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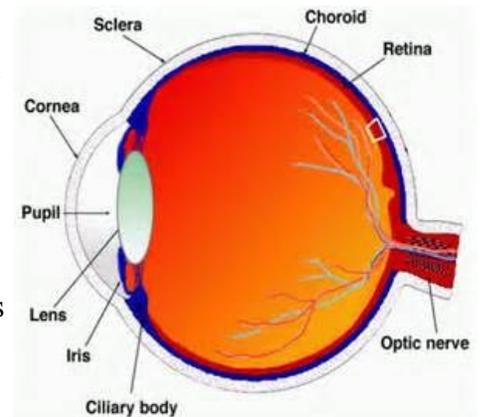
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Vitreous Detachment

A while back when I had to get skin cancer surgery, I shared it with you with the intent of urging all of us to be hyper-aware of using sunscreen. I've got another item to share this time, again using myself as the learning lab.

The orange part of what's shown in the image at right is called vitreous. It's like jelly, and its purpose is to help your eye remain round.

We've got millions of fibers that are intertwined inside the vitreous that attach it to the retina. That's the light sensitive part of our eyes. With me so far?



Sometimes your vitreous pulls away from the retina. When it happens, there's nothing you can do about it and it's not necessarily a threat to your eyesight. But the symptom is really annoying.

What you'll see looks like a little piece of hair is on your glasses or hanging in front of your eye. It moves as you move your eye around. That is the vitreous strand that pulled away from the retina. It formed a little clump in the jelly which casts a shadow. Your eye doctor will call it a 'floater' because of the way it sort of floats around in your field of vision as your eye moves from side to side, or up and down. It's just there – inside – and there ain't nothin' you can do about it.



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

When this can become dangerous is when you see a bunch of them, or you start to see what looks like flashes of light in your eye. That might be a sign of some of the fibers pulling so hard that you've now got a small hole in your retina, or your retina itself has become detached. Those conditions can cause you to lose your sight and you need to call the doc immediately if it occurs.

Of course, I didn't know any of this until I went on the Internet after it happened to me last week. The source of this is a report from the National Eye Institute. There's a bunch more information online.

The doc told me that eventually my brain will just learn to ignore the little image. Kind of like being married – we husbands eventually learn to ignore so much. In this case an example is how my sensitive and loving bride shared her concern with me as we drove away from the ophthalmologist by saying, “it's simple, you're getting old and your body's falling apart.” J

Which feels a little like this: <https://youtu.be/fwIzPknqUFI>

Setting aside for a moment the fact that she's right, my point in opening with this is just to give you a head's up that if you've got a similar symptom, the only way to get the seriousness of it confirmed is by having your ophthalmologist dilate your eyes and look inside. It's painless, and it could help you save your eyesight – if not your sanity while you get used to the floating image being there.

Budget

I was given the opportunity by the Star to 'explain' my dissent on our budget vote. In case you don't get the Sunday Star, here's what they printed as a Guest Opinion:

'Tucson's budgetary performance is weak.'

And that quote is from the Bond rating agency who has designated our outlook as 'stable.' The other agencies say our outlook is 'negative.' The consequences? One example is fixing our roads will now cost us more than before our Bond rating was dropped.

Every home and every business in the valley has had to tighten the belt by a couple of economic notches since the 2008 recession. So has the City. But while we've navigated through some very choppy waters, the fact remains we have work left to do. The budget we just adopted simply delays that necessary work for yet another year.

The Bond agencies took notice

Households and businesses that month after month dip into their savings to pay bills will soon find that strategy is a losing proposition. The City last put money into its Rainy Day fund back in 2010. We will fail to invest in our own fiscal security again this year.



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)
(3rd 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/](http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/)

Households and businesses cannot long rely on the sale of assets or restructuring debt to make ends meet. Lending agencies call those 'one-time fixes' and they recognize those approaches to budgeting are not sustainable. They ignore the very basic fact that when expenses still exceed revenues, selling the piano this year won't change that structural reality next year. For the fifth consecutive budget cycle the City is using some form of 'one-time fix' to 'balance' our books.

Households and businesses cannot ignore maintenance and upkeep costs on their physical assets or they face increased costs later. Ignore changing the fan belt on your cooler and you burn out the motor. How much cheaper to simply change the belt and avoid that cost. The City should be setting aside up to a combined \$15 million annually just to keep pace with building maintenance and vehicle needs. The budget we just adopted invests zero in those areas.

