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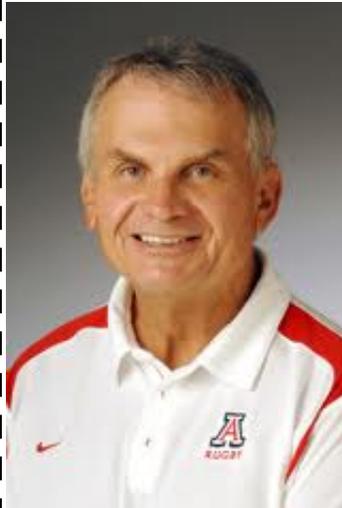


# Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

August 13, 2013

## Dave Sitton



Through my work at the UA athletics department, I've known Dave Sitton for 25 years. He passed away a couple of days ago, and will be missed by a ton of people throughout the community. Whether it was his work on behalf of youth and amateur sports through the Conquistadors and the Pima County Sports and Tourism Authority, work in support and education of cancer patients through his work at UAMC and a weekly radio show, support for Davis Monthan through his participation in the DM50, his love of music through the Tucson Pops, or general concern for the wellbeing of our City, Dave had his hand in the lives of thousands of people in a very positive way. This is a tough loss for many of us.

## An Evening of Play

Sound fun? It's the annual Children's Museum Tucson celebration of what they bring to the community. There'll be live artistic performances, food and drinks. This year's event marks the 27th year that the Children's Museum has been bringing Tucson's kids (young and not so young) fun-based and interactive activities. I remember going when my daughter was about 10 and seeing the excitement on her face as we hit all of the many rooms in the place. She just turned 30. Time does fly.

This year they'll hold the event on the evening of Saturday, October 12th. You can find tickets by calling 792.9985.

## Sentinel Peak Brewing Company and the Yarnell 19

Another local event that may interest you will be held thanks to the work of the rather new Sentinel Peak Brewing Company (403 N. 6th.) On the evening of August 20th, they're going to host a benefit fund raiser, the proceeds from which will go to support the families who suffered the tragic losses in the Prescott fire last June. The event itself is pretty unique.





### 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 Arizona Craft Brewers Guild represents over 30 micro-breweries around the State. They've been around since 1998. Sentinel Peak is a member. The 3 co-owners are also full time firefighters, so this event hits home with the guys.

On the 20th, they'll be offering beer that will be shipped down from the Prescott Brewing Company (also Guild members) in kegs that Sentinel Peak sent up just for this event. The 403 address is actually the Tap and Bottle, and the beer they'll highlight that night is a collaborative effort that the Guild members have taken on to create the 'Heroes 19' blend that you'll be able to enjoy that night. They're calling it a "collabrewtive" effort, fully in honor and support of the victims.

I hope you can take some of your evening on the 20th and both check out this local group who is investing in their own business, while at the same time honoring their fallen brothers from Yarnell.

For more information you can go to  
<http://www.craftbeeraz.com/img/pdf/Heroes19.pdf>

### Graffiti Update

If there is a single senseless and aggravating crime, the results of which we all see daily around town, it's tagging. Graffiti is a criminal act and we should all take the time to report it when we see it. In this section, I'm going to give you the phone numbers to call, depending on who owns the property that got hit.

First though, if you see somebody tagging, please call 911 immediately. There's no better way to get a conviction than to catch the perp in the process of vandalizing somebody else's property. Don't call 911 unless you actually see it in progress, though. Here's the primer on what to do if you're just needing to report tags for clean-up:

On-line, you can go to <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti/report>

If you have a Smart Phone the app is "mytucson"

Or, you can call 792-city, or TDOT @ 791.3154.

If you choose to remove the graffiti yourself, and plenty of you do - and the community owes you a debt of gratitude - there are things you should do before cleaning up the mess.

