDOT today:

Good Morning,

Western Emulsions is planning to fog seal the areas that have recently been chip sealed in Ward 2 and Ward 6. Their plan is to start on December 12, 2011 and should be complete the week of December 19th. They will be starting in Ward 2 (Speedway to Broadway and Harrison to Camino Seco) and then going to Ward 6 (Blenman-Elm Neighborhood). We have started notifying the neighborhoods of this work today. This schedule is subject to change depending on the weather and equipment malfunctions.

Thanks,

Lance Peterson, P.E.

Transportation Superintendent, Streets and Traffic Maintenance, 520-837-6777

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik

**Catalina College Financial Aid Night – December 8, 6:30-8:00**

On Thursday, December 8th from 6:30pm-8:00pm, Catalina Magnet High School will host their annual Catalina College Financial Aid Night in their cafeteria. They will have financial aid experts from the UA, NAU, Pima, and other private and public funding sources. It is open to all students, parents, guardians, and other members of the community. It will discuss how students can afford college through financial aid, grants, and scholarships.

## Arts and Entertainment Events Calendar

### Free Festivals and Events in the Downtown/4<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Main Gate Area . . .

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Winter Street Fair

Free to the public, the Fourth Avenue Street Fair brings together 400+ arts and crafts booths, 35+ food vendors, [2 stages](#), street musicians, food, jugglers, street performers, the Free AZ Virtual Academy's Children's Museum Tucson's kids hands-on-art Pavilion, face painting, balloons, and tons of other fun activities, then packs them. Friday, December 9 to Sunday, December 11, from 10:00am to 6:00pm daily. Along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue from University Blvd. down to 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

[www.FourthAvenue.org](http://www.FourthAvenue.org)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays Downtown

Saturday, December 10, 5:00 to 10:30pm. Along Congress Street from the Rialto to the Fox. Live music, vendors, food, and Holiday fun. Merchant windows decorated for the holidays, and Santa's Village at MEB Property Management, 120 E. Congress. Music stages on Scott Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Congress Street Kids' Area will feature the Cricket jumping castle. Join Mayor Rothschild as he light our Holiday Tree @ 5pm, Jacome Plaza (next to the main library).

[www.2ndSaturdaysDowntown.com](http://www.2ndSaturdaysDowntown.com)

[www.MainGateSquare.com](http://www.MainGateSquare.com)

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

**Centennial Hall**, 1020 E. University Blvd.

UA Presents presents "Spirit of Christmas", a Broadway-style variety show Saturday, December 10, 7:00pm, and Sunday, December 11, 2:00pm.

**Rialto Theatre**, 318 E. Congress St.

Thursday, December 8, 7:30pm. **The Wailers and Lee Scratch Perry** (reggae).

Friday, December 9, 8:30pm. **Cake** (rock)

Saturday, December 10, 8:00pm. **Doug Stanhope & Friends** (Comedy Gold)

Monday, December 12, 8:00pm. **Brian Setzer's Rockabilly Riot** (rockabilly)

[www.RialtoTheatre.com](http://www.RialtoTheatre.com)

**Fox Theatre**, 17 W. Congress St.

Saturday, December 10, 7:00pm. "X" in concert.

[www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org](http://www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org)

**Beowulf Alley Theatre**, 11 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

"A Cactus Christmas", opening this week.

Thursday, December 8, 7:00pm. Preview.

Friday, December 9, 7:00pm. Opening Night, with reception.

Saturday, December 10, and Sunday, December 11, 2:30pm.

[www.BeowulfAlley.org](http://www.BeowulfAlley.org)

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

**Arizona Theatre Company** presents *Daddy Long Legs*

Through December 17.

[www.arizonatheatre.org](http://www.arizonatheatre.org)

**Tucson Museum of Art**, 140 N. Main Ave.

Ongoing exhibitions:

**“Who Shot Rock and Roll: A Photographic History, 1955 to the present”**

**“El Nacimiento”**, in La Casa Cordova

[www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org](http://www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org)

**Children's Museum Tucson**, 200 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

[www.childrensmuseumtucson.org](http://www.childrensmuseumtucson.org)

**Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)**, 265 S. Church Ave.

Saturday, December 10, 10:00 to 11:30am. **MOCA Next/Playtime**. Learn about one of the oldest photographic processes still used today: the cyanotype, or sun print. Led by photographer Timothy Steehler, this workshop will introduce participants to the history of cyanotype and guide them in the production of their own sun images (no film or camera needed!). All ages welcome. Youth 17 and under FREE

Members \$5, Non-members \$10

[www.moca-tucson.org](http://www.moca-tucson.org)

## **Tucson Convention Center Events**

### **Tucson Arena:**

Friday, December 9, 7:30pm. **University of Arizona Wildcats Hockey vs. ASU**

Saturday, December 10, 7:30pm. **University of Arizona Wildcats Hockey vs. ASU**

### **Music Hall:**

Saturday, December 10, and Sunday, December 11, 2:00pm. “*A Southwest Nutcracker*”, featuring the Tucson Symphony Orchestra and guest dancers formerly with Joffrey Ballet.

### **Leo Rich Theatre:**

Wednesday, December 7, 7:30pm. **Arizona Friends of Chamber Music Evening Chamber Music Series** presents **Takács String Quartet** (from Colorado)

**Borderlands Theater** presents “*A Tucson Pastorela*”

December 15-18

[www.BorderlandsTheater.org](http://www.BorderlandsTheater.org)

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

## Ongoing . . . .

### **Meet Me at Maynards**

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Maynards Market and Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Avenue, the historic train depot

Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

[www.MeetMeatMaynards.com](http://www.MeetMeatMaynards.com)

### **Tucson Farmers' Market at Maynards**

Saturdays 9:00am – 1:00pm

On the plaza at Maynards Market & Kitchen. 400 N Toole in the Historic Train Depot

### **Santa Cruz Farmers' Market**

Thursdays, 4:00 – 7:00pm.

Mercado San Agustin, 100 S. Avenida del Convento

### **Science Downtown: Mars + Beyond**

Thursday through Monday, 9:00am to 5:00pm (until 6:00pm on Fridays and Saturdays, and until 9:00pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays). 2-for-1 admission from 5:00 to 9:00pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays.

300 E. Congress St.

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

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[www.MainGateSquare.com](http://www.MainGateSquare.com)

[www.FourthAvenue.org](http://www.FourthAvenue.org)

[www.DowntownTucson.com](http://www.DowntownTucson.com)

## **Office of Congresswoman Giffords' Homeowners' Refinance and Loan Modification Workshop**

**When:** Wednesday, Dec. 7, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

**Where:** Jewish Community Center, Assembly Room

3800 E. River Road

Tucson, AZ 85718

**RSVP: [RSVPGiffords@mail.house.gov](mailto:RSVPGiffords@mail.house.gov) or 520-881-3588**