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Bond Ratings

Last Wednesday, our Finance Director sent us a memo indicating that the bond rating agencies are somewhat less than impressed with our budgetary decisions. That's important because it impacts the cost of our borrowing money. If we're going to ask you to change our Charter allowed borrowing levels, you might also want to see that the bonds we'd be selling are not costing you an unnecessarily high interest rate.

There are three primary rating agencies. The most favorable rating was Standard & Poor's. They gave us a "Stable" outlook based on ratings of AA- for our General Obligation bonds and A+ for our Certificates of Participation. To put those levels into perspective, here's how those designations stack up against one another:

As you can see, A+ ain't the grade you were after back in your high school accounting class.

Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police Department
911 or nonemergency
791-4444

Water Issues
791-3242/800-598-9449
Emergency: **791-4133**

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

Abandoned Shopping Carts
791-3171

Neighborhood Resources
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222
TDD: 628-1565

Environmental Services
791-3171

Park Wise
791-5071

Planning and Development Services 791-5550

Pima Animal Care Center
724-5900

Pima County Vector Control
Cockroach: **443-6501**
Mosquito: **243-7999**

Continued: A Message From Steve

Moody's gave us a "negative outlook" based on the same grading designations. Two of the challenges they pinpointed were "relatively low reserve levels" and "substantial mass transit subsidies." To those points, the motion I offered two weeks ago included a commitment to codify our obligation to increase our reserve fund until we met our own self-imposed funding level (10% of revenues), and another to increase bus fares by 10% and make the operational changes proposed by staff (just about a $3M item combined). M&C rejected both the fare increase and the commitment to our reserve funds. We'll see if the route changes survive the upcoming votes on the budget. Last fall, they didn't, costing us about $2M in lost revenue opportunities since then.

Rating Scales	
Highest to Lowest Rating	
Moody's	Standard & Poor's and Fitch
AAA	AAA
Aa1	AA+
Aa2	AA
Aa3	AA-
A1	A+
A2	A
A3	A-
The scale continues to decline past these levels. The City does not have any ratings below these levels.	

Finally, Fitch lowered both our General Obligation (GO) and Certificates of Participation (COP) bond ratings. They had us at AA for the GOs and dropped us to AA-. On the COPs, they moved us from AA- to A+. Their reasoning was similar to what we saw in the Moody's report. Here's a quote from the memo we received from the Finance people:

> Fitch's report states:
> - "The downgrade is due to a persistent structural budgetary imbalance"
> - "Implementation of a plan to close the structural budget gap-through some combination of revenue enhancements and spending reductions and meaningful progress toward the goal over the next several years is necessary to prevent further negative rating action"
>
> Fitch retained its negative outlook.

In her summary statement, Director Amparano stated this:

> In conclusion, the City must continue to take action to address the structural budget imbalance and increase reserve levels in order to prevent further negative action, which limits the City's ability to issue debt and increases the cost of borrowing.

Her wording is curious. We're not addressing the "structural budget imbalance," nor are we "increas(ing) reserve levels." The overall message, though, should not be a surprise. When we're told year after year that the Bond agencies have us on a negative outlook and we continue to use "one time fixes" and drain our rainy day fund to balance our budget, we should expect them to increase our cost of borrowing money. It's the rating agencies telling borrowers that our fiscal house is not in order, and therefore we're a more risky investment this year than in the past because we have done nothing to resolve that.

CITY OF TUCSON				
Type of Debt	Rating/ Outlook	Moody's Rating	Standard & Poor's Rating	Fitch Rating
G.O. Bonds	Rating	Aa3	AA-	AA-
	Outlook	Negative	Stable	Negative
COPs	Rating	A1	A+	A+
	Outlook	Negative	Stable	Negative
HURF Senior	Rating	A1	AA+	AA
	Outlook	Stable	Stable	Stable
HURF Junior	Rating	A2	AA	AA-
	Outlook	Stable	Stable	Stable
Water	Rating	Aa2	AA	AA
	Outlook	Stable	Stable	Stable

At our last M&C meeting we approved a cap on our budget. I continue to maintain that we can, and should adopt each piece of the motion I offered.

