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Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

September 24, 2012

Endeavor fly-over



It's not uncommon for me to highlight some of the great things being done at the UA, and the fly-over of the Endeavor last week gives me another opportunity to ring the bell of our hometown major research institution. The Endeavor points to astronomy, optics, mirror casting, spaceflight and how those fields are major contributors to our local economy. And the UA has a significant place in those fields.

The Kitt Peak National Observatory (shown in the second picture) is internationally recognized for its work in the field of astronomy.

Go to <http://noao.edu/> and you can surf their website for hours learning about their work in optics, IR, and more. And the third picture is a panorama of Mars, taken from the Mars Lander. You'll recall

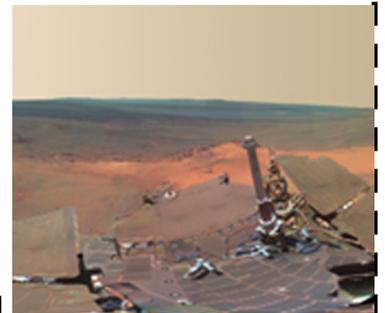
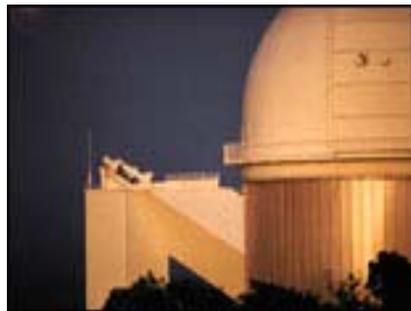
how exciting it was to our local contributors to that program a couple of years ago when we all sat and watched the video of the actual landing. Cool stuff and much of it is home grown.

The University of Arizona is more than our 'Cats on the athletic fields. It is a major driver of hundreds of millions of dollars in research and development that touches multiple fields of study. The fly-over was fun to watch, and the back story is critical to our local economy.

Prop 409 Open Houses

Proposition 409 is the road bond question that will be on the ballot in November. Briefly it asks if you'll allow us to increase your property taxes by about \$3 p/\$100 assessed valuation and gives us the ability to sell \$100M in bonds with that money targeted to repairing our roads.

The City is holding three public forums on the item. Here's the schedule:





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

Continued: A Message From Steve

Monday, September 24, 2012

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Randolph Clubhouse, 600 S. Alvernon Way

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Quincie Douglas Recreation Center, 1575 E. 36th Street

Thursday, September 27, 2012

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Udall Center, 7200 E. Tanque Verde Road

We'll also be hosting a forum at the Ward 6 office at 6pm on 10/15, and the road bonds will be one of the two main topics we'll discuss. The other is going to be a listening session for me and the Mayor on the issue of infill. So, you're invited to any/all of these opportunities to participate in the pre-election dialogue. As you probably know, I voted against placing it on the ballot because it will cost in excess of \$300K to do that, and I think it'll fail as a result of the lack of faith many in the community have generally in local and regional government, including many of the RTA related discussions that you hear going on. But it's on the ballot, so it's incumbent on us to make sure the facts are public so you can make an informed decision. I'm already looking for alternate funding sources to suggest in the event the voters tell us "no." None of them will get us to the \$100M mark that is included in the ballot measure.

Abandoned Shopping Carts

Arizona State law Chapter 11, Article 19 makes it illegal to remove shopping carts from the premises on which they belong (shopping centers, parking areas, convenience store lots, etc.) and it places a requirement on the retail establishment to include identifying information on each cart that tells who owns it, and how to return it (phone number or address, for example). The City can impound abandoned carts after certain time limits past notification of the retailer – but we're not in the business of storing shopping carts and would much prefer that if you are having a problem with seeing them around your neighborhood, please contact the retailer at the phone number that'll be shown on the sign affixed to the cart.

The State law requiring stores to retrieve their carts is based on not only the visual blight, but also on considering them safety hazards. Stores can be fined for failing to pick up the carts, and people can be hit with a Class 3 misdemeanor for taking them without authorization.

