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Ward 6 - Newsletter

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Resolution relating to Background Checks

On Wednesday, we approved the formal language of the resolution requiring background checks be performed on all gun sales that occur on City owned or managed property. It's a long resolution that lays out the legal basis for us as a Charter City to have the right to exercise the authority to impose this policy on people leasing taxpayer owned property. The language also cites prior court rulings that support that conclusion. Here is the operative section of the resolution that lays out the rule:

WHEREAS, the City of Tucson therefor desires to enact and implement a requirement that all firearm sales that occur on property owned and/or managed or operated by the City, including sales by sellers who are not federally licensed firearm dealers, shall be subject to a condition that the transaction can be completed only in instances where the buyer has first successfully cleared a background check; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further desire to provide that in the event that a legal challenge to the requirements put into effect under this Resolution results in the delay or enjoining of the implementation of this Resolution or any of its requirements, that the City shall not permit the use of the Tucson Convention Center or any other property that the City owns and/or operates in its proprietary capacity for the purposes of a gun show or other use involving the sale or transfer of firearms until such time as the requirements of this Resolution are in effect and implemented

As you can see from the second paragraph, if the State wants to pull this into court, we'll simply not lease to gun show operators until the terms of the resolution are allowed to go into effect.

Since January of 2010, the Tucson Convention Center has been the site for 8 McMann Roadrunner gun shows. Those 8 shows generated \$128,380 in total revenues to the TCC. Based on what we adopted, gun shows may still continue to operate at the TCC, but now they will need to provide a method for processing background checks in connection with firearm sales by sellers who are not federally licensed. It'd be nice to see the County join us in this.

I've said plenty that this is not going to 'fix' the issue of mass shootings. What it might do is to prevent one person from buying a weapon who would otherwise have been prohibited from making the purchase. That's not something we should have to go to court to achieve.



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

Gun Buy-Backs

Last week, the Arizona House Public Safety, Military and Regulatory Affairs Committee voted [5 to 3](#) in favor of HB2455, a bill that will prevent the destruction of firearms. Introduced by State Representative Brenda Barton (R-6), it will require any firearm that ends up in the hands of a law enforcement agency to be sold to a Federal Firearms License holder in exchange for money, new equipment or ammunition. The proponents call this a budget sensitive bill; that is, selling the guns back into circulation after they have been turned over to TPD would benefit the City budget.

No doubt that's true. There's also no doubt that this bill was proposed as a direct result of the gun buy-back I held back on January 8th of this year. In the run up to that event, the people who opposed it claimed that it was a violation of the law to allow the City to destroy a gun, regardless of how it was obtained. If that were true, they wouldn't be proposing this change in the law.

Civil libertarians claim they want limited governmental incursions into what we do with our private property. This bill, and those who are sponsoring and supporting it make it clear that the private property label doesn't attach to firearms. They're community assets and once they're birthed into existence, you cannot ask a law enforcement agency to dispose of them in the manner you choose.

With our current short staffed police force, we can't afford to have buy-backs like I asked of them on some regular and reoccurring schedule. I'm proud of the community for its participation in the January 8th event, and thankful for the Police Command who assisted. I stated at the time that it was a trial balloon to see if the community would embrace the idea, and if they did, somebody else could come along and do a bigger-better buy-back later on. If that 'somebody' is a non-profit or a church that you belong to, bear in mind that if HB2455 passes, you'll need to figure out a way to destroy the guns you receive during your event without turning them over to law enforcement.

From a February 19th Bloomberg News report for which I, along with several others were interviewed on the buy-back, this comment was included:

"Anything that diminishes the use and the utility of firearms -- anything -- is gun control," said Charles Heller, a co-founder of the 8,500-member [Arizona Citizens Defense League](#) that is among groups pushing the new legislation. "It wastes a perfectly good gun and removes it from commerce."

There you go. Two points; there is such a thing as 'common sense gun control' not proscribed by the Constitution, and it is the owner of a piece of personal property who has the authority to 'remove it from commerce' if he/she so chooses.

