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Ward 6 - Newsletter

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No matter how you choose to spend it, from all of us at Ward 6, please have a blessed, happy and healthy holiday.

Immigration

Last Thursday, I attended a meeting that involved hundreds of people who represent a broad spectrum of Tucson – business, faith based organizations, education professionals, law enforcement, civil rights proponents (I suppose we all fell into that category,) and elected officials. The event was called Arizona Speaks. On Saturday the *Arizona Daily Star* ran my op/ed that spoke to the message. Here's a link to that piece:

Steve Kozachik: We cannot keep silent on immigration reform

http://azstarnet.com/news/opinion/steve-kozachik-we-cannot-keep-silent-on-immigration-reform/article_34417745-e5f0-58e3-be99-f0adbe8069c4.html

The letter that we all signed in support of comprehensive immigration reform will be printed in the *Star*, along with the names of the signatories. You'll see what a wide ranging group we are who are calling on legislative action. Here's the full text of the letter:

November 21, 2013

Dear Members of the Arizona Congressional Delegation:

Today community leaders from many sectors of life in Arizona, including religious, business, education, civic and community leaders, met in Phoenix, Tucson and Yuma to speak up on behalf of the urgency of immigration policy reform.

The message to you as a member of the Arizona Congressional Delegation, to Speaker John Boehner, to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, to President Barack Obama, and to all in the United States Congress is simply, "Now is the time to act and pass a reform of the United States immigration laws, considered by many to be a broken system."



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

In the recent past, the President and Congress have tried to act but failed to bring about this needed reform. We cannot let this opportunity pass. We urge you to work in a bi-partisan way to fix a system that needs to be improved.

As Arizonans we express the position of a vast majority in our state who see immigration reform as a moral, economic and civic societal imperative that must be resolved. We are committed to do our part to make this happen for the well-being of our State and of the nation.

Reform makes sense from an economic perspective as research demonstrates. Reform makes sense from a societal perspective, allowing workers to come into the United States legally to fill necessary jobs. This also allows contributing members of our society to come out of the shadows to add their gifts to the life of our communities. Reform is a moral imperative that could end the tragic loss of life in our desert, restore human dignity to thousands of individuals and reconnect families.

We ask you to act now to bring about immigration policy reform before the end of this year. The cost of inaction is too high.

Sincerely,

Our thanks goes out to Bishop Kicanas from the Diocese of Tucson for pulling this group together. At the same time we were meeting, similar groups in three other cities around the State were also signing the letter. I note that to quell any suggestions that this was 'liberal Tucson' acting out again. This is State wide, and the people signing on reflect broad bi-partisan support for the proposal.

I'm hopeful that our State legislators take the cue and repeal SB1070 this session. It's all a part of the solution to ending the tensions and division we're seeing locally, across the State and Nation.

Data on Immigrants

And just to tie a ribbon on the idea of the importance of the reform and repeal efforts, these data were produced by the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce last week:

Arizona Hispanics will account for \$43.3 billion in consumer spending statewide in 2013.

Hispanics account today for an estimated 36 percent of the population in Tucson, which is now a majority-minority city.

There are approximately 67,000 Hispanic-owned small businesses in Arizona, one-third of which are owned by Latinas and one-third of which are owned by immigrants.

With \$1.3 trillion in buying power in 2013, if U.S. Hispanics were a country they would be tied with Spain as the 13th largest economy in the world.



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff
Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman
Ron Barber (D)
(2nd District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd District)
520-622-6788

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

Toll free:
1-800-253-0883

State Legislators

Toll Free
Telephone:
1-800-352-8404
Internet:
www.azleg.gov

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201

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

Those are the economics. The moral and ethical aspects underlie all of those numbers.

Jobs / Voc. Ed.

On a similar note, the issue of the sorts of jobs immigrants take is often the topic of debate. I'd like to broaden that and suggest that I'm not as concerned with whether a person is trained to do high level academic and research work, or trained to take on a skilled trade, it's our education system that is the focal point for providing the skill sets involved.

Two points – First, both Drs. Lee Lambert and H.T. Sanchez were at Arizona Speaks and in support of the effort. I've spoken to both of them and know their passion for providing opportunities for youth to gain experience in trade related skills if that's their chosen career path. Not everybody is college-bound.

