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Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

September 12, 2012



Thanks go out to all of the first responders, health care providers and to those involved with the design and construction of the memorial to 9/11 – many of us know people who were involved in significant ways. It's worth a moment of quiet time.

Greyhounds



The council unanimously joined the majority of the residents of South Tucson in banning the use of anabolic steroids in racing greyhounds for the purpose of performance enhancement or to suppress estrus. During the run up to this vote, the supporters of using steroids on the animals, few though they were, came out hard in the press suggesting that I didn't understand the issue.

The true nature of the "industry" and of the track are reflected in this picture.

As previously shared, the voters in South Tucson passed Proposition 401 back in 2008. It was called the Tucson Dog Protection Act and contained four main provisions:

1. Greyhounds must be let out of their cages for at least six hours per day. (Previously they were in their cages from 22-23 hours per day.)
2. Cages were mandated to use construction material that would not injure the dogs, and had to be at least 35" h x 45" t x 35" d. (previously, no such standards existed – and even the new ones are minimalist)
3. Greyhound trainers can no longer use raw "4-D" meat from downed and diseased animals. (Previously there were reports that meat fed to the dogs came from dead, dying, decayed or diseased animals – some reports indicate that that may still be occurring.)
4. Greyhound trainers can no longer use anabolic steroids to prevent female greyhounds from going into heat.

On Tuesday, M&C voted to prevent the track veterinarian from driving their dogs



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police
Department

911 or 791-4444
nonemergency

Mayor & Council
Comment Line

791-4700

Neighborhood
Resources

791-4605

Park Wise

791-5071

Water Issues

791-3242

Pima County Animal
Control

243-5900

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Planning and
Development
Services 791-5550

Southwest Gas
889-1888

Gas Emergency/
Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus
Hotline

243-7999

Environment
Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

AZ Game & Fish
628-5376

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into the Tucson city limits and injecting them here. There is indisputable proof that he has been doing that.

The harm done to the animals is well documented, and thanks to Susan Via of Tucson Dog Protection advocacy group, Dr. Janet Forrer – Veterinarian, Tim Vanderpool from The Weekly, Clair Doan from KGUN9, and the many greyhound adopting groups who are providing loving homes for these animals, the message was delivered in a compelling way.

I am encouraging the Pima County Board of Supervisors to follow suit and ban the use of these drugs out in the unincorporated areas. The same is true of our partner towns in the region. To be clear, contrary to the claims of the track personnel, this medication is not harmless to the animals. In fact, according to the Veterinary drug manual (like the PDR, only for animals), testosterone cypionate (which is what Robinson was accused of injecting into the animals) is not even approved to suppress estrus in canines by the FDA. It is supposed to be used to treat urinary incontinence and several rare conditions in neutered MALE dogs.

The other estrus suppressors (mibolerone, stanozol, etc.) all state that they should **not** be used in female greyhounds intended for breeding, and that they should be used only after a female is allowed to have her first heat, and should be discontinued after 24 months. They list lots of side effects from prolonged use.

The owner of the track operates out of Florida. The truth is that the money in this “sport” is made from the off-track-betting, not the live racing handles. The gaming industry lobbied hard at the State level to prevent shutting down TGP. As the City of Tucson did with our texting while driving ban, we have shown the Legislature how to do the right thing. With some leadership at the State level, and the willingness to stand up to that lobby, we can send this legal form of animal abuse packing.

One more thing – the manager of the track is saying that the steroids are good for the dogs because it preserves their ability to mate after they are retired. The fact is that TGP is a low grade track, and the dogs they run are generally at the end of their career. There are a small % of them that would ever be considered for breeding. When the dogs go into adoption after racing, they are spayed & neutered immediately. The vast majority go into adoption. Very few go back to breeding especially in Arizona. Breeding is way down industry wide.

This is nothing less than treating the dogs like commodities to be bought sold and traded. Tuesday’s vote was a vote that this M&C should be proud of. Let’s hope other governing bodies in the region follow suit.

