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Ward 6 - Newsletter

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Our Educational Foundation – New CEO's and a Ward 6 Town Hall

Around the start of the school year, peoples' calendars fill up quickly. So I want to offer you this opportunity to commit September 5th, from 5:30 until 7pm to join us at the Ward 6 office for a meet and greet and get to know our two new CEO's at TUSD and Pima College. We've had far too much drama in our schools this past couple of years. I want to welcome these guys, have them get to know all of you and become a part of our community immediately.



Dr. HT (Heliodoro Torres) Sanchez is coming to us from Odessa, Texas. Believe me, I understand defaulting to the initials (Kozachik vs. K.) He's 38 years old and will take the reins of our 50,000 student, 8,000 employee public school district. HT was serving as interim Superintendent in the Ector County Independent School District when the TUSD governing board found him and plucked him from that position. He's got 15 years of experience in education that includes both teaching and administrative positions. He was serving in the ECISD central office for the past three years.

Dr. Lee Lambert is coming to us from Shoreline Community College – Shoreline, Washington. He was President there since 2006. Lee has worked in HR and Legal Affairs for several educational institutions in the Pacific NW, and also taught courses on law, civil rights and social justice at Evergreen State College. He's got a JD from Seattle University School of Law and a Bachelor's in Liberal Arts from Evergreen.

I'll continue to promote this meet/greet between now and the 5th, but want to give you this early notice so you can carve out that evening to come and get to know these guys. Education's so key that we've really got to come alongside the leadership and work for changing course at both institutions.



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

We'll provide the refreshments – all you need to do is show up and enjoy the evening.

Walmart Liquor License



Last Thursday I spent 7 ½ hours attending the liquor license hearing related to the new El Con Walmart. I was not alone at Council Chambers. The room was full of interested residents; some attorneys who I suspect were there to see how the proceedings were handled, and a few media types. Giving you the end of the story first, the State affirmed the Mayor and Council request to deny the liquor license. David fells Goliath.

First, and importantly, I want to clear up an intemperate, but correctly reported comment I made in a media source. That was that our City Attorney's office does a poor job of handling these cases. The fact is that there are multiple factors that feed into the ability of the attorney's office to put on a good case. Sometimes, M&C give them a poor set of facts to deal with. Often times the stake holders cannot participate because the hearings are generally held up in Phoenix. And the standards by which the Board makes their decisions are tightly limited. So, while our win/loss record of appeals would indicate that that we're not headed for the Cy Young Award, the fault does not uniquely lay at the feet of our attorney's and how they prepare. There are multiple factors.

That said, the hearing last week was a great example of how the residents' participation on a local level can shift the balance of those factors and end up with an affirmation of our recommendation to the Board. There was broad and well studied involvement by the residents, the attorney had the benefit of that involvement, and the Board had a full house of my constituents seated in the room for the entire length of the hearing. One could argue – and I have – that these hearings have a better chance of being decided in a way that reflects the will of the people most impacted by the result if the Board holds the hearings here in Tucson, and our attorneys have the benefit of constituent involvement in both the preparation and the conduct of the hearings. That all happened last week.

There are two primary factors the Board may consider when deciding on whether or not to approve a liquor license. One is simply whether or not the applicant may reliably be expected to manage the sale of alcohol in a responsible manner. Based on the training and oversight that Walmart gives its employees, the Board found that they met that standard.

The other factor that is considered is related to the location of the store. This is the factor that all four voting members of the State Board found against the El Con Walmart. Remember, when the M&C makes a recommendation to the State to deny, the burden shifts to the applicant to make their case. Walmart had to demonstrate that the El Con site was an appropriate one for the sale of alcohol.

During the hearing, residents from several of the surrounding neighborhoods joined our attorney and made the case that factors that are exclusive to El Con's Walmart make it inappropriate for selling beer and wine. Those factors included proximity to adjacent historic neighborhoods, proximity to a regional park (Randolph,) and the intensified impact of crime that results from those site conditions. The Board also mentioned the importance



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)

of the number of protesters who both wrote letters, and who attended the hearing as being important in their decision. The message, as has been noted by the Mayor – if you care about an issue – show up.

