

## Ward 6 Staff



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# Ward 6 - Newsletter

## Tucson First

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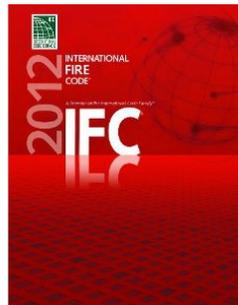


Last week I joined the Mayor over at The Loft to celebrate their opening of a 3<sup>rd</sup> screen in what used to be an auto repair business located just east of the movie house. That opening is a testament to the wonderful work the Loft staff does, bringing an eclectic mix of programming to the community.

This week they celebrate another milestone. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, Peggy Johnson will have been working there as Executive Director for a decade. We at the Ward 6 office want to congratulate her and the whole group over there for reaching both of those accomplishments in the same seven day span.

...ok, on with the show –

### 2012 Tucson Fire Code



We adopt and amend our Fire Code about every three years (the same is true of our other building codes). The purpose is to stay current with changes in International Building and Fire Codes that may reflect changes in construction practices and techniques developed for work out in the field. The goal is to preserve and maintain the safety of both the public, and the men and women we ask to put their lives in harms way when fighting fires. On Wednesday, we updated our Code.

There is a seven member committee that M&C have appointed, each of whom is directly involved with the business community and who are also knowledgeable of both building and fire code provisions. That committee recommended to us that we adopt the newly updated 2012 International Fire Code, but that we keep in place a local amendment that is more restrictive than the IFC. That amendment has to do with when sprinklers are required in buildings.

There's also a regional Code Committee that has weighed in on what M&C were asked to do on Wednesday. That committee looks at regional standards, and took the position that the City should not have the prerogative of adopting standards that are more restrictive than the IFC. They wanted us to simply adopt the new 2012 IFC and do away with the sprinkler standards we have had in place for 20 years. The basic difference is that in the City Code, you are required to have sprinklers for



### 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

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buildings that are more than two stories. In the Joint City/County code, that requirement enters when the structure is more than three stories (that's a general description – there are nuances related to occupant load, height above ground, etc.).

When we're asked to weigh the balance between preserving the safety of the public, fire-fighters and minimizing property damage against what appears to be the convenience of the regional code committee simply not wanting to have two standards in place for the region, that's an easy call. In fact, the regional committee might consider coming into compliance with the more restrictive standards that are recommended by the City and our Fire Code Review Committee, for all of the reasons that we've recognized it for so long.

The Fire Code touches on multiple areas, including open air tents, building egress, signage, and much more. One item that I wanted to highlight in this opening section is this:

*Section 104.11.2 – Obstructing Operations. Any person who attempts to obstruct or obstructs the operations of the fire department in connection with a suspected or reported fire, or other emergency, whether or not such fire or emergency is found to exist, or disobeys any lawful command of the chief or officer of the fire department who is in charge of such operations, or any part thereof, or any police officer assisting the fire department, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor as provided in Tucson Code Section 11-110. Any person operating any vehicle who shall willfully or carelessly permit the same to obstruct the progress of any apparatus of the fire department organization going to a suspected, reported or actual fire or other emergency or who shall willfully damage any hose or apparatus belonging to the fire department shall be guilty of a misdemeanor as provided in Tucson Code Section 11-112.*

I add that underlined spot because it makes me crazy when I see people driving along, chatting on the phone or rocking out to the radio while a fire truck or ambulance is trying to pass them by. It's against the law. Please make it your number one priority and focus what's coming from all around you when driving around town. Somebody's life is certainly in the balance.

As to the Fire Code, we unanimously agreed to honor the local preference of our Fire Department and maintain the more restrictive (safer) code as it relates to sprinkling buildings.

### Cleaning up after the election

It's the law that after an election, campaigns have 15 days to take down their signs from the public rights of way. That means November 21<sup>st</sup>. After that, the City is supposed to notify the committee or candidate, and if the sign still isn't down within another 24 hours, City staff can take them down.



If the City takes the signs, we have to store them for yet another 10 business days, during which time they can be retrieved without penalty to the candidate or committee. But there



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Senator John  
McCain (R)  
520-670-6334

Senator Jon Kyl (R)  
520-575-8633

Congressman  
Ron Barber (D)  
(8<sup>th</sup> District)  
520-881-3588

Congressman  
Raul Grijalva (D)  
(7<sup>th</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)

is a penalty to the taxpayers who are paying for the campaigns who don't abide by the laws of the jurisdiction they were running to represent.