The Arizona Food Marketing Alliance offers cart retrieval services. Many local stores already subscribe to this service (Frys, Circle K, 7-11, Safeway, and more) so if you see a cart and would prefer to call that service directly, you can do so at 1.800.THE.CART (843.2278)

I run all over town and see carts abandoned at bus stops on a pretty regular basis. I was unaware of the option of calling the retrieval service until recently, so I thought it might also be new to you - so now we both know.



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>

Datos Tucson

Lea Marquez-Peterson and the Tucson Hispanic Chamber have put together an enlightening document that clearly demonstrates how important the Latino population is to our local economy, and how much of an impact they represent in our school system. Amid all of the controversy about building fences and cutting funding over curriculum battles, Lea has again taken the high road and simply pointed out that what we should be about is building relationships.

Here are some key points that come from the report:

- * Hispanics are the 15th largest consumer market in the world.
- * Arizona Hispanics will purchase \$40 billion in goods and services this year. By 2015, Arizona's Hispanic purchasing power will grow to \$50 billion.
- *U.S. Hispanics accounted for more than 50 percent of the total U.S. population growth from 2000-2010.
- *Arizona's Hispanic population increased by 46% from 2000 to 2010.
- *There are more than 65,000 Hispanic-owned businesses in the state, one-third of which are owned by Latinas.
- *Nearly two-thirds of all new home owners in Tucson between now and 2017 will be Hispanics.
- *From Fall 1998 to Fall 2012, Hispanic students accounted for 87% of Arizona's total student enrollment increases.
- * In 2011, a majority of the state's high school graduates were Hispanic.
- *A majority of the children under 5 years old in Pima County are Hispanic.
- *Tucson Hispanics spent \$251 million on health care in 2010.
- *Tucson Hispanics spent more than \$1 billion a year on food.
- *There are 116, 841 registered Hispanic voters in the Tucson "DMA" in 2012.
- *Hispanics accounted for 48% of all births in Pima County in 2011.

During prime time, here's what the data show Hispanics are watching:

Respective Prime Average Audience		
1		40,100
2		27,600
3		25,100
4		20,900
5		10,000
6		4,200
7		3,300
7 (tie)		3,300
9		800

It's interesting to me that in a State that is so heavily influenced by the Hispanic culture, population and pocketbook, that maybe the single-most divisive issue we have up in Phoenix is based on this significant part of who we are as a community.

Great credit to Felipe Garcia from the MTCVB for his work on cross-border relationships. Credit also to Council member Fimbres for keeping the issue of international relationships on our minds. Mayor Rothschild has made the rounds with key colleagues in Mexico since taking office. We as a council spoke with one voice against SB1070. Look at our key leader-

ship – City Manager, Richard Miranda / Chief of Police, Roberto Villasenor / and in the mayor's office we have Maricela Solis, Business Advocate and Karla Avalos-Soto, Chief Service Officer, both key advocacy positions. Tucson and regional leadership includes Regina Romero, Richard Elias, Ramon Valadez – I could fill the page, but the point is made.

The City Manager is in the process of hiring an International Economic Relations staff person, to be particularly focused on Mexico.

For the October 16th study session, I have asked for an update on that hiring process, as well as a visit from our lobbyist to give us some idea as to how we as a governing body can help in getting staffing up to full levels at our border entry port in Nogales. They have expanded the potential capacity, but if you're at a grocery store with 16 check out lanes and only two cashiers, your capacity doesn't really matter. We are competing for the trade dollars and this M&C take that seriously.

So thanks again to Lea and her co-workers for showing us the data. It affirms the efforts we as a governing body have made to be inclusive.

Congress Street / No Cars Allowed?

A couple of weeks ago the Mayor was quoted as having suggested we might want to consider making Congress Street a no-vehicle area once the Streetcar is up and running. Because it's in Ward 6, and because I'm in that area pretty regularly (try Sparkroot next time you're down there) I've been asked if I am in agreement. In fact, as recently as Friday of last week on Bill Buckmaster's radio show the issue came up. My answer is that it's an interesting idea that requires a whole lot more study before we head off in that direction. One thing's clear though. Pedestrian malls don't just automatically work as soon as you put up a couple of barricades at each end of the street. They take active management.



