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# Ward 6 - Newsletter

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## Vacant Houses and Crime

I'm sure that every neighborhood in Ward 6 – in the City – has some vacant houses, waiting for renters. They're crime magnets. Over the holidays, a series of incidents occurred in midtown that highlights both the vulnerability of having the vacant structures, but more importantly, the value of having observant neighbors, neighborhood watch programs, and people who are willing to dial 911 when they see something that just doesn't look right. I'm going to cc verbatim the comments that were posted in the recent Garden District newsletter so you can see what happened. I'm deleting the names of the streets since this could happen anywhere, and I don't want to give focus to a particular part of the neighborhood that may not want that right about now.

**From Garden District** (have you seen suspicious vehicles, traffic at a vacant home, unknown subjects? Please...read on) - *January 1, observant neighbors on --- reported a stolen vehicle, a vacant house for sale that have been broken into and was being used for criminal activity, and suspicious activity at a second house on ---. Multiple neighbors were involved in this incident and it is a long and complicated story, but here are some of the highlights: The afternoon of January 1, a --- resident heard loud, unusual noises coming from a house that he thought was vacant and that in the past had been the site of drug activity. 911 called.*

*Shortly afterwards, different --- residents noticed a smashed up car parked in the dirt in the right of way on ---, they knew the neighbors and that the car did not belong to them. They thought the vehicle suspicious. 911 called. The officer arrived and discovered that the car had been stolen from DMAFB. TPD finished investigating the loud noises at the first house on --- and left. It turns out that the last tenant of the house had returned to Tucson and neighbors guess that he may have been trying to break back into the house. One officer remained to wait for the owner of the stolen vehicle and finish paperwork. At this point, a white car pulled up and parked in front of a home on ---, just around the corner from the stolen vehicle. Because residents did not recognize the young man driving, they asked him if they could help. (Note: this is an approach recommended by Becky Noel when she's describing how to deal with suspicious people lingering in your neighborhoods.) He said he was waiting for Julie. They belonged to a Neighborhood Watch and knew that no one named Julie lived on ---. He said Julie wasn't sure of the address and told him to wait at the intersection of --- and ---. The residents felt he was suspicious and asked the police officer investigating the stolen vehicle to talk*



### 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

with the driver. Next, a young woman walked out of the backyard of the vacant house for sale on the corner of --- and ---. The neighbors asked her what she was doing there. She said that she had been to the Open House the week before and really liked the house and wanted to buy it so she was looking in the windows. The --- residents told her that her story did not add up and told her that they would be calling the police if they saw anything the least bit suspicious. Julie then got in the vehicle and drove off with the young man. The neighbors walked over to the house for sale and peered through the windows. They could see lots of clothes on the floor and could hear the furnace running. The police officer investigating the stolen vehicle broke a chain held by a bike padlock on a back door and went inside to investigate. Police found clothes, counterfeit money, laptops, needles, bong pipes, Samurai swords, printers, lots of keys, credit cards, and numerous documents (car registrations, birth and death certificates, passports, etc.) Yes, the registration for the stolen vehicle was one of the documents they found. The shades had been drawn and a screen on the other side of the house had been bent up and the window pulled up and left open to allow access. It looked like several people had been living there, showered, used drugs, and were using the house as a base for counterfeiting money, stashing stolen items, and doing identity theft.

The owner of the vacant house was contacted and he took out 9 large bags of trash. He also screwed all the windows closed and put a rod so that the sliding glass doors could not be opened. The --- residents asked him to leave shutters, blinds, and curtains open so that they could see if there were lights on and activity in the house. Police said that it is possible one of the criminals did attend the realtor's Open House and, while the realtor was distracted, unlocked a window, so that the Bad Guys could gain entry at a later time. Police said that there have been other situations where Bad Guys have taken over a vacant home and used it as a base to victimize a neighborhood with petty thievery. Then, when the neighborhood residents start noticing, the Bad Guys move on. One of the --- residents involved wrote me: It all happened so fast & right under our noses! They had been there a little over a week. We assume they weren't there during the Open House before Christmas. But, they may have checked out the house & unlocked the window during that time. We're wondering if squatters are used to our neighborhood & are looking for easy places to set up shop. We want to get them out! The situation feels like lice--hard to detect and hard to eradicate!

