

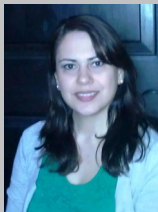
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Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

February 24, 2014

Pension Decision

Last week, the State Supreme Court issued an opinion on changes the State Legislature made to public employee pensions back in 2011. The court found that the Legislature had violated the State Constitution. Attorney General Tom Horne argued the case on behalf of the Legislature.

In 1990 the State enacted a law that entitled retirees on the State Plan to “receive (a) permanent benefit increase in their base benefit.” In 1996 they extended that benefit in perpetuity. Shortly thereafter they also added a 4% benefit increase cap. In 2011 they passed another law that had the effect of reducing members’ benefit increase for that year, and eliminating it altogether in the following two years (2012 and 2013). Without getting into all of the details, the increases were limited and eliminated because the 2011 law prevented money from funneling into the pension reserve fund – that fund was the basis for paying the increases. When the fund dried up, so did the increases.

As we were going through the pension discussions last year I made the point over and over that we are bound by State law that says pensions are individual contracts and we cannot simply go in and reduce benefits without the individual consent of each recipient. That’s true of both retirees and of current employees. The Legislature decided to push that envelope and here’s the exact text from the Supreme Court’s decision:

Arizona Revised Statutes Section 38-818 establishes a formula for calculating pension benefit increases for retired members of the Elected Officials’ Retirement Plan (“Plan”). In 2011, the legislature modified that formula by enacting Senate Bill (“S.B.”) 1609. Because that statute diminishes and impairs the retired members’ benefits, we hold that it violates the Pension Clause of Article 29, § 1(C) of the Arizona Constitution.

This will cost the taxpayers money in both court costs as well as the back pay to which the retirees are entitled by law. The Public Safety Pension Review Board estimates that retroactive payments to beneficiaries of all 3 of the Plans impacted by the decision will cost in the \$40M range and they’ll have to transfer into the reserve funds in excess of \$335M. The decision will also impact the funding ratios of each plan. The ones for police/fire are already low. The PSPRS Board estimates that in response to the decision and back pay obligation some employer contribution rates may jump to over 50% of payroll.

The State is considering a bill that would hold guys like me personally liable if we are found to have willfully adopted a gun law that the court eventually finds exceeds our local authority. Maybe they should add themselves in as an amendment such that if they pass laws that violate the State Constitution and end up costing taxpayers cash that it comes out of their own pockets.



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

The analysis of the financial impact is still being sorted out. Once the amount of back pay is determined it will necessarily have an impact on funding ratios of the system, and by extension, as I noted, the employers' own contribution rates. We've made some changes locally and I've made the point that some of what we're seeing will be self-correcting as the market rebounds and as some of our current retirees go off the system. What we cannot do is just go in and cut benefits. The Court has made that clear. It validates the position M&C took last year during our discussion of the potential ballot measure that would have fundamentally changed our Plan – and would have left the General Fund vulnerable for funding short falls. This also validates my objections to the Plan changes we adopted last year that reduced employee contributions. The Plans have structural issues and that change took us in the wrong direction.

We'll continue to do what we can – within the law. I'm sure you'll be seeing and hearing more on this topic.

Rillito Race Track



I've been asked by several people to look into the current conversation related to building soccer fields out at the Rillito Race Track and whether it's a proper use of voter approved Bond funds. Not only is it an appropriate use, but it also follows the direction gained from significant public outreach on the highest and best use of the site.

It also does not mean the imminent demise of horse racing out at Rillito.

In both 1997 and again in 2004, the voters approved Bond money for soccer fields and lighting at the Rillito Park. The 2004 vote also called for moving some of the stables, and building a community center on the site. In 2013 we entered into an IGA with the County to authorize them to move forward on the improvements.