The picture on the left is Pearl Street Mall in Boulder. The one on the right is the Michigan Street Mall in Battle Creek. Both are very cool, and both share one very significant feature – they're actively managed, and both funded through a Business Improvement District that is responsible for raising money for security, cleanliness, repair and maintenance and marketing/scheduling events. The businesses pay into the BID and with that they gain an active voice in the management of the space. We have a BID, but not everybody downtown pays into it, and there is a need to reassess how the money is being spent – our downtown doesn't look like the pictures, above. To be successful, ped malls have to first be clean, well lit and safe. Without that, they'll fail.

Some issues that all ped malls face are parking near enough to give people a convenient way to park and walk to the site. Also, retail that's an attractive enough destination so people will get out of their cars and hoof it to the area. Some malls have tourist attractions (New Orleans, for example) that bring people down in both the daylight and evening hours. The businesses need that balance. There's a whole lot more to a successful pedestrian mall than just shutting off traffic.

I'm also concerned with the collateral impact on the two other retail nodes that exist along the streetcar line; 4th Avenue and Main Gate. We have to be sensitive to developing one sector of the route at the expense of the others. If any of the three strike me as being ready to consider this, it'd be Main Gate before the other two. Main Gate has the built in student population, and has a head start in the variety of retail that's necessary to make these successful ideas. Then there's the traffic being diverted onto adjacent streets. Our downtown has a lot of government workers. If we double down on traffic north and south of Congress, we may create gridlock and spill over traffic into adjoining neighborhoods. There's a lot to plan for if we were to do as the Mayor is proposing.

Congress Street doesn't resemble either Pearl or Michigan Street. The '60's and '70's pedestrian mall fads generally failed due to lack of active management, suburbanization and failing to really plan ahead on infrastructure and urban design. We can and should have the conversation, but clearly there are a lot of issues involved that need to be worked out before we bring out the barricades.

Tucson Greyhound Park

Did you know that a greyhound accelerates faster than any other animal on earth? In about 3-4 strides the dogs are bumping 40 mph. Many of you have seen me out running and will be surprised to note that even I don't hit full stride at that pace so rapidly.

Since the dogs are so fully extending themselves from a physical standpoint, they are extremely vulnerable to debris on the track, the compactness and evenness of the surface, any divots in the track, and generally have got to rely on the equipment that is used to maintain the track being in top notch condition. Otherwise, they'll be injured.



If the dogs in the first picture were cars driving at 40 mph on Grant Road, we'd be calling TFD for medical support. This can be a contact sport and poorly maintained tracks only add to the vulnerability of the dogs to suffering injury. In the second picture, note the curb on the rail. That's made of a hard surface, most generally concrete. It's sup-



posed to be exposed so the dogs don't run up on it and injure their paws or twist a leg. You can see that in the case of the TGP

rail, it's covered with dirt – a track condition that is noted below as causing leg, toe and paw injuries. And it's a condition noted by the Arizona Department of Racing that went unaddressed for an extended period of time.

I have documents on Arizona Department of Racing letterhead in which trainers and owners of dogs racing out at TGP are registering a variety of complaints about the condition of the track. There are comments about debris the size of golf balls, the fact that the curb at the rail is covered with dirt so the dogs can't see it, divots, hard surfaces and uneven surfaces. There are comments from the ADOR that some broken equipment sat for over two weeks without having been properly repaired, leaving the track in dangerous racing conditions. There are reports of owners and trainers refusing to run their dogs on the track until conditions were improved. The State has guilty knowledge of the situation, the track management has guilty knowledge of the situation, Pima Animal Care Center has known about it, and now you're aware of it, too.