C.A.R.G.O. Program

The Pima County Attorney's office, under the direction of Barbara LaWall, is offering free gun locks to the community, the intent of which is to reduce the number of accidental shootings. The acronym stands for Communities Addressing Responsible Gun Ownership.

For those unfamiliar with gun locks, they're short cables with a small padlock attached to



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff
Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman
Ron Barber (D)
(2nd District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd 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 Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201

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

the ends. What you do is run one end of the cable through the part of the firearm that holds the bullets (it varies depending on the model of firearm) and then secure the lock to both ends of the cable. It prevents shells from being loaded into the weapon and discharged while the lock is in place.



There are two ways you can get your free lock. One is by contacting Nancy Lomas at the Community Justice Unit in the Pima County Attorney's Office. Her number is 740.5529. The other way is for you to stop by the Ward 6 office and just ask for one (or more.) I'm not sure how long the program will continue, so if you think you'll want to take advantage of this, stop over soon.

Even if you come to our office to get yours, it's worth calling Nancy and just thanking her and the County Attorney's Office for taking the lead on this.

Mental Health Forum

At the end of the month, several other elected folks and I will be gathering at the Ward 6 office to hear from behavioral health service providers, the goal being to identify gaps in the system and discuss ways we can help to fill those. Ahead of that though, on February 28th from noon until 2pm a presentation called *Out of the Blue: Understanding Depression* will be presented at **St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church** (1145 E. Fort Lowell Road.) Presenters will include Michael Dattola and Laurie Robinson, both from El Rio Community Health Center, and Clarke Romans from the National Alliance on Mental Illness. The discussion will cover:

- An overview of depression as an illness: spotting the signs and symptoms
- How to tell the difference between "feeling blue" and more serious depression
- Depression as a treatable illness and available local care options
- The dos and don'ts for interacting with someone suffering from depression
- How to reach out to individuals who are dealing with depression.

The luncheon is geared to anybody who simply wants to learn more about depression and how to respond with compassion. I see it as a piece of the whole conversation we need to have related to making sure people in the community are given the attention they need. The vast majority of people who suffer from these illnesses never engage in crimes of violence. And yet, we've also seen the results of when warning signals were ignored.

The cost of the event is \$10 and includes lunch. To reserve your seat contact Terry Alexander at ICS at 297-2738 ext. 233 or talexander@icstucson.org.

Home Safety

...and speaking of being safe in your home, last week TFD responded to a 911 call that ended up being a home fire caused by the failure of electrical wiring inside of a wall. The fire fighters arrived on the scene 5 minutes after dispatch and had the situation under control 10 minutes later. The total damage was in excess of \$20,000. The incident occurred at just be-

fore 11pm.

I mention this because had the occupant not just by chance wandered into her bathroom when she did, the fire would have been much worse. It was inside of the wall separating the bathroom from the laundry room and the only sign she could cue in on was smoke coming out from a vent.

There was a smoke alarm. It was non-functional. How many of us pull the 9 volt batteries out of our smoke alarms because the chirping when the batteries get old is a nuisance? Here is the text of the follow up report from the TFD PIO related to this incident:

Safety Message: Most home fire deaths occur between the hours of 11 PM and 7 AM. Having a working smoke alarm can increase your chances of surviving a fire by about fifty percent. In the United States, approximately 3000 people die each year in residential fires. Sixty-five percent of all home fire deaths occur where there are no smoke alarms or where the smoke alarms are non-functional. They should be tested monthly and the battery should be replaced every year. This particular residence had one smoke alarm but it did not have a battery. This fire incident could have had tragic results.

In Ward 6 there are plenty of older homes. It's worth noting that the wiring is susceptible to wearing out and causing a home fire. Smoke Alarms are cheap insurance. 9-Volt batteries are even cheaper insurance.