Looking forward to next year, here's what we can count on. We are awaiting a court decision that will likely force us to take on an additional \$15 million in public safety pension obligations. We will also take on the cost of 25 police officers whose Grant funding is ending. Including employee related expenses, the General Fund will have to absorb nearly \$1 million for those workers. Add to that combined new costs related to City Court and other unavoidable contractual obligations and before we start we're facing a deficit of nearly \$20 million.

When we gave employee raises last year, we knew much of this was on the horizon. Those raises brought not only new wage and salary obligations, but that money also increases our already burdensome pension costs. Did our employees deserve that raise? Of course. Was it an expense we could afford at the time? Not according to the professionals in the financial field who rate our Bonds.

Last week I voted against the budget the City is adopting. I didn't take that vote lightly or without having offered an alternative that proposed lowering expenses, increasing revenue and setting aside some money for vehicle replacement. And the proposal would have forced us to reinvest in our Rainy Day fund annually until it became solvent again. Standing alone against the status quo isn't always popular, but it was the direction we needed to move.

I believe we cannot continue to wait until 'next year' to take actions such as those. They're not sexy headline grabbers, and they don't let us stand in front of constituents and take credit for funding some new and popular program. But they do allow us to stand in front of financial professionals such as Bond rating agencies and say we're addressing the structural problems that exist in our budget.

They'd take notice of that, too.

I also saw a discussion of my budget position during the Friday AZPM Metro Week. The guy who does their programming asked one of the guests whether my claim was accurate that having our Bond rating drop could cost us 'about \$1M in added interest rate costs.' The guest deferred to me. Here's the basis for the estimate. Taking out a 20 year, \$20M loan (for our road Bonds) at 2% will cost us just over \$4M in interest. Change that to a 2.5% loan and the interest jumps by about \$1.2M more than that. Is that absolutely precise? Of course not,

but the intent of my comments have been to give an order of magnitude impact of the rating change. My sense from the way the question was asked and handled is that he was hoping to get the guy to refute my claim without me being there to defend the data. It didn't work – and I invite him to call anytime if he'd like to chat about our City finances.

Unsafe Park



Living in conditions like this is not safe. Living in conditions like this if you've got behavioral health issues, drug addictions, are a victim of domestic violence, or have any other condition that makes you more vulnerable than normal is not safe.

The homeless camp that was located in Veinte de Agosto (VDA) park downtown was not a 'Safe Park,' regardless of whether it was dubbed that by a couple of the organizers. It was unsafe, and it was unsanitary.

On Sunday evening, the police went through VDA park and cleaned out the last remaining belongings from the people who had been staying there. Notice of that deadline had been issued on Friday. You've likely seen coverage of this, so all I'll try to do here is fill in some blanks in that coverage that I feel are important.

There was a meeting on Thursday of last week involving a couple dozen business operators from the area. I attended along with three of my staff members. Also in attendance was a representative from the City Manager's office, a representative from the Ward 1 Council Office, and a representative from the Mayor's office, although he had been given strict orders to refrain from speaking to the group. Otherwise, we had a robust discussion of what was happening across the street in the park.

The purpose of the meeting was for the business community to yet again express its frustration to the City regarding our inaction on cleaning the area and making it safe. They were right. Members of the Downtown Tucson Partnership have reported regular, daily instances of finding human waste, used drug needles, and other hygienically challenging conditions in and around the park. The businesses and the community members passing by have a right to expect us to manage our facilities better than that.

The City has had a service provider going through and surveying the people at the park to get a sense of their needs. The result of that work confirms that most of the people there will not qualify for housing in one of our traditional shelters. That group is generally made up of people suffering substance abuse conditions – you don't check into a shelter if you're drunk or high. With one exception.

The City had a contract with Central City Assembly (CCA) until last Friday night. They provided a low demand shelter situation in which, as long as you didn't cause trouble, they'd let you in for a place to sleep. We allowed our contract to lapse on the same night

we were telling people in VDA that they could no longer be there, either. There are only so many ways you can squeeze a balloon before it simply breaks. We did that, and I'm disappointed in how this was handled.