This also applies to the many Propositions that were on the recent ballot. If you were involved as a candidate, campaign worker or advocating for one of the Propositions, do us as taxpayers a favor and please remove your signs (and rebar) so we don't have to spend money that should be going to more productive things such as public safety, roads, transit and parks.

### Plastic Bag Ordinance

I run and bike all over town. When it comes to litter, I see far more newspapers, cans and papers blowing around than I see plastic bags hanging from cactus and otherwise trashing the City. There are clearly multiple benefits to encouraging people to clean up their own messes, and to reduce/reuse/recycle. But what was presented to us on Wednesday in the form of a change in our Plastic Bag Ordinance struck me as being an over-reach, possibly counterproductive, and not a burden we need to place on the business community and consumers without first having made a better effort at educating people as to what measures we already have in place to encourage recycling of plastic bags.

From the standpoint of impact on the environment, there's a study that suggests plastic bags use less energy to produce than paper or cloth do. Everybody can produce a study of their own to make a point, so all I'm suggesting is that some local focus has to be what drives our local ordinances. How do we best encourage cleaning up our City while at the same time balancing the impact on our local business community and shoppers? What we do know is that if plastic bags were replaced by paper or cloth, the costs would have to be passed along to consumers. That's a set of voices that deserves to be heard.



You can read the article and draw your own conclusions. Here's a link to the complete article: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2012/11/03/2751727/banning-plastic-grocery-bags-may.html>

The phrase 'single use' is a misnomer. People I know use plastic bags for garbage, cleaning up after pets, and storing things. If they were banned, or reduced significantly, they'd simply replace them with another form of bag, likely another plastic alternative.

The Story by Todd Myers of the Bellingham Herald ("*Banning plastic grocery bags may be overall negative for the environment*") suggests that "those who worry about trash reaching landfills are doing little by banning plastic bags."

The City of Tucson has had a Plastic Bag recycle ordinance since 2009. It defines a 'retail establishment' according to City Code 15-1, as follows:

*Retail establishment* means a business making sales at retail, other than a food service establishment, that owns or controls more than ten thousand (10,000) square feet of total retail space, and has more than two (2) locations within the city limits where twenty-five (25) percent or more of gross sales include medicines and/or any food, drink, confection or condiment sold in pre-packaged form and/or intended to be prepared off the premises.

For those establishments, we require them to provide places to recycle plastic bags, that they include information about our ordinance in visible places around their stores, that they recycle the bags returned to them, and report on a semi-annual basis the amount they have recycled.

When the Green Chamber of Commerce surveyed people about this topic, 77% said they didn't even know we have such an ordinance. That suggests to me that we need to conduct a significant education effort so people know where and how they can recycle the plastic bags they're not intending on reusing themselves.

We have a plastic bag recycle bin in the entry foyer at the Ward 6 office for you to use.

What we were offered by the City Manager on Wednesday was a proposal that included:

- a. Setting a goal of 50% reduction, and 30% recycling of plastic bags for the retail establishments identified in the Code (above) by April, 2015
- b. Establishing a quarterly reporting requirement on those businesses that included:
  - Their number of transactions per quarter
  - The number of plastic bags they distributed per quarter
  - From that, the average number of plastic bags per transaction
  - Provide training for all of their employees on plastic bag consumption
  - Alert customers as to location of recycle containers on their premises
  - Provide in-store promotions targeted to reducing consumption of plastic bags
  - Producing a video on the subject
  - Developing a website and other social media promoting the topic

And there was more.

If the goal isn't met by April of 2015, two alternative sanctions were being proposed.

One was to have the City Manager "recommend to the M&C any and all necessary actions to achieve the goals." Or, Alternative B was adopting a tiered rollout of banning "single use" plastic bags in Tucson.

There was also talk of implementing fees (specifically not called a "tax") to discourage use – but my sense is that such a "food tax" would be regressive and hit those who can least afford to pay more for groceries. And it's not only my sense. In advance of this item coming to us, I received both emails and hand written notes from constituents advocating for us keeping plastic bags as a convenience to how they do their shopping.

I want the City to be clean and presentable. I see litter all over the place, and it's most galling when I see it sitting on a bus stop bench when there's a trash receptacle sitting 10' away or in a park when there are trash cans all around. If I may be so abrupt – people who

are pigs with their litter are the instigators of ordinance suggestions such as what we had in front of us on Wednesday. The retailers are not the bad guys in this.