After each incident, TFD puts out an after action report. They contain tips like those shown above. That's the work of Jeff Langejans, Fire Captain in the area of Fire Prevention, and Barrett Baker – TFD public information officer. They provide good insights based on what they've seen in the field – in our homes.

Neighborhood Common Ground

The issue of safety extends outside of each of our own homes. These are crime reports for the month of January for Garden District and Palo Verde Neighborhood (credit the PVNA newsletter for the data:)

Garden District:

Burglary - 8
Theft from Vehicle - 5
Auto Theft - 4
Narcotics Offenses - 8

Palo Verde:

Sexual Assault - 1
Robbery - 1
Aggravated Assault - 3
Burglary - 4
Theft from Vehicle - 6
Auto Theft - 2
Narcotics Offenses - 3

The message to take away from those data is not that Garden and Palo Verde are particularly unique in terms of the crime they experience, but that we need to encourage Neighborhood Watch programs so we're an extension of the eyes and ears of our short-handed Tucson Police Department. If you want more information on how to set up one of those

programs, call us at the Ward office (791.4601) and we'll help to get you in touch with the right people over at TPD.

The Watch programs are only as good as the effort the residents put into them, but when an area gets serious about this sort of mutual aid, it works.

Rincon Heights Community Garden

The residents of Rincon Heights have been putting their own sweat equity into a community garden, and the results are paying off in terms of both building relationship within that community of residents, and in the form of produce as well. Here's a recent shot of how their work is paying off:



Later in this newsletter, I'll be promoting an Open House that will occur along the Broadway Corridor. There are a few different goals of the event. Some relate to supporting the businesses that exist there, some have to do with educating the public about the impact of potential widening of the roadway, and finally – related to the RHNA community garden – we'll be sharing with the public locations of city owned property,

some of which may be leased by new tenants, and some that may be good candidates for work similar to what you see above. If you're a part of a group who might be interested in that sort of thing, read on – and join us at the Open House.

In the meantime, congratulations to the folks in Rincon Heights for their work.

Film Incentive Bill

I met last week with one of the sponsors of the bill (Al Melvin) and Senate President Andy Biggs. Mr. Biggs opposes it on the basis that he refers to it as a focused tax cut, concerned that giving those sorts of breaks to a single industry will end up making it difficult, if not impossible to remove them later on as layers of protective bureaucracy build up around the tax break.

I disagreed with the characterization (single industry) and therefore the rest of the argument falls. This bill touches multiple sectors of our economy, not just the single production company that stops in town to do a shoot.

For example – they need to build sets (lumber, hardware, paint, etc.) they need to eat, stay in hotels, entertain themselves, hire locals to assist in shoots they're doing. That's horizontal integration into the economy – the entire State would benefit.

Here are a few added points:

- The average annual wage of occupations within the film industry in AZ is

\$53,000.

- A TV series will spend \$25 million or more and an average feature will spend \$10 million or more on in-state wages, goods and services.
- Nearly every state and local tax imposed is affected by film company activity—personal income taxes, sales taxes, excises on fuel, alcohol and tobacco products, hotel bed and rental car taxes, corporate income taxes, property taxes and more.
- Old Tucson was once the 2nd most visited tourist attraction in Arizona, just after the Grand Canyon.
- Arizona film and TV production students would have access to jobs and would not have to leave the state. We can all agree that we'd prefer to keep our college students here after graduation.
- So, back to my meeting with Mssrs. Biggs and Melvin; Mr. Melvin is a supporter of this bill. Write to him and thank him if you agree. If you don't agree, you can mine the legislature for detractors.

Off Track Betting

A couple of weeks ago I told you about a bill that the Tucson Greyhound Park is supporting that would allow them to shut down live racing and go to Off Track Betting only. The track operator denied any plans to shut down, and instead said that the bill is being proposed only to allow them the option to do that if they wanted to at some point in the future.

