In 1976, Barbara Jordan gave the keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention. In referring to the Democratic Party, she said this: "We are willing to suffer the discomfort of change in order to achieve a better future."

She went on to describe the difficulty in legislating for the common good: "This is the great danger America faces -- that we will cease to be one nation and become instead a collection of interest groups."

And she framed the challenge of working through tough issues this way: "What we have to do is strike a balance between the idea that government should do everything and the idea, the belief, that government ought to do nothing. Strike a balance."

Please keep those statements in mind as you read the gun safety policy changes we’re going to consider. The pushback from the gun lobby is unpleasant, but is framed by the idea that because we can’t solve every part of the problem of gun deaths, we should do nothing. I disagree.

Continued: A Message From Steve

New TCC Gun Policy

Deadly mass shootings in the U.S.

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Source: Times research *Orlando shooting

And you can add to that list dozens more incidents. Notably, our January 8th shootings aren’t even ‘worthy’ of the Top 10 on the list of American mass shootings. Nothing we do at the city level will solve the epidemic. But ignoring it and waiting for Congress or the state is certainly not going to advance us toward a solution.

Three years ago, we took a step to make this a safer community when we required that any gun sale conducted at the Tucson Convention Center (TCC) go through a background check. When the county hosts a gun show out at the fairgrounds, person-to-person sales can and do occur without any check on the status of the person buying the weapon. We changed that, and since we did, none of the gun vendors have wanted to hold their shows on our property. There’s a message in that about their true interest in the safety of the public.

Here’s some of the text we added at that time:

ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

February 20, 2013

RESOLUTION NO. 22007

RELATING TO FIREARMS; REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR FIREARM SALES ON CITY-OWNED AND/OR CITY-MANAGED PROPERTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
WHEREAS, under the Tucson Charter, the City and its Mayor and Council have the authority to make, adopt and enforce all necessary rules and regulations that help maintain, protect and promote public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, in the 2002 Arizona Court of Appeals decision in McMann v. City of Tucson, the Court further determined that the City of Tucson’s issuance of use permits for the use of its property for the purposes of firearm sales is a disposition of property that falls within its charter authority to regulate and that binding precedent from the Arizona Supreme Court dictates is an issue of solely local concern not subject to the will of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Court of Appeals accordingly concluded that the state legislature cannot preclude the City of Tucson from instituting a system of background checks as a condition for allowing the sale of firearms on property that it owns or operates in the City’s proprietary capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson believe that the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) is an effective tool to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and other dangerous individuals, but that this system is weakened or undermined by the fact that under the federal law the requirement for background checks does not apply to sales of firearms by sellers who are not federally licensed firearm dealers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tucson therefor desires to enact and implement a requirement that all firearm sales that occur on property owned and/or managed or operated by the City, including sales by sellers who are not federally licensed firearm dealers, shall be subject to a condition that the transaction can be completed only in instances where the buyer has first successfully cleared a background check; and

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/
We added language that said if we were challenged in court on that requirement, we’d simply not issue permits for gun shows until the legal question was answered. We weren’t challenged, and the background check policy is in effect.

The murder of twenty first graders and seven of their teachers at Sandy Hook wasn’t enough to get the feds or the state to adopt even a single gun safety regulation. And seeing over 100 people either killed or injured in Orlando wasn’t either.

Our additions to the TCC policy will not solve the gun violence epidemic from which we suffer as a culture. But it will continue to send a responsible message that in the City of Tucson, we will not simply stand by voicelessly and watch other governing bodies ignore the carnage.

Tomorrow, Karin and I will ask our colleagues to join us in expanding the TCC gun policy to include a ban on the sale of high-capacity firearms that are capable of firing 10 or more rounds without being reloaded, and clips and magazines that can hold 10 or more rounds of ammunition. Those weapons are all too common in the killing sprees we see in the list above.

Jarret Loughner, the killer in the January 8th Safeway shooting, used a 9mm Glock, semi-automatic pistol with a 33-round magazine like the one shown in the picture. He was caught while reloading the clip.
The Orlando shooter was using an AR15 -

Neither will be sold at any future TCC gun show after we adopt this policy change.

Will the gun shows held in Pima County continue to allow their sales? Yes, until the county joins us in acting. Will they be sold statewide? Yep, until the state legislature acts. But someone needs to be first, and I’m hopeful that the M&C will say ‘no’ to enabling the sale of any more of these firearms on city property.