Some in City Hall will tell you that the funding ran out. I offered to pay for a 30 day extension at CCA out of our Ward office budget. They cannot claim poverty. Some will also say that the residents who live around the church objected to the shelter. Speak to Pastor Dave and he'll tell you that they've got a good and open rapport with those residents. The real objection was the total lack of communication between the City and those neighbors prior to having extended the contract 90 days ago. That's what they wanted to occur this time so protocols for security and sanitation could be reviewed. It's a totally legit request. Some in City Hall will also say the church didn't want to extend again. That's simply false. Check the CCA Facebook page and you'll see how far from the truth that it is.

Also in attendance at the Thursday meeting were the parents of a young man who had died in the park. They were there to share their perspective on just how complex this issue is. Many of us in the room didn't need the primer, but it was a welcomed piece of the overall conversation. This is far more than cleaning up a park. It's addressing the real human needs of those who are living out on the street among us. Our police saw multiple, daily examples of serious mental illness, drug abuse, violence, and defecation taking place in the park. All of that could have been actionable from a law enforcement standpoint. That fact simply added to the business leaders' frustration that it was allowed to continue until Sunday. But cleaning it out doesn't cure it. That was the point the guy's parents were making, and they're right.

This requires several things. We will bring back for consideration the urban camping ordinance so the accumulation of items in the public right of way doesn't start happening again. I will continue to press the City to renew the CCA contract, but only after having satisfied the request of the surrounding neighbors to sit down and walk through how the area will be protected. We will be meeting again with the Diocese and service providers in the upcoming week. This time, we'll include the business community so they can participate in a solution to funding some of the service provision that our non-profits are struggling with.

What this really requires is a department or a person in City Hall to take ownership of and manage the multiple moving parts of this issue. That's law enforcement, sanitation, coordinating service provision, managing the conditions around shelters, and most importantly *communication* with Ward offices, businesses, shelters, and the public in general.



We cannot manage an issue like this from behind closed doors. My office and I have been getting calls by the dozen for months on this. We've brought the parties together to talk about solutions on multiple occasions. And yet,

we continue to see reports of private meetings being held in which others were framing a response. The people involved have a right and a need to be included in the planning and the implementation of the protocols put into place so we can respond appropriately with our constituents. That has not happened. In a situation like that, nobody wins.

I'm not begging anybody to be included, but I'm also not going to hide how this has been handled. Letting the business community and wider public know of the misguided tactics that have been used might be cause for change going forward.

More *Entertainment* at Tucson Greyhound Park



I might as well get this off my chest while I'm at it, too. On May 13th, another dog was killed while racing out at TGP. In the first race, *Killer Callista* didn't make it to the first turn before going down with a twisted and broken back. She was euthanized by track officials.

If you look at the race results posted on line it says "Poor Effort." Um, she died from a broken spine, folks. She never should have been asked to make the effort.

The dog had come from a long racing career in Iowa. As is not uncommon at TGP, dogs come there at the end of their careers. No longer healthy or fast enough to be profitable for the owners at other tracks, they come here and are run when in reality they should have been retired and adopted out. That's the reason TGP is known in the industry as a kill track. It's the dog racing analog to a dive bar.

If you'd like to see the event, go to trackinfo.com. It will break your heart. Click on the menu item 'greyhound' at the top of the screen. Then go to 'dog search' and type in her name. It'll show you in reverse order the races she was in. Find May 13th at the top of the list, first race (her only one on that night) and hit replay. She's in the 3rd box and drops to the ground within seconds of leaving the starting gate.

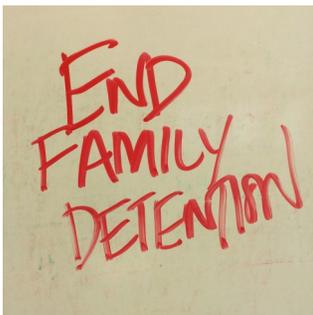
The race takes about 30 seconds. What you don't see in the frame as the race continues is dog track officials dragging her off the track (with a broken spine) so she didn't get in the way of the other dogs when they came around the track to the home stretch.

The owners of this facility aren't local. The City of South Tucson is again allowing the administration of anabolic steroids into the females who run out at the track. The State of Arizona does not tax off-track betting. If it did, this track could be shut down to racing and used as a tax generator by only showing OTB from other locales. The living conditions in the kennels would get you cited by Pima Animal Care if you tried it with your own pets.

