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# Ward 6 - Newsletter

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## Sex Trafficking and Your Kids



I hope that got your attention. Could this be your kid at home... surfing the net / out of sight, out of mind? Here are a couple of real life bios on young people who ended up being trafficked –

*Adolescent female walking to bus stop at age 11; she was stopped by a carload of men who asked if she knew what street she was walking on. She was grabbed, thrown into the car, raped, then forced onto the track that same night."*

*Middle schooler, honor student and sports star; age 12, who communicated with other teenagers over a popular teen website. Within a few months, she was climbing out of her window, after her family was asleep, to meet "dates" set up by her much older pimp.*

The Federal Government recently posted a report on this problem. Here's the definition found in that report:

### **Federal Strategic Action Plan on Services for Victims of Human Trafficking in the United States**

**2013 – 2017**

Sex Trafficking [i.e., the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act] in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age.

The average entry age has been 13 since 1995. It has recently fallen to 12 years old, largely due to the Internet. From a worldwide perspective, the estimated average entry age is 8 years old.

Last week the group of us who put together Project RAISE (Responsible Alternatives to Incarceration for the Sexually Exploited) met to debrief on our first 'event.' We all came away committed to putting together another one – and we shared some



### 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

ways we'll make the next one more beneficial to the women and girls who are brought in and offered the diversion program. My thanks go out to the City Courts, Prosecutors and TPD for their willingness to participate. And of course I'm grateful to the service providers who took part, and will do so again.

From that service provider core, a few of us split off and met over the weekend to talk about the trafficking of minors. RAISE cannot offer the diversion to a young lady (or guy) under 18 because the offense is legally described as "trafficking" and the range of penalties are significantly different than is true if the woman is of age.

Let's be clear though – just passing that arbitrary age threshold doesn't imply that involvement automatically becomes voluntary. But the law treats it differently.

What we're going to do is to put together a forum in which we will lay out in very clear terms how the issue of minor trafficking exists right here in our community – it's the young girl you're sitting next to in the church choir / or as noted above, the honors student who got caught up in an internet mess. It might be down the hallway in your home.

The message will be:

- a. It's here in our community – real life stories will be presented to validate that
- b. There's no "profile" of who's being trafficked – it can be anybody's kid
- c. We'll identify Red Flags for you to watch for (or for your kids to watch for in there interactions with others.)
- d. And we'll offer some tangible acts you can take to counter the threats

And for my part, I'll be talking briefly about Legislation directly related to this that should have been adopted this last session up in Phoenix that had broad bi-partisan support, but was held up in a single committee. We want to fix that next session.

The presenters at the forum will include survivors, psychologists, academics and advocates. We're just now working on the venue, time/date and an emcee for the evening.

You'll be receiving more details as they come together. We have the experts ready to do this – now, it's those other details.

We will be recruiting the audience from our contacts. But this is intended to be a presentation for the whole community. So contact us at the Ward Office (791.4601) or email me at [steve.kozachik@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:steve.kozachik@tucsonaz.gov) if you want to be notified directly about this event. Whether it's the class you teach in our public school system, the youth group in your church, the Girl Scout Troop you lead, or just a bunch of the neighborhood kids who may have too much 'hang out' time in front of them this summer, think about coming and hearing from those who have been down the path, and who are working with those who have been down the path.

Parents, kids, clergy, educators, those who work in the field, and those who just want to prevent this tragic episode from occurring in the neighbor kid's life / the issue is pervasive, and I'm hoping many of you plan on taking advantage of the opportunity to hear the message from those who know about this from the inside out.

...more to come on this as we put the details into place.