So what about horse racing? The current project will add 3 soccer fields, lighting and some other park amenities. The race track, grandstands and clubhouse will all remain in their current locations. There are no plans to demolish the structures, and there are no funds allocated to do that. Last week I listed several Bond projects that the City is asking to have included on the 2015 County wide Bond Election. The County is also looking at proposals, one of which is to add more soccer fields at the Park. That would be a voter approved decision if it is to go forward. There was also talk about moving horse racing out to the Pima County Fairgrounds – but the estimated \$27M cost left people chilly to the idea. It is not likely to be on the Bond Election list.

The Rillito Park is used by multiple events, including festivals, dog shows and other things throughout the year. Horse racing runs for a couple of months and brings in about 40,000 fans. Soccer participants amount to the majority of the 250,000 – 300,000 other users of the Park on an annual basis. On a County wide basis, recent data showed that soccer and other amateur sports bring in over \$24M in tourism dollars. Compare that to the \$3M attracted by horse racing and it's clear that the voters' will in the Bond elections is also reflected in the economic impact the sport programs have on the region.

Horse racing is continuing at the Park this year. I'm told that the non-profit Horseman's Associa-



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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)

tion isn't planning on extending that to next year. If the County can come up with an alternate horse racing tenant, that function may continue longer. But they can't create such a group, so without a deal to keep the track operating as a horse racing facility, and the imminent Bond package that'll add more soccer fields, it's certainly possible that the Park is going to undergo the voter directed changes to become a major soccer facility within the next few years.

Maybe not the answer some of the horse racing fans wanted to hear, but that's the history, and a look into the near term future.

SB1062

Our State Legislature seems to have a penchant for proposing legislation that negatively impacts our National and International reputation, and by extension hurts our efforts to pull out of the recession. Driving business opportunities away with laws that make us look like a bunch of bigoted hayseeds is counterproductive.

Here's the operative text from the most recent example:

- D. A person whose religious exercise is burdened in violation of this 19 section may assert that violation as a claim or defense in a judicial 20 proceeding, REGARDLESS OF 21 WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT IS A PARTY TO THE PROCEEDING. 22 E. A PERSON THAT ASSERTS A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MUST ESTABLISH 23 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**
- 24 1. THAT THE PERSON'S ACTION OR REFUSAL TO ACT IS MOTIVATED BY A 25 RELIGIOUS BELIEF.**
- 26 2. THAT THE PERSON'S RELIGIOUS BELIEF IS SINCERELY HELD.**
- 27 3. THAT THE STATE ACTION SUBSTANTIALLY BURDENS THE EXERCISE OF THE 28 PERSON'S RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.**
- 29 F. THE PERSON ASSERTING A CLAIM OR DEFENSE UNDER SUBSECTION D OF THIS 30 SECTION MAY OBTAIN INJUNCTIVE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF.**

Yes, it's rather clunky language, but what it means is that if you own a business, the State is saying you have the right to discriminate if you base your actions on the claim of a religious belief. It opens the door to so many possibilities for disparate treatment that it's hard to believe even our Legislature conceived of it (intended use of a word that is also implicated in the proposed law). The Governor can still veto if she sees fit.

Multiple business related groups lobbied against this bill. Locally, our award winning Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce referred to the "unhealthy amount of negative publicity to our State" that the Bill is generating. More negative pub, on the heels of SB1070. While it might be great fodder for late night talk show monologues, it risks loss of tourism dollars, business relocations, and the related loss of tax revenue that all jurisdictions need to provide the services you deserve. Visit Tucson has already been advised by multiple potential partners that they'll bail on Arizona if the law is signed by the Governor.

On Monday morning, the Tucson Metro Chamber joined in opposition to SB1062.

You have the right to share your thoughts with the Legislature and with the Governor. You can find all of their email addresses by Googling to Arizona State Government and clicking on the appropriate link.



Film Incentive Bill

There's now bi-partisan traction on a Bill up in Phoenix that would provide a State-wide incentive to lure in major film productions. As you know, many of us have been working on a local basis to put together a tool-kit of incentives to try to revitalize the film industry here in Southern Arizona, but we lack the big punch of a State level incentive. Now that's looking more possible.

