



## Ward 6 Staff



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# Ward 6 – Newsletter

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## A Message from Steve

On December 14th, the City Council unanimously approved the IGA's that will govern our relationship with the Rio Nuevo Board going forward. On December 20th, despite a last minute attempt to dissuade them from doing so by parts of the Southern Arizona Legislative Delegation, the Board joined the Council in affirming those agreements. Together, those votes were a statement that these two bodies have finally agreed to work together for the greater good of the community in deciding how taxpayer money will be invested in the future.

The Audit identified financial mismanagement. With that, there can be no dispute. The Southern Arizona Legislative Delegation, along with numerous members of the community have called for a more in-depth audit than what has already been conducted. Despite the fact that \$330,000 of taxpayer dollars has already been spent on the first audit, a former city manager, his assistant, a former director of Rio Nuevo, and a former city councilmember are now out of office, there are those who want to see more blood in the streets. Heads have already rolled. The system worked as it was designed to do. The IGA's which were approved by both bodies leave the option for further probes to be conducted if the new Attorney General believes that is a useful way to spend more taxpayer dollars. The City Council, in its motion to approve the IGA's committed to cooperating with any further inquiries that may ensue.

I believe the focus of these two bodies must now be directing our mutual attention on the portions of the audit that identified the primary components of the Rio Nuevo District; those are, remodeling the TCC and using whatever small amounts of buying power is left in the TIF after debt service to kick start the private sector in the downtown area. The Gem Show is right around the corner and both of the significant Gem Show occupants of the TCC have on numerous occasions highlighted shortcomings of that facility that we should now address with the money earmarked in the IGA's for that purpose. Members of both bodies have identified Facade Programs as being ways to get a tremendous bang for the buck. And if we are going to welcome new visitors and businesses into the downtown area, infrastructure in the form of lighting, landscaping and repairs to existing walkways will go a long way to that end.



### 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

#### Development Services

791-4505

#### Southwest Gas

889-1888

#### Gas Emergency/ Gas Leaks

889-1888

#### West Nile Virus

Hotline

243-7999

#### Environment

Service

791-3171

#### Graffiti Removal

792-2489

## Continued: A Message From Steve

The City budget is in a deep deficit position. Both the City and Rio Nuevo income derives from sales tax revenue. Neither body, nor the taxpaying public, gain from continuing to look in the rear-view mirror and kicking stones to see what evils may lurk underneath. We gain by working together, jointly, as I have been advocating for several months, identifying work that legitimately may be funded by TIF dollars, and that will generate tax revenue. With the start of the new year, it's time we dedicate ourselves to that endeavor.

Sincerely,

Steve Kozachik  
Council Member, Ward 6  
<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/ward6>

### Broadway Barks Benefit Concert (Jan 8)

Benefiting the Human Society of Tucson, featuring music from Broadway's newest shows performed by the company of Arizona Onstage Productions. 7:30pm. \$25.

Temple of Music and Art. For more information log on to:

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

### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Tucson

### Association of REALTORS® Soccer Shootout (Jan. 14-16)

A soccer extravaganza for U.S. Youth Soccer and Arizona Youth Soccer teams. Opening Ceremony begins Friday January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. For more information log on to:

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



### Harlem Globetrotters (Jan 17)

Basketball Showmen par excellence. \$19 - \$89 3pm Tucson Convention Center For more information log on to: <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/tcc/>

## 'Tis the Season to Treecycle



For the 15<sup>th</sup> year, residents can recycle their Christmas trees through the City of Tucson's TreeCycle Program beginning at noon, December 26, 2010 and continuing through January 9, 2011. TreeCycle sites are located throughout Tucson and Oro Valley. (See list of TreeCycle sites <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es/node/129> copy & paste link)

**IMPORTANT:** The City of Tucson will **not** collect Christmas trees from curbs and alleys. Other green waste cannot be accepted at TreeCycle. Commercial tree lot overages are not accepted at TreeCycle sites, except for Los Reales Landfill and Tangerine Landfill at posted landfill rates. No live trees are accepted.

Questions? Call the Recycling InfoLine at 791-5000 or visit: <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es> (copy & paste link)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays Downtown (Jan 8)

#### Free music indoors and outdoors on Congress Street

The Grind at The Fox, TNT at Rialto,  
Deceptively Innocent,  
Mirror Image, Five Way Street  
on the Scott Stage,  
street performances, art, food, and more.  
5pm – 10pm.

For more information log on to:  
<http://www.2ndsaturdaysdowntown.com/>

### Tucson Botanical Gardens

#### Tucson Botanical Gardens class:

##### Planting for Beginners (Spanish)

Saturday, January 22 | 12pm-3pm | \$25,  
\$20 for members

##### Plantación para Principiantes (Español)

Saturday, January 22 | 12pm-3pm | \$25,  
\$20 for members

Registration is required. To register by  
phone with a credit card or for more infor-  
mation, call (520) 326-9686, Ext. 19.

### Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association

The Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association, a National Historic District, will present a home tour on Sunday, March 13 from 12-5. Boundaries are Campbell Ave./Country Club Blvd. and Speedway/Broadway. The neighborhood, adjacent to U of A and anchored by Rincon Market and Himmel Park, will feature a variety of home styles, gardens, artist studios, and new neighborhood businesses that will serve refreshments. Proceeds from the tour and a raffle will go toward neighborhood projects and a local charity.

Admission: \$15 Pre-purchase of tickets: Seven Cups, 2516 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St., March 6-12, 10:30-8:pm. Ph. 520-881-4072 Purchase of tickets on day of tour: Rincon Market, 2513 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. in front patio, March 13, 9-4:pm. Ph. 520-327-6653 Contact info: 520-323-7891 or

[johnden43@hotmail.com](mailto:johnden43@hotmail.com) Also, see [www.samhughes.org](http://www.samhughes.org) for updates.

AZ Game & Fish  
628-5376

### TIME BANKS IN ACTION:

#### Changing Your

#### Neighborhood One Hour at a Time

Saturday,  
January 22, 2011  
9AM – 1PM;  
Ward 6 Council  
Office, 3202 East  
1st Street

Time Banks  
involves earning  
Time Dollars for  
hours you spend  
doing something  
for someone in  
your neighbor-  
hood. Then you  
have Time  
Dollars to spend  
having someone  
do something for  
you. In this work-  
shop we will  
explore ways to  
start changing our  
Tucson  
communities, one  
hour at a time.

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