Often times we're told that 'saturation' is a factor the Board weighs when deciding whether or not to grant a liquor license. Three of the Board members however noted that there is not a data based metric that defines what a saturated area looks like. For that reason, they wouldn't agree to consider the El Con site as failing on that basis. There is a Target in El Con that sells alcohol, and none of the protests we saw in the Walmart case occurred with Target.

To that point – the residents made a strong case that when Target was applying for their liquor license, their management worked hand in glove with the residents and demonstrated that they intended to be good community partners. They agreed on hours of operation, and engaged with their future customers even as permitting and design was taking place. The demonstrable willingness on the part of Target to work with the community stood in stark contrast to how the Walmart corporate management has acted. The unwillingness of Walmart to make compromises when requests were made by nearby residents left a game-changing impression on the Board.

So, the State agreed with the M&C that the El Con Walmart site is not suited for the sale of alcohol. But they noted factors we don't generally have in mind when considering how to put together a case to take to the Board. It's instructive that working in a cooperative manner and sorting through issues of concern to surrounding stake holders is something the State is looking at when considering a given site. To that end, I have asked for the Walmart management to come together with the residents who testified at last weeks hearing and see if there's a way forward by which we can find that common ground that we were never able to earlier and see if there's a way to mend the fences that have been torn down during the run up to the hearing.

As the State found Walmart failed to meet their burden when making their case in front of the liquor Board, I'm hopeful that they'll re-engage now with a new approach to working with us and landing on some common ground that's a win-win for everybody involved. The burden is still theirs, and yet the State decision may have opened a door to a new level of conversation that hasn't occurred until now.

No Kill Pima County

I've written plenty about the need to encourage adoption, spay/neuter and getting our animal shelters to become more aggressive in working through community rescue groups to adopt out the animals that show up on their doorsteps. Now a grassroots organization has been formed with the specific goal of implementing non-lethal outcomes for animals that end up at the Pima County shelter.

No Kill Pima County is the group – and they're hosting a first of its kind event on July 27th, from 6pm until 8pm at the Windmill Suites in the St. Phillips Plaza. There will be 20 local rescue groups at the event educating, informing and inspiring potential fosters to help by taking in an animal while a home is ultimately found. You'd essentially be 'pet-sitting' while they locate a home.

Last week I noted the number of animals euthanized out at PACC. Tackling that problem in a collaborative approach is what No Kill is about. Here's a list of what they're mission in-

volves:

1. Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) Program
2. Rescue Group partnerships
3. Foster Care Program
4. Comprehensive Adoption Program
5. Pet Retention Program
6. Medical and Behavior Programs
7. Public Relations/Community Development
8. Volunteers
9. Proactive Redemptions (returning strays to their owners)
10. High-Volume, Low-Cost Spay/Neuter
11. A Compassionate Shelter Director

I'll be ending this newsletter with an item on the Tucson Greyhound Park. Do you remember the old Saturday Night Live shows where they coined the phrase "Doggie Downers?" Well TGP is that. The No Kill group is what SNL would have called a "Puppy Upper." Sorry – blast from the past.

In 2012 alone, over 11,000 animals didn't make it out alive from PACC. There are a ton of volunteers out there who give their heart and soul to serving in the best interests of the potential pets. As a community we owe them a ton. This event is an attempt to join arms and find a community solution to the overabundance of dogs and cats that need a home.

Here's the event information, and the contact information for No Kill Pima County.

What: "Fosters to the Rescue" Fair

When: July 27, 2013, 6 to 8 pm

Where: Windmill Suites, St Phillips Plaza, 4250 N. Campbell Ave.

Why: This first-of-its-kind free event will have 20 local rescue groups on hand to educate, inform and inspire potential fosters to help the dire situation for Pima County's animals. Light refreshments, meet adoptable shelter dogs & cats, cool raffle prizes, Yelp! table.

No Kill Pima County (NKPC):

www.nokillpimacounty.org

520-820-7143 - Kim

520-979-2282 – Jeanette

admin@nokillpimacounty.org

Check it out and see if being a foster care volunteer is right for you and your family.

Boys and Girls Clubs



Since early 2010, Armando Rios has served as the CEO of the Tucson Boys and Girls Club. He joined the organization's Board of Directors when he was 22 years old, and since then has raised money and championed its activities and members. Armando was the first former club member, and the first Latino to serve as the organization's president. Last month he chose to resign to pursue other paths.