### 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  
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1-800-253-0883

#### State Legislators

Toll Free  
Telephone:  
1-800-352-8404  
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Mayor Jonathan  
Rothschild  
791-4201

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

## Pima County Medical Foundation

And speaking of people who have a heart for changing our community, last week several of them were honored by the Pima County Medical Foundation for their work in the medical field. We witnessed the great work this segment of our community played during the aftermath of the January 8<sup>th</sup> shootings. But that level of service to others goes on every day, and last weekend many of those who are directly involved in delivering excellent service were appropriately recognized. I'm going to share them with you here so you can extend your own congratulations if you know any of these leaders:

### Foundation Award:

- Dr. Richard Dale – for his work in medical education and leading surgical rounds at St. Joseph's hospital
- Dr. James Dunn – has taught surgical anatomy to thousands of students over his 55 year career
- Dr. Frank Marcus – founding chief of cardiology at the UA College of Medicine
- Dr. John Wilson – founder of Radiology Ltd and the senior past-president of the Pima County Medical Society

### Rose Marie Malone Service Award

- Dr. Gary Figge – emergency medical physician and an alternate delegate to the American Medical Association

### Volunteers of the Year

- Dr. Evan Kligman – founder of Clinica Armistad, a fully volunteer health care clinic that serves the poor, and also ran academic family medicine programs both at the UA, and at the University of Iowa.
- Dr. Mohammed Nomaan – founder of the free medical clinic housed in the Islamic Center of Tucson, just west of the UA campus that serves thousands, irrespective of faith preferences

### Physician of the Year

- Dr. Gulshan Sethi – cardiothoracic surgeon, became a professor of surgery with the UA College of Medicine way back in 1988 – that's lots of continuous service to the community.

### Lifetime Achievement Award

- Dr. John Clymer and Eloise Reese Clymer –from a 1954 general practice to work as a psychiatrist here in Tucson until his retirement two years ago / Eloise helped create the modern Sombrero magazine in 1980, but also worked directly with women's and youth issues up until just recently.

These are some really smart and committed people. We're fortunate to have them here, forming the fabric of who we are as a community.

And as a very important side note to the evening, I spent a large part of my time there asking these significant medical people if they saw the need for the expansion of Medicaid, as is being proposed by the Governor. There was not a single one of them who did not passionately say that this is a critical part of the medical care delivery system that needs to become a part of this year's State budget. From the CEO out at St. Joseph's Hospital, to folks involved in Kino and rural health care clinics, every one of them unhesitatingly stated that the need for the State to get on board with this transcends rigid ideology and lands squarely on

putting together a health care delivery system in which peoples' needs are addressed and care givers are compensated for their work.

If you'd like to participate in that discussion, email or call the Governor and State Legislators expressing your views. They're up in Phoenix right now slicing and dicing the budget. Your input is timely.

### **88 Crime**

While on the topic of community service, last weekend I was given the opportunity to participate in an event that honored many of our neighbors who have helped to be the eyes and ears of our public safety personnel by using the 88 Crime reporting system. I've reported often on how we rely on the volunteer work of our residents to control and/or report graffiti, take care of neighborhood parks and medians, and other labor intensive work that the City is simply too short on staff to tackle (thank you Lois for the work you were doing on Speedway while I jogged by on Sunday morning!)

The part the 88 Crime reporters provide is the extension to our police and fire personnel that gives us a chance to either get to crimes in progress, or to follow up on investigations based on tips provided. They help to make our community a safer place in which to live. Once the tips are reported, the burden shifts to our public safety workers to follow through and clear the cases. Several of the people who work hard on this program were honored on Sunday evening.

Chris Whitson from T&R Investments was honored for "Outstanding Corporate Leadership" as it relates to 88 Crime.

Here are some others (You'll note that TPD ran away with the lion's share of the recognition...)

- Sergeant of the Year –  
Sgt. Kevin Hall (TPD Missing Persons)  
Sgt. Sonia Pesqueira (PCSO Homicide and Missing Persons)
- Deputies of the Year –  
US Marshals Art Olivias, Jr and Michael Villegas (US Marshal W.A.N.T.E.D. Task Force)
- Dispatch Supervisor of the Year –  
Robert Hendrix (Pima Animal Care Center)
- And the Outstanding Squad of the year –  
TPD Operations Division South Community Response Team (Sgt. Christopher Crowell and Officers David Carmona, Doug Reid, Michael Szelewski, Jason Epling, Michael Stoneham, Vincent Valenzuela and Jeffrey Wadleigh.)