Now, up in Oracle, the track is applying for an Off Track Betting permit. Here's the exact language that the Pinal County Board will be considering:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM AND REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Discussion/approval/disapproval of request submitted by Tucson Greyhound Park, Tucson, AZ for the approval of an Off-Track Pari-mutuel Wagering Permit for horse and dog races at The Oracle Inn Steakhouse and Lounge, 305 E. American Ave., Oracle, AZ 85623 (continued from January 30, 2013). (C. Tom Taylor - Tucson Greyhound Park)

So much for only setting up options.

So far, there are about 25 letters in opposition of the permit. They cite crime being attracted by gambling, and they also cite the nature of Greyhound Racing in general from an animal welfare perspective. There is one letter in support. Here it is ("Ms. Cluff" is the Clerk of the Board)

Ms. Cluff,

I understand that a few animal rights activists may be planning to oppose the license request for off-track betting at the Oracle Inn. I urge you to support the request to allow off-track wagering at the Oracle Inn. I understand that some people oppose the commercial use of animals. But the fact is, it is a legal commercial enterprise.

Of course the writer is correct that dog racing is a legal commercial enterprise. He's also right that the industry "uses animals" as commodities. That's the issue in a nutshell.

Here's how the money is divided up:

(Source: CEO Tom Taylor's letter to the Pinal Board requesting OTB)

Moneys are paid to the track that put the race on (about 3%) while the track that simulcast the races

(TGP) will get about 18% and the remaining moneys are paid to those individuals that wagered and won. 35 % of the money that the simulcasting track (TGP) receives gets paid to the greyhound racers at Tucson Greyhound Park, Inc.

So the point I've shared in the past is that this is where TGP makes their money – not the live racing.

I bring it to your attention only to point out that this industry / Tucson Greyhound Park / is operating off the radar screen in an effort to expand OTB in the State – putting in place legislation that will accommodate their stopping live racing when there are enough outlets in place for the OTB – and very few eyes are on what's going on. The way business is being done typifies the industry, and sadly all too often the way lawmakers don't respect the sunlight needed in creating public policy.

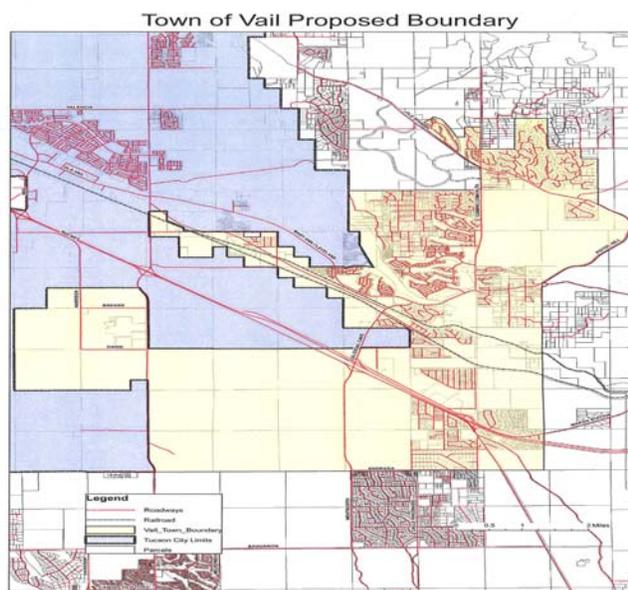
You can share your thoughts with the Oracle Inn, or the Oracle Clerk of the Board if you're so inclined.

Vail Incorporation

The region receives a share of State Revenues based on the amount of the area that is 'Incorporated' as cities and towns. One of the reasons that the Phoenix area gets a much larger share of State Shared Revenues is that they have such a small percentage of unincorporated area. We're very different down here. Whereas Maricopa County includes 93% of their population living in incorporated areas, in Pima County that figure is 64%. That means dollars leaving this area and not returning.

In order for an area to incorporate, if it's within six miles of an incorporated City, it needs both the approval of the governing body adjacent to it, and also an affirmative vote by the people who live within the proposed boundaries. At a recent town hall, the residents of the Vail area voted 57% to pursue incorporation. Only 18% of the residents voted to 'do nothing (keep things as they are.)