Tough shoes to fill, but the Club is looking for a replacement while Rio Nuevo Board member Mark Irvin is serving as interim CEO. It's an amazing opportunity to touch lives in our community. The search committee has formed and is on the lookout for candidates. If you've got the slightest level of interest, check this link and you can see what they're looking for. The deadline to apply is July 31st.

www.bgctucson.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/ceo_recruitment.pdf

Summer Vacation and Break-in's

I keep track from time to time what the Ward crime data looks like and can share with you that in the past couple of weeks there has been an uptick in burglaries. This is primarily in the mid-town area, but many of you who receive this newsletter live in other Wards so this information equally applies to you.

Many of the break-ins are reported as having been unforced entries. That means people are not being vigilant in locking doors and windows, or large pet doors are being used. There are a lot of young people out and about with time on their hands right now, so I'm sharing this with you by way of reminder to keep things buttoned up at your houses.

Cars are also getting hit. If you park them up in your driveway and leave a carport light on, they're less vulnerable.

We have a TPD unit that will come to your home and give you suggestions as to how you might more effectively protect yourself. If you'd like to schedule a visit like that, please give us a call at the Ward office and we'll be happy to help coordinate it with you.

Ballot Initiatives

We're told that we aren't to use newsletters to support or to oppose ballot initiatives because the City resources are to be neutral. So, just the facts.

Defined Contribution Pensions

We received the data related to the impact the proposed Defined Contribution pension program would have on our General Fund. You decide if this makes good sense and you'd like to vote to see it implemented.

By way of review, you'll be asked to vote for or against changing the City pension program in a way that would allow current employees to opt out of the present plan, and change to a Defined Contribution plan. All new hires would be forced into the DC plan. The immediate impact to our budget would be an increase of 19% to the City funding – about \$24M in the first year, and each year for the next 10 that figure would decrease a little – total added cost to the City over that time would bump \$180M. Of course that's an estimate since numbers of workers who opt into the new plan is guesswork.

The funding source for those new costs is the General Fund. Without taking a position pro or con I can share that that's a ton of cash to come out of providing money for our core services. The City budget is on-line if you'd like to scan through it and see where you'd propose making the cuts.

Spending Limit Increase

In 1980 a formula was established by which the State imposed limits on how much money local jurisdictions could spend. That formula driven cap has been adjusted for inflation and population growth each year since '80. We are now \$25M away from hitting that limit. That means when we're successful in generating private sector growth, at the time the tax reve-

nues we receive from that development hits the cap, we have to set aside the balance above that amount and simply not put it to use.

With the census a couple of years ago we saw population in this area decrease. That meant our formula driven spending limit also went down. And we know that there are services we provide whose cost increases at rates greater than inflation. If you're of a mind to allow us to spend the revenues the market generates, then you might want to consider approving the expenditure limit we have placed on the ballot for this fall. If you'd prefer to see those dollars sit in the cookie jar and we not fund services at the levels we could if the money was available to us, then by all means, vote against the increase.

The pension and spending limit items are joined at the hip. Both impact our General Fund, and both impact the money we have to provide services to the public. Please do your homework on both of these. I'll be sharing updates as more information becomes available between now and November.

Marketplace Fairness Act

Another money item that I've noted in the past is the taxing of internet sales. It is important for two reasons. First, we may be leaving tax revenues on the table due to not taxing internet sales. Second, we're losing an estimated \$1.5M annually as a result of changes the State made this past year on how we collect sales taxes. If we could make up for, and exceed those losses through the MFA taxes, that'd be to our net benefit. If however the MFA never gets approved at the Federal level, we simply lose money as a result of what the State passed this year.

I've noted in the past that there is disagreement as to how much the internet tax would generate. It is being estimated that in the past three years, we in Tucson have lost nearly \$20M in revenues. But that number is disputed by our own finance people. They say that they can't verify those amounts because it's unclear whether or not the study that arrived at the figure accounted for allowed exemptions of \$1K per item under a use tax if the item being purchased is by an individual, not a business. The fact is that there are numbers being tossed around by both sides of this ballot issue, so don't lock your mind onto one or the other side quite yet. There's certainly a fairness element to the initiative; that is, bricks and mortar businesses pay taxes on their sales, but internet sellers do not. But the data isn't conclusive right now – and the Feds still haven't passed the MFA, so for now, it's a moot point – but worthy of discussion since the State initiated changes in how we collect our State taxes will hurt the General Fund whether or not the internet sales tax is adopted.