HB2660 is being called the Multimedia Production Incentive. This one's different from the Bill I reported on previously that would set up a Governor's Film and Media Office. The new Bill would give that office (and us, locally) something tangible to work with.

The guts of the Bill include a 25% reduction in film production costs above \$250K and then another 5% of income taxes paid to Arizona workers in this State that are directly related to the production. The credits may not exceed \$10M for any individual production.

The other Bill (SB1098) which sets up the Film Office is being assigned to the Appropriations Committee agenda. This one's also bi-partisan, and it appears to have support from the Governor's office. If you'd like to urge support, here are the Appropriations Committee members:

Member	Email	Phone
Senator Shooter (chair)	dshooter@azleg.gov	602.926.4139
Senator Murphy (vice chair)	rmurphy@azleg.gov	602.926.4444
Senator Cajero Bedford	ocajerobedford@azleg.gov	602.926.5835
Senator Crandell	ccrandell@azleg.gov	602.926.5409
Senator Griffin	ggriffin@azleg.gov	602.926.5895
Senator Melvin	amelvin@azleg.gov	602.926.4326
Senator Pancrazi	lpancrazi@azleg.gov	602.926.3004
Senator Tovar	atovar@azleg.gov	602.926.3392
Senator Ward	kward@azleg.gov	602.926.4138

And for the incentive Bill, it's the Ways and Means Committee that'll have to push it out to the floor for a vote. If you're inclined to support this one, you'd want to contact House Representatives Debbie Lesko [602-926-5413](tel:602-926-5413), dlesko@azleg.gov and Andy Tobin [602-926-5172](tel:602-926-5172), atobin@azleg.gov and ask that the bill be placed on the agenda. For Ways and Means Committee member information, log onto: www.azfilmandmedia.org



Broken record alert! These are jobs bills supporting clean industry in a State that used to lead the nation in films, television and other media production. It's ironic that in the same week we're fighting off a Bill that would drive jobs out of the State, many of us are also supporting these film Bills that would have a positive net impact on our ability to attract new dollars from out of State.

No Kill Pima County

I've shared other events related to No Kill Pima County before so you're familiar with who they are. Now they're reaching out to the community for dog and cat foster care volunteerism. It's their program by which you take a pet while a permanent adoption home is found. Sometimes the 'foster parent' ends up the final home / other times fosters do this service for multiple animals over time while homes are located.

Rescues and shelters are full to the brim. Fosterers allow for a spot to become available at the centers, often with the net effect of saving a life. No Kill is hosting their 2nd Annual Fosters to the Rescue Fair on March 8th from 6pm until 8pm at the YWCA (525 Bonita Ave). There will be between 15 and 20 rescue groups and shelters on hand to meet you and chat up the program. It's a free event, and *Food Trucks for a Cause* will also be there with live music offered by Patrick Bishop.

If you think you might be interested in getting involved with the program, please carve out some time to attend. And if you'd like more information, call 477.7401.

Here's the No Kill web site if you want to check them out: <http://nokillpimacounty.org>

More on Puppies...

In November, 2009, the Humane Society (S.A.) opened a storefront in Park Place (E. Broadway). It's called PAWSH and is located on the east side of the mall between Sears and Dillard's. In anticipation of the item coming on the next study session related to pet stores having to sell dogs/cats that come from shelters and rescues, it's timely to note that PAWSH is ahead of that curve; that is, it serves as both an adoption center and a supply store for pet owners. It is a comfortable alternative for potential adopters who might find the atmosphere at the shelter overwhelming or stressful.

Since opening at Park Place, the store has found homes for 3,529 animals: 1,794 cats and kittens; 1,423 dogs and puppies; and 312 guinea pigs, hamsters, rats, rabbits, etc. This represents more than 12 percent of the total adoptions the HSSA has done in that time. The mall supports the store with directional signage, in-mall advertising, digital promotion, displays and events.