Secondly, a part of gaining that training is learning that is gained through subcontractor apprentice programs. We've got a policy at the City through which a portion of certain construction contracts gets funneled back into sub-voc. ed. programs. Now there's legislation being considered at the Federal level that will further support those programs.

Last week, the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce (this bill is fittingly found in that committee) held hearings on reauthorizing funding for training in technical education programs. It's called the Perkins Act (and can be found if you Google that online). I was impressed that the people on the Committee, as well as those testifying in support of the funding were clear in suggesting that trade skills should not in any way be considered "second tier pathways" for students. Both the Alliance of General Contractors, and the Alliance of Construction Trades are supportive of the reauthorization. I've asked our policy folks to bring to the M&C some background on this initiative so we as a governing body can take a position on the funding.

Teacher of the Year

And following on that theme of Voc. Ed. and its importance, last Thursday I was honored to



cash.

What's significant about Jack and his award is that he teaches the trade skills Congress is now talking about refunding. Jack worked previously for JTED, so his passion for develop-

be a part of recognizing Jack Draper as Teacher of the Year at Catalina Magnet High School. The award was presented by Ricardo Garcia and Chris Smith. You might recognize those guys as the pair I used to lock horns with over activities at The Mint Lounge. To their credit, they've engaged with the Palo Verde neighborhood association, and now are supporting local educators with awards and some

ing these skills in our youth isn't something new to him.

Thanks to Ricardo and Chris – and especially to Jack for his work in training up our young people.

MCRC

You may recall a dust-up a couple of months ago over the possible dissolution of the Military-Community Relations Committee. As that became a possibility, I offered to find the group a mediation team to see if they could refocus and find a way for continuing. I believe it's important for the dialogue between the base and the residents impacted by their operations to continue.

The Center for Community Dialogue agreed to carve out some time to prepare for the facilitation, and to take it on. Last Thursday night at the Ward 6 office, they met for four hours (dining on our own Evelyn Romero's cuisine) and talking through their issues. At the conclusion of the night it appeared that they had come to some understandings, and some common ground for continuing the relationship. I didn't participate directly in the process of facilitation – it was important that the group find their own direction. But I did listen in on the final comments coming from the participants and can report that after the session, their one-word descriptions of how they felt were things such as “confident,” “good,” “guardedly optimistic,” “hopeful,” and there was the one obligatory grumbler. But I share their hope that the group will reconvene and continue the momentum they seem to have found through the intercession of Catherine Tornbom and her folks from the Center.

Davis Monthan Tucson Valley Council

One of the concerns raised by some members of the MCRC was that if that group dissolved, they'd lose any voice they now have with respect to the base leadership, and with the potential formation of a new committee, the conversation would expand broadly and local concerns would be drowned out. That other group has in fact formed, and they held an initial meeting last week.

The group is composed of leadership from Tucson and surrounding jurisdictions. Here's the list of groups who were invited to participate:

US & State:

Office of Senator McCain, Tucson Office Rep
 Office of Senator Flake, Tucson Office Rep
 Office of Congressman Barber, Tucson Office Rep
 Office of Congressman Grijalva, Tucson Office Rep
 Southern AZ Office of the Governor
 AZ Senate, Dist 2
 AZ House of Rep, Dist 2 (Two)

Tribal Nations

Tohono O'odham Nation
 Pascua Yaqui Nation

Pima County:

Office of Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors
 Pima County District 2 Supervisor (Represents DMAFB)

Tucson Valley Incorporated/Elected:

Office of Mayor, City of Tucson
 Office of Mayor, Oro Valley
 Office of Mayor, City of Marana
 Office of Mayor, City of South Tucson
 Office of Mayor, Town of Sahuarita
 City of Tucson, Ward 4 Councilmember (Represents DMAFB)

Other State/County/Tucson Valley Un-Incorporated Bodies:

Greater Vail Chamber of Commerce
 Green Valley Coordinating Council

The general purposes of the Council were listed as these:

- To identify the common interests of the civilian and military populations and to support community efforts on mutual concerns.
- To obtain full participation by base and community Representatives in identifying and solving problems of mutual concern.
- To establish an effective organization for base-community communication and action.
- To work on projects deemed necessary in the best interest of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and the Tucson Valley communities.

I understand the need for region wide discussions as to the mission and impacts of the base. This new Council will meet at least bi-annually to carry out that task. What it cannot be though is a replacement for the direct connection the residents of Tucson have with the base. That's where the value of the MCRC comes in.