Water Checkbook Balance

Each year we receive an update from Tucson Water on how we're doing with respect to preserving our water supply. The tables shown below indicate that you are doing an excellent job in conserving our potable water supply, and that the policies we have in place are effectively supporting your efforts. Comparing the two tables you can see that as our potable reserves increase, the reserves of effluent are similarly decreasing. There's a correlation between saving drinking water and using effluent.

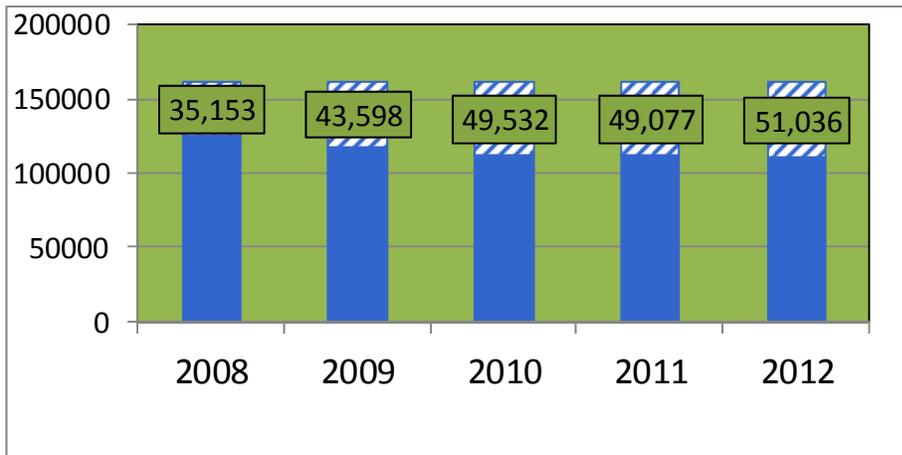
The trends show that with the exception of 2011, actual potable usage has been decreasing. That one year was an anomaly due to a policy change that allowed water assurance letters to expire in two years instead of the previously enforced annual expiration. We did that in order to help some developments recover from the recession and the projects get started that had already been assured water. But otherwise, the trend is clear; as potable

deliveries decline, the volume of effluent produced at the wastewater treatment plants also declines.

These charts are just a snapshot, and yet their value is in showing us whether or not the growth and water use policies that we have adopted are serving the long range purpose of protecting our aquifer. They certainly appear to demonstrate that we're on a good trajectory. We'll keep an eye on it so we don't get blindsided as pressures on our potable supply begin to reverse our conservation trends.

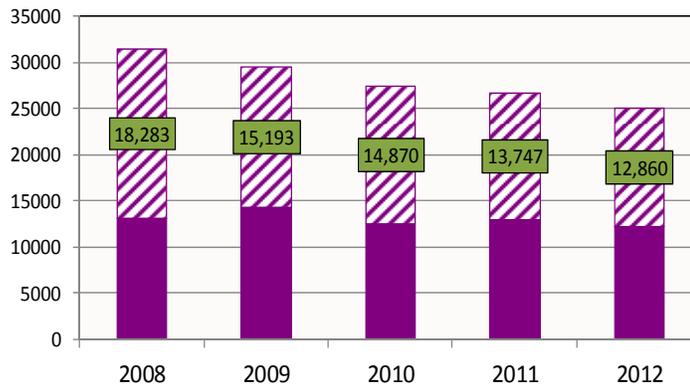
The numbers shown in the charts are measured in acre feet.

**Tucson's Available Renewable Potable Supply
(Checkbook Balance)**



For your reference, the cross hashed areas are the available renewable potable supply (our checkbook balance.) The solid blue is our annual usage and the demand we have on reserve for future commitments.

**Tucson's Available Effluent Supply
(Checkbook Balance)**



Similarly, the cross hashed is the available effluent (our checkbook balance.) The solid pur-

ple is the annual effluent usage.