**If there are vacant homes on your block...Garden District suggests:** Contact the realtor, landlord, management company, etc. of the property and:

1. Let the managing agent know about the incident GDNA just had with a vacant house being broken into, lived in by a group of people, and used for criminal activity.
2. Ask them to leave curtains and blinds open so you can see if there are lights and activity in the vacant house or apartment. Let them know you are a concerned neighbor who is willing to help watch out for the property.
3. Ask them to check and open the property regularly and if they see anything unusual re-

port it to police and contact neighbors.

4. Ask them to maintain the property. Remove grass at the curb. Pick up litter and pull weeds in the yard. Make repairs and paint, if necessary.

*Think about it: Which kind of tenant or owner do you want to be attracted to the property next door to YOUR home? One who thinks it is the norm in Garden District Neighborhood to have run down, neglected property choked with litter and weeds? OR, would you rather a tenant or owner move in next door who is attracted to Garden District because we take pride in our homes and apartments and maintain and care for them? Would you rather the property next door to YOUR home be sold or rented for top dollar or go cheap because it is so ugly and run down? By the way, the owner of the house for sale on --- has now dropped the price of the home.*

5. Report neglected properties to Code Enforcement, if necessary. It's simple. It's quick. It's anonymous. \

*Properties with code violations impact public health, OUR property values, OUR crime rate, and OUR quality of life. Code enforcement in Tucson is complaint driven. In other words, nothing will happen unless a citizen reports issues, such as: tall weeds, grass at the curb, trash in the yard, junk vehicles, excessive storage. For more information about Tucson's code enforcement process and what is a violation and what is not, here is the link:*

<http://gdna.weebly.com/code-enforcement.html>

To report a Code Violation, call 792-CITY, report online, or use a free app, like MyTucson or See, Click, Fix. To download the free app, MyTucson search for MyTucson on the iPhone App Store and Android Market. To report online, either Google Tucson Code Enforcement or go to our neighborhood website and click on the link under Community Resources:

<http://thegardendistrict.org>

Kudos to the folks in Garden who took the initiative to address this particular situation. If you'd like a Neighborhood Watch presentation, give us a call at the Ward 6 office (791.4601) and we'll help you get it arranged.

### Marist College



<http://www.diocesetucson.org/maristrfp.php>

The Marist College is owned by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson. It was built just three years after Arizona Statehood (1912) and has served as a Boy's School, originally accepting boarding and day students from elementary school ages up through high school sophomores.

The building continued to operate as a school until the late 1960s, at which time it was con-



### Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)  
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)  
520-575-8633

Congressman Ron Barber (D)  
(2<sup>nd</sup> District)  
520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)  
(3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Jonathan Rothschild  
791-4201

City Infoguide  
<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide>

verted to office space for use by the Diocese. Due to structural issues, it was vacated in 2002.

In 2004, the Arizona State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) determined that the building was eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. That same year the Diocese installed emergency bracing, and a year later the Arizona Heritage Fund helped with a matching grant and more stabilization was carried out.

In 2006, a structural analysis was funded by the Ward I Council Office. A current analysis is being conducted by the Diocese to bring the findings up to date.

The Diocese has made it clear that they're not in a position to put more money into stabilizing the structure. They've issued a Request for Proposals (linked above) and are testing the market to see if there are groups who want to see the building saved, and who are in a position to fund structural and tenant improvements.

In 2007, Marist College was listed on Arizona's Most Endangered Places.

On October 25, 2011 the Marist College Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The closing date on the RFP is February 6<sup>th</sup>. I'd invite you to take a look if you're in the development community. It needs a lot of work, and yet it's also centrally located and could be a very good investment for the right client.

**Another Preservation Opportunity**

Located in the midst of the Rincon Heights neighborhood is a home that was built in 1897. It's a contributing structure to the neighborhoods historic designation, and if a willing buyer isn't found by January 13<sup>th</sup>, it'll likely be demolished and the lot be turned into four structures with 8 bedrooms each. The underlying zoning allows for that to happen.

