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Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

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I've shared on a few occasions about the great work being done by the WoundedWarrior Project. They're involved with combat stress recovery, family support, physical health and wellness, mentoring, benefits assistance, and a whole lot more on behalf of our injured soldiers and their families.

If you go to their website, you'll see a very short and to the point Mission Statement: to honor and empower wounded warriors. They do that in multiple ways.

One of their major fund raising events is an annual golf tournament that is jointly sponsored by the Alliance of Construction Trades, and this year with the construction company I'm working with on building the north end of Arizona Stadium; Mortenson Construction. The tournament is being held on December 7th (fitting day) at Randolph.

They don't have a ton of openings left for the event, but if you'd like to play, and in the process you and your business support the WWP, contact ACT at 624.3002, or try their website @ www.actaz.net.

While the mission statement is right on, so is this quote you'll find on their site:

"The greatest casualty is being forgotten"

Broadway Project

Panda Buffet



Since the RTA, voter approved Broadway project entered the planning stages back in 2007, the city has pre-purchased multiple properties along the corridor. That has been done under the assumption that the final design will in fact reflect the 150' that the RTA until recently had identified as being inviolate.

The conversation as to design has fundamentally changed, and now the City, as the owner of property along the corridor has the obligation to preserve and maintain the property it owns, and to activate as many of those buildings as it can. I will ask my colleagues on the council to join me in rejecting any more proposals from staff to do early acquisitions of property until a final decision is made on the cross-width of the street. And I have already noted to the project team and the Citizen's Task Force that making that decision is of paramount importance to clearing the way for investment by existing or potential businesses that fall within the project east/west boundaries. There is no incentive for a business owner to put a penny into anything along that stretch of roadway until we



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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tell them the eventual width of the road.

The relevance of Panda Buffet logo is that it is now owned by the City, it is shut down, deteriorating and causing a nearby salon to lose its own vibrancy as a business. That is one example of structures that we have an obligation to address, and to that end I have asked City staff from about 10 different departments, including the City Manager and the Mayor's office to meet on November 16th at 3:30pm to talk about how we're going to follow through on our responsibility as a property owner in the same way that we hold private sector owners accountable. Here are excerpts from an email I sent out as an invitation to that meeting:

All;

First, thank you to Jenn Burdick for spending time with a very concerned group of us this evening. The specific topic was the disposition of three Broadway properties that the City has purchased through early acquisition. The more general topic is what the property owner intends to do with 39 pre-purchased properties while the Broadway design is in progress.

The property owner is the City.

There are multiple layers to this issue. The first, and most important is the City holding itself accountable to the same standards that private sector property owners are held in terms of maintaining their property. The Panda Buffet would be cited under the NPO if it were still in private hands. The appearance is driving down the value, and the business of an adjacent salon. The weeds need to be pulled, roof and other structure needs to be repaired, and generally the building needs to be placed back into the condition in which it can be marketed to a tenant and is not an eyesore.

The City's general M.O. with pre-purchased properties is to demolish them / make the problem of maintenance go away. In the case of this segment of Broadway, purchasing the properties prior to having agreed on an alignment was inappropriate. Now we own them though, and they cannot sit idle while the task force works towards a cross-width and design. So, knowing that each property is a unique case from a structural and code standpoint, what's the way forward in terms of activating those that can be, and maintaining those that need work?

Panda Buffet is structurally sound, and could house a tenant. Nobody is going to put any capital improvements into any of the bldgs until the cross-width for Broadway has been determined by the City (Lead Agency.) With that in mind, two immediate imperatives exist:

- a) The City must find a tenant*
- b) The City must place determining Broadway cross-width as the next agenda item to be agreed upon by the Task Force.*

Both of those will require changes in 'the way we've always done things' - the comfort zone is not an option when we're driving businesses under.