The 88 Crime Board and all of the volunteers are the ones who placed this group of law enforcement professionals in the position of winning these awards. Many thanks go out to those who support this necessary program in the region. And a special note of gratitude to the Pima County Attorney's Office for their work in shepherding the 88 Crime work.

### **City Worker Compensation**

And speaking of funding and needing the help of the community to continue the levels of service we can provide...I've been asked to follow up and fill in a few blanks on the City-

worker compensation situation. I'll give both sides of the issue so you can make your own judgment.

This is the motion on which the council voted –

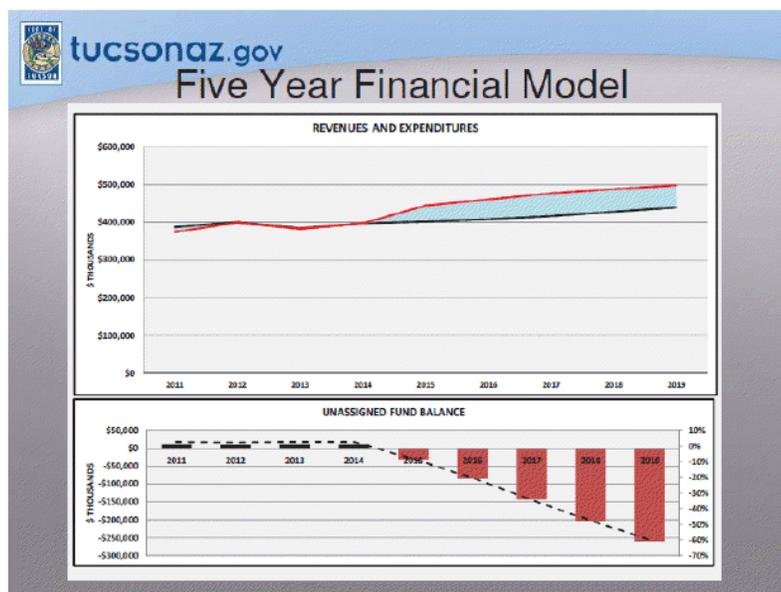
*To have HR and City Staff report back to M&C on current inequities in the compensation structure w/in 30 days (later extended to longer, if needed.)*

- *To accept the HR Directors plan for compensation in terms of the .55 cent per hour adjustment, effective as soon as possible, but at least by January 1, 2014.*
- *To have the HR Director work towards bringing a plan for an updated merit system for M&C review and direction (a merit plan is a 5% increase per individual based on performance evaluations.)*
- *In addition, to have the HR Director work with Department Directors, City Employees, Employee Organizations and Labor Organizations in developing this new process.*

I offered a substitute motion that would reduce frequencies on four regular and two express bus routes, and eliminate one express route – value \$2M / allocate \$272K of that to bringing our 911 operators up to market levels and the rest to go into a compensation increase that would be negotiated by our employees and staff. All of the remaining unallocated budget money we have (approximately \$4.8M) would go into reserves to pay for our obligations that are coming in the next couple of years.

My substitute motion failed for lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>. The original motion was adopted 4-2, with me and Paul voting against it.

Also opposed to the increase was our Finance Director and staff. Here's a graph that shows why:



As we go forward, you can see that we are projected to see lots of red ink. The causes are increased pension obligations as many of our public safety workers leave and we hire more staff in behind them, costs associated with Streetcar O&M, costs for our new County wide communications network, and more. Remember that these costs were some of the reasons we as a group opposed getting in bed with the County and taking on debt for the new City/County Courthouse building. The expenses haven't changed.