Please come and show your support for this vote. The study session will begin at 1:30 PM, but we won’t get to this item until likely 2:30 or 3:00. Wear orange so we know who’s there joining us in sending this message to Congress and the Arizona State Legislature.

**Neighborhood Crime Forum**

We had a full house last Thursday for the presentation on how best to engage the criminal justice system in combating quality of life crimes in our neighborhoods. Seated on the panel (left to right) are Captain Hall and Lt. Holubiak from TPD, Baird Greene and Mike Rankin from the City Attorney’s office, and Barbara LaWall, Malena Acotsa, and Kellie Johnson from the County Attorney’s office. We’re grateful to each of them for the time invested in the meeting.

As I had hoped, the bulk of the meeting focused on the tools available for you and your neighbors to be participants in keeping your homes safe. I’ll list some of those here, and invite you to call the office if you’d like to dig a little deeper into any of them.

*Victim impact statement* – Any registered neighborhood association can file a statement with the court indicating a particular defendant’s actions had a negative impact on quality of life. There’s strength in numbers, so filing as an association carries weight. As a matter of state law, HOAs are not eligible to do this unless they are also registered as neighborhood associations, but individual members of an HOA can of course all sign onto a letter to the court together, which could have an impact on sentencing.

In order to use this tool, you’ve got to make sure your contact information is up-to-date with the city. Filing a victim report will alert the court to make sure you’re provided notice of the trial status so you can go and observe and take part as it progresses.

Only certain types of crimes are eligible for filing this victim impact statement. Those gen-
erally include things such as drug crimes, prostitution, operating a ‘chop-shop,’ and graffiti that rises to the level of being criminal activity (depends on the magnitude of the tagging). This is an important tool that allows your neighborhood to speak with one voice to the court. It can impact sentencing decisions.

**Communicate with TPD** – It’s not infrequent that I hear during police reports at neighborhood meetings people’s reluctance to call 911 for what they don’t feel are ‘true emergencies.’ The answer is always the same. Call. What you’re observing may not look terribly threatening to you at the time, but it might be an important tip the police are looking for while working an ongoing incident. Even if it’s not, your call becomes a matter of record for possible later use.

If you don’t want the police to follow up by contacting you directly at your home, let the dispatcher know that. TPD can call you if you want that form of contact – or if you simply don’t want to be contacted, tell them that, too. Making these calls is also a tool for the police to make contact with a suspect. Oftentimes that alone will send a message that the person’s being watched, and may tend to send them off to a different location.

If you want to report criminal activity and prefer to stay totally anonymous, call 88-CRIME. That number is active 24/7/365. Both the 911 and 88-CRIME calls are of value to the prosecutors’ work in building a case against a defendant. That’s important in making an arrest ‘stick.’ The police can act on probable cause. The courts need a higher standard of proof in order to convict. So call.

**Communicate with your neighbors** – In Catalina Vista, there’s a current and active effort to set up neighborhood watches throughout the neighborhood. Those are important tools. But there are other ways that intra-neighbor communication can be enhanced.

You can sign up for Nextdoor.com and see what your neighbors are seeing. It’s an interactive site that’s more real-time and has a greater reach than phone calls or individual emails. You can also communicate with TPD through Nextdoor. Take a look at their website or give us a call if you’d like to learn how to sign up in your neighborhood: [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com).

Another important intra-neighbor tool is to keep a log of suspicious activity. You can’t see everything and neither can your neighbors, but if you’re all jotting down time, date, and activity information, you can collate the details to give the police a much more complete picture of the activity you’re documenting. Make it as complete as you can – the more information it contains, the more useful it’ll be for investigating, and eventually as court evidence.

**Protect your own belongings** – You can also take action so you stand a better chance of recovering your property in case it’s stolen. Photograph valuables. If items have serial numbers, record them. Videotape items inside your house such as television sets, media centers, computers, etc. Etch some identifying mark on items and make a note of that so you can identify your stuff if it becomes evidence at a trial. You can go online to Leads Online ([www.leadsonline.com](http://www.leadsonline.com)) and check out a tool the police use to track stolen goods. All of these actions are easy, and they’re important ways you can become a part of the crime solution in your area.
One final add to this item. Landlords can all require their tenants to sign a Crime Free Lease Addendum that will give them the right to evict if any criminal activity takes place in their rentals. We’ve got several landlords who do this, and we’ve got plenty who don’t. I encourage all multi-family or even single unit rentals to use this as a way of being a good neighbor, and also simply to protect the landlord’s own property from criminal behavior. In your neighborhood association or HOA meetings, discuss how you might reach out to property managers in your area and suggest they begin to use these tools. Give us a call and we can help you find more information on those addendums.