Here are some data related to the north side of Broadway businesses that are in jeopardy if the City agrees to a 150' width:



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)

Loss of revenue

North Side Broadway Businesses

City Sales Tax \$176,060.59
State Sales Tax \$410,504.09
County Sales Tax \$43,974.66
Real Estate Taxes \$661,000

As noted in plenty of previous newsletters on this topic, there are multiple layers to the problem of simply assuming a design based on old and flawed traffic volume assumptions, ignoring changes in driving patterns and habits, assuming making the roadway wider will address any community needs and desires, and doing so at cost levels that reflect a waste of taxpayer resources that can perhaps be used on other road projects.

The CTF is in place and they're working hard to get their arms around the design issues. In the meantime, I'll be asking staff to immediately work to maintain "our" properties and to do whatever it takes to get tenants into those that are safe and habitable. I'm sure there are 501C's who would appreciate some temporary quarters in line with our policy on lease rates, while we sort out the design details.

Join us on the 16th if you'd like to hear the discussion. As I've said before, the Broadway needs to become a model for how we do these projects in the future. We don't have the money, and can't continue to bulldoze businesses just to make way for more cars that people aren't driving.

I'd note one other point. On Wednesday, staff reviewed our Comprehensive Financial Policy document. In the introduction it correctly states that the City has an important responsibility to provide and to maintain the facilities it owns, and to prevent "the deterioration of the City's public facilities and its capital assets". It goes on to confirm that the "success and reputation" of the city will depend on the public's awareness and acceptability of the management and delivery of (these) services. A part of those services is taking care of what we own.

To that end, on Wednesday the M&C unanimously voted to pull money out of early acquisition for Broadway properties and to place it into design and planning. During the discussion I again made it clear that the Lead Agency has already empowered the CTF to come to terms with cross-width. Until that's decided, the corridor will sit in a decaying state.

Tucson Modernism Week

On a related note, this is a reminder that on November 9, 10 and 11, there will be a series of presentations by the Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation called Tucson Modernism Week. Here's a link to the events:

<http://tucsonmod.com/home>

The focus will be on Broadway / by coincidence coinciding with the portion of the corridor that we're trying to engage in a more creative design process than simply laying more asphalt.

This free series of events will further that idea, but will do so without intentionally advocating for a particular position in regard to the Broadway Corridor CTF discussions.

The Modernism group is going to explore mid-century modern history, design and will talk about revitalization opportunities and challenges that fall within the Broadway (Euclid - Country Club) stretch. I invite you to be a part of what should be an interesting community

conversation.

For the Saturday event at the Bernard Friedman designed Saltzman Building (2901 E. Broadway) you'll need to rsvp them since there is limited space. To do that, email info@preservetucson.org.

When you check out the site, you'll see that there are plenty of other events during the week, as well.



...and speaking of modernism, the Arizona Preservation Foundation recently named Broadway Blvd as one of the States 'most endangered historic places' based on the proposed RTA widening project.

Here's the exact text from their announcement:

Arizona Preservation Foundation

BROADWAY BOULEVARD (TUCSON'S SUNSHINE MILE). Broadway was born modern. The boulevard expressed the new American optimism and post-war economic boom. Like many cities, Tucson was growing rapidly. In 1940, the population was 35,000 - by 1960, it had soared to 212,000. As an important suburban corridor, modern structures were built along its edge to support new neighborhoods with their curved streets and rambling ranch houses. Broadway was a reflection of the American Dream.

The Regional Transportation Authority funding, approved by Pima County voters on May 16, 2006, included plans for significant expansion of Tucson's mid-century modern Broadway Boulevard. The scope expands the road from 4 to 8 lanes and threatens 127 significant and National Register eligible properties and the small businesses they house. (Photo: Jude Ignacio & Gerardine Vargas)Top of Form

It's clear that since the rally we held at the First Assembly of God church last spring that the project has garnered quite a bit of exposure. We can do this right, and when we do, lots of eyes will have seen how a community can design community into transit.

F35

A short while back, the DOD announced Luke AFB as being the initial site selection for basing F35 Joint Strike Force aircraft - when they are produced in sufficient numbers. There is still discussion about whether or not TIA or DM might one day be a mission site for the JSF aircraft.

In previous newsletters, I've written that I think the Environmental Assessment and the Environmental Impact Studies that were done relative to basing decisions should be subject to some freshening up. The conclusions they reached were based to some degree on baseline data that might be questioned. In addition, the methods of measuring noise contours has been called into question.