What I support is a greater level of education in terms of both the ordinance we already have in place, and something along the lines of a ‘community pride’ campaign that puts it into peoples’ heads that most of us don’t want to look at other peoples’ trash along our medians, in our parks or on the sides of the road. As my mom used to yell at me, “Pick up after yourself.” On occasion, I even did what she said.

I have already reached out to the Arizona Retailers Association and the Arizona Food Marketing Association to seek their partnering with us in such an educational campaign. Laying an added burden on retailers, targeting what I don’t believe is the primary cause of the litter around Tucson, and impacting choices we all make in how we use/reuse plastic bags wasn’t something I felt I could support. To that end, I made it clear that I’d support putting in place the components of the education plan suggested in the City Manager’s recommendation, but not set the plan up for failure by including arbitrary percentage goals. Let’s do the education, allow the industry to participate, see where we are in April of 2015, see what advances have been made in the industry, as well and reassess.

We’ll do the education, reassess and see what we have in terms of a baseline for compliance with what’s in place.

#### **EL PASO & SOUTHWESTERN RAILROAD CENTENNIAL**

On November 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, the El Paso and Southwestern train depot over on W. Congress will host a Centennial celebration. It’s free and will include the 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Band, multiple artifacts from both of those rail lines, antique autos and generally the historic story of the depot and railroad as it affected the City of Tucson will be shown and spoken about. The history of the depot dates back to 1912 – 100 years ago – and on the day the first passenger train was scheduled to arrive in Tucson, businesses shut down and the City had a parade to celebrate. Here’s a link that’ll give you a more in depth description of both what’s coming on the 18<sup>th</sup> and what they’re celebrating. I wanted to tease it so you can make plans if you’d like to attend. [http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org/sites/default/files/pdf/EPSW\\_Centennial\\_Celebration\\_PR\\_10\\_31\\_12\\_release%29.pdf](http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org/sites/default/files/pdf/EPSW_Centennial_Celebration_PR_10_31_12_release%29.pdf)

#### **Transit 5 Year Plan**

TDOT, PAG and our Transit Task Force are putting together a planning document that will guide how we manage our transit/multi-modal system for the next five years. It’s a plan, subject to modification, but a set of guidelines from which we can set policy and move the system towards a financially stable model.



Everything has to be a part of the discussion. We’re adding the streetcar – a mode that everybody knows will add more cost for O&M than what is now being invested into the bus system. We’re looking for ways to attract more discretionary riders to the existing bus system. We’re looking for strategies to make that existing system more cost efficient. All of this has to work together in a way that respects those who rely on our mass transit system for basic transportation needs, while also making fiscal sense as that relates to our other core responsibilities within the framework of the budget.

None of us will bring a single solution to the table. There are too many moving parts for

that. A few suggestions that I've tossed into the mix include:

1. Encourage expanded use of Park and Rides that will tie together destinations such as shopping malls to major employment or education centers.
2. In the same way that we're trying to attract more people into the downtown area by focus on safe/lit/clean, adopt that same approach to the way we build and maintain our bus shelters
3. All of us on the Council agree that we have to put into place a measurable and predictable fare box recovery/maintenance policy that adjusts to market financial changes related to operating costs
4. To the extent that we include more bus-pullouts into corridor design, we enhance the free flow of other traffic, and create the opportunity for building destinations into the land use associated with the roadways we're designing
5. Some routes may not be worth keeping from a ridership standpoint / others might warrant increasing service during some peak hours / others might benefit from smaller vehicles serving them – all of these options are pretty measurable and objective considerations – and could be included in the discussion of Park-and-Ride locations, employment and other destination hubs
6. As fuel prices increase, we have to be proactive in turning our fleet into one that uses more cost efficient fuels. And we have to seek out Federal funds to upgrade the aging fleet that we're now operating. It's costing us a ton in maintenance – just as with your home vehicle as it ages.

The Draft document can be found at

[http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/transportation/Five-Year Strategic Transit Plan DRAFT 10.5.12.pdf](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/transportation/Five-Year_Strategic_Transit_Plan_DRAFT_10.5.12.pdf)

Take a look. It's a good summary of the options we're considering, the financial challenges we're facing, and how each of the several components of the mass transit system we're operating all fit together.

### **Wire Metal Theft**

Thanks to Amber Smith from the Metropolitan Pima Alliance for her work in spear heading the formation of a regional task force that is making a serious effort to address the metal theft problem that we have been experiencing. On Wednesday I invited her, along with Lt. Tom Early from TPD, Doug Nick from the A.G.'s office and Alice Templeton of the Gordley Group to come and brief us on their progress.