All in all, a very good meeting. Thanks to the panelists, and thanks to all of you who invested a couple of hours last Thursday to come and take part. The value of the meeting is seeing the follow-through in your neighborhoods. Lots of good tools – only good if they’re used well.

**Pima County – Tucson Commission on Addiction, Prevention, and Treatment**

Last week at our study session, we had an update from the Commission on Addiction, Prevention, and Treatment (CAPT). These are public health and safety issues that also impact your neighborhoods – and potentially your kids.

You’ve likely heard that opiates are currently a drug-of-choice for addiction. The medical community can play a role in curbing that by not knee-jerking prescriptions. Sometimes they’re useful. Sometimes they’re enabling. What we heard last week was that there has been a resurgence in the use of heroin in Tucson. Prescription opioids aren’t as easy to come by and are more expensive, so heroin is back in vogue. According to the Pima County Medical Examiner’s Office, in 2015 there were nearly 200 deaths related to opioid based drugs (largely prescribed painkillers), and nearly 100 heroin overdoses. Those numbers are significantly higher than when I took office back in 2009.

The CAPT report also touched on the impact they’re seeing related to marijuana use, both medical and recreational. ‘Back in the day,’ pot wasn’t nearly as potent as it is today. Young people now may experience much more severe physiological reactions to smoking dope than used to be the case. It’s something for boomer parents to learn about so you can have informed conversations with your kids.

And there’s “spice” – easily available around town commercially and potentially deadly. I’ve taken part in presentations at middle schools related to spice, bath salts, and drug use generally. If you’ve got a youth group who you’d like to hear some straight talk, give us a call and we’ll help arrange a presentation. TPD has some valuable information they’ll be happy to share.

One drug that’s floating around – and that can kill you even by inhaling small amounts – is Fentanyl. It’s another painkiller, but is also being used to ‘cut’ heroin to increase its potency. In 2015, Fentanyl deaths in Pima County went from 17 up to 45. The stuff is so bad that our police officers are receiving specific training on how to protect themselves from contact out in the field. This video is one of the training tools we’re using: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Xi4A8S23Xo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Xi4A8S23Xo)

We issue protective gloves and breathing apparatuses for officers who work in our narcotics
details. We’re also working toward issuing Naltrexone, a quick-acting antidote to narcotics, painkillers, and even Fentanyl.

These are all issues to be aware of when you see possible drug houses around your neighborhoods. It’s not benign, recreational fun like maybe what used to happen out at our ‘boonies.’ Connect with TPD, your neighbors, your kids, and if you’d like help getting these messages out into your schools or youth groups, let us know and I’ll help facilitate that.

Social Host Ordinance
On a very directly related note, tomorrow we’re going to vote on updating our Social Host ordinance. Pima County updated its ordinance last month. Now, we’re following suit.

Our current code prohibits people from knowingly permitting illegal consumption of alcohol by underage people on their property. The current code (TC 11-39) applies to people 21 years of age and older. What we’re voting on would lower that age to anyone 18 years of age or older who allows underage drinking on property that person owns or controls.

Many of you see and hear the effects of large, unruly gatherings around the campus neighborhoods. During 2014 and 2015, TPD issued 189 citations for those gatherings in which one or more under-aged person was drinking. Of those cases, 145 involved people who were between the ages of 18 and 21. This change to our Social Host ordinance will give us another tool to help control these large parties. Expanding the sanctions can only help.

Summing up – we had a very good and informative meeting from the police and the city and county attorneys, and a very educational presentation from CAPT on issues that may impact your neighborhoods, and possibly your own homes and schools. Finally, an upcoming change to the Social Host ordinance will help control unruly gatherings. We have a lot of tools to work with. Let us know how we can help you avail yourselves of any of them.

Our Family 211 Get Connected / Get Answers Program
On a related note, there’s a valuable resource at your fingertips to connect you with social services of all kinds that exist throughout the community. Just dial 211 on your phone and you can get connected with agencies that help with everything from food boxes, to health care, GED classes, and information on domestic violence shelters and substance abuse. The information is available in both English and Spanish.