When I drew my own conclusions as to where TIA fell in relation to the other 3 bases under consideration for the aircraft, they were specifically not based on sound levels. I felt the more objective measures found in the EA related to impacts on certain communities of people, jobs created in comparison to other jurisdictions, and acreage affected. In weighing those criteria, all coming right from the EA's own tables, Tucson didn't appear to be

the top choice. In fact, with the selection of Luke, the DOD affirmed that. The cost of the F35 program is also of considerable concern to me.

But the conversation continues for future sites. In that regard, the issue of noise, and the potential for an objective assessment has re-emerged. That objective assessment would come in the form of a fly-over, or more properly, a temporary basing here that would include multiple fly-overs over the course of some prescribed time.

That idea was embraced by Senator McCain, as reported in the Arizona Daily Star back just before the EA studies were to commence. Senator McCain made this statement:

Flanked by Mayor Bob Walkup and Col. Greg Stroud, the 162nd's commander, McCain said he supports the idea of the Air Force's bringing some F-35s to Tucson for test flights in advance of a final site decision, so city residents can assess the jet's impact for themselves.

Officials in the city of El Mirage, near Luke Air Force Base in Glendale, which also is a potential F-35 base, recently wrote to the Defense Department requesting F-35 test flights be conducted in the Phoenix area for that reason.

I think, symbolically, that's a good idea for Luke and here (in Tucson) as well, McCain said, adding, though, that the Air Force has the ability to calculate the plane's environmental impact without such flyovers.

At about that same time, then Representative Giffords issued a similar request. Hers included these elements:

- A full noise assessment and overlay for TIA and DM
- An assessment of noise impacts in Tucson
- Real time fly over measurements in Tucson
- An evaluation of all potential flight paths
- An assessment of departure corridor noise impacts
- A noise mitigation plan, and a discussion of operations guidelines
- Noise comparisons between the F35 and other aircraft
- A plan for preserving flight corridors while preserving quality of life in developed areas.

The complete text of the letter can be found in this attachment:

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/11-8-12_Giffords_Letter.pdf

Both the Senator and the Representative were quite vocal in their support of the mission, and yet both also saw the wisdom in bringing in some of the aircraft on a test basis and engage the community in a discussion of how we might mitigate some of the impacts. I believe they were right in having made that request.

The mayor has indicated that he might be heading over to a base that currently houses the JSF aircraft to “hear” for himself. I applaud the interest and time he’ll invest in that trip. And yet, for well established environmental reasons, the impacts differ from one location to another. If it is the desire of the residents of the City to hear for themselves, only flights over Tucson will answer the issues of noise, not reports from other towns. Given the established flight paths, the residents most affected will be mid-town / Ward 6.

I join Senator McCain and Representative Giffords in encouraging the ‘real time fly over’ measurements in Tucson. It will be interesting to see if our new legislative delegation

moves the McCain/Giffords request forward, especially since that would be in line with the spirit of the recommendations agreed upon by consensus during the Military Community Compatibility Committee (MC3) meetings back in 2006. Much of that relates to sound attenuation in over-flight zones. Here's a summary of those findings:

Table 1: Summary of MC3 Consensus Recommendations

DMAFB Operations

DMAFB Operations

- 1A) Alter Flight Operations to as high an altitude as possible and maintain safety
- 1B) Create visual approach down Aviation Blvd/Railroad tracks
- 1C) Alter helicopter routes from west along 22nd Street to I-10
- 1D) Find a new helicopter route to the southeast
- 1E) Codify southeast departures and arrivals for night operations
- 1F) Publicize historical frequency and timing of night operations

DMAFB Administrative Operations

- 2) "Good Neighbor Annual Review" by DMAFB

Follow-up Research

- 3A) Commission a health study on effects of aircraft noise
- 3B) Establish a noise measurement program

Use of Other Airfields

- 4) Maximize use of other bases for practice approaches

Future Missions

- 5) Involve the Military Community Relations Committee as a partner to enhance public input into Environmental Assessment and related NEPA processes regarding DMAFB mission decisions