On Wednesday, we voted to approve the proposal – it now goes to the Vail residents in August of this year for their vote. Here are the proposed boundaries of what would be the Town of Vail:



The area will include 11,500 residents. Their plan is to hire a Town Manager and a Clerk – their governing body would be a mayor and six council members. If the residents down there approve, they'll keep the same fire protection, schools, water, sewer and trash collection. They'll need to figure out how to contract for police and road maintenance. The estimated added (new) State Revenue coming to the area is just over \$3M.

They'll be able to consider implementing a sales tax and impact fees if they need added revenues. The impact fees are a bit problematic because of the legislation the State passed last year that limits how those can be assessed and collected.

So, in August we may have a new neighbor to the South of us. It will be interesting to see how representative the 57% who supported the concept during their public meeting ends up being of the whole 11,500 who will be allowed to vote.

Davis Monthan AFB Letter of Support

A short time back, the County Board of Supervisors adopted a letter in support of Davis Monthan and their mission and presence in our community. Based on economics alone, there's no doubt that the base is a valuable asset to the region. On Wednesday, the Council was asked to consider joining the County in adopting a similar statement.

In a similar manner, last week we were asked to adopt a letter that outlines the expectations the business community can legitimately expect from our Planning and Development Services staff. It also included language that outlined the responsibilities of business operators who are doing business with the City planners. We tweaked the language during our study session to reflect some concerns some of us felt were left unaddressed in the original draft. For example, we eliminated the word "all" from a sentence that stated that we want to encourage "all businesses to" set up shop in Tucson. Well, there are issues with strip clubs already, and this council was proactive in opposing Pay Day Loan firms locating here. The word 'all' was a red flag we chose to avoid. We all agreed on changes, and the resolution will be a better document for the changes.

DMAFB was established in our community back in 1925. It now employs over 12,000 personnel who come into our community and contribute to the local economy. The national defense role the base plays is a key part of the DOD's strategic plan for our security. And yet, just as the business community letter needed some fine tuning, I felt the DM letter could use a little of the same. We're partners in the region and the Memorial should reflect properly that relationship.

The changes I put into the record during my comments were minor, and nuanced. And yet, they more accurately point to the need for partnering in some decisions than the original draft did. Here are the points I offered during my comments as (changes) interspersed with the original draft language:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Tucson Mayor and Council recognizes and supports the (current) missions and long term viability of Davis Monthan Air Force Base. We also support the leadership of Davis Monthan to make the appropriate decisions (as they work with the community) balancing National Security and community needs when it comes to their existing and future military mission and assignments.

What I offered expressed my sense of the realities of our relationship and hopes for continuing dialogue as partners in the community in the days ahead. The City Council should not be making National Security decisions. But we should be working with the various

groups who make up our community to advocate for quality of life considerations, looking for ways to partner towards mutually agreeable solutions to some complex land use issues.

Pima County One-Stop

Primarily funded by the Department of Labor, but also by Pima County and the City of Tucson, the Pima County One-Stop program is a well integrated safety net of employment tools that touch a variety of worker needs in a variety of sectors of our local economy. On the heels of noting the importance DM plays in our local economy, it's also appropriate to mention one of our primary workforce training and development tools.

In fiscal year '12, One-Stop touched over 15,000 job seekers. They distributed between \$4M and \$5M in scholarships that went towards finishing / and continuing / education. A part of the success story contained in that was 170 former high-school drop outs earning either their GED, or their Pima Vocational High School diploma. Just under 800 businesses hired One-Stop clients.

We hear a lot about the need to offer a well trained workforce. Pima One-Stop does that in fields that include Natural and Renewable Resources, Aerospace and Defense, Logistics, Health Science and workers needed to maintain our infrastructure. Both youth and adults are encouraged through the programs, and the training manifests itself in both the personal success stories, but also in simply improving the talent pool we as a region can offer businesses.