We have the resource guide here at the Ward 6 office. You’re welcome to come in and look through it. There’s also an online database you can check out through www.211arizona.org. They’re constantly updating that information.

The lady who’s coordinating all of this information is Lora King. Through Lora, you can order your own hard copy resource guide. If you have a business where your clients occasionally sit in a waiting area, the 211 resource guide would be a great addition to the usually dated magazines you’ve probably got laying around the tables. Call Lora at 323.1798 (x260) or email her at lking@ourfamilyservices.org and she’ll be happy to get you connected.
Pet Welfare

Transitioning from people services to pet services – this broken car window has a story.

Kudos to the Pensacola, Florida police officer who broke this car window to remove a little puppy that was locked inside. Florida heat can be similar to ours. Here’s the image of the puppy the officer was saving:

On their Facebook page, the police posted that they’ll “do whatever we have to do” to remove pets from situations like that. Good. And so you know, TPD will, too.

It’s summer. Do not leave your pets in your car when you head off to shop.

Humane Society Pet Disaster Relief Trailer

I shared last week about the ribbon cutting for the new disaster relief trailer the AKC donated to our local Humane Society. Now that we’re seeing pretty regular news reports about floods and wildfires, we know the trailer will be put to good and important use.

Each of the news outlets that reported on the trailer said they’ll be putting 65 dogs inside the trailer. In fact, the trailer is intended to carry emergency medical supplies to disaster sites – not animals.

Thanks to the American Kennel Club, HSSA can now roll into disaster areas with first aid kits for volunteers and pets, bowls, food, muzzles, crates and carriers, slip leads, and a lot of administrative supplies. The purpose of the trailer is to get medical supplies to rescue agencies in the area of disasters. As a part of the effort, HSSA will also roll into the areas with transport vehicles appropriate for transferring lost or abandoned pets from overwhelmed rescues and shelters and bring them back to Tucson for treatment and adoption.

HSSA places over 90% of their shelter animals into loving homes. They provide nearly 7,000 spays/neuters annually, nearly 30,000 low-cost or free vaccinations, offer important educational programs in the local school system, and of course reunite pets with their owners. They’re involved in a major capital campaign so they can move into a new space that’ll even increase their ability to provide these services. If you can help with that, give either Brandy Burke or Pat Hubbard a call over at the shelter – 327.6088.
Tucson Greyhound Rescue

Here’s a follow-up to last weekend’s celebration of the end of live dog racing out at TGP. The event I participated in over at The Shelter Lounge ended up raising over $2,200 that’ll go to Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption to help them rehabilitate the broken animals coming out of the track. Thanks to the Beading Divas who played the major role in raising that money.

On the last night of live racing at TGP, the place lived up to its reputation. A dog that was supposed to head up to Oregon for adoption broke his leg on that last night. It was a compound fracture, so instead of transporting him to his new home in Oregon, SAGA is caring for him here.

Please don’t forget that the local rescues – for greyhounds and for other breeds – will continue to do this important work. Humane Society, rescues, The Hermitage – the work will continue until the community embraces in a much more serious manner than it presently does the importance of spay/neuter.

Construction Updates

First, congratulations to the UA baseball team for their successes throughout the season, up until the very last pitch at the College World Series. Only one team in the country has reason to be more pleased with how things ended up than do the ‘Cats. That’s something to celebrate.

I’ve shared with you some progress reports on the new Academics Center being built on what used to be the UA baseball site. Now that we’re out at Hi Corbett, the space is being programmed for new uses. Here’s what you’ll see if you drive past McKale this week.

That’s the building that’ll house computer labs, tutorial spaces, and study rooms. Just to the west you see a smaller building. That’s an equipment room supporting some cold plunge pools the football team will use after practices. What used to be the baseball field is now serving as a football practice area.

The project will be done in phases, with the pools being ready for football practice in August and the move-in for the Academics Center likely happening during the semester break this fall.

AC Marriott

Below is a nighttime rendering of what the new downtown AC Marriott will look like after construction. I’ll be doing a hardhat tour of the work later this month. It’s such a challenging and tight work site that it’ll be interesting to see first-hand how they’re managing it. Lloyd Construction’s the General Contractor on the project. They worked with me on the Richard Jefferson Gym back in 2009. I know they do good work.

At this early stage in any construction project it’s tough to pinpoint a completion date. AC’s shooting for late next year – which will work well with other new retail that’s
planned for downtown between now and then.

