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Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

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Downtown Investment



Glendale Sports Arena

In late 2010, the M&C rejected a proposal that would have required the City to backstop nearly \$200M in bonds to build a convention center hotel. There was no private money on the table, all of the downside risk was laid at the feet of the taxpayers, and we said “no”.

The City of Glendale got itself involved in a similarly risky development plan. That plan, along with multiple other large scale developments around the country that jurisdictions have bought into, with the guarantee of tax dollars and/or ultimately their general fund, are going south.

Here are the opening lines of an article related to the Glendale project:

Glendale leaders did more than pay big money for a hockey arena, a spring-training ballpark and facilities such as a top-notch media complex and convention center. They guaranteed payment of the sports and entertainment debt with sales-tax dollars, the lifeblood of city operations.

That allowed Glendale to move quickly on deals with no need for a vote by residents. But it also means that Glendale could use as much as a quarter of its general fund to feed the city's sports and entertainment district, a commitment that's led to layoffs and service cuts.

We have adopted a process by which proposed development plans are vetted first by an outside third party through a financial analysis. On Tuesday we considered two of those. I'll address them both below, but the importance of protecting the taxpayers assets is key, and that's the reason I'm opening with this reminder of a plan we avoided, for all the right reasons. And it's a reminder of the reason we adopted our current process of taking a look at the financials before moving forward with any major plan that could impact our ability to provide core services through our General Fund.

Here's the link to the full Glendale story:

Read more: <http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/news/articles/2012/09/29/20120929glendale-sports-dream-turning-into-nightmare.html#ixzz28ZHWDXpR>



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

AIDS Walk



Before getting into some of the more meaty stuff, this notice of an event being promoted by both our own Tucson Meet Yourself, and the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation – the 2012 AIDS Walk.

On Sunday, October 14th, the walk will begin at 8am downtown at the Main Library. It will all take place within the perimeter of the TMY footprint, and is taking place on the closing day of TMY 2012. In the past there have been over 6,000 participants, so this is a well-received and very worthy event that raises funds for an important cause.

You can register, or sponsor another walker by going to <http://www.aidswalktucson.org/>

The walk is scheduled to end at 11am, and at that time the Sunday TMY “gates open” for their final day of exhibits, vendors, and activities.

Broadway RTA Project/Value Analysis

On Tuesday we discussed a new policy adopted by the RTA Board related to analyzing RTA roadway projects and looking for ways to save taxpayer dollars in the process. The policy is called Value Analysis. Here’s how it will work:

When a given project is at 30% construction drawings, and it has gone through the series of planning reports required (Geo-Tech, pavement, traffic, environmental, etc.) a team of about a dozen design professionals will convene to look at the design plans. They’ll consider the costs, functional analysis, and generally consider the pros/cons of the proposal from their fresh perspective. The result will be a recommendation to the jurisdiction that is sponsoring the project.

The fact of the review is a good thing from the standpoint of oversight of taxpayer money. What’s also good is that the RTA says in its document describing the VA process that “the report is meant to be a tool for use by the sponsoring jurisdiction. The accepted proposals are not mandated by the RTA.” That simply means each project will gain from the benefit of input once the design docs are being developed. What it does not mean is that the RTA has assumed a veto prerogative over the work performed by the Citizen’s Task Force, and the final adoption by the jurisdiction of their proposed design.

This is good timing, coming on the heels of my having had the opportunity to share the M&C vote related to Level of Service with both the RTA Technical Management Committee, and the Broadway CTF. The purpose in both cases was to confirm that nobody on the council is trying to “kill the project.” To the contrary, we want to expand the parameters of what the CTF can consider when going through the design process so the project has a chance to benefit from creative design concepts. Last week I shared several graphs that relate to the impact on travel, and modes of travel when mixed use development is incorporated into corridor design. I shared those same graphs with both groups. In addition, I shared with them the various measurement tools that M&C voted to allow the CTF to work into their deliberations. Those include:

- Transit Accessibility
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Mode Share



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jon Kyl (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman
Ron Barber (D)
(8th District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(7th 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)

- Vehicle Miles Travelled per Capita
- Carbon Intensity
- Mixed Land Uses
- Transportation Affordability
- Benefits by Income Group
- Land Consumption
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Activity and Safety
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Level of Service
- Average Vehicle Occupancy
- Transit Productivity

Of course the design group can select from that list and choose to give priority to some over others, but the point is that they have now got a menu of measurement tools from which to build their design. I'm looking forward to seeing how their planning process moves along. There are a lot of very committed people volunteering their time in this effort, and it is my hope that the net result will serve as a paradigm shift for how we engage corridor design throughout the City.