Here are some excerpts from the documents generated by an Arizona Department of Racing investigator:

In speaking with some of the owners and caretakers of the dogs I was advised:

- Most of these issues started about the middle of January and then snowballed since then.
- A meeting was held and issues were discussed. Promises were made but not followed through on.
- The people in charge of the track and/or running the tractor didn't care because if they did, they would get off the tractor and walk the track to determine what needed to be done.
- The dogs were being worked too hard and only resting for two days and should be resting for at least three or four days unless they were running a short race.
- The dirt on and near the inner rail around the track was not being raked and/or maintained and was high in areas and had holes in other areas, causing broken toes on the dogs.
- The track surface was continually changing; sometimes the track was plowed deep and sometimes it was packed hard. Sometimes the dogs ran fast. Sometimes they ran slow.
- The track needs sand, but better quality sand, more specifically, the "White" sand.
- The fast dogs can't run on the heavy sand and sustain pulled muscles.
- The heavy sand results in deep divots.
- They should drag between races and rake the turns.
- The tractor is not driven both directions on the track.
- Not enough water on the track.

...and this

On March 7th, 2012, Chief Greyhound Steward Dan Reinertson, reported that Trainer, Jaci Hale showed him a list of 14 of her dogs that were injured in the month of February. At weigh-ins 3 greyhounds were scratched for being lame. Two more greyhounds were injured in the first and second races. Reinertson conducted an inspection of the track and noted the rail area was hard and the middle area was soft. Track management was told they needed to do something before running anymore races. The teeth had not been changed on the green drag, so they went to the 3 in 1 drag, only to discover the crank for the teeth was broken, but they improvised and switched the direction of the drag, making several trips around the track because only half the drag was cutting the surface. Management was instructed to have the equipment repaired. On March 8th, 2012, Reinertson was advised that all teeth were changed on both drags and the red drag's crank was fixed. The track was more consistent inside to out and even had a better visual appearance. When track maintenance was asked how long the equipment had been broken he replied, over two weeks.

When we drag the infield in baseball games, the technology isn't as intense as putting a Lander on Mars. It's guys pulling a chain link drag around making sure the debris is removed so the fielders don't get bad bounces.

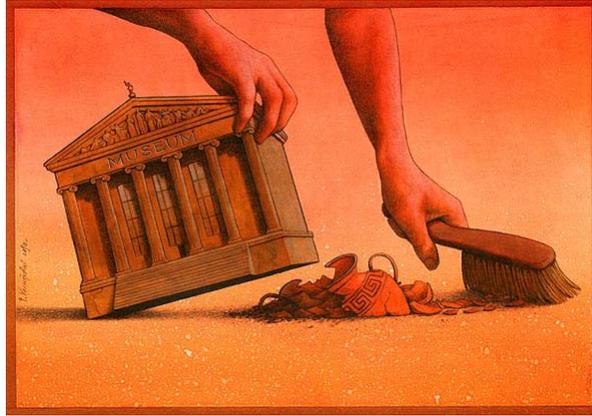


We don't wait two weeks to fix equipment, and we take seriously the health and welfare of the players.

These animals are not some broken down pottery, the condition of which should continue

to be swept out of view of, or by the governing bodies responsible for their welfare.

We're outraged when we see works of art treated with contempt. We should be no less with the Greyhounds. At some point in all of this, TGP may finally become a burr under the saddle of the ADOR. The State has known about these issues since at least 2007. The documents show that some of the trainers at TGP suggest holding the State responsible for injuries to their animals. That would be your tax money.



One person asked why I am poking myself into the "business of South Tucson". When it comes to the registration fees, if South Tucson wants to leave money laying on the table, that's their business. But the purpose of the licensing is to ensure dogs are vaccinated against rabies. Loose animals don't respect the boundaries of city limits. So, yes, I'm concerned that TGP and Pima Animal Care Center (who we fund at nearly \$3M per year) is making sure every dog in their control has been properly vaccinated. As to my concern over the track conditions, I guess I'm guilty of simply giving a rip about the welfare of the pups. That's not a jurisdictional issue. It just matters at a human level.

Let me give some credit to Nancy Young Wright for having led on this back when she was in the legislature. She, along with then Senator Aboud wrote the first "uncoupling" bill. That would have allowed Off Track Betting to occur without the need for live racing. It was hijacked by some folks in the legislature who were taking some heat from gaming lobbyists. Finally, Senator Regan took the bill and ran with it. That was important because Regan was a Republican, so the effort had bi-partisan support. Not enough. They ended up just passing a bill that put a lower limit on how many live races have to be run. That was to protect Off Track Betting, and nothing more. As a result, TGP still runs the dogs, and the owners/trainers still report fractured legs, broken toes, dogs pulling up lame and they intermittently refuse to inflict the track on their animals.