Land Use / Regulatory

Joint Land Use Study Participation

- 1A) Form communication and coordination groups
- 1B) Develop City and County policy for providing timely notice to DMAFB of all development plans

AEZ Regulatory Impacts

- 2A) Eliminate sound attenuation requirement for residential expansions and reconstruction
- 2B) Create a sound attenuation/noise mitigation construction program and tax incentives for sound attenuation
- 2C) Expand opportunities for purchases, land exchanges, and transfer of development rights of devalued use restricted

Property

Noise Contours

- 3) Include noise contours as additional criteria for concentrating neighborhood re-investment

Development Southeast of DMAFB

- 4) Purchase priority parcels for open space and relocation of uses

Real Estate Disclosure

- 5) Enhance real estate disclosure earlier in transaction process

AEZ Regulatory Predictability

- 6) Standardize review of AEZ compliant development proposals

Communications

- 1) Revise DMAFB website
- 2) Revamp DMAFB caller hotline
- 3) Create ongoing Military Community Relations Committee (MCRC)
- 4) Increase overall publicity and information sharing

If the MC3, a Republican Senator and Democratic Representative all agree that we should introduce the aircraft to the area ahead of final site decisions, then that cross-section of expertise is a good indication that there's merit in the idea.

Consent Agenda – items you might have missed

Every now and then I try to share some of the items we pass on Consent that are good news pieces that you'll never see in the media. This week, we had two.

One was an Intergovernmental Agreement we signed onto with Pima County for what's called the Justice Assistance Grant. We'll end up with about \$180K for the purchase of CAT6 cabling to upgrade our TPD communication infrastructure, and we'll use some of it to purchase tasers for our police officers to use in the field as non-lethal public safety enhancements. There is no current funding available for either of those items.

The other item is the receipt of \$84K in HUD money that will go towards employment, training and placement of clients in the Sullivan Jackson Employment Center. This is a part of our "Supportive Housing Program" through which the City participates in getting our citizens back into the workforce.

These dollars go to serving the employment training needs of homeless men, women, families or youth, including vocational training slots and employability skills workshops. Fifty-two participants will benefit annually. Of those, the predicted outcome (based on historical experience) is that about 80% of participants who complete the workshops will obtain full-time, unsubsidized employment.

I've noted, and have been taken to task in public forums recently, that there are in fact legitimate, and worthy Federal programs in which we should participate. Some would say that all Federal money is the same, and that we should stay away from it. These are examples of two programs that belie that overstatement. Broad brushes are good for painting big walls, but they miss the important detail work that enhances the final product.

Spontaneous Combustion



Last Saturday night, there was a fire in McKale Center. I was there working, trying to ignore the football game on the radio, and the strobes and bells started ringing throughout the building. I figured that some kid had pulled the handle at a call-station as a prank (it happens more than you'd like to believe and represents a total waste of taxpayer resources, not to mention taking public safety personnel out of commission chasing down false alarms) so I kept working – until about 20 minutes into the strobes I figured I'd

go check things out.

So...it wasn't a false alarm. And in it I had two teachable moments. One was to probably not make the assumption that I did and in the future head out and see if the alarms are for

real. The other came during a conversation I had with the TFD fire inspector about 3 hours later.

Before going any further let me thank UAPD, Tucson Fire stations 1 and 5, Southwest Gas, and the UA facilities management and risk management people who came to the building to help out. There were well over a hundred people taking part in the response. TFD was there less than 4 minutes after being dispatched and handled the situation in a way that respected the need to both address the fire, but also to be mindful of 22,000sq/ft of maple across the hall that we need for our arena sport programs. Volleyball played a match on the McKale floor less than 12 hours after the building was cleared by TFD.

The teachable moment was a discussion of “spontaneous combustion”. First I want to be clear that we do not know the cause of the fire, and in sharing this I’m not drawing any conclusion about this incident in particular. The inspector and I were talking in generalities and that topic was a part of it. I’m passing it on because it’s not something I usually think about when storing things in cabinets, closets or in the garage.