Golf



Over the past few months our Green’s Committee has been looking for ways to return the Golf operation to something resembling a self sustaining entity. They’re weighing several options. On Tuesday a gentleman suggested that he has a proposal that will yield at least \$1M net from golf in the first year, and several mil-



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jon Kyl (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman
Ron Barber (D)
(8th District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(7th District)
520-622-6788

Governor Janice
Brewer (R)
Governor of Arizona
602-542-4331
Toll free:
1-800-253-0883

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

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201

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

lions of dollars per year by year 5 after having gone through his management changes. If somebody makes claims like that, it's incumbent on that person to share their pro forma with the decision makers so we can test the claims against reality. I've asked the guy for his data - we'll see how that works out.

How we got to this discussion is that Golf has been deemed an "Enterprise Fund." The City has two other formal EF's; Tucson Water, and Environmental Services. Those departments are charged with earning their own keep, and to do so they take on debt, raise rates, or reduce services.

The assumption has been that because Golf has that same designation, it has the same responsibility to not dip its hand in the General Fund. But the fact is that the General Fund has been supporting the golf operations for years, and now a perceived 'debt' of \$6+M is "owed" back to the GF.

I wanted to test the premise that Golf was pulled aside and told that it had to go it alone. What I discovered is that Golf was first designated an EF back in 1968 when the City purchased El Rio Golf Course. A part of the contract was an interest bearing note that had to be paid back from golfing revenues such as green fees. That cannot be an obligation of the General Fund and so according to a memo I have found "it is assumed that an administrative decision was made to establish golf as an enterprise" and in order to keep things on an equal plane, the other City courses were rolled into that designation.

There was no M&C vote, no formal ordinance change, nothing but a staff led decision to change the accounting designation so the El Rio debt was being paid from operations revenues.

According to our budget document, an Enterprise Fund is simply "an accounting entity established to account for the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of governmental facilities and services which are entirely or predominantly self-supporting." Enterprise Funds are accounting mechanisms and don't necessarily require the "Fund" to be fully self-supporting.

We need to arrive at a way to minimize the tug on the General Fund from the golfing operations. That might include outsourcing management, increasing fees (not a good option when rounds played are already going down,) selling some of the assets, or any combination of those that gets us whole. But on Tuesday I challenged the presumption that Golf "owes" the General Fund multiple millions of dollars. The designation of it becoming an EF never had that obligation built into it.

My preference is to wipe the GF slate clean as far as golf operating debt is concerned, challenge Golf to continue to pay its own debt service (acquired because of capital improvements to the courses), and that we take our time and look at how we might better manage the courses. I think it's wise to give these decisions time to percolate and make changes after having considered all of the options that are in the mix at that time. Forcing Golf to repay an illusionary "debt" doesn't fix anything structurally.

Student Housing at the Warehouse Arts District

In 2007, M&C approved a development plan for some land over at Stone and Franklin. There were "conditions" built into the rezoning of the property, and there was a five year window given to comply with those conditions. The five years is expiring in November of this year and on Tuesday we were asked to extend time for the developer to complete the

conditions out until November of 2017. I did not support granting the extension. The 2007 plan was to build a mixed-use complex comprised of retail, administrative and professional offices, 150 residential condos, a hotel, brewery, restaurants and parking. Last month the developer presented some current concepts that were simply a new student housing complex and some associated parking. Baiting and switching when it comes to development has got to stop in this community. We just saw it in WUNA, and now it's rearing its ugly head again downtown.

There are between 40 and 50 stories of new student housing either going up in the downtown area, or in the case of The District having just opened. More is now being proposed at the Stone/Franklin site. Of course the argument will be that that's the only thing lenders are letting loose of their money for. But continuing to support every student housing proposal right now, while demographics show a demand, may cost us later on when numbers of students begin to decline, or at least stabilize.

I could be wrong, and the student population may continue to increase annually for as far as the eye can see. But the demographics seem to suggest that baby boomers' kids are passing through colleges now and there's less of a cohort coming in behind them. My vote against the extension was based on a few factors:

- a. The proposal we have been shown didn't match in any way the one that was originally 'sold' to the City.
- b. College costs are increasing at a much higher pace than is available funding.
- c. We may run out of 'boomers' ready to take over the spaces
- d. We have lots of 'rooms' under construction right now

I voted to not extend the zoning rules in this case and to move in the direction of terminating the existing development agreement (the one that morphed into student housing) send the property back out for a new Request for Proposals. We can test the current market again and see if we get proposals that better reflect the context of the location, include some much needed retail, and allow ourselves to avoid simply jumping at every student housing proposal presented. What we don't need is to pre-position ourselves to have to figure out what to do with vacant buildings in the not too distant future if the demand curve flattens out for off campus student rooms.