I move for the FY'16 Budget:

Reduce all departmental General Fund budgets by 2%, excluding police, fire, the 911 system, and enterprise funds. Departments will be required to submit budget reduction proposals to the City Manager for approval. This will yield approximately $4.7M.

Approve staff recommendation for both minor and major service changes for transit system. This is projected to yield approximately $1.6M in FY'16 budget.

Implement staff recommended 10% transit fare increase for FY'16 budget. This is projected to yield $730K in General Fund revenue.

Allocation of new revenues:

Establish by policy a requirement that each budget cycle, Mayor and Council will add a minimum net $1M to the Stabilization Fund until Mayor and Council self-imposed policy of that Fund being at 10% of revenues is reached. Do not reduce Stabilization Fund by the staff recommended $1.8M this fiscal year.

Allocate $2M this fiscal year to the purchase of new Fire Vehicles. Quoting from Staff answer to my question related to TFD vehicles: "If we identified funding today, by the time the new vehicles are placed into service, 76% of our pumper fleet, 93% of our paramedic fleet, and 33% of our ladder fleet will be in need of replacement."

Allocate an additional $730K to fully fund our obligations to the Pima Animal Care Center.

Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman Martha McSally (R)
(2nd District)
(202) 225-2542
Tucson Office: 520-881-3588

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

Governor Doug Ducey (R)
602-542-4331
Tucson office: 520-628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
520-791-4201

ZoomTucson Map
http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/

It all still makes sense. If we do it, the Bond rating folks might take notice and the impact on the Charter questions we're about to place on the ballot could be mitigated.

We're about to sell another round of Prop 409 road bonds. It'd be nice if they weren't subject to lower ratings from the lending agencies.

Others on the Council are free to reconsider the motion if they choose.

Short-Term Rentals

One revenue opportunity that I was promoting last year may be returning soon. Right now, if you own and operate a B&B, you pay bed taxes, sales taxes, and you must have a business license as well as appropriate insurance. If, however, you rent rooms out through an internet booking company such as AirBnB, you're off the radar and pocketing the cash. Last fall, our partners at Visit Tucson and the Small Business Commission supported my efforts to level the playing field and bring some income into the City by capturing AirBnB and similar rentals that we're now missing. At the time, M&C didn't support the idea.

If you watch the NBA finals, you'll note that AirBnB is one of the sponsors. It's not cheap to advertise during that event. Evidently, some of my colleagues have taken notice of that and come to the conclusion that the operation must be pretty significant or it wouldn't have the ability to afford such a high end advertising commitment.

The Mayor has asked that a Task Force be formed to once again study how we might get the tax dollars we're leaving on the table with people who go through Internet companies to rent their homes. I still support the effort to increase revenues by taxing in a way that reflects fair play throughout a market segment, as I did last year.

In the meantime, the County has changed its approach to these sites. Notices have been sent out by the County Assessor to inform of a change in tax status if you're renting your place out through Internet sources.

I don't know what will be different this time around. The set of facts is the same as it was last year, other than we've lost revenue since rejecting my proposal back then. But the Task Force is dusting off what we gathered and will be presenting it to the 10th Floor at some point in the not-too-distant future. I'll be interested in seeing the results.

It's really pretty simple. Registered Bed and Breakfasts pay taxes to us. AirBnB clients don't.

Even the Motel 6 folks have begun to take aim. Notice in their ads the comments "why stay at those places where you have to make your own bed?" We're not leading on this any longer, but at least there's some rethinking the subject.

Puppy Mills

Two weeks ago, a large puppy mill up in the Phoenix area was busted. One wonders whether or not any local Tucson puppy places were using it as a source for 'merchandise.' One down, more to go.