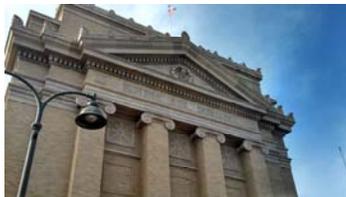
Below is a link to the real estate description, the selling (asking) price, and contact information for anybody who's interested in making a pitch for the site.

<http://www.preservationdirectory.com/HistoricRealEstate/PropertyDetail.aspx?id=2280>



Both the current owner (developer) and neighborhood representatives are available to take you on tours through the space.

**Film Incentive Package**





On Wednesday we approved a film incentive package – the start of a local one – that Shelli Hall from the Visit Tucson film office can carry back to D.C. to the trade show she’s attending later this month. Some of the parts of what Shelli will have in hand are shown above; that is, a portfolio of images shot by KOLD’s Paul Durrant as examples showing that Tucson and our region has a wide variety of ‘looks’ a production can use for filming.

The State is AWOL on this issue. Already the County has stepped up and offered significant rent breaks to the recent film that shot out at Old Tucson. They’re in the incentive package Shelli will carry back to D.C. In addition, VisitTucson is doing a few things:

- a) They have already established a Film Incentive Fund, seeded it with some of their bed tax money and have written a check to the *Hot Bath and a Stiff Drink* show to help them offset their Tucson/Pima County costs.
- b) They have also agreed to use a portion of the TCC Facility Fund they collect to further seed the FIF pool they’ve begun.
- c) And, per our discussions related to this incentive initiative, they’ll use that fund to rebate to production companies 75% of the taxes paid for goods and services purchased or rented within the City of Tucson during a given shoot.

The cap on those rebates is the amount of money built up in the fund. With that, the goal is to find ways to continue to refill the FIF so there’s cash to use when it’s needed. The threshold for being eligible for the rebate is a production value of at least \$2M on a given show, or ad.

One way to continue filling the fund is to consider having both the City and County add something like 1% of our bed tax receipts to the fund. I’m hoping M&C, as well as the County will give that consideration during our respective upcoming budget talks – or just implement it now, if either group is willing. I’d vote in favor if somebody at our table brought it forward. At current bed tax receipt levels, 1% of ours would send about \$90K into the VisitTucson film fund.

Another group who’s coming on board and will be a part of Shelli’s travel package is local businesses. I’ve had several respond to the letter I sent out through the Metro and Hispanic Chamber saying that they want to be listed as a provider, and for that will be offering a discounted, or premium rate to films that come to town.

And for our part, the M&C agreed to offer rental rates at 25% of our normal rate for use of City owned or managed facilities (the TCC being the most likely) for shows that meet the \$2M production threshold. That effectively matches what the County has done with Old Tucson and some of their other properties.

I’m also talking to a couple of groups about using their space as a sound studio. More on that to come.

We're cobbling together what we can at the local level, bound by restrictions in place through the State Gift Clause. It's a work in progress, but the operative word is 'progress.' That's what we haven't seen from the Legislature up north. We're trying to find bi-partisan support to reintroduce a film incentive bill in Phoenix this year.

I'll report back on the results of the trip when Shelli returns later this month.



*Working together towards sustainable solutions*

Watershed Management Group is now moved into their new place at 1137 N. Dodge. It's both a work space, and a place where they teach a variety of water management techniques.

On Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 until 6:30pm, they're hosting an orientation session on their Green-Living Co-op. The Co-op is a chance to engage their staff and learn how to implement new watershed mgmt. systems at your own home. You can either hire them as consultants, or they'll let you earn hours towards a project at your own home by putting in work time in other Co-op projects. The orientation session is geared towards introducing you to the types of projects offered, and how you can get involved.



On the 23<sup>rd</sup> they'll go over the variety of types of yard projects you can do at your home, and tell you how you can save money in the process through discounts and rebates. Catlow Shipek is their lead residential designer, and Karilyn Roach is their Co-op coordinator. Both will be at the orientation on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you'd like to pre-register, you can do so at this website: [co-op@watershedmg.org](mailto:co-op@watershedmg.org).

WMG has, and is in the process of working with neighborhoods throughout the City on water related projects. We're proud to have them and their new learning center situated in the heart of Ward 6.