I agree with the rest of the Council that our workers need a pay increase. I know that they're also aware that we reached a "balanced budget" this time by taking advantage of one-time fixes; sale of land, and making an interest-only payment on our debt. That type of one-time "fix" now being used up, the \$5M per year increase to the base rate for our workers will carry forward and be added onto the chart you see above for us to figure out next year, and in the years to come. The local private sector has had to face these same sorts of decisions. Some have closed their doors. All have had to do without wage and benefit increases.

As for benefits – we just adopted a new health plan that will not increase the costs paid for coverage by our workers. We also just adopted a new pension plan that will allow many of our workers to keep an extra 6%-7% of their wages each pay period. I also opposed that plan as it was done by extending out the amortization period on our pension plan, thereby allowing us to take less now from our existing workers. The debts don't disappear, they just get pushed back.

We have 131 workers in our 911 Center / Police, Fire and 911 Call-takers. Those are high stress jobs that directly impact the lives of every one of you when you need them to be on the top of their games. When the new County system comes on line, and we are \$1 per hour below the County in our pay levels, we stand to lose a portion of the Center staff via poaching by the County. That's the basis for my having asked for these workers to be given the raise that I did. I'm hopeful that in some form of reconsideration of the Council vote that these workers are taken care of. I'd support that.

Depending on the cost, and whether a funding source is identified, I would also support a targeted compensation plan that took in our newer workers, those at the bottom of the pay scale. But what Council did was to give an across the board increase – to workers at all levels of compensation – and that's not something we can afford, is justified in this economy or that I will be supporting if it comes back to us in its present form.

Moody's Investment Series just reported on the probable impacts of the Federal sequestration. Here are some comments that bear on Tucson that come from their lengthy report.

**Any material impact on regional or local economies will be largely confined to areas with substantial dependence on defense spending or health care. In those regions, local governments that rely on revenue from income taxes and sales taxes may face budget pressures as layoffs, furloughs, and hiring freezes by area employers weaken economic activity.** *(We rely heavily on those sectors – the "solution" is what I'm trying to avoid in my opposition to the new across-the-board compensation increase.)*

**Sequestration will affect a portion of state aid – the largest source of local govern-**

ment general revenue – but most issuers should be able to offset the revenue reductions with expenditure cuts. (note the ‘solution’ – expenditure cuts. That means service reductions as we reduce staffing. Personnel costs are 65% of our budget.)

### EXHIBIT 3

#### Economic Pressures are Expected in Regions with High Dependence on Federal Procurement Contracts

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) % of MSA GDP	Federal Procurement Contracts as % of MSA GDP
Oshkosh-Neenah, WI	88.3%
Idaho Falls, ID	35.9%
Amarillo, TX	31.6%
Kennewick-Pasco-Richland, WA	30.6%
Huntsville, AL	30.5%
Johnstown, PA	29.5%
Norwich-New London, CT	24.9%
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	19.1%
Tucson, AZ	17.5%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL	17.3%

Sources: US Census Bureau, US Bureau of Economic Analysis

(As noted in the Exhibit, Tucson Gross Domestic Product is made up of nearly \$1 in \$5 from Federal contracts – remember, this report is pointing out likely impacts of Federal sequestration. We’re on their list of potential heavy impact.)

Staff is working on a plan and will be bringing it back to us “as soon as possible” (words from the discussion we had at the table last week.) If asked for my input, you can see what it’ll be. With limited resources, businesses and homeowners don’t do what we just approved.

***Budget Town Hall @ Ward 6 – On Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 6pm until 7:30pm, Asst. City Manager in charge of Finance, Kelly Gottschalk will be at the Ward 6 office with a power point, lots of knowledge and both she and I will be on hand to explain the budget process, where we are financially, and listen to your input.***

### STEM Education Summit

Last weekend on the UA campus, hundreds of middle and high school students took part in a range of competitions as a part of the Math, Engineering and Science Achievement program. We’re full of acronyms (MESA) and this event was a great example of why we need to ensure our State Legislature fully funds public education. The Science, Technology, Engineering and Math focus of what we’re teaching (and I’d add Arts – STEAM) is key to producing a workforce that is ready to step into high skilled jobs that we’re attracting with many of our newly recruited employers in this region. This week’s event showed off the skills of many such youth.