Last year, we tentatively adopted our own puppy mill ordinance. At the time, Phoenix had recently passed a similar law banning the sale of puppies in retail outlets unless the store had obtained its pups from a local shelter or rescue. The owners of a large retail outlet in Phoenix sued the City. We passed our ordinance on a 6-1 vote, and are awaiting the conclusion of the Phoenix lawsuit before placing it on the books.

I note that here in conjunction with news from both Rhode Island and Cook County, Illinois. So far, over 70 other jurisdictions have adopted Puppy Mill laws, including a new State law in Virginia prohibiting pet stores from purchasing from breeders who have recent and severe Animal Welfare Act violations. Several of the jurisdictions are in litigation over them. The language contained in the ordinances is similar, and the claims in the lawsuits are as well. So even though there's no particular legal precedent being set as these suits are settled, they form a pattern which may reasonably be expected to continue on through to the Phoenix suit.

Recently, both the Rhode Island and Cook County laws were upheld in Federal Courts. In the Cook County ruling, the judge found the law justified by its stated goal to 'ensure that pet stores bought animals from small breeders, as opposed to inhumane mass-breeding facilities.'

Tucson is joined by cities such as L.A., Chicago, and Phoenix in passing these anti-Puppy Mill ordinances. This cannot be called a fringe and inconsequential effort on our part. I'm told the Phoenix ruling should be out by the end of summer. Then we'll see what direction we can take with our own ordinance.

More on Animals – PACC and No Kill

I've stated – correctly – that our costs for operating the new Pima Animal Care Facility will increase once the new site is built. One reason is the mission at PACC, affirmed by the voters, to evolve it into a true no-kill facility. Along with that goal comes the need to increase medical care, which is expensive.

Right now, an integral part of the PACC mission is spay/neuter. It's indisputable that in the long run, an effective spay/neuter program will mitigate the costs of running the shelter. What's not so well known is that PACC, while advertising a live adoption rate of over 80%, is able to achieve that number by farming out many animals to other shelters and rescue groups, and thus avoids euthanizing them. One example is the Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter.

Roughly 75% of the cats that the Hermitage receives come through PACC. Those include many of the cats most vulnerable to being put down, including sick, injured, aged, and newborn/under-aged animals. The Hermitage and similar rescue shelters can give more focused attention to the cats' (in this case) unique needs. That's costly, and they'd likely not survive if left at PACC.

There are a couple of points to be made. One is that the live adoption rate advertised at PACC is inflated by their ability to off-load these sick/vulnerable animals to other shelters. That's not a criticism, just a fact. Here are the numbers just for the Hermitage:

2013 – received 456 cats and had a 78% adoption rate
2014 – received 143 cats and had a 73% adoption rate
To Date in 2015 – received 50 cats and has a 68% adoption rate.

It's good that these sorts of shelter care facilities exist in the community or many of the cats noted above would have been euthanized at Pima Animal Care.

The other important point is related to costs. PACC does not provide these shelters any financial assistance, even for the spay/neuter costs when shelters pull these animals to help relieve the overcrowded conditions that exist out there at PACC. Based on data shared by the Hermitage folks, in 2014, PACC transferred 847 felines out to 'rescue organizations.' So far this year, that number is 633. Those are 1,480 spay/neuter procedures PACC avoided, and to the extent that any of those animals came to Pima Animal Care from within City limits, the City also avoided the costs. But the shelters/rescues paid them. They didn't just disappear or become free.

The cost to put an animal through the medical protocols so it's adoption-ready is in the $125 range. That covers vaccinations, medical attention, food, etc. – and spay/neuter. PACC does not provide any of those funds to the shelters, even though our IGA with them covers operations and spay/neuter. PACC *does* have a 'Special Needs' adoption program in which an individual may bring the animal back to them to be spayed/neutered after the person has paid out of his/her own pocket for the medical needs. In those cases, PACC pays the spay/neuter costs. Not so when they're dealing with the shelters who take animals in bulk.