Last July, the County purchased the HUD building that is directly across the street from this proposed new development. There was a legitimate competitive bid on that building from the private sector for uses that would have been consistent with the development plans for the warehouse arts district, would have sent tax dollars back into the revitalization effort and would have avoided our setting aside yet one more building for government uses, effectively taking it off the tax rolls. The County won the bid using their unlimited resource – your money – and the result is you're housing the bureaucrats who will be working across the street in the other building you're paying for (County Courthouse) and we all lose out on the retail opportunities.

Giving into yet more student housing and eliminating retail from the area is not how you build a tax base, and it's not how you build the sense of place we want in the downtown area. We're encouraging people to want to live and work in the downtown area. At some point we have to also encourage some of the amenities that will make that possible; retail in the form of something other than bars, theaters and restaurants.

We have too much unused housing stock in neighborhoods surrounding the UA. It might

make sense to work off some of that before we continue on with more, large student housing complexes. We'll see how that is reflected in the responses to the new RFP.

Noise Ordinance

Under the current Noise Ordinance, construction related noise is exempt. We are about to begin several student housing projects, retail and mixed use work and much of it will be taking place adjacent to residential areas. With that in mind, I felt it was fair to put a tool in place for TPD and residents to call for a time-out during some times of day, and days of the week.

In a nutshell – currently unless you are out in your yard with a decibel meter measuring noise levels, a contractor can work between 8pm and sunrise and on Sunday's without being told to knock it off. The change we have adopted simply says that neighbors or the police should not have to take Db readings in order to claim some R&R in the middle of the night, Sunday's or Holidays. If you're conducting commercial construction during those times, you owe it to be doing it in an un-intrusive manner.

There are legitimate construction activities that need to take place at night – specifically, concrete pours that have to get from the plant to the site efficiently so their product doesn't harden en route. To try that in the heat of the day, and in traffic isn't practical. So, there is exemption language built into the Ordinance that allows for the contractor to advise the City Manager when those pours will occur and give the City a chance to let the surrounding neighbors know its coming.

If you're a contractor working during the new, non-exempt hours and all you're doing is laying carpet, some plumbing, or carpentry inside the residence, and not out bothering anybody with loud noise in the neighborhood, that is not an issue. This is a 'noise' ordinance, not a "let's shut down progress" ordinance.

And you can still work on your own residence between 9am and 6pm on Sunday's, and Holiday's.

This issue came to my attention during the construction of The District student housing project. In the middle of the day on a Sunday, the contractor was blowing-and-going and the neighbors wanted some relief. Sabbath. Day of rest. Under the former language they didn't have that right. Now they do.

The Mint

And speaking of noise, the State Liquor Board approved the liquor license application for The Mint/Wildboys to operate at their facility over on Grant Road.

First, this decision is not a huge shock to those of us who have watched the State Liquor Board reverse City of Tucson recommendations on a pretty regular basis. They know what's best for us up there in Maricopa County. The reason I had tried to get this, and all Tucson appeals heard locally was to ensure our residents have a fair voice in the decisions. Traveling 200 miles, taking time off from work, and all the rest makes it difficult, at best, to attend to the appeals.

Nearly immediately upon "winning" their case, the "Boys" sent out a Press Release announcing that I had joined the Palo Verde Neighborhood Association in a "sting" operation against them. To be clear, the residents have every right to try to protect their neighborhood assets from what they view as a new and intrusive addition. Nothing done in preparation for

the appeal was contrary to their pursuing that legitimate end.

During the run-up to the appeal, the “Boys” filed an Open Meetings Law complaint against me because they felt I should not have discussed the nature of their show at their hearing before M&C. The point of that was simply to show that the description given by the owners vs. what the show actually is were poles apart – that speaks to ones integrity, not a “sting.” They also filed a public records request for all emails, for all of my phone records, and documents used at the M&C meeting at which their application was discussed. Of course they have a right to make those requests, but to the neighbors who are new to this stuff, and who don’t particularly want their personal communications placed in the hands of the “Boys”, it left the clear impression the requests and complaints were nothing more than an effort to intimidate and silence the exchanges between neighbors and their elected representative. Again, that speaks to ones integrity and character.