Toss in the upgrades ongoing at the TCC in anticipation of the Tucson Roadrunner hockey team, new retail development that Rio is helping to fund on the west side of I-10, new direct flights heading toward the east coast out of TIA, the opening of Charro Steakhouse downtown, Caterpillar, Home Goods, mixed use at One West Broadway, and work progressing out on the Sonoran Corridor, well…

There’s lots of positive to focus on.

Local Recruiting Efforts

Broadmoor-Broadway Village Neighborhood
The process of securing a National Register Historic District designation for neighborhoods takes a ton of work. Much of it is done by the residents who live in the area. The Broadmoor -Broadway Village neighborhood is at the beginning stages of a historic application and looking for both financial help and people who’ll step up and do some of the research and legwork needed to achieve the designation.

The direct point of contact for the financial part in BBVNA is Rita Toland. You can use their website at www.broadmoorbroadwayvillage.com to make a secure donation. If you can offer some volunteer time to do research, you should contact Ann Pattison at history@broadmoorbroadwayvillage.com. The more help Ann gets on her part, the less Rita will need at her end.

We have several neighborhoods who are considering going through this exercise. It’s costly, but the tax benefits can be significant to homeowners. Volunteers can help BBVNA by getting involved with doing archive records searches in both city records and through online databases. There’s also data entry work to be done. I know both Rita and Ann are well-versed in what’s needed. They can walk you through that, and how you might get your own designation process under way.

Another great resource is our own historic preservation office. To learn more about both the benefits and the work involved with securing a historic designation for your neighborhood, contact Jonathan Mabry at jonathan.mabry@tucsonaz.gov.

Poll Workers – 2016 Fall Elections
The Pima County Elections Department is recruiting for poll workers who’ll be trained up for both the August 30th primary and the November 8th general election.
You’ve seen these folks at polling places. (I hope you’ve been to a polling place.) They help set up the sites, assist voters at the polls, and generally ensure the whole process is conducted with an untarnished level of integrity.

If you’re a registered voter in Pima County and you can commit to both a training session and work on Election Day, you should contact the Elections Department at 724.6830. Depending on what tasks you’re assigned to, you’ll be paid $130 or more. They’re putting the list together right now, so give them a call as soon as possible or the slots may be filled.

Arizona Theater Company

In the past week you may have seen some coverage of the financial need that exists at the Arizona Theater Company (ATC). Two years ago, ATC changed its management group. One of the big reasons was a growing financial deficit. They’ve got a new team in place and are turning that around. But in the immediate term, they have a financial need. That’s this week’s local Tucson item.

The community heroes in keeping the place afloat during the tough fiscal times are Mike and Beth Kasser. They’ve donated seven figures to help, and they continue to play a significant role. But if the ATC is going to be able to commit to this year’s schedule, they need an influx of new cash. The reason is that at this time of year they have to begin hiring cast, set dressers, and the rest of the crew that’s going to be involved in staging the shows. It’d be irresponsible to start that process if they project a loss mid-season.

My bride and I are season ticket holders to their shows. What I’ve shared with the current management group is that they should first solicit us as subscribers to increase our giving. I believe the community values the product and will cover the needs. But they/we need to step up before July 15th or they simply won’t have the time to get done what’s needed in order to commit to the season.

If you can help, you can make donations online at arizonatheatre.org, or by mailing to Arizona Theatre Company at 343 S. Scott Ave, 85710.

Davis Monthan Training Units

A couple of weeks ago I shared some information on the ongoing fiscal troubles that plague the F-35. Some local radio guy lost his mind over it because evidently DM isn’t a ‘city issue’ (???) and even if it is, I shouldn’t be critical of that mission. Well, DM is certainly a city issue, and in the piece I was writing, I was quoting our Senator McCain when noting the trouble the plane was having in design. McCain’s right – the financial mess that covers the F-35 is, to use his word a “disgrace.”
I also ended that piece by repeating what I’ve said multiple times, in multiple settings. That is, the proponents of the base (myself included) need to not focus on a single mission, but rather advocate for multiple missions. Take for example the Air Operations Center we preserved a few years ago when Tyndall AFB in Florida was trying to poach it from us. It’s a valuable asset to the base and to our national defense. I also mentioned unmanned training – a mission that’s already out at DM and one that can grow in support of the base. The Combat Search and Rescue mission is another example of where DM can prosper.