The DMTVC holds a legitimate place to augment the work of the MCRC. It is not appropriate though for it to supplant the role of the MCRC. What is also not appropriate is for its meetings to be closed to the general public. While it's great to see regional Chambers of Commerce and Coordinating Councils represented, providing the open invitation to residents of the Tucson Valley communities to sit in on and listen to the dialogue is in the spirit of the Open Government initiative we at the M&C have embraced – one of the Mayor's goals for his first 180 days in office.

Both the MCRC and the DMTVC will exist – and both will carry out their unique and important roles.

Urban Land Institute Study

Last newsletter I gave you a head's up that the ULI group was coming to town to do an independent assessment of what we have achieved in terms of development in and around the downtown core, and make some suggestions as to how we might keep that momentum going. They gave their report on Friday.

For openers, their report should be viewed as validation of the efforts coming from the Downtown Tucson Partnership, the economic development staff on the 10th Floor of City Hall, private investors who have rolled the dice on continuing the progress we've seen, and I'll toss in our group in the Ward 6 office for staying engaged and supportive of the work we've seen occurring in the downtown core.

Some general themes noted by the panel – the east side of the downtown core is serving as a regional hub for cultural and entertainment venues. We should capitalize on that. One item still ahead of us is considering private management of the TCC, Leo Rich, Music Hall and other downtown smaller entertainment facilities. We should have a Request for Qualifications ready to explore that potential early next year.

ULI also noted that we've got room (and a need) for 200-300 rental units – non-student – in the form of apartments. People are gravitating to urban core living. We need to be ready. Similarly, we've got a need for a couple of hundred rooms in an appropriately scaled and priced hotel – or two of them that get us to that general number of rooms. We need the bodies living in the area in order to justify retail following.

Retail was talked about in terms of “chainlets” (small scale chains – as opposed to national brands) to stay consistent with our local flavor. And speaking of flavor, they pointed out the need for some more moderately priced restaurants. We've got some excellent places to eat, but the price points aren't affordable to many people who live and work in the region.

I was pleased to hear the team validate my position on uses for the TCC. That is, recognize that we're not an “A” market, and build to the reality that we're not going to compete for shows with places like L.A., Vegas or even Phoenix. We'll catch the big acts as stop-overs in their tours, but won't generally be the target destination while they're routing. That's ok. Understanding that will inform how we improve the TCC and surrounding facilities. Let's be the best we can at what we are. The panel picked up on the acronym I shared with them; that is, we're a SMERF market. We attract Social, Military, Educational, Religious and Fraternal types of users at the TCC. They don't need million dollar sound systems, but they'll appreciate upgraded seats, functional and redone restrooms, good and clean concessions, exhibition and meeting room spaces. We can do that.

Along Congress Street, they noted opportunities with the Hotel Arizona, La Placita and the Ronstadt Transit Center. We're actively pursuing options in each of those venues at this time. All of what we're looking at includes a combination of private sector investment, along with statutorily allowed incentives for those who qualify based on the constraints of the State Constitutional Gift Clause; that is, taxpayers yield back more than the value of the incentives.

For the west side of the freeway, they are suggesting public spaces, historical recreations, some equestrian centers and cultural amenities. Possibly also a Visitor's Center. Those, plus all of what is being proposed for the east side of the freeway are to be market driven – not supported solely by public funding. In addition, all of this will have to incorporate parking considerations. As the Streetcar comes on line, some of that need is going to be minimized. Also continuing the RTC as a transit hub will help to get people into and out of the central core without them having to bring vehicles downtown. But as we get more residents, we'll have to have surface and structure parking. Parkwise management is currently

looking at several options for that.

Finally, they picked up on the connective Stavenue – a corridor linking various sites along a route traversing through downtown. That’ll be important to keep in mind as we build out sites along such a proposed route so that we don’t inadvertently “double book” parcels for both new development and the openness and connectivity the strav will create.

We’re making good progress. This roadmap doesn’t fundamentally tell us anything that we didn’t already know. It’s nice to have the validation from an outside and independent group of professionals in Urban Planning.

Now it’s up to us to bring the City, County, Rio, State and private sector resources together and keep on doing what we’ve been doing. And at each step of the way, we have to include the surrounding neighborhoods as stake holding voices in the conversations.