At the new PACC facility, the number of animals sent out to local rescues should decrease. In those cases, the cost of spay/neuter, as well as the medical costs, will be borne as regular operations charges to the City. Thus my comment that it's unrealistic for us to assume our costs will not increase. For now, though, in as much as PACC tracks which of its animals are sent out to rescues, it'd be tough to argue the cost of spay/neuter, even if done after the transfer, shouldn't be covered, just as it is with their Special Needs program. The only difference is in one case the adoption is to an individual, and in the other it's to a rescue agency that's helping PACC boast its 80%+ live adoption rate.

Note that a part of my motion (shown above) was to increase bus fares by 10% and use some portion of that $730K to fully fund PACC. It's still an option I believe we should consider.

Revenue Generator – Film Shot in Tucson

If you've read many of these newsletters, you know I'm a big advocate of bringing the film production industry back to Tucson and Southern Arizona. In late June, a short film called ***Horchata*** will be filmed here. They're doing a casting call right now.

Diana Ossana won an Oscar for ***Brokeback Mountain.*** She's producing this film. The writer, Mark Jude Poirier, is the same guy who wrote ***Goats***, which was shown at the 2012 Sundance Film Festival and was shot in part in Tucson. Together, they're casting two roles for this film. Here's the description of them, given to me by Shelli Hall from the Visit Tucson Film Office:

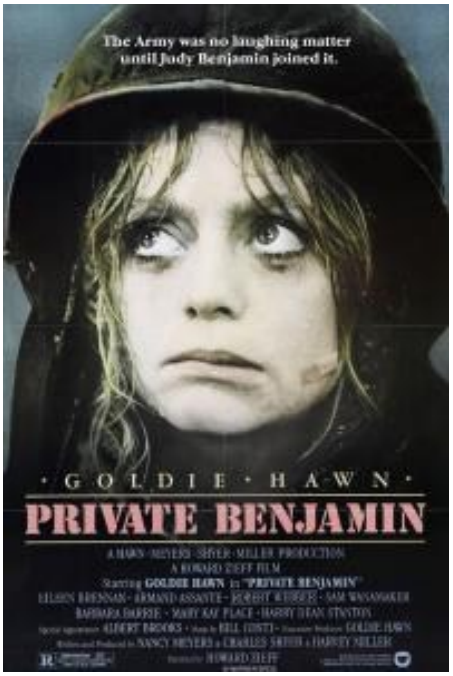
<u>ED</u> - AGE 25-45; Caucasian or Latino; He's insecure, trying to get his life together, and has had problems with drugs and the law.

<u>MELISSA</u> – AGE 30 -40; Caucasian or Latina. She lost her first husband about ten years ago, is remarried, well-off, and is the mother of three girls.

If you'd like to tryout, you need to email a headshot, contact information, and a link to a reel to markjudefilm@gmail.com. This has a very short fuse to get into consideration, so send it off today or you may miss their deadline.

Thanks to Shelli and the gang over in her office for making this opportunity available – and for their work on getting us back on the big screen.

More on Movies



The summer film program is continuing at La Placita Village, downtown. Every Thursday evening starting at 7:30pm from now through August, you can see full length films and enjoy our pleasant summer evenings. They'll have a different movie each week, and the $3 per person charge includes all-you-can-eat popcorn. Try getting that at an in-house theater.

This Thursday they'll show ***Private Benjamin.*** Their website gives you the full upcoming calendar. Here's the link: http://www.cinemalaplacita.com/.

La Placita is located at 110 S. Church, at the SW corner of Broadway and Church. There's plenty of parking in the immediate area.

Project Mariposa

In order to get their arms around the increasingly expensive cost of incarceration for detained immigrants, in 2003 Congress appropriated $3 million to develop programs with a

goal to increase ICE's ability to supervise people outside of prison. The resulting "Intensive Supervision Appearance Program" (ISAP) is now fully operational.