The Citizen's Transit Task Force just issued a draft of their 5 year strategic plan recommendations. On P.16 of that draft it indicates one of their proposed priorities is this:

Objective 1.3 Infrastructure Improvements

Implement transit capital improvements that support the community's land-use and development goals. Review Transportation Plans to plan and recommend facilities and infrastructures along future routings to insure success of service.

- Support collaborative land use and transportation planning efforts that ensure the community can develop in an efficient and sustainable way.

That is fully in concert with the intent of the M&C vote to expand design considerations for the Broadway corridor.

Also fully in concert is the Mission Statement formed by the grouping of businesses and residents who make up the Broadway Coalition. It reads as follows:

The Broadway Coalition Mission Statement

The Mission of the Coalition is to educate and organize citizens of Tucson to guide planners and implementers of the Pima County Regional Transportation Plan Project 17 ("The Broadway Corridor") to improve Broadway Boulevard between Euclid and Country Club within the existing right-of-way and thereby make the roadway as efficient as possible without causing the demotion of historic structures and displacement of viable small businesses that contribute to the culture and commerce of the community. Widening the street would worsen air quality and increase noise in adjoining neighborhoods. It would tend to isolate the residents of adjoining neighborhoods from each other and discourage their common use of their streets, open spaces, recreational, commercial and educational facilities. Walking and bicycling across the widened street would be more hazardous, especially for the young, elderly and people with special needs. The Coalition urges citizens who value Tucson's urban core to protest the doubling of the width of Broadway between Euclid and Country Club.

Sidebar: Imaging Greater Tucson – Longtime residents have been providing community visioning input to the IGT team for over two years. The results are now public, and were unveiled at an event attended by over 400 people last month. It is not

inconsequential that the results of their work point to a community that values more walkable neighborhoods, more bicycle thoroughfares, design that incorporates urban density, and a shift away from continuing to grow outward. This new urbanism trend mirrors many other cities around the country (Memphis, Miami, San Antonio, just to name a few) and it also mirrors the goals and intent of the Broadway Coalition, and the motion M&C adopted last month related to the design of this segment of Broadway. These are not results proposed by City Planners and passed onto the community. They're priorities proposed by the community to the City. We've got two significant items into which this information can be incorporated – the General Plan we're drawing up, and the CTF design ideas for Broadway.

River Road – annexation

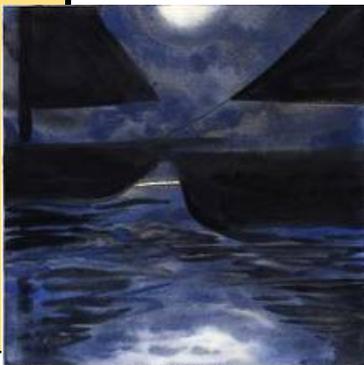
Now for some not so good news coming our way from the County. As you'll recall, we annexed a portion of the River/Craycroft intersection and roadway. The stretch of River from Pontatoc to Sabino Canyon had in the past been a part of the County road bond package (2030 plan) but removed in deference to funding other projects in the 2040 plan. Following the annexation, I hosted a meeting that included the city, county, developer, Supervisor Districts 1 and 4 and City Ward 2, as well as several dozen residents from the area. The purpose was to get the segment back onto the project list since the result of the annexation and subsequent development will be an increase in traffic over what is already a gridlocked stretch of road. It has been my position that both the City and County did not serve the residents (both City and County residents) well by approving more development prior to having taken care of the traffic issue.

At the meeting, the City Manager agreed to make an effort to both get the project reinserted as one deserving of funding (county bond package) and to move towards forming a stakeholder group to begin discussing the project. I received the attached letter from our Transportation Director which simply says that without approval of the Board of Supervisors, the project will not be reconsidered.