TREO – Trip to D.C.

Along the lines of inter-jurisdictional cooperation, and coordination of effort, the Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities group took a trip back to D.C. in early October and since have issued a summary paper that described what they felt were important messages for us as a region coming from that trip. Included on the trip were 24 business, government and non-profit leaders. For me the most salient topic they addressed was the need to come together and promote the I-11 connection and support for our inland port – Port of Tucson – as a commerce hub with Mexico. That includes infrastructure improvements to the I-19 and I-10 connections.

I’ve written on this topic plenty, even dating back nearly 4 years when I first broached the issue with representatives of TREO. It’s my belief that we’ve taken too long to get this issue front and center on our radar screen, but now it appears we’ve got a strong consensus regionally and we’re taking the message to our National leadership team; that is, (in the words from TREO’s own after-action document) “the Intermountain West Corridor is needed as potential job growth stemming from the flow of commerce from Mexico to points North holds enormous opportunity for our region”.

I couldn’t agree more. We’re represented on the Transportation and Infrastructure committee back in D.C. It’s important that our D.C. team stay in constant contact with them and keep our regional need for funding of the corridor at the top of their agenda.

Last January 7th, The Loft played host to the event I organized in which 14 elected officials, each of whose Districts/Wards overlapped some portion of Ward 6, came for a Q&A. This



year, I’ve asked Peg Johnson and her staff if we can come back with a different sort of event. They’ve agreed.

The week of January 5th through 11th will see a variety of events commemorating the January 8th Safeway shooting. A group of us is working on a January 7th event – to be held at The Loft – which will include both a screening of “*Living for 32*”, and a panel discussion to follow.

“*Living for 32*” is a 40 minute documentary centered on the Virginia Tech shooting from several years back. Thirty-two people were murdered during that rampage. The two prime issues the incident brought to light were the need for background checks on the sale of guns, and the need for more effective mental health policies. Our panel will address both.

Colin Goddard was the survivor of the Va. Tech shootings. He is both featured in the documentary, and he’ll be on the panel we present at The Loft. Alongside Colin will be TPD Police Chief Roberto Villasenor, Pima County Sherriff Clarence Dupnik, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) chief Clarke Romans, Bens Bell’s CEO Jeanette Mare, the Mayor and possibly one or two others who are still looking at their avails. We will be unveiling new mental health programs being planned for cooperative implementation between the Police and Sherriff’s Departments, a mental health training program being implemented by NAMI and Bens Bell’s, and of course the poignant first-hand discussion of the need for background checks as presented by Colin, Mayor Rothschild and myself.

This event is being pulled together by Moms Demand Action, the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, Tucson Community against Gun Violence and the Mayors Against Illegal Guns. Law enforcement’s involvement comes under the general umbrella of support by their larger fraternal organizations – each of which have spoken in favor of background check legislation.

In addition to those events, we’re planning for an update from the January 8th Memorial Committee on the progress they’ve made with respect to the site and “look” for a community memorial of the events that took place on that date. So, lots of moving parts to the event. I hope you’ll mark your calendar and plan on attending. As with last year, thanks are in order for Peg Johnson and her crew at The Loft for being involved in this important community dialogue. Whether it’s an International Film Festival, a forum on social consciousness issues or a panel of elected folks doing a Q&A, The Loft demonstrates over and over that it’s much more than a movie house.

TPD and UAPD

On the topic of public safety, congratulations are in order for both the University of Arizona Police Department, and the Tucson Police Department for receiving formal accreditation from CALEA.

CALEA is an acronym that stands for the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies. That’s the oversight agency which looks at police departments across the Country, conducts audits of their standards and practices and formally makes recommendations as to continuing (or not) the accreditation for each respective agency who undergoes the inspections. Getting through the process is a testament in itself of the resiliency of the agency leadership.

TPD has been accredited for five straight assessments. It is now the largest police agency

in Arizona to hold the distinction of the CALEA accreditation.

UAPD has been one of 60 campus law enforcement agencies accredited by CALEA.

They've received that status seven times since 1993, and the last two times UAPD was designated as "Meritorious."

Good work, and congratulations to both agencies for this achievement.