There's nothing good about the place, and there's no political will at the State level to address it. I'll join the many who find the operation to be reprehensible and continue to let you know as things deteriorate out there. Maybe it'll someday strike the right nerve – as-

suming any exists in Phoenix – and this'll be addressed properly.

Family Detention Centers



Last Wednesday, we hosted a presentation on the Dilly, Texas migrant family detention center. Jordan Weiner gave the talk. She's a volunteer worker for CARA Pro Bono, a non-profit that's engaged in this issue. Their goal is simply to end family detention. Currently there are several pieces of litigation making their way through the courts aimed at achieving that end.

The CARA in their name stands for Clinic, AILA, RAICES, and the American Immigration Council. Clinic is a group of attorneys who are training volunteers to get involved on the ground at Dilly. AILA is the American Immigration Lawyers Association, a group of over 14,000 immigration attorneys who are also involved. RAICES is the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services. They've been around working on the issue since 1986. The American Immigration Council a nonprofit, non-partisan group working out of D.C. As you can see, CARA is pretty well-connected.

Jordan walked us through the process a woman confronts when arriving at Dilly. It's the same at the Karnes facility in Kansas City, and the Artesia, New Mexico center. These facilities are private, for-profit institutions.

Here's a picture of the Artesia center . I don't have one for Dilly, but based on what you'll read below, it isn't much different.



It's estimated that up to 80% of the women who arrive at Dilly have viable asylum claims. Those are based on gang threats, domestic violence issues, and generally life and limb concerns voiced by the women. We heard several – one example 'every child I have comes from being raped and extorted by my husband.'

The detention center itself is an open facility with zero privacy. The women and their children are stored (for lack of a better word) in the detention facility out in the open view from everybody else while they wait to go through their hearing process. That begins with what's called a Credible Fear Interview (CFI). That's where the woman goes before an asylum officer and makes her pitch. If granted, she gets two minutes on the phone to try to arrange for bond. If she fails, she can appeal to an immigration judge, but volunteer, pro bono assistance is the bottleneck. Fewer than 4% of the women and their families are granted the asylum.

The conditions in which they're making these pleas include family separations within the facilities, significant language barriers, medical needs, and the psychological impact the incarceration has on the kids. As I listened to Jordan's presentation, I wondered how the government and courts were reacting. Since then, I've seen two reports answering that, both

coming from the McClatchy Washington Bureau.

In one of the reports, a California judge is quoted as saying, “children, even with their mothers, should not be held in a concrete block facility built to house adult prisoners.” Judge Gee, a U.S. District Judge, said the facilities are illegal. The ruling is going to remain ‘unofficial’ until the Feds and immigrant attorneys finish their negotiations related to what to do with the women and their kids. I think it’s interesting that the lawyer who made the ruling public to McClatchy was fired after agreeing to be named as the source. The government didn’t want the ruling to come out into public view until they had a chance to figure out how to clean up their act. As in the case of the City and our Veinte park plans, governments like to stay out of the sunlight when possible. Now that the ruling is known, that attorney (Bryan Johnson) said “it’s like, you know we’re negotiating, and we can continue to violate the law while we’re negotiating, right?” You can sense his frustration.

The other McClatchy report noted ‘the release of at least a half-dozen detained mothers and their children from a southern Texas detention center.’ That’s Dilly. And the scrutiny CARA has placed on the site is likely a factor in the release. In fact, a RAICES attorney is quoted in the report, so we know Jordan’s group was involved. Some of the women at Dilly had been incarcerated there since last summer.

I and my office began working on Project Mariposa last summer as the downtown Tucson Greyhound bus terminal was being overrun by immigrant families dropped off there by ICE. The issue has evolved into a partnership with Catholic Community Services to put together a transitional house to help the families as they prepare to travel to their next destinations. I reported a couple of weeks ago that ICE was beginning to bypass Tucson and take the families straight to Phoenix, where the mother would be fitted with an electronic ankle monitoring bracelet and sent to a detention facility. Now we see the courts weighing in telling the Administration that those facilities violate the rights of the women and children. It’s a mess, and we’re committed to staying involved.



On a similar note, here’s a reminder about the Refugee Focus event that’ll be taking place on Tuesday, downtown.

From 4pm until 9pm, the group will present a variety of activities celebrating what the refugee community brings to Tucson. It’ll include free food, music, dancing, arts, and more. It’s a free event, open to everybody.