The HSSA also has a PAWSH store at La Encantada that opened in July 2010 and also has adoption centers in two PetSmart locations in the area. What we'll be suggesting to pet stores on March 4th is being a part of the solution to the animal overcrowding in our shelters. The Humane Society recognized that years ago and is putting their efforts to solving the issue.

Final add on animals...

We're certainly seeing a convergence of concern over the overcrowded conditions in our shelters and rescue agencies. I've shared previously that I'm in support of limiting the sale of dogs and cats at pet stores to only those sourced from local shelters and rescues. We'll be discussing that more soon.

Now the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee has proposed that one single item that is being considered for the 2015 Bond election be moved up to this November. That is building a new Pima County Animal Control Center. The Board of Supervisors just recently approved a temporary tent-city for the animals out at PACC, so they've acknowledged the need. The fact that so many thousands of dogs and cats are euthanized for lack of a home is further validation of the need for expanded and upgraded facilities. Here's the entire text of the proposed project as it was shared with the BAC...

Department: Health Department

Date: Updated July 15, 2013

Future Pima County Bond Election Proposed Project

Project Name: Pima County Animal Care Center (PACC) Improvements

Location: PACC Main Facility – 4000 N. Silverbell Road and possibly other satellite locations in Pima County

Scope: The new animal care facility will be constructed in the Greater Tucson Area, which may incorporate improvements to and use of the current structures and may include collaborative facilities with local animal welfare and rescue organizations as needed.

Benefits: Since the original facility was constructed in 1968, standards for animal care have changed significantly, together with public expectations regarding providing nationally accepted humane animal care and animal control functions. The current center has not kept pace with advances in the areas of pet housing, technology, communications, and work place safety. The public expects better conditions for the animals in the shelter and improved conditions conducive to saving as many pets as possible through adoptions and effective collaborations with local and national animal welfare and rescue agencies. A new facility which provides for such collaboration, offers good visibility, and is attractive and convenient for the public will encourage visitors and increase adoptions, rescues and returns to owners. Last year alone, PACC handled 22,000 animals. In a new facility designed to keep animals healthy, we will be able to better rehabilitate sick, injured and behaviorally challenged pets and display all in a more conveniently located, modern, efficient and friendly facility. This will facilitate maximizing the number of pets saved each year by the County and its partners, which will, in turn, encourage community support and pride.

Costs: \$22,000,000

Bond Funding: \$22,000,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: TBD

Project Management Jurisdiction: Pima County

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: There will not be an increase in operating and maintenance costs associated with construction of this facility.

Regional Benefits: Building new animal care facilities will provide a state of the art, healthier environment for both animals and staff. Additionally, the new facility will provide updated, proven, attractive and positive environments for the public, resulting in increased adoption rates. Furthermore, new construction of adequate, modern animal sheltering facilities is less expensive than remodeling old buildings and would allow the present site to remain in operation while the new facility is under construction. This would save significant money and allow adoptions and owner recovery of pets to continue during construction, ultimately minimizing the number of animals euthanized.

Supervisor District of Project Location: District 3 – Supervisor Sharon Bronson

Again and again I've shared that the ultimate answer is spay/neuter. The County is leading the way on that through their AWASA program – one that I continue to believe the City would be wise to help fund. But the new shelter is needed, long overdue and deserves your consideration.



First Tee Update

And this quick note on the First Tee Program. You may recall back when Grand Canyon University was trying to get the El Rio Golf Course property that I raised the issue of our existing contract with the Conquistadors to run their First Tee program out there. It's actually a program that touches youth community wide and teaches them life skills, academic skills and all in the context of the healthy recreational outlet that golfing is.

The program is growing and they're looking for more coaches to step up and spend time with the young people in the program. In addition, one of their major sponsors is the Accenture golf tournament (a golf tournament that we let slip away to Marana). There's a possibility that that tourney will move yet again, and if it does it'll mean the loss of some considerable sponsorship dollars for First Tee. While their Board is working to fill the gap just in case it comes about, you can help proactively by contacting them directly. Google First Tee Tucson and you can see the variety of programs they include, and also how you can get involved either as a coach, donor, or both.