First, it's very important that you take a picture of the moniker, and include the date, time and exact location of the tag. This is to assist TPD in making a data base of where we're finding the vandalism so they can eventually tie it all to a single person. That escalates the violation from minor to major. It's also helpful if you can estimate the cost p/sq/ft to clean it up. Then, go ahead and report it through <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti/report>

Often times you'll see graffiti on public utility boxes or equipment. Here's a list of con-



### Important Phone Numbers

Senator John  
McCain (R)  
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff  
Flake (R)  
520-575-8633

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

Congressman  
Raul Grijalva (D)  
(3<sup>rd</sup> District)  
520-622-6788

Governor Janice  
Brewer (R)  
Governor of Arizona  
602-542-4331

Toll free:  
1-800-253-0883

#### State Legislators

Toll Free  
Telephone:  
1-800-352-8404  
Internet:  
[www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov)

Mayor Jonathan  
Rothschild  
791-4201

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

facts for those various companies:

- a) TEP - 623.7711 or <http://www.tucsonelectric.com/> , [www.tep.com](http://www.tep.com)
- b) Tucson Water Dept - 791.4311 or <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/water>
- c) Comcast (520) - 744.1900 or <http://www.comcast.com/default.csp>
- d) Cox (green box) - 300.5292 or <http://ww2.cox.com/>
- e) Southwest Gas (520) - **1.877.860.6020** or <http://www.swgas.com/>
- f) Qwest (beige box) - **1.866.642.0444** or <http://www.qwest.com/>
- g) Sun Tran properties - 792.9222
- h) Arizona Department of Transportation - 388.4200

And for City of Tucson properties, 792.2489

It's going to take us all to tackle this problem. There's a very committed group who has been meeting for about a year, representing multiple neighborhoods, primarily in mid town, and who are making some significant progress in putting together a list of solutions we'll be able to consider. For now though, I hope you'll use the above cited contact information to help us keep the place looking good.

#### Cell Towers

Last week we held a public hearing related to a cell tower that was being requested for a church property near Country Club and Ft. Lowell. As the hearing went on, it became clear to us that this is an issue that is poorly addressed in our codes. If we needed that to be made any more clear, we had one recommendation from the zoning examiner, and a contrary recommendation from our planning department.

That's not a criticism of those guys. It's to demonstrate the reality that the nature of the cell industry has fundamentally changed since we last updated our code provisions. It's time we did that.

To that end, I have requested a study session agenda item for the first part of October during which I want to hear from industry officials, and staff in a full discussion of what options we have to update our code in a way that both provides what the market is demanding, while at the same time offering neighborhoods options that preserve aesthetics, both visual and auditory.

Our code calls out 50' towers in certain specified locations. Far too often we're asked to grant exceptions to that height to accommodate the greater needs alleged by the service providers. People using 'phones' to send pictures, text, and all of the other apps that are now a part of the personal communication devices that we used to use just for making phone calls are driving the need to expand service coverage.

Here's what I'll be asking:

- a) when we are told that areas have service drops, what does the city do to validate those claims?
- b) what engineering options exist by which service providers can co-locate on single poles to avoid proliferation of the number of towers.
- c) is 50' a realistic height, or do we need to update that height in order to meet the reality of

current market demands?

d) other than towers and mono-palms, what options exist that would help address the aesthetics of the towers? (for those of you who are unfamiliar with a mono-palm here's an image of what one looks like:



e) what are the Federal regulations by which the service providers are required to operate - where do they either conflict with, or align with current city codes?

None of us want to see a city that has arrays of cell towers strung along our roads and on top of buildings. And yet, we also have to recognize that we as consumers are driving certain capacity demands that are going to have to be addressed. I don't expect to come away from the October meeting with all of this solved, but it's clear that we need to get about the process of bringing our codes current with needs so we're not faced with having to rule on exceptions on a one-by-one basis any longer.

Nobody's to blame - the market is what it is, and we just need to catch up with it.

### **Red Light Cameras**



Since having taken office, I've been an advocate for putting in place some of what I'd call 'grace guidelines' surrounding the way we implement our Red Light Cameras. I've asked again and again for a one-half second extension on the left hand turn arrows before they flash a citation. To date, there has been resistance to that suggestion.

This summer we all saw a considerable level of concern over the way the cameras are being used, that concern expressed in thousands of signatures having been gathered to get a ballot proposition to have them eliminated. While enough of those signatures were ruled invalid on the basis of residence of the people signing, or other statutory requirements, it's clear that there's a heightened level of sensitivity in not only the community, but State wide over the cameras. The Legislature adopted a new law last term that regulates them on State routes.