Join me at 6pm on what used to be the Pioneer Hotel pool site – now an outdoor patio at 120 N Stone – for a presentation to the employers who have stepped up and shown their support for members of the refugee community. In case you can’t make it, those employers include:

1. Kingfisher Bar & Grill
2. La Quinta Inn & Suites

3. Lodge on the Desert
4. Sushi Garden
5. Sweet Tomatoes

Special Recognition:

1. Little Poca Cosa
2. Wheels for Kids Arizona
3. Spring Pedic Mattress Factory
4. Luminaria Home Care

Refugee Focus helps in employment services, but is also involved with case management, English learning training, working through the whole immigration process, and a variety of skills training. I hope you can make it down for a part of the event. They've got a good story to tell, one that stands in stark contrast to the issues surrounding the family detention centers noted above.

Another Refugee Story



This guy's Arnold Mendez. He came to the U.S. from Cuba back in 1962. On Saturday, Lea Marquez-Peterson from the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (THCC) and I joined Arnold, his family, THCC ambassadors, and others in celebrating his 50-year anniversary as a service station operator in Tucson. His Shell station is located at the NW corner of Speedway and Craycroft (5561 E Speedway).

While we were there for the celebration, former UA President Peter Likins rolled in with his wife for a fill up. He told me that this is the only service station he ever goes to – because of the 'service.' I also bumped into Citizen Task Force member Bob Belman who dropped in for a tank of gas. He too said Arnold's place is his first choice. So did Lea's mom and dad, also in attendance. We heard testimonials from other customers who just happened to be there

when we descended on Arnold in the middle of his work day to present him with a letter of recognition. I hope you saw the piece on KGUN last Saturday evening. Thanks to Keaton Thomas for the great coverage.

We often hear 'we're a Nation of immigrants,' and we read about the asylum seeking families now being housed in what the courts are saying constitute illegal conditions. We at Ward 6 will continue to work with the Project Mariposa team, even as we work to establish a team up in Phoenix to assist as we have been doing locally. We'll stay connected with the CARA pro bono work while the court system provides direction to the Feds on how to treat these women and their kids, each of whom have been severely traumatized while fleeing life threatening conditions in their home countries.

More on Rights

We're hiring a new police chief. Our current Chief is retiring at the end of the year. The process we've put into place to find his replacement is to hire a consultant who'll conduct a national search. Included in the preparation of the job description, as well as interviewing

the qualified applicants, will be a citizen panel put together by appointments from the M&C. I've named my two appointees.

Caroline Isaacs is the head of the local *American Friends Service Committee* chapter. *Friends* is involved in issues related to prison privatization, ending mass incarceration, solitary confinement, and the overall impacts of incarceration. I've worked with Caroline on the issue of private prisons and generally on how to better address criminal justice issues than simply hiring a private firm to which we're bound with a minimum bed-occupancy contract and just incarcerating people, thinking that's key to solving crime. We can continue to do law enforcement and crime prevention the same way we always have, but I think there's a broader conversation to be had.

Michael Elsner is a partner at the *Institute for Social Justice*. As their name implies, they're involved in working within the criminal justice system trying to find ways of treating suspects other than simply tossing them in jail. We have an Alternative to Jail court that's under used by TPD. We could benefit by studies on Length of Stay, who's being arrested (simply outstanding warrants? Do they really need to be imprisoned?) and how to supervise low-risk offenders on a pretrial release basis. Michael brings those sorts of questions to the table.

I've named these two people because I believe in the course of hiring a new police chief, we should get an idea from the applicants where they stand on the issue of alternatives to incarceration. The receptivity we'll see from the officers on the street is largely going to be a function of the extent to which the principles are embraced at the top. Now's the time to learn that. I'm looking forward to getting Caroline and Michael's voices into the conversation from the start.

Our consultant team will be here on July 21st to start the process. We expect to have named a new chief by November. The selection comes from the City Manager, with approval needed by the M&C.

There have been some important basic rights-related issues listed so far in this newsletter.



I know we've got some serious reporting work going on related to other similar stories; unregulated behavioral health treatment, the massage parlor questions, human trafficking, more behind the scenes on the greyhound dog racing industry, and likely more that we'll still hear about before long. While I can't engage them all at one time – I am proud of my staff for the work we're doing on those we can.