You've seen the letter I gave to the Board of Supervisors asking that they join us in banning steroids. They've decided to study the issue with a couple of committees. There may be a whole lot more money due to the City of South Tucson. That opinion is being tested. Their Mayor and Council may get interested when the amount due is shown to them. That part of this really is their affair. Given some close relationships in some of the offices, I suspect there won't be much trouble with South Tucson's governing body communicating with the Board of Supervisors.

But the condition of the track is something the State should have been on top of all along. I've got this letter in the in-box of the ADOR Director:

From: Steve Kozachik [Steve.Kozachik@tucsonaz.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2012 3:07 PM

To: Bill Walsh; Cassie Goodwin; Daniel J. Reinertson, CPM; David Smith; Hthompson@azracing.gov

Subject:

Dear Mr. Walsh, et al;

As you are aware, over the past several weeks, issues surrounding the Tucson Greyhound Park have surfaced. In response to evidence that a veterinarian hired by the track was driving dogs into the City limits and injecting them with steroids, last week the Tucson City Council adopted a ban against the administration of anabolic steroids within our City limits. Management of the track has vowed to simply move that operation out into unincorporated Pima County. I have requested that the County Board of Supervisors follow our lead. Your office should be aware of how track management views the law.

I have recently received numerous reports from trainers and owners relative to track conditions, and to the use of performance enhancement supplements out at the track. You are aware of the supplements as early this year your office confirmed such at the park during races that took place in January. No formal action was taken against the owner, but a trainer was temporarily sanctioned. Questions as to 'doping' continue to be raised on a regular basis, as recently as last night.

In mid-year, the track shut down for a day in order to repair track conditions that were implicated in 7 broken legs during a one week period of time. The repairs were minimalist, and injuries continue to be reported.

The purpose of this email is twofold:

a) Doping"- What is your office doing to monitor, and in fact sanction owners/trainers who are found to have used illegal supplements in their dogs? How many dogs does your office test per week? How is track management held accountable for policing that practice? Testimony is available that your staff is aware that this is occurring, but has not acted. A very simple review of race results can easily lead one to the suspect animals.

b) Track Conditions - Please immediately fax to my office (520.791.3211) injury reports and associated comments for this calendar year. What oversight does your office provide to ensure track conditions are maintained at a safe and acceptable level?

OTB handles are way down, presumably because people have lost faith in the integrity of the track and the oversight related to supplements. Reports are that dogs being sent to race at TGP are diminishing in number, presumably due to track conditions and the concerns shared by owners/trainers over potential for injuries. I look forward to your cooperation in following up on these serious allegations.

Thank you.

Steve Kozachik
Tucson City Council, Ward 6

If track management is really going to stop administering steroids and get rid of the female dogs from their racing cards, then that process has got to be handled in a way that prevents the possibility of dog fights and injury. Arizona Department of Racing regulations clearly spell out that female greyhounds who are in heat must be kept separate from males and may not race. From R19-2-309(M)(6), R19-2-316(A)(13). R19-2-325(A)(6): "Females in estrus shall not be housed with racing dogs or males except for breeding purposes." If TGP in fact stops the steroids without having made adequate provisions to segregate the dogs, hundreds of the greyhounds will be in heat and there will be a danger to the dogs and the employees at TGP if provisions are not being made to segregate them before this happens.

I have offered the track assistance in adopting out any of the females, or any of the males

who they're retiring. We'll see what the State does with the injuries and track conditions.

Plan Tucson

The City is required by the State to put together a document that we're calling Plan Tucson. It documents our general vision as to how the City will grow in a variety of areas. Those include land use, transportation, and other related areas that will necessarily be impacted by the policy decisions we make over the next decade. My honest opinion is that this State mandated report is a waste of staff time, and by extension your tax money. But the Legislature requires it, so we're doing it.