Last week, I shared that ICE was beginning to increase the use of electronic monitoring ankle bracelets on the women who had been apprehended and are now awaiting their deportation hearings. I also shared that the use of Electronic Monitoring Devices (EMDs) is optional. The choice of using them is based on several factors, and humanitarian considerations *are* appropriate criteria to consider.

Many of us who have been working Project Mariposa have wondered why ICE chose to increase the use of EMDs now. More directly, why use them at all for this cohort of detainee?

The answer cannot be that these women posed a threat to society. They're here fleeing criminal drug cartels in large part, fearing for life and limb for both themselves and their children back home in Central America. And the answer cannot be that they don't appear at detention hearings. A 2012 study conducted by the Rutgers School of Law and American Friends Service Committee demonstrated "85% to 89%" compliance rates in showing up to removal proceedings over the last five years. Here's a link to the full report: http://www.law.newark.rutgers.edu/files/FreedbutnotFree.pdf.

So what about the money angle? Similar to the private prison industry, we have a system in which there's a built-in incentive for the government to use EMDs on people. In fact, the *Report* demonstrates the increase in their use is directly tied into the annual solicitations for service under the contracts.

The current ISAP is awarded to Behavioral Interventions (BI). In 2010, BI was acquired by the GEO Group, the second largest ICE contractor. Corrections Corporations of America is the largest (they're running some of our private prisons here in Arizona). GEO is a private prison operation and is joining CCA in branching out into the privatization of other forms of supervision.

In 2013, Congress appropriated $111M exclusively for this alternative to detention program, a significant increase over previous years. Back in 2009, the Department of Homeland Security awarded BI a five year contract to administer the program valued at $375M. This is a big money deal. So what about the incentive to provide 'customers' to BI who are fitted with the devices?

The use of EMDs, a highly restrictive and costly administrative order, may be tied to the competition for profits built into the way the system is set up. I'm just going to quote from Page 16 of the *Report* and let you see how the program has escalated:

The government's solicitation of contracts to run the programs is illuminating. During the fiscal year 2011, the government sought the following: 1,056,972 "participant days" of telephonic reporting (TR); 523,713 participant days of radio frequency (RF) monitoring; 83,723 participant days of passive global positioning (GPS) tracking; and 48,683 participant days of monitoring using active GPS tracking in the form of ankle monitors.

For the following fiscal year, the government incrementally increased those numbers as follows: 1,099,251 participant days of telephonic reporting; 544,667 participant days of radio frequency monitoring; 87,072 participant days of passive GPS tracking; and 50,630 participant days of monitoring using active GPS tracking.

The projected numbers for fiscal year 2013 also reveal another incremental increase in the number of electronic monitoring units contracted by ICE. The numbers for fiscal year 2013 are as follows: 1,143,221 participant days of telephonic reporting; 566,454 participant days of radio frequency monitoring; 90,555 participant days of passive GPS tracking; and 52,656 participant days of monitoring using active GPS tracking. As set forth above, B.I. was awarded the contract.

Project Mariposa is our work with Catholic Community Services (CCS) and dozens of local volunteers ministering to the needs of the women and their children dropped off at the CCS house by ICE. As I've noted multiple times, these are families who have been subjected to all sorts of abuse along their journey – not something people on a volitional trip would choose to endure.

Do I have proof that the recent *choice* by the government to start placing EMDs on the women is a direct result of the for-profit industry they've contracted through BI? Nope. But I do have the data from the Rutgers/AFSC *Report* that shows two things: first, these women are not a flight risk, and second, Behavioral Interventions is making a ton of your cash based on the use of the devices. Whether or not there's a direct link, the fact remains the use of the EMDs on this group of people is neither necessary nor consistent with the humanitarian criterion that can be applied to protocols ICE is allowed to consider when placing conditions on an individual's release.