Nice work. Many of you have heard me say in public speaking situations that the two most complex areas I deal with in this job are land use challenges around the University and downtown area, and our water policy. This report card shows that water is headed in a good direction for the community.

Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance

Our Code Enforcement staff recently sent out a survey – about 435 people responded to it – related to a couple of changes to our neighborhood preservation codes that we’ll soon be considering. I wanted to share the survey results with you, with the caveat that there was nothing scientific about how the survey was conducted. The results are nice information, but are only one factor in all of what we’ll be considering when we finally get these items in front of us.

The two issues were whether or not people should be allowed to park large commercial trucks in their front yards, and how many yard sales (and how a yard sale is defined) people should be allowed to have annually. Here are the survey results:

Survey Results for two of the proposed new code revisions for the NPO

Survey dates - June 06, 2013 through June 21, 2013

#1 Do you support having a code to regulate the size of vehicles allowed to be parked on a residential lot?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	71.9%	323
No	28.1%	126
<i>answered question</i>		449
<i>skipped question</i>		5

#2 If you support this restriction, would you support a code prohibiting vehicles larger than 10 ft in height or longer than 22 ft in length on residential property?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
too restrictive	22.5%	88
too lenient	37.9%	148
acceptable size	39.6%	155
<i>answered question</i>		391
<i>skipped question</i>		63

#3 If the previous size is too lenient, would you support a code prohibiting vehicles larger than 8 ft in height or longer than 21 ft in length on residential property?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
too restrictive	32.7%	102
too lenient	34.3%	107
acceptable size	33.0%	103
<i>answered question</i>		312
<i>skipped question</i>		142

#4 If the previous size is too lenient, would you support a code that prohibits vehicles larger than 7 ft in height and 20 ft in length?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
too restrictive	39.4%	111
too lenient	15.6%	44
acceptable size	45.0%	127
<i>answered question</i>		282
<i>skipped question</i>		172

#5 Do you support having a code to regulate the number of yard/rummage sales permitted on residential property within a calendar year?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	69.6%	312
No	30.4%	136
<i>answered question</i>		448
<i>skipped question</i>		6

#6 If so, do you support restricting the number of yard/rummage sales to a maximum of six sales per calendar year?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
too restrictive	19.4%	74
too lenient	48.7%	186
acceptable number of sales	31.9%	122
<i>answered question</i>		382
<i>skipped question</i>		72

#7 If six yard/rummage sales a year is too lenient, do you support restricting the number of sales to four per calendar year?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
too restrictive	32.5%	109
too lenient	12.8%	43
acceptable number of sales	54.6%	183
<i>answered question</i>		335
<i>skipped question</i>		119

#8 For each yard/rummage sale event, do you support restricting the number of days permitted for each event?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	77.5%	328
No	22.5%	95
<i>answered question</i>		423
<i>skipped question</i>		31

#9 If you support restricting the number of days for each event, do you support restricting the number to four consecutive days?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
too restrictive	11.4%	44
too lenient	70.5%	273
acceptable number of days for an event	18.1%	70
<i>answered question</i>		387
<i>skipped question</i>		67

#10 If four consecutive days for one event is too lenient, do you support restricting one event to three consecutive days?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
too restrictive	17.4%	62
too lenient	34.3%	122
acceptable number of days	48.3%	172
<i>answered question</i>		356
<i>skipped question</i>		98

#11 For statistical purposes, please indicated in which ward you reside?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Ward 1	14.5%	64
Ward 2	8.2%	36
Ward 3	14.5%	64
Ward 4	4.5%	20
Ward 5	6.1%	27
Ward 6	39.2%	173
Unknown	12.9%	57
<i>answered question</i>		441
<i>skipped question</i>		13

Interesting to note that Ward 6 residents constitute nearly 40% of the people responding. For what it's worth, there is clearly interest in limiting the size of vehicles on residential property (72% in favor) and the lines generally fall on the 7' x 20' size. The trouble is that I'm sure most of the nearly 400 people who answered that are pretty much guessing what a truck like that looks like. For reference, it's a small bob-tail that you can find in a U-Haul site. Easy to stop by one of those places and ask to see a truck that size.