The MESA kids were involved with designing prosthetic arms, miniature roller coasters, self-cooling hats, rainwater harvesting models, water transportation systems, and air-drop rockets. They also took part in a new solar car challenge that was sponsored by Quantum Energy and Sustainable Solar Technology. There were over 650 students representing 38

schools from across the State involved.

The prosthetic arm competition was the first for MESA students nationwide. They were given a scenario in which a college-bound student (a tennis player) asked them to design a new kind of prosthetic arm that she could then use. They were forced to consider the hypothetical character's life and experiences and produce the design of a prosthetic arm that took into consideration the variety of experiences and needs she would encounter.

We hear a lot about how our public schools fail to develop critical thinking skills. This week's event was an example of how that is a false claim. The many students who came onto campus this week should be proud of their achievements. Their work will pay dividends.

In the Sunday Arizona Daily Star, they ran their annual insert on major employers in the area. Several of the comments reported as having come from leaders in those organizations spoke to the need for a skilled and educated workforce. The MESA project was a timely example to the business community that this work is going on in our schools.

### **Gun Control – State Legislation**

Over the weekend the Star also ran a piece that reported the wages paid to the police officers who participated in the gun buy-back I conducted back on January 8<sup>th</sup>. The article was totally accurate. The headline wasn't. The headline stated that the buy-back "cost" the city nearly \$10K. In fact, as was made clear in the body of the article, there were not extra officers called in to participate and no overtime hours paid as a result of the event. What did happen was that TPD made deployment decisions based on what they had heard and learned during the lead-up to the event, and staffed it appropriately – as has been done on dozens of other jurisdictions around the Country.

Ours may have been a bit different because I'm not aware that other Cities had a group who openly promised to come and host a counter-rally at the site of the buy-back.

I'm going to share with you some of the pre-event briefing material that I obtained from TPD so you can see what their thinking was during the planning phase. Here's their description of their mission as it related to the event:

#### MISSION:

*Gun buy-back operations can pose a public safety risk. Police personnel have to anticipate participating citizens may be unfamiliar with the safe handling of firearms. Citizens may utilize the event to dispose of old and unstable ammunition. There is also the possibility that citizens opposed to the event may arrive and demonstrate against Councilman Kozachik. It is the mission of the Tucson Police Department to support a safe and secure environment for the attendees of Councilman Kozachik's event as well as facilitate the safe and orderly gathering of people who choose to exercise their constitutional right of free speech and peaceable assembly. At no time should a group or individual interpret this support of a constitutional right as permission to threaten violence, commit assaults or engage in criminal acts. In those cases, this Department will act swiftly and with resolve to protect human life, property and to maintain the peace.*

For those of you who attended, you saw that TPD acted in a professional and courteous manner to all who were at the site – including the folks who held their own 'buy-back' out in the periphery of the real event.

There have been claims made that the buy-back didn't yield any legitimate weapons having been removed from circulation. While a few were old and not of value, here's just one of the many pages TPD compiled that describe what was turned in:

Ward - 6 Gun Buy-Back			
Smith & Wesson	916A, 12 gauge	180B01	Yes
Jennings	J22, 22 cal	411321	Yes
Socitlligalesibrescia	35 cal	419141	Yes
JC Higgins	12225, 12 gauge	88128	Yes
Jennings	J22, 22LR	208495	Yes
Grendel	P10, 380 cal	1914	Yes
Sturm Ruger	Bear Cat	89265	Yes
Remington	22 cal	173160	Yes
Gabilondo	Llama, 45 cal	467158	Yes
Taurus	PT122, 22 cal	92031040	Yes
Winchester	1300XTR, 12 gauge	LX044659	Yes
Remington	700	218758	Yes
Remington	270, 22 cal	none	Yes
Chicago Arms		198346	Yes
Iver Johnson	38 cal	22178	Yes
Smith & Wesson	38 Special	733870	Yes
Smith & Wesson	38 Special	J248362	Yes
Gen Prec	22, 22 cal	30002	Yes
FEG Hungary	PA63	AP2848	Yes
Challenger	12 gauge	28606	Yes
Harrington & Richardson	929, 22LR	AX128628	Yes
Colt	Police Positive, 38 cal	1379	Yes
H&R	1905, 32 cal	8137	Yes
		98526	Yes
Jennings	25 cal	564468	Yes
Valor	32 cal	21621	Yes
JC Higgins	22LR	58370	Yes
Mossberg	46, 22LR	none	Yes
H&R Arms	Victor 22	none	Yes
Ithica	22 long	123474	Yes

The "yes" shown in the last column indicates that the weapon was eligible for the buy-back; that is, when they checked the serial #, the gun was not found to have been lost or stolen. Finally, this is the pre-event briefing report on how TPD intended to implement their part:

**STRATEGY:**

The department will monitor the activity throughout the area of operation to ensure all applicable city and state laws are obeyed. We will protect the Councilman Kozachik and his staff as well as all citizens present for the event. We will protect the rights of the people involved, and wherever possible, prevent property damage and personal injury. We will keep the peace and enforce the laws fairly and impartially. Should it become necessary, the Tucson Police Department will provide traffic control.

They had all contingencies covered, including preserving the rights of those who came to protest the buy-back.

I thought you'd be interested in seeing how the professionals planned for the safety of the

public, in light of the hostile environment some in the community created in the days ahead of the event. TPD did a very good job, and should be commended. Finally, here's their after-action critique:

**Critique:**

- A. **Issue:** Hardesty Substation was too small to accommodate all the citizen participants. At the height of the event, Approximately 150 citizens were waiting to sell their weapons. There was an additional estimate of 60 people either protesting the event or present to make personal purchases.

**Recommendation:** If another such event is held, Hi Corbett Parking lot is larger and would provide a more manageable venue. A larger area would allow us to manage the number of participants with fewer personnel.

- B. **Issue:** Personnel called-in to augment the initial staffing did not receive a briefing.

**Recommendation:** Commanders to ensure a briefing occurs

**Summary:** This was the first gun buy-back event the Department has worked. 206 weapons were surrendered. Of the 206, one weapon was deemed a prohibited weapon and seized for additional investigation

Now, up in Phoenix the Governor has just signed a bill that will prevent the City from destroying guns that people turn into the police, whether during a large scale event such as the January 8<sup>th</sup> buy-back, or simply you taking in your weapon and asking that it be destroyed and taken out of circulation. Here's a description of the bill that the NRA has been passing around:

*House Bill 2455, sponsored by state Representative Brenda Barton (R-6), would prohibit government-sponsored destruction of seized or surrendered firearms. HB 2455 would require any firearms forfeited to or confiscated by a law enforcement agency to be sold to a Federal Firearms License (FFL) holder in exchange for money, new equipment or ammunition. As a result, previously owned firearms that are collected would maintain their value and their sale to the public would help recover public funds when budgets are strained.*

Missing in the description is the little issue of the Bill taking away the right of people to dispense with their private property as they desire. Both the City and the County routinely take guns out of circulation at the request of the property owners. This bill would end that as an option. There is nothing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment that allows one gun owner to tell another gun owner how to dispose of his/her weapon. And yet, that is now codified in State law.

One other gun-related bill that she signed.

House Bill 2326, sponsored by state Representative Eddie Farnsworth (R-12), would restrict the ability of any political subdivision from requiring or retaining a record in any form, whether permanent or temporary, of any identifying information of a person who

owns, possesses, purchases, sells or transfers a firearm.

The Major Cities Chief Association offered this related comment as a part of their “Firearms Violence Policy Statement.”