I mention the Search and Rescue here because this week on July 9th we’ll be seeing the arrival of four HH-60H helicopters coming to train. They’ll be here through July 23rd. Some of the training will be conducted during the evening, so you may see some increased air activity late in the day. They’ll follow all of the DM arrival/departure protocols.

The Search and Rescue mission is tied to the close air support you’ve read about that’s associated with the retention of the A-10. Add the boneyard, and there are five missions the base has to hang their hat on and to use as selling points to the brass if talk ever turns again to a base realignment and closing process. And yes, that advocacy can and should exist outside of the fervor some have for a single mission F-35 as the savior of the base. Studies by some pretty savvy folks involved with prior base closures validate an all-your-eggs-in-one-basket approach is a fool’s errand.

Tucson Clean & Beautiful

That’s the Tucson Clean & Beautiful (TCB) logo.

And that’s Joan Lionetti.

The two are synonymous. Tomorrow we’ll be voting on extending the funding agreement we have with TCB. I suspect it’ll be a unanimous affirmation of the value we place in the program that Joan has worked to grow over the past several years. She retired last weekend, and will be missed in her role over at TCB.

TCB has several programs under its umbrella. Many of you have heard of and taken advantage of Trees for Tucson. And you’ve all seen the Adopt-a-Park or Adopt-a-Street signs all over town. Those are also TCB programs. The image shown above is Joan working with at-risk youth, training them in all-things environmental. Add to that work they do in recycling, educational outreach, and special parks projects and you’ll still only be scratching the surface of what Tucson Clean & Beautiful does around the community.

Many thanks to Joan for her tireless commitment to the program. And many thanks to the staff and volunteers who are coming in behind her to keep things moving. I’m closing this
week’s newsletter with this piece simply because after telling of Joan and her work, there’s nothing left to add.

Sincerely,

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

Events and Entertainment

United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona seeks Days of Caring projects
United Way’s annual Days of Caring are designed to help the helping agencies that do so much for others in our community. Whether it’s yard work, a fresh coat of paint or some help with a project, Days of Caring volunteers express our community’s gratitude for all the good that nonprofit organizations, schools and child-care centers do. United Way invites nonprofits, schools and child-care centers to submit the projects they would like to be completed during this year’s Day of Caring – Wednesday, October 19, and Saturday, October 22. Friday, August 5 is the deadline for submissions. To submit a project, go to: www.unitedwaytucson.org/daysofcaring.

2nd Saturdays Downtown
Saturday, July 9, 2016 | 5 pm - 10:30 pm
Congress Street, from Toole Avenue to Church Avenue
Hot Time in the City: 2nd Saturdays Downtown is a family-friendly music and entertainment festival held outdoors and indoors in downtown Tucson on the 2nd Saturday of every month. Congress Street is full of activity from Toole Avenue and Congress Street west to Church Avenue and Congress Street. There are live bands, retail and food vendors, street performers, and much more. Some of the downtown businesses offer specials or may schedule their own entertainment. Many of the vendors and sponsors have prize drawings during the evening. More information: www.2ndsaturdaysdowntown.com.

Ongoing
Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way | www.tucsonbotanical.org
Twilight Thursdays, every Thursday through the summer, 5 – 8 pm

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave | www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd | www.uamineralmuseum.org

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

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St | www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org
Tucson's Birthday

**Hotel Congress**, 311 E Congress St | hotelcongress.com

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

**Rialto Theatre**, 318 E Congress St | www.rialtotheatre.com

**Arizona State Museum**, 1013 E University Blvd | www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

**Arizona Theater Company**, 330 S Scott Ave | www.arizonatheatre.org

**The Rogue Theatre**, The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd | www.theroguetheatre.org

**Tucson Museum of Art**, 140 N Main Ave | www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

**Tucson Convention Center**, 260 S Church St | tucsonconventioncenter.com

**Meet Me at Maynards**, 311 E Congress St | www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too! Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

**Mission Garden**, 929 W Mission Ln | www.tucsonbirthplace.org

A living agricultural museum and ethnobotanical garden at the site of Tucson's Birthplace (the foot of "A-Mountain"). A non-profit educational organization demonstrating the region's rich agricultural history by growing the heritage crops that represent the more than 4000 years of cultivation in the Tucson Basin. Open Saturdays: April through November 8 am to 12 pm and December through March 10 am to 2 pm. For guided tours call 520-777-9270.

**Children's Museum Tucson**, 200 S 6th Ave | www.childdrensmuseumtucson.org