And here's the operative quote from the letter -

As indicated in the attached letter from Priscilla Cornelio, Director of the Pima County Department of Transportation, Pima County will not take a position to reinsert River Road into the RTP without approval of the Board of Supervisors. As Ms. Cornelio points out, the RTP is fiscally constrained, and the addition of improvements for this five-mile section of River Road, at an estimated cost of more than \$70 million, would require an equivalent amount of projects be removed from the RTP. It does not appear that Pima County is willing to identify any of their projects for removal at this time.

In light of Pima County's position on this matter, it is my recommendation that we do not pursue the proposal to amend the 2040 RTP without Pima County's support. The City of Tucson is not in a position to lead on this matter given that the majority of River Road is under Pima County jurisdiction.



I'll be recontacting the residents who had their hopes up that the jurisdictions would be revisiting this issue and discussing ways forward. With all of the talk about regional planning, this is a prime example of the two groups failing to have done that. Something about two ships passing in the night seems to capture my feeling on this. More to come...

Medical Marijuana



On Tuesday we discussed whether or not to extend the setbacks for medical marijuana dispensaries from the current 1000' feet to 1320'. Currently, if you're within 1000' feet of a school, day care, church or similar facility, you may not receive zoning approval for the facility. The proposal was to extend that another 320'.

When we adopted our local zoning regulations, we went through a pretty lengthy and involved process. It included public input from proponents and those in opposition to the dispensaries. What we adopted reflects a pretty rigorous set of zoning regs as they stand. I did not support the extension of the setback for several reasons.

Current State Statute says that cities, towns and counties may enact "reasonable zoning regulations that limit the use of land for registered nonprofit medical marijuana dispensaries." We have 30 applications that currently fit within our zoning rules. If the State ever gets through the legal issues related to this, we'll more than likely end up with about 8 dispensary locations in the city limits.

If we were to extend the setback another 320', we would eliminate 15 of the 30 approved sites. It is not unreasonable to suspect that that would put us beyond a "reasonable zoning regulation" and into a "restrictive" regulation. Litigation would be probable. While some may say that we would have to grandfather those properties in, we have no language that guarantees that either.

In that regard, our rules don't address things such as whether a currently approved site is grandfathered into compliance if a school or church opens up between now and the time the legal issues are resolved. Nor does our language address what happens if a dispensary is opened up, and afterwards a school is built nearby. The Prop 207 implications of shutting down a dispensary after-the-fact is the Pandora's Box we'd be opening for discussion by revisiting the Ordinance at this time. My position is that we have our plan in place, there is a legal battle going on that will determine the ultimate fate of medical marijuana and how it's distributed – if at all – and let's wait to see how all of that sorts out before making changes to something that may not even be a real issue for us down the road.

If council opens up a new public hearing there'll be more on the table than an additional 320' placed on the setback limits.

Two Downtown Projects



I don't want to be accused of studying this stuff too closely, but if we're spending your money, we need to get it right.

Fifth and Congress Project

First, a hotel and mixed use on the Rialto Block. I opened this newsletter with a mention of the old Garfield Traub effort to get you to fund their risky hotel project. It's nice to come to a point where I can say that we now have a hotel proposal that's going out for the third party

analysis that will not require taxpayer backstopping of any debt. There are site specific taxes (allowed by statute) that we'll be tossing into the analysis.

There are really 4 parts to the project we sent out for the financial look. The hotel is proposed for the One North Fifth Block, on top of the Depot Garage. It's planned to be a 130 room, mid-price ranged upscale boutique hotel. The project cost for that part of the proposal is just under \$19M.

Across the street, on the Rialto block are planned six new restaurants, two new bars, three new retail spaces and a shared office space that will house entrepreneurs (a concept that I'm told is quite the rage and that I am in the stone-age for not "getting". I'll accept that, and will visit it when it opens to see if I catch the feng shui.) The value of the Rialto piece is about \$11M.

The incentives being requested are a combination of the GPLET that I've shared previously, some bridge loan money called HUD 108 financing, and site specific taxes that are allowed by statute. The investor has requested that much of the site specific tax money be plowed back into infrastructure and landscaping on and around the sites, plus a portion to be invested into the physical and operational support of the Rialto Theater. That part is up to Rio to approve – they own the building, and the taxes being reinvested would be TIF money.