The 'safety net' also touches on housing needs, substance abuse rehab, family services and providing an emergency service network. People touched by the programs include veterans reintegrating into their State-side life, youth and adults. This is yet another example of where your tax dollars are being used for the greater good of the community. It'd be nice to see more emphasis from State and Federal policy makers on this sort of item than on trying to stop people from surrendering a gun.

Sunshine Mile Open House

On Saturday, March 2nd from noon until 5pm, several merchants along Broadway, west of Country Club will be participating in an open house to promote the importance of preserving and maintaining their operations. Those who have signed up for the day, and their promotional involvement are:

- Casa Colonial - wine tasting & 30% off any one item
- Deco – old fashioned refreshments, 20% off clothing, aprons & beads
- Kismet - refreshments & 20% off select items in the store
- Art Hair Studio – coffee
- La Sandia – creating paper flowers
- La Buhardilla – refreshments, 20% off entire store & free gift with purchase
- Betty Blue's Junk Shop - 20% off purchase when you mention "Sunshine Mile", plus free item (up to \$1.50 value)
- Yikes Toy Store- refreshments & raffle to win mid-century item
- Little Nesting Bird – 20% off w/ mention Sunshine Mile
- Arte de la Vida – 20% off any one item when shopper signs up on email list
- Zocalo – 20% discount on pewter ware and Guatemalan huipils
- Totally Kids and Futon - 20% off store wide
- Picante – 20% off on scarves
- It's A Blast – Pottery and jewelry trunk shows

- Western Lifestyle Furniture – refreshments and cookies
- Country Home Furniture – refreshments and cookies

This event is being conducted in order to draw attention to the existing businesses along the Broadway corridor, and to further demonstrate to staff and the RTA the need to encourage the Citizen's Task Force to adopt creative solutions to the functionality issue as it relates to the proposed Broadway widening. I've written extensively about the project. Now the CTF and Broadway coalition of residents and businesses are taking the task force discussions to the next level; that is, out into the street where the businesses are sending a message to TPTB that they're out there, and that they're providing a significant contribution to the local economy, and to the aesthetic of the corridor.

The CTF is working towards a solution that is win/win. Since I first raised the issue of changing the "voter approved" cross width (based on flawed traffic projections – and underfunded) it has been a work in progress to get an overt expression of flexibility from project management. This seems to exemplify the process:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P9BUyWVg1xI>

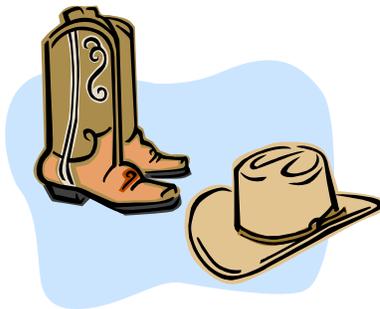
I think we'll get to a good result.

Please drop by on the 2nd and show your support. And on a related note, the public open house for the purpose of interacting with Task Force members and staff who are managing the Broadway project design considerations will be on February 28th from 6pm until 8:30pm over at the Sabaar Temple / 450 South Tucson Blvd. Your input is important as a guidepost to the CTF members.

Sincerely,



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Ward6@tucsonaz.gov



Happy Rodeo Days!!

Arts and Entertainment Events Calendar

This week and next week at the arts and entertainment venues in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Thursday, February 21, 6:00pm. “Tucson’s Best Showcase: SKA/Reggae Edition” 21+.

Sunday, February 24, 8:00pm. “Leftover Salmon” all ages.

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Thursday, February 21. 7:30pm. “George Kahumoku”

Sunday, February 24, 5:30pm. “Oscar Experience Tucson”

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

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

Arizona Theatre Company presents “The Sunshine Boys” by Neil Simon

Saturday, March 2 – March 23, 2013.

www.arizonatheatre.org

Tucson Convention Center <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/tcc/eventcalendar>

Arena

February 22 through February 23, 7:30pm. “AZ Wildcat Hockey vs. ASU”

Sunday, February 24, 7:00pm. “R Dub’s 13th Annual Sunday Nite Slow Jams Live!”