But their Press Release also noted an interest in working together with me and the neighborhood. We’d all welcome a mutually cordial relationship, one that respects the ambience of the neighborhood from the standpoint of cut-through traffic, parking, noise and trash. We’ll see if the owners were being truthful when they indicated their desire to be good neighbors. I’m ready, as I know the PVNA residents are.

Film Incentive Bill

In an effort to keep our momentum moving forward with regard to the Film Incentive Bill (aka – Jobs Bill) I am pleased to share that at 12:30 on Wednesday, September 19th, the Mayor and I will be joined by Brent DeRaad (CEO of the MTCVB,) Mike Varney (CEO of the Metro Chamber of Commerce,) Shelli Hall (MTCVB Film Office,) and Pete Mangelsdorf (MTCVB Executive Board) for a joint press conference during which we’ll again point out the importance of having the State Legislature adopt this bill ASAP, and the Governor signing it, thereby taking credit early in the next term for moving job creating legislation ahead.

The Presser will be held in the Mayor’s office up in the crow’s nest at City Hall. I’ve invited both print and electronic media, so I’m sure you’ll see some good coverage of the event both that evening, and in the days to follow in the press.

...and remember this Friday (9/14) from 11am – 4pm at the University Marriott / tryouts for “extras” in an upcoming Warner Brothers film that will be shot in Southern Arizona.

\$4.5M FHWA Allocation

From an article in the Star last week, you joined the rest of the Council in learning that the Streetcar project was to receive a cash infusion of over \$4M from Federal Highway Administration dollars returned to the State. The process by which that money ended up in support of that project caused some of us on the council concern.

Upon reading the article, I requested a special study session for 3pm on Friday, September 7th. The request was denied, so I asked that the matter be fully discussed on the 11th. I also know that Karin was equally miffed about the process and had independently requested a review.

Dilbert is a comic that oftentimes reflects some conventional thought worth sharing. In a recent piece, he said “sometimes it’s better if the aquarium owner doesn’t explain to the turtle how the filtration system works.” In the case of this money, Staff was the “owner” – Council was the turtles. We’d like to know how the filtration system works, and whether

or not there were alternative “systems” we could have considered.

On August 17th, the Feds announced they were returning earmark money to the States. On August 23rd the PAG representatives conducted a poll in which they agreed that because the earmarks were for City of Tucson projects, the money coming back to this region would fund Tucson projects. There was evidently discussion about the County getting some portion of the money that was originally targeted to work on Campbell Avenue, but there was an agreement that at some point new County dollars would be redirected back to that project.

The City Attorney has stated that our Citizen’s Task Force volunteers can’t be trusted to speak with one another outside of their formal meetings because they might violate the Open Meetings Law. I asked how the “polling” could have taken place in a way that the PAG representatives weren’t in violation of that Law.

The money started with Tucson projects, and deserves to stay with Tucson projects. The Feds have laid down some restrictions that will guide where and how the money can be spent. We may end up with it going to the Streetcar, but we needed to have a public discussion about options in getting to that conclusion.

Going back to the Star article – without that report, the likely way this would have played out was that in a future update on the Streetcar we would have been told that the FHWA had agreed to allocate some earmarked funds to that project, thereby helping us to fund the shortage that still exists in the project budget. None of the current conversation would have happened, no options would have been publicly discussed and we’d have all thought how cool it was that we got some Federal money to help pay for the Streetcar. The 4th Estate kept PAG honest.

TREO Contract

On Monday of this week TREO sent out a Press Release that said the “municipalities” will be invited to sit at their table without any financial participation agreements being required. They also said that the County will remain a “regional partner”. Here’s the operative excerpt from the Release:

In an effort to strengthen the regionalism approach, local municipalities will no longer be charged to participate in TREO and each local jurisdiction will be invited to serve on the TREO Board of Directors. This includes the following local municipalities: City of Tucson, Town of Oro Valley, Town of Marana, City of South Tucson and Town of Sahuarita. In addition, local Native American tribes and nations will be invited. TREO will continue to effectively interact with and assist government partners to develop tools, programs and policies that are business-friendly and competitive. Pima County will retain its seat on the TREO Board of Directors as a regional partner.