In total, the project is planned to generate 303 FTE jobs. The council unanimously approved sending this project out for third party review.

One East Broadway Project

The other project we addressed on Tuesday is the One East Broadway office/retail project that I shared about a few weeks ago. We received the third party analysis and we asked to approve the start of negotiations of the actual deal points.

In the course of getting to this point, staff had to redo the analysis 3 times. Once because they had gotten some tax assumptions incorrect, then again because the developers reduced the scope of the project – I'm told based on input from the lending agency.

The third rewrite was due to some questions I had with their conclusions as they relate to whether the financial benefits are sufficient to pass the Gift Clause test for awarding a property tax abatement called the GPLET.

During my review of the analysis, I had several questions about whether the project really met the standards needed for us to give the property tax abatements allowed under the GPLET incentive. Awarding that incentive requires a 100% increase in the value of the property, plus showing that the project will yield benefits to the city in excess of the value of the property taxes lost through the abatement.

Given that this is our first GPLET, I wanted to ensure that what we did was as conservative an analysis as possible so we don't end up being challenged legally. With that, they redid the analysis and in the final draft there are 56 PAG jobs that will not be counted as impacting the city positively until the space from which they're leaving has a new tenant – or, more precisely, we're assuming the space will be leased in 18 months, and so that's when the PAG jobs are to start being credited to this GPLET application. Then we can take credit for them at One East Broadway without simply having cannibalized their current landlord.

The Arizona Constitution Gift clause has been challenged in court and in preparation for

this item I looked at the decision. A couple of pertinent quotes from that case:

Wistuber provides that a governmental expenditure does not violate the Gift Clause if (1) it has a public purpose, and (2) in return for its expenditure, the governmental entity receives consideration that “is not so inequitable and unreasonable that it amounts to an abuse of discretion, thus providing a subsidy to the private entity.”

The Gift Clause is “violated if the value to be received by the public is far exceeded by the consideration being paid by the public.”

So here are the simple #'s – the project will take a parking lot and turn it into a building that houses retail, apartments and office space. The GPLET subsidy will cost the taxpayers \$2.8M over eight years. The project will yield \$4.8M in direct personal income from the jobs created, as well as \$611K to the City in taxes and another \$3.9M in taxes to the County, RTA, Schools and to the State. The direct construction jobs will result in 125 direct construction jobs, and an additional 80 that will be indirectly supported by the project work. Those are estimated at being valued at over \$23M.

I'll admit to having pulled the analysis apart from about every angle – the simple math shows that we're giving an incentive that will produce jobs and tax income to the region far in excess of the subsidy being given. And after the eight years during the property tax abatement, those benefits will only grow once the project starts to carry its own weight in those property taxes.

So, we've got one of these projects now under our belt. I believe the questions I posed relative to when we start to count the jobs towards the subsidy were appropriate. It's easy to get caught up in pulling the data apart – and in the process to miss the simple fact that the project is going to be a jobs producer that will return back to the taxpayer far in excess of what the M&C agreed to give to get it started.



On Friday, October 19th at 5:30, the Pima County Library Foundation will be hosting a fundraiser called “Outstanding Under the Stars.” The honoree this year will be John Humenik, publisher of the Star. He's on the Foundation Board of Directors and is certainly a recognized community advocate for the library system.

In addition, you'll be treated to a presentation by both

Robert Haag and Bill Boynton – meteoriticists – and will have a chance to see and touch fragments brought back from Mars. They'll also have a silent auction and a book exchange.

Congratulations to John – for more information on this event, call 881.9876.

Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence

In a recent Inside Tucson Business, Melanie McClintock (ED of ACAE) and John Pedicone (TUSD Superintendent) jointly penned a guest piece that reflected on the importance of after school programs. In the article they noted some interesting statistics related to successes that attach to getting kids involved in programs at the back end of the day. Some of those include:

- a. Reaffirmation of the lessons learned during the school day – tutoring, homework spaces, mentoring
- b. Reports from the National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center that

demonstrate a higher likelihood of involvement in drug abuse, and/or teen pregnancy for teens not involved in after school programs.