TCC Exhibit Halls

Saturday, February 23, 9:00am. “Taking Control of Your Diabetes and Health Fair”

Leo Rich Theatre

Sunday, February 24, 7:00pm. “The Red & Rich Review”

Music Hall

Saturday, February 23 and Sunday, February 24. “Broadway Rocks! – TSO Pops! Series”

Ongoing

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

Ongoing exhibition, Opening Saturday, January 26 and ending June 16:

“Desert Grasslands,” “Feminina: Images of the Feminine from Latin America,” and “Elements in Western Art: Water, Fire, Air, and Earth”

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

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

Current exhibition: “Peter Young: Capitalist Masterpieces”

Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00pm.

www.Moca-Tucson.org

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

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

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

The Drawing Studio, 33 S. 6th Ave.

Ongoing Exhibit, Opens February 2 and runs February 24

“The Way of the Brush – Brush Spirit: Yoshi Nakano”

<http://www.thedrawingstudio.org/>

Jewish History Museum, 564 S. Stone Ave.

Open Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1:00-5:00 and Friday, Noon to 3:00pm

Special hours for school and group tours, for more information call 670-9073
www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

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

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 Mercado San Agustin, 100 S. Avenida del Convento
 Thursdays, 4:00 – 7:00pm.

For other events in the Downtown/4th Avenue/Main Gate area, visit these sites:

www.MainGateSquare.com
www.FourthAvenue.org
www.DowntownTucson.org

Other Community Events:

Loft Cinema www.loftcinema.com/

Thursday, February 21, 7:00pm. **“The Oscar Nominated Short Films 2013: Animated Shorts”**
 Sunday, February 24, 12:00pm. **“One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest”**

Arizona State Museum – Woven Wonders (beginning April 28)

The Arizona State Museum is debuting a sample of 500 pieces from the world’s largest collection of South-west American Indian basketry (over 25,000 pieces). Visit www.statemuseum.arizona.edu for more information.

UA Mineral Museum – Ongoing

“100 Years of Arizona’s Best: The Minerals that Made the State”

Community Food Bank Citrus Gleaning for 2013

The Community Food Bank is offering to pick surplus citrus from homes and businesses in some areas of town. They term this service “Gleaning” or harvesting food that would otherwise go unused. They are currently accepting and picking up already picked fruit now, but will begin the actual gleaning program on January 22 and end on April 30. For more information on how to turn your excess fruit into food for those who need it, contact Lou Medran at 449-8340 or lmedran@communityfoodbank.org

Business Development and Growth Modeling – Wednesday, February 27

The Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Ward 6 Council Office will be hosting a Business Development and Growth Modeling course during the spring. The **second** class will be on Wednesday, February 27 at 4:00pm at the Ward 6 Council Office, 3202 E. 1st Street. The class will help you assess your business, define priorities, resolve issues, and much more. For more information on these classes, please contact Bill Roach Bill@tucsonhispanicchamber.org or the Ward 6 Office.

Sam Hughes Historic Neighborhood and Home Tour – Sunday, April 7

Sam Hughes Historic District encompasses one square mile bordered by Speedway/Broadway and Country Club/Campbell. This popular self-guided tour features homes, gardens, businesses and sample-serving restaurants. Unique this year are four alternative living arrangements that display the diversity of this mid-town neighborhood as well as a presentation about the historic preservation of Broadway Blvd. The tour is Sunday, April 7 (12-5). Tickets are \$20, available beginning March 28 at Arte de la Vida (37 N. Tucson Blvd., just north of Broadway----398-6720 or day-of-tour at Rincon Market (2516 E. 6th St.).

A program for Business Owners and Start-Ups:



Business Development and Growth Modeling!

**“A business plan without cash and a validated Growth Model,
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