### January 7<sup>th</sup> @ The Loft – Gun Control/Mental Health Forum



#### **New Hampshire Firearm Safety Coalition**

If nothing else comes from the Tuesday forum at The Loft, I'm hopeful that there will emerge a unified emphasis in Tucson and the surrounding region where gun dealers, shooting ranges and leadership in the Mental Health community can come together and agree to post notices and work together on suicide prevention techniques. Recognizing the signs of troubled individuals and avoiding giving them access to a firearm can save a life.

The New Hampshire Firearm Safety Coalition has a web site - [www.nhfsc.org](http://www.nhfsc.org) – from which materials for gun dealers can be downloaded for free. Those are signage and other printed material that can be used towards the end of protecting suicidal people from taking

their own lives. It's not anti-gun. Simple messages such as "Be alert to signs of suicide and crisis at home; if a family member is at risk of harming himself or others, consider storing guns away from home until they have recovered," or "If a family member is at risk of suicide or harming others, keep guns from them until they have recovered" can be effective in enlisting both sides of the gun control issue onto the same team.

The NHFSC mission includes encouraging gun stores and firing ranges to display and distribute suicide prevention materials tailored to their customers. At last count, nearly 1/2 of all gun shops in New Hampshire are now displaying prevention materials in one form, or another. And those dealers are reporting stories from people who heeded the notices such as "A woman came into the shop asking about buying a gun because of some emotional problems. I told her she didn't need a gun, she needed spiritual help. So I took her to my pastor. She never did come back for a gun," and "There was a guy I wouldn't sell a gun to because he just didn't seem right. I later got a letter from his attorney thanking me for saving his client's life."

Our panelists discussed how we might be able to encourage such initiatives locally. I invite every one of the people who have been on the other side of the gun control issue from me to contact me and let's work together on at the very least this one step in a common direction. A huge thanks go out to the folks who assisted in planning and carrying out the forum hosted by Peg Johnson and her staff at The Loft on Tuesday. In addition, thanks to the panelists who participated. They represent a group who is each advancing his/her own part of the solution to gun violence.

Awareness and education on the issue of mental health assessments and treatment – between the work being done by Clarke Romans from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and Jeanette Mare from Bens Bell's, we're making a large impact on training residents on what to look for, and how to get assistance for people who display signs of mental health needs. Dealing with the stigma that still unfairly attaches to this issue is also a big part of what they're working on.

Law enforcement and cross-jurisdictional support – the City and County law enforcement agencies are now beginning to share information related to the mental health history of suspects. Through the leadership of both Sheriff Dupnik and Chief of Police Villasenor, the agencies are entering a new era of information sharing that will make both agencies more effective. These gentlemen also shared their support of universal background check legislation.

Background checks and governance – the Mayor and I took our turns in sharing what the City has done (well documented through these newsletters) and the work being done by Mayors Against Illegal Guns in the area of rational gun control measures. The City of Tucson led on the issue of background check legislation. We'd like to see the County and State follow.

First-hand witness of a mass shooting – Colin Goddard, survivor of the Virginia Tech murder of 32 students, - was snowed in and couldn't make it. But Lisa Kiser from UAMC shared her own first hand perspective from the 2002 UA hospital shooting. And we were fortunate to have Peter Ambler, policy advisor for Americans for Responsible Solutions participate on short notice. His was a valuable viewpoint on the difficulty of the issue of gun control and securing meaningful legislation.

The panel and the screening of *Living for 32*, along with the update from the January 8<sup>th</sup> Memorial committee on placement of the Tucson commemorative sculpture, made for a thought-provoking evening. It also gave hope that through the combined and cooperative efforts of people such as those on the panel, and those who helped to bring the forum together, we'll continue to effect a positive change and ultimately make ours a safer community as a result.

One final add to the forum: Congressman Barber sent out a press release last week announcing new initiatives that are directly related to both background checks and the mental health component of the issue. In it he reported two new actions to further strengthen the Federal Background Check System (NICS.) Those include easing some reported barriers to identifying and submitting appropriate information to the system. To address that the Administration has issued a new rule clearing up some ambiguities that exist in current Statutes, and easing some privacy provisions that will make it easier for relevant information to be shared on the NICS system. His Chief Aide locally, Wendy Erica took time out of her evening to attend and read into the record at the forum a letter of support from the Congressman. All of us on the panel appreciate the relationship we have with Ron and his staff.