- c. Statistically demonstrable improvement in school attendance, higher academic achievement in reading and math, increased levels of student engagement and motivation to learn, reduced delinquency, and more.

In the article they point to some key questions a person should ask before getting his/her kids involved in a particular program. Those include fees, programs for special needs kids, whether quiet rooms for study are available, staffing levels and the nature of what sorts of programs are offered to the mainstream kids, and behavioral/supervisory standards. If you'd like to see the entire article, go to the October 5th edition of ITB. For a complete listing of quality after school programs, you can visit www.afterschool.org.

Proposition 121

Last week I gave a brief overview of the 10 propositions that will appear on this November's ballot. I missed one. It's Prop 121 – the Open Government/Open Elections proposal.

The Prop is dubbed the "Open Primary Initiative" - it would do away with the current partisan Primary election process in Arizona political races at all levels (State, County, City) in which voters are only permitted to cast ballots for the partisan candidates from one party. In its place there would be a Primary election open to all voters and all candidates. The top two vote-getters of that election, regardless of Party label, would then advance to the November general election.

Greyhounds



(Dogs are kept in these kennels for up to 18 hours per day)

We formally adopted the steroid ban on Tuesday. Since we voted in study session to advance this language, the manager of Tucson Greyhound Park has said that he will no longer administer steroids to dogs racing at the park, and that he'll make provision to segregate the dogs by sex. That's what this was all about; the health and welfare of the animals.

Since our vote, I have stayed in touch with both the Pima Animal Care Center, and the Arizona Department of Racing to ensure there is oversight on getting the track operations cleaned up. In an exchange with PACC, I was told that TGP now kennels females in heat in a separate kennel building segregated from the rest of the racing dogs and that they will also exercise in heat females separately from the male dogs. PACC has committed to unannounced visits to ensure that this procedure is being followed and that the track is providing a safe environment for all the dogs being housed there.

There remains the question as to why South Tucson is not leaning on PACC to collect licensing fees for each dog housed out at the track. In fact, PACC's own guidelines say this:

New Kennel Permit Fees and Requirements effective June 1, 2009

You must live in unincorporated Pima County. All other jurisdictions require your dogs to be individually licensed.

That's important to ensure the dogs are properly vaccinated – and to get some cash into the coffers of South Tucson / but that last point isn't my concern.

With the ADOR, I've posed some questions more generally related to the track conditions, and how they intend to monitor to make sure injuries to the dogs are kept to a minimum. I also kept the conversation going related to funding, oversight and the credibility of the agency as it relates to an unbiased oversight of the industry, or at least TGP. Here are the most recent questions I posed to their director:

- 1) *Track conditions, safety, and the segregation of dogs in heat are all regulated by the ADOR. Why would your agency therefore not be the direct point of contact for monitoring those elements of the industry as opposed to allowing the system to simply be complaint driven with all of the drawbacks inherent in that process?*
- 2) *If the goal is for ADOR to be self-funded, what is being done to require TGP to bear more of the costs involved in regulating/monitoring them? You're under that mandate for next fiscal year. Will your new status as an enterprise lead to proposals for changing the manner in which TGP is financially participating in its own oversight and regulation?*
- 3) *If the ADOR doesn't track injuries, how can you assure the public that the welfare of the dogs is in fact being monitored? ADOR used to request and review injury reports. If you still did that, you would be in a much better position to determine whether or not systemic problems existed.*

With the State mandated elimination of General Fund support to ADOR and the Department going to full funding from the industry, it certainly leads to at least the perception, if not the reality that their ability to impose strict guidelines over its own funding source is compromised. That's not an indictment of their staff, but is the reality of the position in which the Legislature has placed them. The questions I raised above are just a few examples.

I offered to meet with Mr. Walsh (ADOR Director) to discuss those issues, and to talk about decoupling live racing from OTB in the State. That could lead to shutting down the last remaining greyhound park that operates on the west coast (with the exception of Calliente, in Tijuana.) He said he's willing and we'll be booking that meeting for some time around the end of the month.

Adopting the ban on steroids was a good first step. Seeing the track apparently agree is another good sign. The exchanges got a bit testy, but I'm hopeful that when the dust settles, the animals will be getting the care they deserve, and the industry will be getting the scrutiny it also deserves.