The MPA has been joined by multiple businesses, construction organizations, law enforcement agencies and government agencies from around Southern Arizona in trying to combat this problem. It is estimated that on a nation-wide basis, theft of wire and metal costs in excess of \$1B. Reduced to the City of Tucson, it's easily a multi-million dollar problem, just for the cost of the stolen materials. When you add back in the cost to rehabilitate the premises from which the metal was stolen, those costs increase significantly.

Thieves are stealing from construction sites, light poles in parks, residential locations – anything that has sellable metal is a target. The cost of copper has tripled in the past couple of years, and that is making easy pickins' for people who have drug habits to support, or just your common thug/punk who thinks what you own is his to take.

Besides MPA and local jurisdictions, task force members include Building Owners and Managers Association, Southern Arizona Home Builders Association, Arizona Builders Alliance, Tucson Utility Contractors Association, the Alliance of Construction Trades,

Desert Metal Recycling, Tucson Electric Power, Southwest Gas Corp. and 88 Crime.

The problem is not just copper. It also includes sheet metal, aluminum, copper-aluminum coils, and back-flow preventers. Name it and it's probably included in the list.

The goal is to get tough legislation into place on a State wide basis that will impose stiff penalties on the thieves. We've already got local ordinances in place, but they're clearly not doing enough. In fact, last summer TPD ran a sting and found that nearly ½ of the scrap metal dealers were not complying with what's on the books. We speculate that that isn't a function of willful violation, but more likely ignorance of what's required. That's an education issue for us.

Now that the elections are over, Amber, the task force members and we at the M&C will be advocating for the State to get effective legislation on the books as quickly as possible so our law enforcement agencies and the courts have the tools in place to mitigate the problem.

Many thanks to the MPA and those on the task force for their advocacy on this topic.

### **Broadway Update**

Last weekend was the Modernism event I mentioned in the last newsletter. At one of the presentations, the Drachman Institute offered some design ideas relative to the Broadway corridor that included a 100' cross-width. The current width is in the 75' range in the areas the Citizen's Task Force is studying. At that presentation, City staff indicated that they're operating under M&C direction to consider only a 150' cross-width. I know that some of our staff reads this, so in as much as I've said this multiple times, the M&C voted to allow for consideration of other than 150' widths, now let me put it in print –

*No, we did not give direction to the project team to only consider 150'. We specifically did not when we proposed a broadened definition of 'functionality' than what was previously under consideration.*

Driving home that message over and over is really wasting the CTF's time, mine and that of the many citizens who are trying to move this discussion along in a productive manner. Zero time has been invested in simply looking at how bus pullouts could be used to keep traffic flowing and maintain cross-width and functionality. Zero time has been allowed for the discussion of intersection design that will include single or multiple turn bays to keep traffic flowing. That topic came up in the context of "Level of Service," but not in the context of how we actually design this segment of the roadway. Broadway already has some good bike lanes out to the east. Improving them here is an easy design alternative. I realize that this isn't Europe, but here's what's happening in some locales over there:

<http://rendezvous.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/11/12/making-the-bike-as-logic-a-choice-for-commuters-as-the-car-bus-train-or-metro/>

At the risk of using a bad metaphor, many of the task force members are already feeling as though they're spinning their wheels, hearing conflicting messages from the governing body and staff. One hundred and fifty feet is not etched on stone tablets. Our task force members are bright enough to think of alternatives.

There are financial challenges. There are traffic counts that do not justify what staff continues to push. For example, look at this chart and try to figure out how one can justify the vast difference between projected growth and historic trends:

[http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/Traffic\\_Charts.pdf](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/Traffic_Charts.pdf)

Look at these properties the City has bought and now owns along that corridor. Remember to join us on Friday @ 3:30 at the Ward 6 office to hear the conversation about our obligation to preserve and maintain those until a width is identified for the corridor.

[http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/BwayAcquisitions\\_11-7-2012.pdf](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/BwayAcquisitions_11-7-2012.pdf)

And look at the budget for the project and the amount of money that is being earmarked to buy up Right of Way.