The operative word there is 'individual.' The recent story in the Star describing the uptick in the use of these devices spoke to the policy. What it missed was the personal touch that would have been a more accurate picture of who we're dealing with, and why EMDs are dehumanizing in these instances.

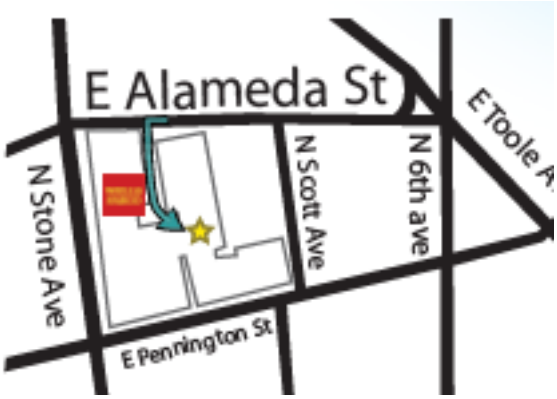
On Tuesday evening at 5:30pm at the Ward 6 office, we're going to meet with the Project Mariposa team to discuss how to move ahead with the program. We'll hear an update on how Border Patrol is diverting families directly up to Phoenix. If you're interested in playing a role, please feel free to come and listen in.

More on Immigration

On Tuesday, June 16th, downtown Tucson will host World Refugee Day. It'll be an evening long celebration hosted by Refugee Focus, a division of Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest.

The event will run from 4pm until 9pm. It'll include a wide variety of cultural presentations, including food, music, and dance. Refugee Focus is located at 120 N. Stone. Here's the event flyer:

And here's a larger map to the event:



Globally, World Refugee Day is celebrated on June 20th. Nicole Trudeau and her Refugee Focus staff are bringing the event a few days early in order to respect the beginning of Ramadan on June 17th. That sensitivity is emblematic of the group's work.

The overarching purpose of the global event is to bring attention to the millions of refugees who have been forced to flee their homes due to internal conflicts and persecution (see Project Mariposa item, above). Refugee Focus works in support of families and individuals from Iraq, South Sudan, the Congo, Somalia, as well as Central America. I'll

share more as the program for the 16th is more fully formed, but I wanted you to carve out a portion of the evening on your calendar so you're sure not to miss it entirely.

For more information on the work Nicole and her group is doing, you can reach her/them at ntrudeau@refugeefocus.org or http://www.tucsonrefugeefest.com/.

Community Partners

Looks like palm trees and tree wells…not the most inspiring, until you know that the work was contracted for between Catalina Vista neighborhood and the Primavera Works program.

The work is to ensure that when TDOT runs water trucks through the area, the water (generally in the 8,000 gallon range) stays where it's intended to be. Primavera Works offers temporary job opportunities to people who are homeless, unemployed, or under-employed. They cover all sorts of jobs, including the labor work you see reflected above, plus things such as janitorial, light manufacturing, restaurant work and housekeeping. Google *Primavera Works* and you'll get the full rundown on the program.

More community partners – Amy and I joined in a celebration at Auto Zone on Friday. They donated $1,000 to both March of Dimes and the Arizona Association of Families and Adoptive Parents. Auto Zone employees choose the recipients, based on personal contact and support they've had with the organizations. Good choices in each of these cases.

And on Thursday evening, Ann and I joined the Palo Verde neighbors at a fund raiser sponsored by The Mint Cocktails, over on Grant Road. You may remember a rather rough start to that relationship, but since the change in ownership, The Mint folks have donated twice to Catalina High School teachers (Teacher of the Year awards), and this time directly to PVNA - $1,000.

We don't do what we're able to do, either at the Ward Office level, or city wide, without the generous assistance we get from businesses, non-profits, and neighbors, all of whom work to make this the wonderful community that it is. Thanks to all who are invested in the many ways that you are.