As for yard sales, 70% want to limit the number of sales in a calendar year. The trick is defining what constitutes a 'yard sale.' Combining the two relevant charts, most people say that 4 per year, defined as 3 consecutive days p/sale is the standard. What I hear from my constituents though is that a 3 day sale is too lenient in terms of how we define a single event. We'll have a public hearing on this before adopting any changes. As I noted in the earlier Walmart item, show up.

Tucson Greyhound Park

Last week, the Florida based owners of TGP released the park CEO, Mr. Tom Taylor. Despite our past differences, I wish him well.

Now, let's finish the deal and shut down the track, for the welfare of the dogs as well as the taxpayers. Several other States have formally banned greyhound racing. That's a State level decision. But the owners of TGP could elect to cease operations, as has been done in a variety of other racing locations around the country. The live racing component is a dwindling industry. Primarily through the off track betting, they still make a killing. This data is from the ADOR budget reports that are online (page 25:)

For fiscal year '12, they received \$2.9M from the on-track handle, and over \$12M from the off track betting.

By their own breakdown it's clear that the dozen or so people sitting in the stands 4 nights a week aren't responsible for the bulk of the wagered dollars.

Despite the fact that the Legislature advised the track that they're no longer going to subsidize it through the State General Fund, they did allocate over a quarter of a million dollars for distribution as breeders awards, still show a \$2M revenue stream from the GF in fy'13 (page 28 of the ADOR budget) and \$3.9 million in hardship tax credits were extended to the track in fy'13 (page 29 of the ADOR budget.) The operation is still a drain on State funds. And is it really appropriate for the taxpayers to be paying for awards given out to breeders?

A couple of weeks ago I reported that Pima Animal Care Center had responded to my request that they visit the track to check on kennel conditions, whether the females were separated from the males (if they aren't, and if they truly are no longer giving steroids, then there should be issues erupting,) how the track management was addressing heat related issues in the kennels and how the track was ensuring the dogs were not being overtaxed during the heat wave we have experienced. And anything else they should be inspecting for in the normal course of their work. They told me that when they arrived, the track was closed, but that they'd try it again in the near future. Upon hearing that they planned a future visit, the ADOR insisted that they be advised of when that visit was going to occur.

In order to be of any value, those inspections should not be pre-scheduled, and track management should not have a few days to prepare for the arrival of the regulatory folks. It's

also worth noting again that ADOR is funded in large measure by the racing sites.

So, Mr. Taylor has a replacement, Mr. Tony Fasulo. If you'd like to see the sort of history he brings to the track and issues related to the health and welfare of the animals, simply google his name. It's all a matter of record, and was covered extensively in our local media as far back as 2006. As a farm team, I'd say that from the standpoint of upgrading the welfare of the animals with this change, they've got a short bench. You judge for yourself.

The track also has dogs that, in the event of the Florida group shutting down the racing operations, will need to be adopted out and not simply abandoned. I know there are groups working with the track to achieve the adoption part of that. I noted some of them earlier in the newsletter. I'm hopeful that we're near the end of this industry in this State.

Tucson Greyhound Park is the last remaining dog racing facility that operates on the west coast. There's a reason for that.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
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Cinema La Placita Outdoor Film Series
presents "The Long, Long Trailer"
on Thursday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m.

To view full schedule visit:

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



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.

Wednesday, July 17, 8:00pm. “**Rodrigo y Gabriela**” all ages.

Saturday, July 20, 8:00pm. “**Suzanne Westenhoefer**” all ages.

Sunday, July 21, 8:00pm. “**Hapa**” all ages.

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Ongoing

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

Ongoing exhibition:

“**Desert Grasslands,**” and “**Art + The Machine**”

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

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

Current exhibition: “**Ken Shorr: Action Through Redaction**”

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

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/

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 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 & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

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

Twilight Third Thursday – July 18

Join the Tucson Botanical Gardens on Thursday, July 18 for their annual series Twilight Third Thursday. There will be music, art, refreshments, and ice cream. This Thursday, the Gardens will host the work of David Kish and Holly Swangtu with music by Nowhere Man and a Whisky Girl. The fun-filled evening is the perfect event for a date or to spend time with the entire family. For more information, please visit <https://www.tucsonbotanical.org/>