Last week I became aware that the City had extended the contract for our red light vendor, American Traffic Solutions, for another two years. Last year I had asked that we have some public discussions about the plan before extending again. In the interim, we had a

change in procurement directors, so it's clear that request got lost in the changing of the guards. The interest in the public discussion hasn't waned, though.

There are a few parts of the contract that I find worth exploring. One is simply that we're still not addressing the .5 second amber on left hand turns. On page 91 of the proposal ATS gave our procurement people, they take credit for being able to identify people who "platoon" through an intersection. That's when you see a car going through late on an amber and you speed up so you're both cruising through the intersection together, I guess hoping that if the camera flashes, it won't get you both. ATS calls that 'platooning.' It's also not what any sizable number of people are either doing, or are complaining about when it comes to the cameras. It's the LHT arrows that have people understandably irritated. That's not addressed in the contract.

On that same page I was surprised to see that ATS is producing a 24/7, 30 day video image of everything that happens in the intersections. We weren't told that. When asked, my answer has been that we take a video image of the violations, but not pedestrians walking through the intersections at all times of day, or any other activities that are going on. Here's the text of both items as it appears in the ATS proposal:

Except for right-turn violations, the majority of red-light violations occur within the first second of the red phase. As a result, red-light runners often "platoon" or run the light side-by-side. The ATS camera and detection technology has been designed to detect and image all vehicles, even those traveling side-by-side. No other system offered is capable of this level of performance. In fact, it is believed that all other systems must complete the sequence ("A" shot and "B" shot) of the first detected violation before resetting to capture another violation. In this case, only the first detected vehicle in a platoon would be captured. This could lead to hundreds of missed violations per camera per month.

#### A.1.a.b.3 Video Capture

The current Intersection Safety Cameras use ATS' Axis LIVE video system. The Axis LIVE video system captures and stores separate full motion 12-second video "clips" of the violation event, showing the scene and key violation data. The video footage is captured and viewed at 30 frames per second. This video clip is securely transmitted to the ATS data center concurrently with the still violation images. The Axis LIVE system allows the Police and the Court to confirm and validate right-on-red violations where the violators did not make full and complete stops before turning the corner. Features of the LIVE system include:



- Monitors all enforced approaches and can monitor all four directions simultaneously (extra fee for a monitoring system at non-enforced approaches)
- Validates right-turn violations
- Adjustable recording speed
- Saves all (24/7) digital video data, not just violation clips, for up to 30 days
- Traffic flow and pattern evaluation for DOT
- Records the action of any violating vehicle and all relevant circumstances

#### A.1.a.b.3.1 Continuous 24/7 Live Viewing

The Axis LIVE video system also monitors and records real-time intersection traffic footage. Constant 24/7 video capture allows the City to review preceding intersection events such as right-turn-on-red violations, collisions, stolen vehicle pursuits, carjackings, AMBER alerts, shootings or pedestrian-related collisions. Video can be used to reconstruct a collision or event where data is either too difficult to obtain or is not available.

Do I believe TPD is misusing the images? No. Do I believe there is a privacy issue that the public should at least be made aware of – and be given the chance to weigh in on? Yes. While this isn't the NSA, it's a principle I believe the City should have not had quite as large a tin ear to. At least the public should have been given a chance to share their thoughts. I suspect many would not object and would see it as a way to help police in non-red-light related incidents. But the conversation should have occurred.

Finally, we didn't have a chance to compare the rates we're paying to those of other communities, or to suggest possibly a one year vs. the two year agreement that was just signed.

I've asked staff to report back on why all of this has happened, especially less than one month after we (correctly) told the community that the proposed ballot measure hadn't gained enough qualified signatures to end up on the ballot. It strikes me as being a bit insensitive to the concerns of the community, and to at least a couple of us on the council to have just extended without discussion. More on this to come.

### **Hollywood Returns to Tucson**

As many of you know, I've been a strong advocate of the State legislature renewing the film incentive package - newly reworked - that Arizona used to have. Back in the day, the package of incentives helped to make us competitive in getting industry interest in filming in and around Tucson. The State hasn't re-adopted the incentives that expired a few years ago, and so a group of us are working on putting in place a local package. Pending that though, there's still some interest in our market.