And finally, much more in the way of community partners...
Many thanks to John Jacobs and the streetcar corridor merchants who have again put together the Summer in the City promotion. This is the second year they're inviting summer-long shopping by offering savings all along the streetcar route. This year, over 130 busi-

nesses are participating.

And this time around, Sunshine Mile merchants are also a part of the bargains.

The cards are $5 each, and the deals you can get vary at each participating business. The cards are honored and are being sold by all of the participating locations. Just visit the local business to buy your card and they get to keep 80% of the money from the sale of the card – plus whatever you buy from them with the discount. The rest goes back into the marketing campaign you'll see throughout the summer in support of the program.

You can use this link to see each participating business and the deals they're offering: **www.TucsonSummer.com**.

In addition to the downtown merchants group, I join John in thanking their other important sponsors, including

Visit Tucson
KXCI
KOLD
KVOA
Zocalo Magazine
Quik Print
The Centurions
DTP
Main Gate Square
Mercado San Agustin
Fourth Avenue Merchants Association
Sunshine Mile
Ronstadt Insurance
Rally Media Solutions

On Sunday mornings, Fred and Jeff Ronstadt air a radio show that spotlights the good things we have going on around the Old Pueblo. These closing items in the newsletter

(Refugee Focus, Primavera Works, Auto Zone donations, March of Dimes, AZAFAP, The Mint donations and Summer in the City) are examples of what we have to be proud of as a community.

Sincerely,

Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
Ward6@tucsonaz.gov

Events and Entertainment

Summer Oasis Series at Tucson Botanical Gardens
7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday; 6:30 am to 4:30 pm Saturday and Sunday
2150 N Alvernon Way

Come enjoy a tranquil oasis in the heart of Tucson with several special summer offerings.
Dog Days of Summer: Guests are welcome to bring their well-behaved dogs to enjoy the gardens. Dog admission is $3 per dog or purchase a dog membership for $20.
Dog Portraits in the Gardens: Have professional photos taken of your beloved companion in the Gardens' lush landscape. June 9 and Aug. 4, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Early Bird Weekends: Every Saturday and Sunday morning, the gardens open at 6:30 a.m. for walkers to get a little exercise before it gets too hot. After a lovely walk, breakfast at Café Botanica is a must.
Twilight Thursdays & Sunset Saturdays: Every Thursday night during the summer and the fourth Saturday (June 27, July 25, Aug. 22), the gardens will stay open until 8 p.m.
www.tucsonbotanical.org/events/

Cool Summer Nights at Desert Museum
Saturdays, June 06, 2015 - September 05, 2015, 6 pm
2021 North Kinney Road

The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum stays open after sundown on Saturday evenings all summer long as the nocturnal creatures of The Living Desert come to life. Look for Museum Docents and Junior Docents interpreting live animals, celestial desert skies, fluorescent minerals, animal eye shine, Sonoran Desert insects, night sounds, bats, kissing bugs, scorpions, and/or rattlesnakes. You can always dine at one of the museum's stellar restaurants and enjoy a serenade by Native American flutists. Check out the Cool Summer Nights schedule on desertmuseum.org. Special programming begins at 6 p.m.

Ongoing . . .

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St
www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St
http://hotelcongress.com

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd
www.loftcinema.com

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St
http://www.rialtotheatre.com/

The Rogue Theatre at The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd
http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave
May 25, 2015 - Labor Day, September 7, 2015: FREE Admission for Military Families.
www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd
February 7, 2015– February 7, 2016, 10 am - 5 pm: *Meet the Trilobites - Arizona's First Inhabitants*
http://www.uamineralmuseum.org/

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave.
Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.
Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm
http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave
http://www.arizonatheatre.org/

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St (north entrance on Toole)
A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!
Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.
www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave
www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm
www.childernsmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd
November 9, 2013, through July 31, 2015, "Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios."
www.statemuseum.arizona.edu