I don’t mean to parse words, but there’s a clear difference between the intended status of the County and the cities. I would remind TREO and the County that every resident of the City of Tucson is also a County resident, and is therefore paying-to-play in this regional effort through the County subsidy.

I would hate to think that this is a buy-your-way-to-the-table scheme that resulted from my having suggested that we not count “projected” jobs in the “jobs created” category. I, along with a couple of the other council members were poised to require specific job creation metrics being drawn into the next financial participation agreement. And we were not going to

count jobs that were hoped for, and that were not yet created. If those requirements drove TREO to this new model, one wonders about the validity of the data we have been being fed in the past.

I respect the members of the TREO board for their success and leadership in the private sector. I also respect the fact that a private sector funded model is the way to go in regional economic development. It makes the Organization less beholden to, and reliant on the various governing bodies. There's one taxing entity being called a "regional partner". That entity collects taxes from us all. TREO announced this new model. The M&C didn't push them out. But we did say we need them to be accountable. They're still operating on City of Tucson residents' tax money. They still need to be accountable.

911 Dispatch Center



The two images you see on that radar screen represent the staffing issues, and on-going vendor issues out at the 911 center.

The vendor at the 911 center for the new dispatch system is Intergraph. Last week I felt it was worthwhile to send a message to our streetcar vendor that there are multiple eyes watching how they're producing. Now that same message is appropriate for the vendor who is sorting through several glitches in the dispatch system. These are not life-threatening, but they are issues that increase the level of frustration and stress for the operators. Both TPD and TFD, as well as I.T. workers are involved in the fixes. Just as was the case last year during another software roll over, the vendor is obliged to invest whatever resources are needed to get these nuisances addressed. That should not require our staff to have to be appealing to get their full support.

Note to Intergraph – regardless of the level of the Tucson bid vs. others you may have, we're not your loss leader and you have an obligation to the safety of the Tucson public, as well as to the workers at the 911 center to fully staff the place and fix your product, pronto.

What about the workers - they get four 10 minute breaks every 2 hours over the course of their 10 hour shift. There is no staffing to allow for a formal "lunch break". They've now lost 7 qualified dispatchers and one trainee in the last 6 weeks, and other veterans of the Center are actively looking for work.

Last week at M&C I raised the issue of management contemplating moving to a 12 hour work shift. There is a pilot 12 hour schedule being considered to begin after the 1st of the year. Since that meeting, I've checked with workers in other, less stressful lines of work about how they liked their 4 on/3 off schedules. Of course they enjoyed the "3 off", and yet they also said pretty much across the board that by the end of the last 12 hour day in the "4 on" they were not sharp and were ready to crash.

Management has committed to working with our front line workers and their representatives to sort through this scheduling issue and come up with a solution that foremost protects the safety of the public, and at the same time slows the loss of workers from this very important segment of our public safety operation.

It's on the radar screen.



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Tucson

Two closing invitations for your participation – both reflecting some of the wonderful people we have in this community who serve out of the goodness of who they are.

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters Tucson group is introducing their new CEO on Thursday of this week (the 13th). Marie Logan will be over at the Arizona Inn (Elm, between Campbell and Tucson Blvd). from 5:30 until 7pm doing some meeting and greeting. Marie brings a wealth of talent, and most importantly a huge heart for our youth to this position. Come on by and get to know her, as well as many of her staff who will also be in attendance.

There will be light hors d'oeuvres (and a cash bar) so please let them know you're coming so they can properly plan. Contact Sylvia Bracamonte @ 624.2447 to let them know you'll be there.

National Recovery Month

Finally, ending on a very good note, we're in National Recovery Month, and on the 29th, there will be a free event out at Reid Park that you may want to participate in and show your support.

In the notice below, you can see the multiple social service providers who are collaborating to make this event a success. They cover an array of needs and it's great to see them combine forces to become one voice speaking on behalf of people in our community who are in a recovery mode, from a variety of behavioral and related issues.