On Thursday August 22nd, the Fox will host a special one time only screening of a new Western that was filmed entirely in Tucson. Both the Filmmakers & Cast will be on site for some meet/greet time, photos and autographs. The doors will open at 6:30, and the screening begins an hour later. Afterwards the cast will stick around for some Q&A.

Given that we're trying to resurrect this industry from a standing start, it's important to note that all of the proceeds from this benefit screening will go to support the Arizona Film and Media Coalition. The tickets are only \$10, and can be purchased either on-line at [www.foxtucsontheatre.org](http://www.foxtucsontheatre.org) or at the Fox box office.

And if you'd like to check out the Coalition, you can do that at <http://azfilmandmedia.org/afmc/>

There are a few of these groups now emerging back in our market. IFASA is another such group - indies from Southern Arizona - they meet monthly at the Ward 6 offices. You can check them out too at their IFASA web site. And of course the VisitTucson Film Office with Shelli Hall in command is leading the charge to get us some major film interest locally. Many of us are optimistic that the work of these groups is going to pay off big time, and soon.

## Another Fox Event - Arizona Basketball Hoops



On September 27th, the Fox will show the 1997 Wildcat National Championship basketball game on their big screen. The event is going to be a major fund raiser

that will benefit both the Primavera Foundation 'Pathways out of Poverty' program and the Blair Charity Group. The Blair group is founded by former UA hoops star Joe Blair. It gives low income youth the chance to attend basketball camps - those who would otherwise not have any such opportunity.

The event will be a chance to relive that memorable night when the 'Cats beat Kentucky for the National Title. Already committed to be in attendance are Miles Simon, Gene Edgerson, A.J. Bramlett, Donell Harris, Justin Wessell and of course Joe Blair. The list of former players who will be there is still growing. You might also see a former big name coach, or two.

There will be raffle prizes available, competitions, food and drink. Tickets are already on sale and can be purchased through <http://97cats.com/>. There are both G.A. tickets and VIP tickets that will get you access to the returning stars.

The event will be a kick, but the most important part is the way it'll be used to help the needy in our community. To find out more about that part of it, check them out at

[http://www.primavera.org/index\\_flash.html](http://www.primavera.org/index_flash.html)

and <http://blaircharitygroup.org/>

Regular admission and the VIP reception begins at 6pm and the show starts at 7 o'clock. I suspect most of you know, but in case not, the Fox is on Congress, just west of Stone - 17 W. Congress. It's a great venue and both this and the film screening will be events worth taking part in.

## Historic Rincon Heights Neighborhood

Early this year, Rincon Heights neighborhood learned that they had been approved as an historic district and will be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. They join Catalina Vista, Pie Allen, Sam Hughes and Iron Horse neighborhoods with that distinction.

With that come some tax benefits that I'll outline below.

Within the boundaries of RHNA are just over 450 properties, 288 of which are considered to be contributing to the historic status. For owners living in those homes, they're eligible to enroll in the state's Historic Property Tax Reclassification Program - with which comes the tax breaks.

The breaks come with some conditions related to the changes you can make to your house. Changes are allowed, but they have to preserve the historic integrity of the structure or the tax incentives are no longer allowed. Your enrollment is totally voluntary.

I'm going to give you the whole Tucson Preservation Office site where you can go to read

over the FAQ's that fully explain the program. My bride and I did it for our home and have not regretted it. Here's the site:

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/preservation/FAQ>

Also, at the Ward 6 office we have a book that was put together by Rincon Heights historian and librarian Michelle Graye. If you want to see if your house is eligible as a contributing property drop by our office and ask to see the book - you'll be impressed by Michelle's work, and I know you'll find the information it contains both informative, and a fun read. It also gives references to the Broadway Sunshine Mile - you've read about that from time to time in this newsletter.

### **Spay and Neuter Intervention Program (S.N.I.P)**

And finally, a couple of more events related to what is a growing momentum in the community over effective spay/neuter programs. S.N.I.P is a newly formed partnership that includes Spay & Neuter Solutions, Tucson CARES and No Kill Pima County. Their mutual mission is to make spay/neuter assistance more accessible to the public through a series of creative community programs. The first of these will take place on the Sunshine Mile at Kismet Boutique (2627 E. Broadway – north side of the street.)