[http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/Bway\\_FinancialSchedule\\_9-30-12.pdf](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/Bway_FinancialSchedule_9-30-12.pdf)

Many of us thought the message as to 150' vs. creative design had been delivered pretty clearly. Many of us will continue to try to achieve that. In the meantime, the width has to be item #1 on the task force agenda so we can properly address the status of the buildings that may or may not be in the eventual Right of Way

### **Courthouse**

The recent article in the Star related to the proposed Joint City County Courthouse was the result of a lengthy memo prepared by the County Administrator on that topic. Here's the full text of his memo

[http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/JJMCC\\_CA\\_Memo\\_11-13-2012\\_1.pdf](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/JJMCC_CA_Memo_11-13-2012_1.pdf)

As I've previously shared, the M&C voted 6-1 to offer to move into the JCCC, not pay any of the extra capital costs, but pick up tenant improvement debt at an approximate \$3M per year. I voted against that because of the fiscal challenges we'll be facing starting in the next two years related to police and the end of grant funding, and the streetcar added costs for O&M. I also voted against the deal on the principle that the taxpayers voted for a product that is now multiple millions of dollars over the budget they were told it would cost.

There was no reason to break ground on the new building until both sides had come to an agreement on the terms of our taking occupancy of just over ½ of the space. The Board of Supervisors rejected the majority of the council's offer.

In the best of worlds, we'd come to terms and the City would take over its share of the building. As noted in the Star, I'm still hopeful. But to set some of the record straight as it relates to the memo drafted by the County Administrator, here are a few points:

1. On the issue of double taxation, the CA breaks down in painful detail the relative costs and usages of the existing court houses and concludes "hence the issue of double taxation requires no further discussion or analysis." Well, maybe. But broaden the theme he's trying to sell and we might well end up with something like toll roads at the major entries to the City so following his logic the County residents would be paying to use City roads. Nobody is suggesting that, nor does how he breaks down the data for the criminal justice system make any more logical sense. We all use each other's roads and we all use the criminal justice system.
2. He concedes that the County had inappropriately used \$10M of the bond money for the Superior Court. While it is suggested that those dollars are now being repaid from the County General Fund, it's troubling that I had to raise that as an issue early this year or it may well have not been a topic of discussion at this point. Watch out for those sorts of issues as we are asked to consider the new "economic development" bond package about which I wrote last week.
3. The Board of Supervisors agreed to break ground on the project knowing full well that there was no agreement with the City on any of the terms related to occupancy of the

space. They Value Engineered out of the space our City Prosecutors and Public Defenders – now an annual cost to the taxpayers to house them in another location, and another example of how the original bond package was not followed.

4. I don't buy for a moment the argument made relative to the HUD building. The private sector was outbid by \$10K using taxpayer money to accomplish that. That's not "a bargain for the taxpayers." It's just another government building that could have been placed into the private sector. The value of that is conceded when he agrees that after the County topples several dominos, they'll end up with 97 E. Congress going up for sale, agreeing that private sector use is the best end for that space. Solution – do both buildings that way. The CA calls a private sector use "transient" in the case of HUD, and a good deal when it comes to their building at 97 E. Congress. It can't be both, and in my world fewer government owned and occupied buildings are good relative to more private sector owned and occupied buildings.
5. And by the way, it's not a 'myth' that City taxpayers also pay into the County tax system. We're all County residents.

The bonds said \$76M would build the whole project at 377K sq/ft. It's now many millions of dollars more than that for a building that's 40K sq/ft smaller, and that doesn't house the City staff it was intended to house. Any risk to the taxpayers for paying for the rest of the project, and for finding tenants to fill the space rests at the feet of the Supervisors who voted to break ground before a deal had been agreed on by both parties.

As I have said, the best case would be for both sides to come to agreement – but the result has to take into consideration the fact that in two fiscal years, we'll be faced with additional costs for Police due to the end of grant funded positions, and we'll have additional transit costs associated with the streetcar O&M. Those are not avoidable. The new courthouse is.

### **Legislation**

We've been asked to join with staff in putting together a list of legislative priorities for the upcoming session of Congress – State and Federal. Next month M&C will review the composite list, but ahead of that, here are items I've submitted for consideration (I'm intentionally omitting some that I know other council members will be proposing – each of us has his/her own areas we are championing – and on most, we'll be in mutual support).

1. Fully funding Cities and Counties with our HURF allocation
2. Film Industry Incentive Bill
3. Full staffing at the Nogales Border Crossing
4. Funding for increased infrastructure north and south of the Nogales port of entry
5. E-Tax legislation to expand on the recent Amazon.com settlement
6. Easing the restrictions on how TIF money can be invested in the Rio Nuevo District

There's still discussion about solar building incentive credits, graffiti related legislation (although some of this can be local), the wire theft laws mentioned above, and changes in some of the synthetic drug laws that are now allowing those substances to be sold legally to our kids.