Film Incentive Update

Last year I shared this advertisement with you:



It's an example of the foolishness involved in the fight against those of us who are trying to bring the film industry back to Arizona. For the image of Al Melvin to be juxtaposed with Michael Moore, and under the heading of "liberal" shows nothing but desperation.

And yet, for two straight State Legislative sessions, the opposition has succeeded in getting targeted tax breaks to their supporters and left the film jobs bill opportunity laying on the cutting room floor. Arguing the film industry represents a "targeted" tax break is fake.

This is for real. Right now, out at Old Tucson the sequel of *HOT BATH AN' A STIFF DRINK* is being shot. Last August we showed the preview screening of the first *Hot Bath* to nearly a full house at The Fox Theater.

The producer of the show, Jeffery Patterson took the proceeds from that night and donated them to the Arizona Film and Media Coalition. The AFMC is one of the groups who

are working to get some State wide incentive legislation passed - and who is working with me, Shelli Hall from the VisitTucson Film Office, the County and Mayor's office to get some incentives in place locally as a way of demonstrating the obvious to the State; that is, films bring jobs. Those are good for the economy.

This isn't just a local ef-



fort. Other areas around the State know that we have prevailed in every committee and with every floor vote in trying to get the State to buy into this jobs bill. The friction is with Republican leadership. If it got to the Governor she could likely be convinced to sign a jobs bill as her legacy.



In the September/October edition of Markee 2.0 – a trade journal – Arizona got some attention. The tourism director for Page, Arizona, Lee McMichael, was quoted as having said “With the Governor’s stance on the film industry, it’s hard to get crews in here, but we’re making our voices heard to her office to reinstate incentives. Gov. Brewer’s shutting off film industry incentives has hurt all of the state. The last film shot here was the recently released *Gravity*, but the Lake Powell portion was probably shot a few years ago before she was elected.” He’s working with the Northern Arizona Council of Governments, looking for ways to work with producers without the State getting involved. So, we’re not alone in working the local angle.

The Arizona Film and Media Coalition has as its purpose organizing film, television, commercial, studio, casting, production and similar entertainment industry professionals with the goal of enhancing the vitality of the Arizona film and media community. The avenue is education, public relations, and eventually legislation. I’m hopeful that we can find a way to keep pushing forward at the Legislature and not take ‘no’ for an answer the next time around. The next session is about to begin, so we’ll see who has the resolve to continue the effort.

In that article from the September/October Markee, they had this quote:

Councilman Kozachik summed it up best: *“We said all along that this is a jobs bill. In this economic environment, it is nothing short of irresponsible for political leadership in Phoenix to say NO to the tens of millions of dollars in clean industry that this bill would have generated.”*

As I noted, we’re close to the opening of the ’14 State session. It’s an election year. Look for where the leadership on this comes from, or not.

On Tuesday, the Mayor and I will be heading out to Old Tucson to show our support and appreciation for the *Hot Bath* folks. I’ll be encouraging Jonathon to do some stunt work, maybe riding a bull or bronco – something to prepare him for our next council meeting.

Broadway Merchants

If you’re one of those people who like to get holiday shopping out of the way early, and also one who supports local businesses, the Sunshine Mile merchants are giving you the chance to do both. Many of these are the businesses that are slated for demolition if the RTA plans for a 150’ wide roadway along this stretch of Broadway ever gets built. If you’re familiar with this newsletter you know that a Citizen’s Task Force is right now looking at multiple variables associated with design planning for the roadway and will be presenting its own suggestions probably mid-2014.

Many of us will be very surprised if what they propose is to take down the shops along the

corridor. For now though, you can show your support, and save some cash by taking part in the Shopping Crawl – the promotional information is shown below.



HOLIDAY SHOPPING CRAWL
DECEMBER 7th
4-7 PM

A MILE OF HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS AND LOCAL FLAVOR

Broadway Blvd.
from Euclid to Country Club

SunshineMile.com Sunshinemilemerchants/facebook

SHOP LOCAL FOR THE HOLIDAYS
Unique (non-mall) shops
Local gift ideas & gift wrapping
Refreshments



COLLECTIBLE & VALUABLE
SUNSHINE MILE CHIPS

Get yours at participating merchants along the Sunshine Mile beginning December 7th. Make a purchase at any participating store and receive a chip (while supplies last!) Use the chips later during advertised events for in-store discounts or trade one in for \$1 off a Sunshine Mile T-shirt.