Civilian Emergency Casualty Care

I'm sure you remember the images from the Boston Marathon terrorist attack. Similar scenes could come from any number of other surprise attacks or emergency situations. Note in the photo shown above that the two guys taking care of the lady are civilians. Civilians are the actual first responders at most scenes.



With that in mind, the Medical Reserve Corps of Southern Arizona (MRCSA) is teaming up with several other groups and individuals to offer a course on how we as civilians can be of help to both victims and ourselves during the events surrounding an emergency situation. Last Saturday, Amy and I attended a 4 hour presentation by the group putting together the training and came away from it knowing that it's something we need to offer on a community wide basis. The goal is to make Tucson a truly resilient community.

The course covers areas such as situational awareness, preparedness, how to react in a violent encounter (when to run, hide or fight), and practical items you should have on hand in first aid kits, extra meds, foods, flashlights, etc. Generally the sorts of intuitive things that we overlook because we all know 'that can't happen here.'

Why can it happen here?

Because here's how we protect our used car lots: ...and here's how we protect our local schools and other public places:



I met with the organizers of the presentation and we're going to offer to give a 3 hour course at the Ward office soon. They'll be tweaking the material so it'll fit in that time frame and be focused on civilians, not professionals in the medical or law enforcement fields. I need to hear from you if you and/or your group would like to participate. When we get to our maximum RSVP's for a course, we'll book it.

This work is being done on a volunteer basis by the Medical Reservists, some of the TFD paramedics and they even got some SWAT folks to share their expertise.

Call Evelyn @ 791.4601 and leave your contact information if you want your group to take part. Or, in the alternative, email me and I'll mark you down. This is important stuff so I'm happy to help promote it out into the community with the experts in the field.

They Call Me A Hero

On a related note, later on Saturday my bride and I attended a reading of Daniel Hernandez' book "*They Call Me A Hero*" at the Borderlands Theater in the Historic Y. Following the reading I was honored to participate in a panel discussion related to active shooter events and what we still need to do as a community to encourage adoption of some sane laws related to the use and possession of firearms in this State.

I've tried to keep you up to date on some of the proposed laws that are being considered. One that made eminent sense was to make it a crime to leave a gun in reach of a child and that child kills or injures him/herself or another person. The State Legislature decided that it's not criminal for a dad to let a little kid shoot a friend with his gun. But they want to make local elected officials and staff civilly liable if we adopt an Ordinance that a court later finds overstepped the State pre-emption on who can write gun laws. We're to let the State figure out what makes sense on this issue – like the Bill they just killed that lets kids have access.

Daniel's experience was the real life application of what the MRCSA is teaching. The fact that it occurred is the result of a systemic and legal inability to address mental illness and gun laws in ways that are preventative. I'll keep pushing all of these key issues and hope to make progress through the involvement of so many community members who understand the challenge, and the need.

Safety in Transit

So many of these things are tied together. Gun control, mental health issues, and now how they relate to our transit system and the safety of drivers and other passengers.

A few months ago I joined with Mom's Demand Action asking that the State ease restrictions on local governments enough that we could implement a ban on firearms and other weapons on public busses. Remember, we're pre-empted by State law from doing that (banning guns) but the State Legislature could relieve that restriction if they saw fit.

Since 2012 there have been a reported 7 knife incidents, 3 gun incidents and one guy wielding a hatchet on Sun Tran busses. Add to that numerous assaults, spitting, punching out windows, and other incidents that could escalate. The purpose of my noting this is not to drive you away from taking a bus (Road Rage happens in cars, too). It is to remind our State Legislators that they have it in their authority to address the local pre-emption issue and let local jurisdictions make local decisions with respect to the safety of our constituents. They won't. So...