Please consider marking your calendar and stopping by at some point during the expo on the 29th. There is a way you can get involved that meets your skill set, and your time availability.

Sincerely,

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Arts and Entertainment Events Calendar

This week and next week at the arts and entertainment venues in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Friday, September 14, 8:00pm. "Adam Carolla" All ages.

Saturday, September 15, 9:00pm. "Glitterball"

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Saturday, September 15, 7:30pm. And Sunday, September 16, 2:00pm "To Sir with Love"

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave.

Arizona Theatre Company presents "Next to Normal"

Saturday, September 15 – October 6, 2012.

www.arizonatheatre.org

Tucson Convention Center

TCC Exhibit Halls

Saturday, September 15, 7:30pm "Mediterranean Nights Gala Show"

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/tcc/eventcalendar>

Ongoing

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

Ongoing exhibition, Opening Saturday, June 16 and ending September 23:

"100 Years 100 Ranchers: Spirit of the West"

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), 265 S. Church Ave.

Current exhibition: **The AIR Show**

Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00pm.

www.Moca-Tucson.org

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

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

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

The Drawing Studio, 33 S. 6th Ave.

Ongoing Exhibit, Opens September 1 and runs September 29

"Capturing Nature's Light: Landscapes by TDS Associates"

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

Jewish History Museum, 564 S. Stone Ave.

Open Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1:00-5:00 and Friday, Noon to 3:00pm

Special hours for school and group tours, for more information call 670-9073

www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Meet Me at Maynards

A social walk/run through the Downtown area
Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!
Maynards Market and Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Avenue, the historic train depot
Check-in begins at 5:15pm.
www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Tucson Farmers' Market at Maynards

Saturdays 9:00am – 1:00pm
On the plaza at Maynards Market & Kitchen. 400 N Toole in the Historic Train Depot

Santa Cruz Farmers' Market

Thursdays, 4:00 – 7:00pm.
Mercado San Agustin, 100 S. Avenida del Convento

Science Downtown: Mars + Beyond

Open by appointment only
2nd Saturday of each month, extended hours to 5:00pm – 9:00pm
300 E. Congress St.
<http://www.sciencedowntown.org/index.html>

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

www.MainGateSquare.com
www.FourthAvenue.org
www.DowntownTucson.com

Other Community Events**Loft Cinema www.loftcinema.com/**

Wednesday, September 12, 7:00pm. “For the Benefit of All Beings: The Extraordinary Life of His Eminence”
Saturday, September 15, 10:00am. “May I Be Frank”

Arizona State Museum – Woven Wonders (beginning April 28)

The Arizona State Museum is debuting a sample of 500 pieces from the world’s largest collection of South-west American Indian basketry (over 25,000 pieces). Visit www.statemuseum.arizona.edu for more information.

UA Mineral Museum – Ongoing

“100 Years of Arizona’s Best: The Minerals that Made the State”

Flandrau Science Center

Join the Flandrau Planetarium on the University of Arizona Campus for their weekly Planetarium and Laser Show. Call (520) 621-4516 or visit www.flandrau.org/ for events and information.

Tucson Pops Orchestra – Music Under the Stars

Every Sunday night through September 23, the Tucson Pops Orchestra will be having their yearly concert series at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center at Reid Park. This fun, Tucson institution is family friendly and begins at 7:00. Bring chairs and a blanket and enjoy some beautiful music.

Visit <http://www.tucsonpops.org> for more information and a schedule of concerts.

5th Annual Bead Challenge – Saturday, September 15

Sonoran Glass Academy invites the public to their 5th Annual Bead Challenge with Beads of Courage this Saturday, from 10:00am through 4:00pm at the school. Glass artists will show support by making one-of-a-kind glass art beads for children with cancer and other serious illness. The beads and proceeds raised will support the Beads of Courage Program at Diamond Children’s Medical Center. Activities include a bead-making marathon, bracelet making, glass art raffles, and much more. Visit <http://sonoranglass.org/events/beadinspired.html> for more information.



Cinema La Placita Outdoor Film Series presents “Casablanca” including a food drive for the Community Food Bank on Thursday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m.

To view full schedule visit:

<http://www.cinemaplacita.com/>