It's important to note that while the changes will help keep guns out of potentially dangerous hands, the proposed rule will not change the fact that seeking help for mental health problems or getting treatment does not alone make someone legally prohibited from having a firearm. Nothing in the proposed rule changes would require reporting on general mental health visits or other routine mental health care, or would exempt providers solely performing these treatment services from existing privacy rules. It's this balance between public protection and protecting the privacy of individuals that's important to weigh when addressing the whole topic.

### **Tucson Airport Authority**

Another area in which cooperation and relationship is going to make changes in our community is getting all the partners in the economic development sphere seated at the same table and pulling the rope in the same direction.



Silos are nice for storing grain, but not so much for developing relationships across jurisdictional or organizational boundaries.

Last week, Jonathan and I met with representation from the Tucson Airport Authority and had a very productive discussion about how we as a City, the County, Visit Tucson, the Port of Tucson and TAA can begin to work more openly and cooperatively together with the common goal of improving commerce into our area. That'll include some real estate work out by the airport as it relates to Raytheon and the Airport infrastructure, working with air carriers in Mexico to get some direct flights into TIA from south of the border, working with the Port of Tucson folks and bringing us all to the same table in increasing our role as a regional transportation and logistics hub. I've written a bunch on the importance of capturing commerce coming in our direction from Mexico. This meeting was a very good next step in bridging some domestic/international ties, as well as setting the stage for a more coordinated effort from the groups in our region.

This is consistent with the theme, “United we Stand,



Jonathan’s the mayor and its right that he take the lead on this. We have a strong County Administrator who has also shown leadership in the work out around the airport and Raytheon. And now, with the meeting I was able to host, we’ve I hope opened an important door to relationship with the TAA Board and leadership, the result of which will raise all boats in the re-

gion. Time will tell, but I think we all exited the meeting with a sense of urgency and commonality. The mayor and I share at least one common trait; that is, we’re very product oriented. I believe you’ll see that play itself out in some new and beneficial ways in the early part of the new year.

### **Pima Air and Space Museum**

Speaking of planes, if you’ve never toured the place, a trip out to the Pima Air and Space Museum is a fun and educational trip that the whole family will enjoy. You can either tour the place on foot – a nice workout – or take their tram around and take the tour with a well-informed tour guide.

The place has historic as well as currently used aircraft on display. The real things, not photos or mock-ups. My granddad built a plane in his back yard back in the early part of the last century. My uncle was a WWII pilot, my mom flew back when we lived in Michigan, and now my brother has decided to build a plane / somewhat to the chagrin of his wife, since their garage and parts of the house have become the ‘factory.’ With that as a backdrop, I found the tour to be instructive, and a walk back through some recent history.

They’ve got bombers, fighters, helicopters, trainers, foreign aircraft and NASA aircraft. You’ll see the plane Kennedy and Johnson rode on, as well as a variety of missiles that are, or have been in use by our military. There’s a lot of history for you to think about while wandering through the place.

The location is 6000 E. Valencia. Their phone is 574.0462, and web site for other information is [www.pimaair.org](http://www.pimaair.org).

### **Beat back Buffelgrass Day**

On Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, Tucson Clean & Beautiful, along with the Southern Arizona Buffelgrass Coordination Center and Sonoran Desert Weedwackers will join forces on the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual ‘Beat back Buffelgrass’ day. There will be sites at which you can volunteer to participate located not only all over Tucson and our region, but even up towards Phoenix. Check out this link to find a place that works for you

<http://www.buffelgrass.org/content/beat-back-buffelgrass-day-2013-0>

Buffelgrass is not only unsightly, but it’s a tremendous fire hazard. Every year we see the devastation that forest fires wreck all over the State. Removing the fuel near ground level is critical to alleviating some of the damage. If you talk to any number of fire control experts you’ll hear that we’ve done a poor job of addressing that part of the annual problem. Here’s a chance for you to be a part of the solution by volunteering a couple of hours on the 25<sup>th</sup> – and you’ll be working with like-minded folks.

Pardon the poor metaphor, but this problem is like mowing the lawn; it just keeps coming

back. If you can help out on the 25<sup>th</sup>, the area will be the richer for it.