PARTICIPATING STORES: Betty Blue's Junk Shop, Caps and More, Cook & Company Signmakers, Deco, Kismet, Mid Valley Athletic Club, Sahuaro Trophy and Poster Warehouse

State Veteran's Cemetery

Last week it was announced that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is going to provide grant funding for a new 32 acre Veteran's cemetery up in Marana. The build out cost is \$7.6M. With over 500,000 military veterans living in the State, and nearly 135,000 in Pima and surrounding counties, the site selection is a win for the region.

Thanks are in order to the Kai family who donated the land for the site. Projections are that it will have an operating life of over 50 years. Getting to this point is the culmination of over a decade long effort put forth by a variety of organizations, including the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, Pima County, City of Marana, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and other veterans' organizations. Most prominent among those "other veterans' organizations" is our own Tucson Veteran's Affairs Committee, with the cemetery site selection committee currently chaired by Paul Marsh, and supported by Vern Paul. Together the two put in a remarkable amount of time and effort working to bring this site to our area. The initial phase of construction will include about 7-10 acres of the full site and will provide in-ground burials, columbarium and in-ground cremated remains burials. It also will include an administration building, maintenance building, assembly area, committal shelter and parking. Construction is scheduled to begin July 2014 and is expected to be completed

October 2015.

Thanks to Paul, Vern and our local Vets who worked tirelessly to secure this very important memorial site. And of course thanks to all of the Veterans who have served the Nation, defending our freedoms.

Cornered Cats

And finally, in the pregame show leading up to the UA vs. Oregon football game, my friend and former UA football player Glenn Howell used the metaphor of Arizona having to come out and play like a cat cornered by a larger opponent if they were going to win. Oregon came into town ranked #5 in the country.



Well, they did, and came away with a 42-16 upset victory and a guaranteed post season bowl bid. Congratulations to Coach Rich Rodriguez and the rest of the coaching staff and team for their success. You can order bowl tickets by going to 621.CATS.

Also over the weekend, the UA women's cross country team competed in the National Championship meet in Terre Haute, Indiana and came in #2 in the Nation. Congratulations to Coaches Harvey and Li for the great season.

And this week is the conclusion of the women's volleyball regular home season at McKale. The Cats' are 19-11, and 15-2 at home. On Wednesday @ 6pm they face Stanford, and on Friday at 5pm it's UA/ASU for the Territorial Cup. The UA still has a chance to host post season play, so these are two key matches.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Steve Kozachik.

Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
ward6@tucsonaz.gov

Events Calendar

What's happening this week in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Hotel Congress 311 E. Congress Street

November 25 6:30 pm - 11:30 pm **KXCI 30th Anniversary Event: Built To Spill**

<http://kxci.org/event/built-spill-kxci-presents/>

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Sunday, December 1 5:00 pm **Merry Twistmas**

Merry Twistmas Tucson is an original radio play written by MIXfm's Bobby Rich and Arizona Daily Star's David Fitzsimmons that takes the audience on a mysterious holiday adventure.

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Leo Rich Theater 260 S. Church Ave

December 11 7:30 pm **Arizona Friends of Chamber Music: Fry Street Quartet**

www.ArizonaChamberMusic.org

Thanksgiving Cross Country Classic Reid Park Ramada 10

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 28 8:00 am

Southern AZ Roadrunners presents a European-style 5K around Reid Park to benefit Toys for Tots - a fun opportunity to cheer friends and family as they hurdle hay bales and water jumps.

<http://www.azroadrunners.org/races/detail/thanksgiving>

Ongoing

Loft Cinema 3233 E. Speedway

www.loftcinema.com/

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S. Stone Ave.

The Jewish History Museum presents "Cowboys, Merchants, Miners, & Booze," an exhibit that celebrates the lives of Tucson's Jewish pioneers.

www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S. 6th Ave.

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

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum 1013 E. University Blvd

November 9, 2013, through July 2015 **Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios**

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

UA Mineral Museum 1601 E University Blvd

Ongoing "100 Years of Arizona's Best: The Minerals that Made the State"

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum 414 N Toole Ave.

Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight train passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 11:00am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

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

Sacred Machine Museum & Curiosity Shop 245 E Congress St

<http://sacredmachine.com/>

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

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

www.MainGateSquare.com

www.FourthAvenue.org

www.DowntownTucson.org