When I think of that term, what comes to mind are the ancient Greeks and Romans who generally accepted that some forms of life arose spontaneously from non-living matter. It was a theory that was debated for centuries. You remember the Louis Pasteur stories, and meat, maggots and debunking the theory. Well, TFD has a more modern, and serious message related to the same phrase. After the fire, I checked out a more contemporary description:

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My mom told me about a contraption that my granddad “invented” that you’d poke down into a haystack to test the temps and avoid spontaneous combustion – burning down barns and endangering livestock. So, this isn’t a new concern.

Heat can increase vapor pressures, and when very high temperatures are achieved, nearby combustible materials may ignite. We don’t know if that’s what happened in McKale, but I wanted to share with you the potential. If you fold up oily rags, put them in an enclosed area that will allow them to heat up even more, and if they’re near wall board or other combustible materials, they may smolder over time and ignite. It’s a housekeeping issue that we might all benefit from remembering.

One other that occurred to me last weekend when I was putting clothes into the dryer – lint can build up in the kinked up exhaust coil – and it can easily ignite.

Soon we’ll be turning on our furnaces for the winter months. Check for gas leaks – and have qualified technicians make sure the flames are properly adjusted.

McKale smells of smoke – and it serves as a reminder that there are some really basic things we can do around our own homes to protect them as assets, and more importantly to protect the safety of our families and neighbors.

Here’s the TFD report on the incident:

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/11-8-12McKale_Center_Fire.pdf

It was nice of Cpt. Baker for not ‘outing’ me for sitting at my desk while the strobes were flashing...

E-Taxes/E-Commerce

Last week in the Sunday paper I saw the first signs of winter – Christmas sale advertisements. I came away feeling a little ill.

But the reality is that some people will begin their shopping soon, and with that the internet sales season also starts. Until now, brick-and-mortar retailers have been at a 6.6% competitive disadvantage right from the start because on-line sales have been exempt from the Arizona sales tax. With a legal settlement between the State and Amazon.com, that will no longer be true.

Nobody likes paying more for what they buy than they have to. But there's also the value in allowing retailers to compete on a level playing field for our business. And in the process of settling this litigation with Amazon, there's also the benefit of several hundred millions of dollars coming back into the State coffers through the collection of those taxes. A portion of that money will end up in Tucson through the formula based State Shared Revenues system we have in Arizona.

A study was conducted by Elliott D. Pollack & Co. – a Scottsdale firm – that concluded that all on-line uncollected sales taxes cost the State over 5,000 jobs in 2010. While Amazon is only one on-line firm, if an across the board piece of legislation were to be adopted, the Pollack study predicted a 24% shift to purchases in local stores. Getting our legislature to put in place something that doesn't single out Amazon is about job creation locally, and an increase in sales tax revenues that will impact our ability to provide core services. The Arizona Chamber of Commerce is advocating for such a bill. I'll keep you posted.

In the meantime, less than 45 shopping days until Christmas? That gives me about 43 days to start.

Newly Elected

So we enter one cycle of advertising that gets under our nerves (Holiday buying) as we put to rest another one that similarly was getting really old (political.) Congratulations to our newly elected office holders. I know how much personal time and effort it takes to go through the process of running for office. I wish each of them the best, and extend this very public offer to work on issues of mutual concern, regardless of party affiliation or jurisdiction. The region has common needs, concerns and interests. About two years ago we coined an apt phrase: Together We Thrive.

While none of us on the City Council were running this time around, there were three slots on the TUSD school board that were filled. Their issues impact the Council's constituents. We need to collaborate in solving them when they overlap areas in which the City can affect change.

The County has one new member and in a manner similar to that of the school district, our issues will overlap with the County. I'm hopeful for a productive working relationship with the Board of Supervisors.

We have a few new legislators who will represent portions of Tucson. Our relationship with the State legislature needs improvement. I look forward to working towards that end with each of these newly elected officials.

And of course, congratulations to our elected Washington legislative delegation. Southern Arizona, and the City of Tucson in particular needs strong representation. I'm committed to

continuing to reach out to all of our electeds in Congress, regardless of party, and looking past the messy campaigns that have finally ended. Everybody agreed on jobs as being paramount. Let's start from that point of agreement and grow relationship from there.