Sincerely,



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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 . . .

2nd Saturdays Downtown – October 13, 4:00pm – 10:30pm

On Saturday, September 8 come Downtown to experience the music, fun, and entertainment of 2nd Saturdays Downtown. For a complete entertainment schedule visit <http://www.2ndsaturdaysdowntown.com/>

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Wednesday, October 10, 8:00pm. “**Girl Talk & Sleigh Bells**” all ages

Thursday, October 11, 8:00pm. “**Head and the Heart**” all ages

Friday, October 12, 8:00pm. “**Aimee Mann**” all ages

Saturday, October 13, 7:30pm. “**2nd Saturdays Presents Back 2 School Music Festival**”

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Thursday, October 11, 7:30pm. “**Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky**”

Friday, October 12, 8:00pm. “**TSO Rocks the Fox: The Music of Michael Jackson**”

Saturday, October 13, 1:00pm. “**Amy Goodman: The Silenced Majority**”

Saturday, October 13, 7:00pm. “**Arizona Roadrunners featuring Max Goldschmid and the TJI Ellington Big Band**”

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

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

Arizona Theatre Company presents “**Lombardi**” by Eric Simonson

Saturday, October 20 – November 10, 2012.

www.arizonatheatre.org

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

Tucson Arena

Thursday thru Sunday, October 11-14, “**Disney on Ice – Dare to Dream.**”

Ongoing

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

Ongoing exhibition, Opening Saturday, October 6 and ending January 20:

“**Barbara Rogers: The Imperative of Beauty, A Fifty-Year Retrospective**”

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

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

Current exhibition: **The AIR Show**

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

The Drawing Studio, 33 S. 6th Ave.

Ongoing Exhibit, Opens October 6 and runs November 3

“**Sanctuary: Recent Work by TDS Faculty**” & “**Flight: Midcentury Masters Interpret the Escape for Survival**”

<http://www.thedrawingstudio.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

Thursdays, 4:00 – 7:00pm.
 Mercado San Agustin, 100 S. Avenida del Convento

Science Downtown: Mars + Beyond

Open by appointment only
 2nd Saturday of each month, extended hours to 5:00pm – 9:00pm
 300 E. Congress St.
<http://www.sciencedowntown.org/index.html>

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

www.MainGateSquare.com
www.FourthAvenue.org
www.DowntownTucson.com

Other Community Events**Loft Cinema www.loftcinema.com/**

Friday, October 12. 7:00pm. “Strutter” with directors Allison Anders and Kurt Voss.

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”

Flandrau Science Center

Join the Flandrau Planetarium on the University of Arizona Campus for their weekly Planetarium and Laser Show. Call (520) 621-4516 or visit www.flandrau.org/ for events and information.

Ride with Gary Fisher to Benefit LSA Tuesday, October 16th at 6:00pm

Gary Fisher, “Founding father of mountain biking” returns to Tucson. Trek Bicycles of Tucson is organizing a fun group ride and celebration to benefit the work of Living Streets Alliance. The ride will start at Trek Bicycles of Tucson and concludes at Borderlands Brewing Company. There will be art, DJ, beer, Gary Fisher, lots of good bicycle-friendly company, and more. For more information, visit the official event page on our website <http://www.livingstreetsalliance.org/2011/10/evening-ride-with-gary-fisher/>

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association Garden Tour on Sunday, October 21, 12:00 to 5:00

The self-guided tour features eight private residences and two public properties. Solar Solution AZ, LLC, 520-216-7198, will be available at the garden tour to answer any solar energy questions. Tickets are \$10 per adult. Children are free when accompanied by a paying adult. Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association Members tickets are FREE! (Bring your Certificate of Membership.) Get tickets the day of the tour from noon to 3:00 PM at Sam Hughes School, 700 N Wilson Ave.

8th Annual Tucson Film and Music Festival – October 11 – 14

Help celebrate the 8th Annual Tucson Film and Music Festival by attending the large variety of events occurring across the Old Pueblo this weekend. Visit <http://tucsonfilmandmusicfestival.com/> for more information and listing of events.



It's that time again! Please drop off the following items at our Ward 6 Office:



Please click on this link for more information: <http://knowwheretothrow.com/>