On August 18<sup>th</sup> from 7am until 3pm, there'll be a S.N.I.P. "Flea-less Market & Vegan Bake Sale" held at Kismet. They'll have estate items, furniture, glassware, clothing and of course the vegan baked goods – and eegee's drinks. The money raised in support of the S.N.I.P program will go towards their goal of altering a minimum of 200 cats in one month by offering a negotiable public co-pay of \$15 per animal. Future events will be focused on offering those services to dog owners' pets. This effort is geared towards cats because of the high % of felines that were euthanized at PACC in 2012 (about 62% of those that were taken to the shelter.)

As with the past couple of newsletters, it's important to restate that those data are not a negative reflection on PACC, but a testament to the fact that we need to get serious about assisting pet owners in becoming responsible when it comes to spay/neuter efforts.

Also on board is Lovin' Spoonfuls (2990 N. Campbell) who for the entire month of September will be serving a S.N.I.P burger, a portion of the proceeds from which will go to benefit the spay/neuter program. The launch party for that will take place at Lovin' Spoonfuls on September 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 7pm. I'm grateful to see businesses getting on board and helping to bring this message out into the wider community through their customer base.

And if you can't make either of those first two events, you can still contribute to S.N.I.P. at <http://tinyurl.com/supportsnip> or mail to Tucson CARES, P.O. Box 41702, Tucson, Arizona 85717. You need to indicate S.N.I.P. in the memo line. For questions about corporate sponsorship, please contact **520-477-7401**.

The County has other spay/neuter resources. If you'd like to see those, you can go to

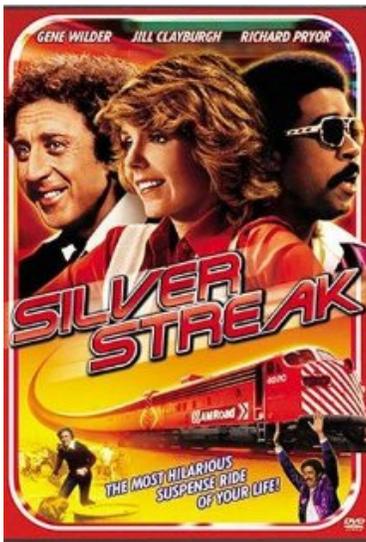
[http://www.nokillpimacounty.org/Spay\\_and\\_Neuter.html](http://www.nokillpimacounty.org/Spay_and_Neuter.html)

Spay & Neuter Solutions is a nonprofit organization, whose primary purposes are to provide financial assistance for defraying the cost of spaying and neutering and to educate pet owners about the importance to do so. I'm happy to join them in that work.

Sincerely,



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Cinema La Placita Outdoor Film Series  
presents "Silver Streak" 1976 PG  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15**  
Starring Gene Wilder, Richard Pryor and Jill Clayburgh.  
To view full schedule visit:  
<http://www.cinemaplacita.com/>

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

[www.MainGateSquare.com](http://www.MainGateSquare.com)  
[www.FourthAvenue.org](http://www.FourthAvenue.org)  
[www.DowntownTucson.org](http://www.DowntownTucson.org)

## 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.

Saturday, August 17, 4:30pm **KXCI Celebrates 1973** Local bands perform songs released in 1973 as a benefit for 91.3 KXCI Community Radio.

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

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

Saturday, August 17, 2013, 6:00 pm **“Can't Stop the Serenity: Screening of Serenity and Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog”** Presented by Arizona Browncoats

Thursday, August 22, 2013, 7:30 pm **“Hot Bath an' a Stiff Drink: A Preview Screening”**

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

**Loft Cinema** 3233 E. Speedway

**Tucson's Birthday Celebration! MAJOR LEAGUE**

Tuesday, August 13 at 7:00pm

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

**Raices Taller 222 Art Gallery & Workshop**

**Presents: Jonathan W. Martinez and David Rose**

Saturday August 17, 2013 7:00 - 9:00 pm (doors open @ 6:00 pm)

Donations gladly accepted!

218 E. 6th Street

(1/2 block E. of 6th St. & 6th Av.)

**Ongoing . . . .**

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

“The Importance Of Being Earnest”

Written by Oscar Wilde, Directed by Stephen Wrentmore

September 14 – October 5, 2013

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

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

Ongoing exhibition:

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

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

**Children's Museum Tucson**, 200 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

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

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

**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 & 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.

**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: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

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