I recently suggested to our Sun Link management team that they look into connecting the video that will be installed inside the Streetcar coaches so that TPD can view real-time what's happening

in each of them. There will already be video, but the way it's being set up now is only re-viewable; that is, it'll make for nice evidence, but worthless for letting police know when an active event is in progress. Staff is looking into how this might be implemented as an added Streetcar amenity. Safety of our passengers would be a valuable selling point.

We don't need the State to "let" us do this one. I'll circle back and let you know how it develops.

DM / A-10

Throughout the middle of last year, I was active in supporting our Congressional delegations efforts to preserve the A-10 mission at Davis Monthan. Following a bit of a dust-up between me and some local groups over the issue, others including members of our Congressional delegation as well as a current candidate for Congress penned op/ed's that agreed; keep the A-10 funded. I continue to support that position for a number of reasons. Two of the most important of those reasons are that:

- 1) The aircraft is noted by everybody in the military as the best close air ground support unit that we have – it's about the safety of our men and women who are fighting on the ground, and
- 2) The aircraft is the signature mission deployed at DM. Keeping it funded is important to keeping the base safe from closure.

In a recent N.Y. Times article, Defense Secretary Hagel was reported to have suggested that under his budget proposals, the entire fleet of Air Force A-10 attack aircraft would be eliminated. The budget plan does sustain money for the controversial F-35 warplane, which has been extremely expensive and has run into costly delays. If the Defense Department is truly in need of finding billions of dollars in savings, getting their arms around the cost escalation of the F-35 would be a ripe place to start.

The DOD has issued reports that indicate Luke AFB is the preferred site for the F-35. That's what they say, and they've affirmatively acted on their own report by assigning a batch of them to Luke. So, DM needs the A-10 to stay funded. I've been very open in my position on that – if you feel so inclined, let our Delegation know that they need to fight tooth and nail to make sure the Hagel proposal isn't implemented.

Arizona Senior Olympics

We don't often get to poach events from the Phoenix area, but this weekend we will. The Arizona Senior Olympics is hosting some hardcore badminton events - not what you used to play on the beach, but competitive and quality skills.

There are two rounds, one coming on Saturday and the other on Sunday. Both will be out at the Udall Recreation Center (7200 E. Tanque Verde). The Saturday events will run from 9am until 6pm, and Sunday's matches will go from 9am until 2pm. These are for players 50 years old and up. That's not old anymore. Funny how that happens...

Then from March 20-22 on the UA campus at the Student Rec. Center there'll be a national event. The Masters Tournament is for players 35 years old and up. The dates/times for that tournament are:

Thursday, March 20th - 9am - 10pm

Friday, March 21st - 8:30am - 6pm

Saturday, March 22nd - 8:30am - 10pm

Visit Tucson is helping to sponsor these events. It's important that we have a good turnout if we want to be awarded a host-site at upcoming events. Several years ago the UA campus hosted the Senior Olympics - we saw hundreds of out of town visitors for a full week. Helping send the message that Tucson wants these events is a big deal for the community. If you can carve out time this

weekend, you can watch the events out at Udall for free.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
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Events Calendar

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

SARSEF 2014 Open House and Cox Future Innovators' Night

Wednesday, March 12th

5:30 P.M.—8 P.M.

Southern Arizona Research, Science and Engineering Fair

View more than 1900 Student Exhibits

Exhibition Hall of the TCC — Free parking thanks to Cox!

Ongoing

Broadway in Tucson: The Wizard of Oz

February 25, 2014 - March 02, 2014

UA CENTENNIAL HALL 1020 E. University Blvd

http://www.broadwayintucson.com/shows_wizard.html

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

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

Hotel Congress 311 E. Congress St.

<http://hotelcongress.com/>

Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway Blvd.

www.loftcinema.com/

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

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

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

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

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E. University BlvdNovember 9, 2013, through July 2015 **Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios**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**Butterfly Magic at the Gardens**

2150 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85712

February 10, 2014 - April 30, 2014

<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org/>**For other events in the Downtown/4th Avenue/Main Gate area, visit these sites:**www.MainGateSquare.comwww.FourthAvenue.orgwww.DowntownTucson.org