### **Port-of-Entry**

Finally, thanks to Tracy Tucker and our Washington staff for pulling together a very informative conference call related to the Nogales border point of entry. It was a good news report that ends with the message that "we're open for business at the Nogales entry point."

That's both commercial and tourist. The wait times have been reduced by nearly 1/2 so that now the average wait is 24 minutes / about 55 minutes during peak time. Construction is underway for what will be a total of 21 lanes (12 inbound vehicle, 1 dedicated bus, and 8 inbound commercial). That work will be done by 2014. At the same time, we're hiring another 127 workers to staff the new points of entry. About 1/3 of them are already trained and working. The remainder will be ready to go when we open the floodgates in full. There is also going to be a "trusted traveler" program that will speed up crossing even more.

This is a big economic deal for Tucson and southern Arizona. It's a big economic deal for Mexico. When NAFTA kicked in, small border towns on the Mexican side exploded in population and commerce. The Nogales port is running so well that the USDA is hosting a seminar next February during which they've asked to use that port as an example for many of the Fresh Produce Association partners we work with.

When the port is fully up and running, there will still be infrastructure issues we will need to address. On both sides of the border, the feeder lanes leading up to the port are insufficient. We'll end up with two lanes feeding 21 port lanes. That's an infrastructure need that both governments recognize needs to be addressed, and that the Arizona/Sonora Task Force is working on with legislative delegations to address.

It all comes down to money to build the roadways – but you've gotta break some eggs to make bread / spending in this case is an investment.

M&C are all staying up to speed on this very important topic. We'll be continuing to work with our Washington staff to address the needs. I appreciate the help of that staff in putting together the update.

Sincerely,



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## Arts and Entertainment Events Calendar

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

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

Friday, November 16, 8:00pm. “**Jake Shimabukuro**” all ages

Saturday, November 17, 8:00pm. “**Jack Russell’s Great White**” all ages

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

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

Friday, November 16 and Saturday, November 17, 7:30pm. “**Pee Wee’s Big Adventure**”

Sunday, November 18, 6:00pm. “**Chasing Rainbows Gala: Steve Winwood at the Fox**”

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

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

Arizona Theatre Company presents “**Jane Austen’s Emma**” by Paul Gordon

Saturday, December 1 – December 22, 2012.

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

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

**Leo Rich**

Thursday, November 15 through Sunday, November 18. “**Guys and Dolls**”

Friday, November 16 and Sunday, November 18. “**Tucson Symphony – Divine Dvorak**”

**Arena**

Friday, November 2 & Saturday, November 3, 7:30pm. “**AZ Wildcat Hockey vs. ASU**”

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

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

Current exhibition: **The AIR Show & Vinjon Global Corp: Quietly Taking Over the World**

Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00pm.

[www.Moca-Tucson.org](http://www.Moca-Tucson.org)

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

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

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

**The Drawing Studio, 33 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Ongoing Exhibit, Opens November 10 and runs December 15  
“Small Wonders”

<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](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.

**Science Downtown: Mars + Beyond**

Open by appointment only

2<sup>nd</sup> 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/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.com](http://www.DowntownTucson.com)

**Other Community Events**

**Loft Cinema** [www.loftcinema.com/](http://www.loftcinema.com/)

Loft Cinema is hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual LOFT FILM FEST starting November 8 and running through Thursday, November 15. This eight-day showcase consists of exclusive, one-time-only screenings of select films. There will be festival favorites from Cannes, Sundance, etc., Q&A’s with filmmakers and actors, and new international cinema among many others.

**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”

### **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/](http://www.flandrau.org/) for events and information.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Festival in the Park! November 17, 10:00am – 2:00pm**

The City of Tucson Parks and Recreation and the Dan Felix Memorial Fund are hosting the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Festival in the Park! On Saturday, November 17 at Reid Park (22<sup>nd</sup> and Country Club). Come and bring the entire family to enjoy a day filled with fun outdoor activities. There will be free admission to the Reid Park Zoo, 10-minute golf lesson at Randolph Driving range (10:00am-noon), swimming at the Edith Ball Adaptive Recreation Center (noon-4:00pm), games, arts, and much much more. **Please** help support the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona by bringing a can of food.

### **Trees for Tucson - \$2.00 Discount until December 1**

Now through December 1, Trees for Tucson is offering Tucson Electric Power customers \$2.00 off each home shade tree purchased through their home shade tree program. The trees must be within 15 feet of the west, south, or east side of the home. Visit [www.treesfortucson.org](http://www.treesfortucson.org) or call (520) 791-3109 for more information.