A part of the process of putting this Plan together is to receive your input. To that end, the City is hosting a series of community workshops in which staff will describe our process and solicit your input. Those workshops will eventually culminate in the final Plan which will go before the voters in November of next year for final approval.

If you would like to attend one of the workshops you can let the folks who are presenting them know by sending an email to plantucson@tucsonaz.gov. They'll want your name, affiliation and the date of the workshop that you're planning to attend. That's in order to make sure staff has a sufficient amount of material on hand for the facilitators and participants.

Here's the workshop schedule:

Friday October 5, 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Community Resources Center, Sentinel Building
320 N. Commerce Park Loop 85745

Saturday October 6, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
El Pueblo Regional Center, Building 9
101 W. Irvington Road 85714

Monday October 8, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Westside Police Service Center
Multipurpose Room
1310 W. Miracle Mile 85705

Wednesday October 10, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Palo Verde High School, Cafeteria
1302 S. Avenida Vega 85710

Saturday October 13, 9:30 - 11:30 AM
Police Midtown Substation
Multipurpose Room
1100 S. Alvernon Way 85711

If you have questions about the Plan, or about the workshops in general you can either email the folks at the address I gave above, or just call Rebecca Ruopp @ 837.6973. If you're asking about accessible accommodations or materials, or foreign language issues, your contact is Becky Flores @ 837.5013. You'll need to give them at least 5 days' advance notice if you're going to ask for TDD support.

Tucson Arts Brigade

Our friends Michael and Jodi have moved their offices into the Historic YMCA over at 3rd and 5th. On Friday of last week they hosted an open house to show off the place, and to in-

vite people to jump on board with their work. I was honored to attend, and was joined by Supervisor Richard Elias in making some welcoming remarks. Karin's also a big supporter of the TAB and she was there to show that support.

We have a graffiti problem in this City that is costing us millions of dollars annually. And it is getting demonstrably worse. Groups like the neighborhood coalition that has been meeting to study the issue from a variety of angles are essential to our looking at the problem from some out of the box ways. The Brigade joins them in offering some new ways of possibly tackling the problem. Those include working with the courts and engaging some of the taggers who have been prosecuted to participate in diversion under the oversight of the TAB staff. The proposal has hurdles to cross, but we're at the point now where we would be short sighted if we didn't at least explore possibilities. That's what both the citizen's group and TAB are bringing to the table.

If you'd like more information about their work, you can contact the Tucson Arts Brigade at tucsonartsbrigade.org – or call 623.2119.

Wal-Mart and El Con



Close to the 50 year anniversary of El Con's original hanging of their historic/iconic sign, they will unveil its renovated replica. It'll go about 300' to the west of Chick-fil-A, on Broadway. If you've been around here for a while, you'll probably remember this:

Jude Cook is involved with this renovation project, as he was along with Mike Addis for the signs recently reproduced over by the Pima Community College downtown campus. The date for the lighting is still not firmed up, but it'll be around early December. I love the old signs and look forward to participating in the event.

That's the good news. The not so good news is that despite at least 6 attempts to get a return phone call, text or email from the Wal-Mart folks, they've decided that community partnering isn't something they're interested in engaging with respect to the El Con store. When you have groups in litigation and hosting multiple web sites where you see images such as this –

one would think the management of the store would at least work towards defusing the tension. That has not been the case.



Permits for the store are being pulled later this week. The project plans have all been approved. There is nothing illegal about the store. It is scheduled for opening around October of 2013.

Wal-Mart has been asked to accommodate a few concerns raised by the surrounding neighborhoods. One in particular that had a reasonable solution was to relieve the middle-of-the-night traffic on the west side of the store (immediately adjacent to the homes) and divert the ingress/egress over onto the mall side (on the east.) El Con management requested that Wal-Mart install some doors and cash registers on the east side so the place is more acutely tied in with the rest of the businesses in the mall. While Wal-Mart complied with that request, they have as yet not even replied to my request that they compromise and open only that side of the store for customers during the middle of the night.

I'm fully aware of both sides of the pro/con Wal-Mart in El Con issues. They have every right to open. They've won in court. They're about to break ground. And they could make this simple management decision that would show they cared about some of the concerns that have been raised. It'd cost them not a penny.