*Encourage mandatory reporting of all purchases, transfers and stolen firearms. (Note: we did the reporting of ‘stolen’ part at the Council level last month when we adopted the standard that all lost or stolen guns be reported to TPD w/in 48 hours of the owner knowing that the gun was missing...but, I digress) This measure would assist law enforcement agencies with identification, criminal investigations and recovery of stolen firearms.*

The Governor needs to hear from you on the Medicaid expansion issue. It’s too late for these two laws.

### **Liquor License Appeals**

In this week’s Garden District email blast, this section is included:

#### REQUESTING THE STATE LIQUOR BOARD MEET IN TUCSON FOR SOUTHERN ARIZONA APPLICATIONS

Hearings are coming up for several Tucson liquor license applications. Under the current system, Liquor Board hearings are held in Phoenix (although there have been a few exceptions). For the sake of fair representation and democratic procedure, hearings for Pima County applications should be held in Tucson, so that people in the areas that will be impacted will be able to attend and participate.

Councilman Kozachik is continuing to press for this very reasonable and legitimate change in procedure. A number of southside neighborhoods (SNAPP - Southside Neighborhood Association Presidential Partnership) are urging the Dept. of Liquor to schedule meetings in Tucson. These neighborhoods will be impacted by three upcoming liquor license applications for Dollar General stores on the south side. Three other neighborhood associations, Colonia Solana, El Encanto and San Clemente, have submitted letters requesting the Liquor Board meet in Tucson, so representatives can ask the Liquor Board to deny the Walmart liquor license application for El Con. The Tucson City Council has unanimously recommended denial of the Walmart application.

If you would like to express your opinion on this important topic, please email:

Alan Everett, Director  
Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control  
Alan Everett : [alan.everett@azliquor.gov](mailto:alan.everett@azliquor.gov)

Please copy to Tucson City attorneys:

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There are a couple of things at play here. First, the Liquor Board has the ability (and have occasionally exercised it) to move their appeal hearings down to Tucson. That’s within the purview of the Board. What is being requested is that they combine the four appeals noted, and move them all down here so you don’t have to drive 200 miles to let your voice be heard. Also, the Legislature could establish a Southern Arizona Appeals Board if they chose

to do so. These are volunteer positions – which is one reason the existing Board rarely asks their members to do the road trip – and so establishing a second Board would probably make sense from the standpoint of giving everybody a chance to take part in the process.

If you're inclined, let the Board know about moving these hearings, and also let your Legislator's know how you feel about establishing a Southern Arizona Appeals Board.

Sincerely,



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## Arts and Entertainment Events Calendar

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

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

Wednesday, May 1, 8:00pm. “**Machine Gun Kelly**” all ages.

Friday, May 3, 8:00pm. “**Father John Misty**” all ages.

Saturday, May 4, 8:00pm. “**The Summer Informal featuring the Electric Blankets**” all ages.

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

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

Friday, May 3, 7:30pm. “**Zoso: The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience**”

Saturday, May 4 & 5. “**The Princess Bride**”

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

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

**Leo Rich Theatre**

Saturday, May 4, 6:00pm. “**Miss Cinco de Mayo**”

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](http://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](http://www.Moca-Tucson.org)**Children's Museum Tucson,** 200 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

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

[www.childrensmuseumtucson.org](http://www.childrensmuseumtucson.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](http://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](http://www.MeetMeatMaynards.com)**Tucson Farmers' Market at Maynards**

Saturdays 9:00am – 1:00pm

On the plaza at Maynards Market &amp; 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/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)**Other Community Events****Loft Cinema** [www.loftcinema.com/](http://www.loftcinema.com/)**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 Southwest American Indian basketry (over 25,000 pieces). Visit [www.statemuseum.arizona.edu](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu) for more information.**UA Mineral Museum – Ongoing**

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

**Southern Arizona Transportation Museum** – 414 N Toole Ave.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 11:00am - 3:00pm; Friday &amp; Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

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