DESERT HARVESTERS

On November 18th, a group called Desert Harvesters will hold its 10th annual "celebration of native foods". This year they're highlighting velvet mesquite – a native tree that produces pods that can be ground into flour to sweeten up a variety of dishes.

On the 18th they'll be selling baked goods that are made from the mesquite flour. The event will be free to attend, and of course if you want to buy some of their goodies, that's the purpose – and the proceeds will go to their educating the public about how to cook with native foods, including demonstrations and other events similar to this one.

There will also be some "how to" workshops on harvesting pods and how that process should be engaged. If you've already got some, they'll have a hammermill on site to grind them down for you (small fee.)

The event will be held at the Dunbar/Spring Community Garden located on the NW corner of University and 11th Avenue. The bake sale will go on from 9am until 2pm, milling from 8am until 2pm – and music all day. It should be fun – I hope you can attend.

If you'd like more information, their web site is www.DesertHarvesters.org.

Community Food Bank

Another food related fund raiser is coming on November 15th, from 5am until 7pm. This one is 94.9 MIXfm and TEP joining forces to help the Community Food Bank fill a Mayflower Moving Van with non-perishable food items. With the holidays right around the corner, this is typically the time of year at which CFB has its greatest needs. They do a great job throughout the community, so if you can help with either food or cash, you'll be reaching into the lives of the needy in our City.

The 'drive' will be held at Sprouts Market out at North 1st and Limberlost. I've toured the Food Bank and spoken with their staff. They cannot get enough in the way of donations at this time of year.

Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance

Chapter 16 of the Tucson City Code has to do with neighborhood preservation standards. The Housing and Community Development Department is proposing some changes, and is holding a meeting in December to present what they have in mind. They actually had one presentation, but that was on Wednesday, November 7th, and I was only made aware of it on the evening of Monday the 5th – otherwise, I'd have let you know about it well in advance.

The proposed changes will be presented again on December 18 during a M&C study session, followed by a scheduled Public Hearing and Adoption in January 2013. Some of what they have in mind is:

- a. Defining "outdoor storage" to include motor vehicles which are being stored on the front or side of a property for long periods of time
- b. Changes to the building structure exteriors, clarifying minimum maintenance requirements

- c. Maintenance standards for private sidewalks, stairs, driveways and parking areas
- d. Restricting junked motor vehicles to the rear yard – and screening them from view
- e. Limits on yard sales to 4x per year
- f. Restricting the parking of commercial vehicles on residential properties

We don't have a date for the public hearing or M&C vote, yet.

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 – November 10, 4:00pm – 10:30pm

On Saturday, November 10 come Downtown to experience the music, fun, and entertainment of 2nd Saturdays Downtown. For a complete entertainment schedule visit

<http://www.2ndsaturdaysdowntown.com/>

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Thursday, November 8, 7:30pm. "Jim Brickman"

Saturday, November 10, 7:00pm. "Downtown Second Saturdays Presents: Bautcaxe"

Sunday, November 11, 7:00pm. "Boogie Woogie Blowout"

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>

Exhibit Halls

Saturday, November 10 & Sunday, November 11, 8:30am – 6:30pm. "AZ Science and Astronomy Expo"

Arena

Friday, November 10 & Saturday, November 11, 7:30pm. "AZ Wildcat Hockey vs. Oakland"

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 & Vinjon Global Corp: Quietly Taking Over the World**

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 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

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 Mercado San Agustin, 100 S. Avenida del Convento

Thursdays, 4:00 – 7:00pm.

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/

Loft Cinema is hosting their 3rd 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 for more information.

UA Mineral Museum – Ongoing

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

Flandrau Science Center

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Mata Ortiz Art and Pottery Sale – November 10-11

BorderLinks (620 S. 6th Ave.) will be hosting a Mata Ortiz Art and Pottery Sale this weekend from 11:00am – 4:00pm. There will be a chance to meet master potters from Mata Ortiz during live pottery demonstrations at 12:00pm. For more information, call 628-8263.