I haven't had any luck in getting their local guy to reply, so if you're inclined, here's his name and email address: Joshua Phair –joshua.phair@wal-mart.com . Getting an answer is a different story.

The new sign will be cool.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
ward6@tucsonaz.gov

National Night Out in Ward 6 – October 2

Palo Verde Neighborhood, 6:00 – 8:00pm

Garden District Neighborhood, 6:00 – 8:00pm

Blenman Elm Neighborhood, TBD

Feldman's Neighborhood, 6:00 – 8:00

League of Women Voters Candidate Forums:

- Monday, October 1, 6:30pm. TUSD Governing Board, YWCA 525 Bonita Ave.
- Thursday, October 4, 6:30pm. Corporation Commission, Temple Emanu-El, 225 N Country Club
- Tuesday, October 9, 6:30pm. District 3 Congressional Forum. Pima Community College's West Campus, 2202 W. Anklam Rd.

Trees for Tucson – Tucson Clean and Beautiful

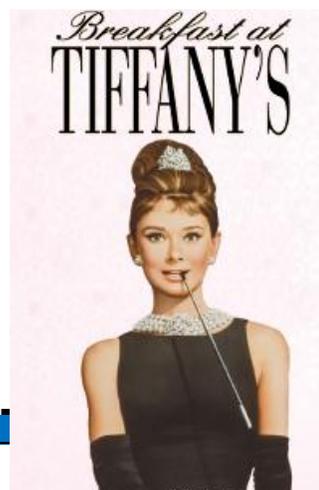
Tucson Clean and Beautiful is kicking off their Trees for Tucson drive. TEP customers can request low-cost, desert-adapted trees for \$8 each. Varieties include Velvet Mesquite, Desert Willow, Blue Palo Verde, and Red Push Pistache. Visit www.treesfortucson.org for more information and an application form, or call (520) 791-3109.

Cinema La Placita Outdoor Film Series

presents "Breakfast at Tiffany's"
on Thursday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m.

To view full schedule visit:

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



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.

Monday, September 24, 8:00pm. "Beach House"

Wednesday, September 26, 8:00pm. "Sean Paul"

Thursday, September 27, 8:00pm. "The Lumineers"

Friday, September 28, 8:00pm. "Kickoff for 'State Out of the Union: AZ and the Final Showdown Over the American Dream'"

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Friday and Saturday September 28 & 29, 7:30pm. "In the Heat of the Night"

Sunday, September 30, 7:30pm. "Mary Chapin Carpenter"

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

Ongoing

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

Ongoing exhibition, Opening Saturday, October 6 and ending January 20:

"Barbara Rogers: The Imperative of Beauty, A Fifty-Year Retrospective"

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

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

Current exhibition: **The AIR Show**

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/

Tuesday, September 24, 7:00pm. **“Bidder 70”**
Sunday, September 30, 12:00pm. **“The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.”**

El Rio Theatre Project Presents: The Taming of the Shrew

Please join El Rio Theatre Project in their Sixth annual Shakespeare in the Park, with a presentation of The Taming of the Shrew. Performances are scheduled for September 21-23, 27-30, and October 4-7 and start at 7:00pm each night. It will be held at the Himmel Park Outdoor Amphitheater (1000 N Tucson Blvd.). This is a free event but a \$5 donation is encouraged. Bring your blanket and a picnic and enjoy this fun annual event.

This Friday, September 28, at 6:00pm, join the Society for Creative Anachronism for a Middle Ages Demonstration. Also, at 6:30, meet the El Rio Theatre Cast before “The Taming of the Shrew.”

Architecture on Wheels 2012 – September 30

On September 30 at 8:00am, join the Living Streets Alliance and the American Institute of Architects for Architecture on Wheels. This fun event explores the architecture of several historic downtown neighborhoods and guided by local experts. There will be three guided bicycle tours and one walking tour focusing on buildings constructed in or before 1912. This event is free and starts at The Historic Train Depot (400 N Toole Ave.). For more information visit <http://www.livingstreetsalliance.org/2012/08/architecture-on-wheels-2012/>