### **Sex Trafficking Forum**

Coming on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 8am until 11am is the next forum we at Ward 6 are supporting in an effort to get a handle on sex trafficking, and how we can more effectively address it locally. The lead agencies in this one are CODAC Behavioral Health Services, the Center for Community Dialogue, and Willow Way (our local survivor advocacy group.)

They've entitled this forum “ **Steps to Address Sex Trafficking: Trauma & Addiction; A Community Action Forum for Health and Human Service Providers, Law Enforcement and Educators**”

This will be a forum with a bit of a different twist. It'll look at trauma and addiction for service providers, corrections, educators, law enforcement and other professionals who work in the field.

The forum's primary goal is to identify what services and resources already exist in our local community, as well as the gaps and steps to address them. We want participants to leave the forum with concrete material to use in their work with people who are impacted by sex trafficking.

Once again Pima College, the downtown campus at 1255 N. Stone is the host institution. We'll use the Amethyst Room again, as we did for the first such forum. And as with the first time, KOLD's main anchor, Heather Rowe will emcee the event.

Thanks to all who have helped pull this together, importantly including CJ Karamargin from PCC who made their facility available. As with the whole gun control issue, this is one in which we can't sit and wait for the next tragedy to occur before getting involved and trying to make some level of difference in the current conditions.

### **Apologies to Jasper**



Finally, you may recall that in the 2009 Council election, the Tucson Weekly gave their endorsement to Jasper the Pole Cat in my race. This time, they gave it to me. You'll note that Jasper has now copped an attitude out at the zoo, and I suspect it's in some large measure related to losing that pub from the Weekly. My response to the little guy is to just get over it. The zoo staff keeps him pretty well fed and cared for, so to worry about Gibson, Nintzel and the crew over at the Weekly really isn't something he should be fretting about.

Sincerely,

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## Events Calendar

What's happening this week in the Downtown, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

### **Streetcar Celebration: Destination Main Gate Square**

Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7:00 PM

Streetcar Celebration: Destination Main Gate Square is the first of several monthly streetcar celebrations to promote shops, restaurants, and entertainment and cultural attractions along the Sun Link streetcar line, in advance of passenger service in the summer of 2014. Visitors can see one of the new Streetcars up close, enjoy outdoor entertainment, and take advantage of specials and promotions provided by the merchants at participating businesses.

#### **The event will feature:**

- A close-up view of one of Tucson's new "Made in America" Sun Link modern streetcars, passing by and parked at the University/Tyndall stop.
- Stilt Walkers, Hoop Dancers, and Acrobats by *Cirque Roots*
- *Domingo DeGrazia Quartet* performing in Geronimo Plaza from 4:30 to 6:30pm.
- *The University of Arizona Pep Band* performing from 6:45 to 7:00pm near Gentle Ben's.
- The *Arizona State Museum* will be open until 7:00pm and offer free admission.
- Fun with 2-EEE the Clown Face Painting & Balloons
- Free photo booth by Bumblebee Photobooth with souvenir photos and more.

Merchant Discounts and Events

<http://www.streetcarfriends.org/events/>

#### **Ongoing . . . .**

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

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

**Loft Cinema** 3233 E. Speedway

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

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

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

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

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

**Jewish History Museum**. 564 S. Stone Ave.

The Jewish History Museum presents "Cowboys, Merchants, Miners, & Booze," an exhibit that celebrates the lives of Tucson's Jewish pioneers.

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

**Arizona State Museum** 1013 E. University Blvd  
November 9, 2013, through July 2015 **Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios**  
[www.statemuseum.arizona.edu](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu)

**UA Mineral Museum** 1601 E University Blvd  
Ongoing “100 Years of Arizona’s Best: The Minerals that Made the State”

**Southern Arizona Transportation Museum** 414 N Toole Ave.  
Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.  
Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm  
<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org/>

**Sacred Machine Museum & Curiosity Shop** 245 E Congress St  
<http://sacredmachine.com/>

**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)

**For other events in the Downtown/4<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Main Gate area, visit these sites:**  
[www.MainGateSquare.com](http://www.MainGateSquare.com)  
[www.FourthAvenue.org](http://www.FourthAvenue.org)  
[www.DowntownTucson.org](http://www.DowntownTucson.org)