To lighten things up a bit in closing:

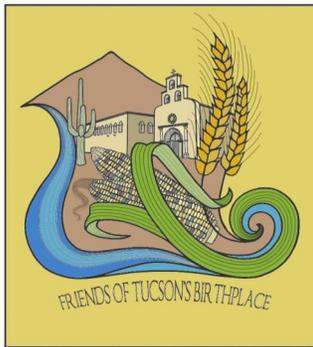
Conserve2Enhance Grants

The C2E Board reviewed several environmental projects and has chosen the two winners for this round of grant funding, all of which is donated by Tucsonans via the checkbox you see at the bottom of your the paper water bill or through participation in the C2E program online (<http://conserve2enhance.org/Tucson>).

The Feldman's neighborhood will be receiving somewhere around \$7K to construct seven water harvesting basins, curb cuts, swales and such along 1st Avenue. These will support native vegetation, watered by stormwater runoff, which will provide good habitat for other wildlife. The project they chose is one that came from the Living Streets Alliance walkability study they participated in a while back. It's good to see them tie that work together with the funding opportunity.

The other winner is the Sky Islands School. They'll be getting around \$5K to build water harvesting basins around their entryway and parking area. Those areas see a large amount of storm water that's now simply draining off the school site and into the wash. By capturing some of it on the property, they'll continue upgrading the on-site habitat work they've already begun. While Amy was out with the C2E group doing the assessments, they saw a pair of red-tailed hawks in the immediate area. Adding to the habitat will enhance those experiences for the school kids.

Good work, Feldman's and Sky Island. We'll be interested in tracking the progress of these projects over time.



Mission Garden

Finally, I'll close with this update on some work going on with the Friends of Tucson's Birthplace (FOTB) group. I hear from their board members from time to time, and the progress they're making is certainly something to share with you.

The project is out on the west side of the freeway, in Ward 1. The FOTB group is made up of Tucson residents who have committed themselves to recreating historic structures and landscapes out in the area where Tucson began. Most immediately is the Mission Garden, a recreation of the Spanish Colonial walled-in garden that was a part of the San Agustin Mission. You can see the Garden at 929 W Mission Lane. It's 4,000 years of time travel, backwards.

Mission Garden is open on Saturday's from 8am until noon, April through November. They change their hours in the winter months. You can call 777.9270 to get information on guided tours.

Sincerely,

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Events and Entertainment

Get your Summer in the City Card

Buy local this summer with a Summer in the City summer saver pass and enjoy discounts during the entire months of June, July and August in six downtown districts. Your saver card gets you exclusive special deals on food, drinks, clothing, retail, books, gifts, shows, lodging, tours and more at over 100 locations. Hop on the modern streetcar and explore five of the participating districts: University of Arizona, Main Gate Square, 4th Avenue, Downtown Tucson, Mercado San Agustin. Then visit The Sunshine Mile on Broadway between Euclid and Country Club for even more savings. Buy your card online or at any participating location. More information at: tucsonsummer.com.

Tucson Juneteenth Festival

Saturday, June 20, 2015, 10:00 am – 9:00 pm

Donna Liggins Center at Manfield Park, 2160 N 6th Avenue

Celebrate the 150th anniversary of Juneteenth, which commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. Celebrations in Tucson and around the country aim to increase knowledge and appreciation of the roles, achievements and contributions of African Americans to our society and pay tribute to this important milestone in our nation's history. More information at: <http://on.fb.me/1LcbVRo>

Brew at the Zoo: Healthy and Hoppy

Saturday, June 20, 2015, 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Reid Park Zoon, 3400 Zoo Court

Help fund the building of a new health center for the Zoo's animals by enjoying a wide variety of Arizona craft brews. Keep a commemorative recycled beer bottle sampling glass, enjoy games and animal encounters, listen to live music in two locations, and purchase pub-style food throughout the Zoo. Ages 21+ only, with ID. For tickets and more information, visit: reidparkzoo.org/events/public/brew-zoo/.

Ongoing

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>

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

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way

“Summer Oasis Series” June through August features special hours, early bird weekends and dog admission.

<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave

www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

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 a.m. - 5 p.m.

"Meet the Trilobites – Arizona's First Inhabitants," the new exhibit at the Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium, features world-class trilobite fossils from around the globe. [http://](http://www.uamineralmuseum.org/)

www.uamineralmuseum.org/

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 11:00am - 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

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 31, 2015, “Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios.”

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu