

## Ward 6 Staff



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Council Member



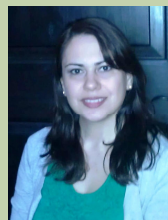
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# Ward 6 – Newsletter

JANUARY 25, 2012

## A Message from Steve

### **Gem Show Golf Tournament**

The Gem Show is about to hit town again, and while most people who are familiar with it know about buying rocks of various sorts, (apologies to the purists) what is less well publicized is the fact that local charities are the beneficiaries of our hosting the event.

The AGTA has been contributing to the Officers Torch Run for Special Olympics in Tucson since 1981 through proceeds raised in their golf tournament. Here's a link to learn more about participating in it:

[http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/2-25-12coyote\\_classic.pdf](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/2-25-12coyote_classic.pdf)

For the past sixteen years, AGTA members also make individual donations each year and they have contributed between \$10,000 and \$20,000 annually to Special Olympics, depending upon the success of the tournament. The event is open to anybody who simply wants to help to support the kids.

Check out the link and if you have any other questions, call Skip Woodward at (520) 444-1900. He introduced AGTA to the charity thirty one years ago.

### **CAP Water Resource Fee**

When I can open a newsletter with a pair of win-wins, it's a good thing.

In 2007, in an effort to provide for the costs associated with recovery of future CAP water rights associated with future water connections from new development, the City implemented a CAP Water Resource Fee (CWRF). It's based on the size of the meter – assumed to be tied in with the amount of water that would be used by future development. The fee is a one-time charge to new development assessed on the size of the new metered connections.

The fee is not for the recovery of construction costs. It is a fee related to the recovery of acquisition of rights to future allocations. It's paper in the bank, not the actual purchase of "wet" water itself.

The continuing conservation ethic reflected by all of you, as well as new efficiency elements built into new development have worked together to decrease our



### 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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anticipated costs associated with the CWRF. So, on Tuesday we adopted a *reduction* in those fees, the first such reduction since their implementation back in 2007.

The reductions are incremental, ranging from \$207 to \$200 for 5/8" meters, and increasing to more sizable reductions as meter sizes increase – topping out at a \$1,500 reduction for 12" meters. We hear a lot about how we nickel and dime ratepayers with fee increases. This reduction is giving back some of those coins and rewards you all for conserving our precious water supply.

We also adopted a reduction in what is called the System Equity Fee, first adopted in 2003 at a cost of \$1,416 for a 5/8" meter and most recently being increased to \$1,577 for that same sized meter. It's a fee that covers the cost of previous investment in the system infrastructure since much of that is paid through debt that we're still paying off. The fee is a "buy-in" fee that requires new customers to jump on board and help fund existing system facilities at the same nominal rate as existing users.

Taking into consideration factors such as changes in the rate of debt service, and reductions in our need to provide peak delivery capacity (again, your conservation efforts) resulted in a drop of nearly 17% in the fee. In fact, the fee will now be less than it was nearly a decade ago when it was first implemented (\$1,311 for a 5/8" meter). The same comparison as with the CWRF rates, the new fee for a 12" meter will decrease by over \$57,000.

Our Tucson Water staff is working hard to make up for lost ground in terms of staffing reductions and aged infrastructure that has had some unfortunate collateral results. The issues they're working hard to resolve with respect to individual customer charges highlight the need to continue to invest in the system infrastructure. As for TW staff, they deserve credit for their work in continuing to promote conservation and investing in our system and future allocations, all with the net result of our being able to reduce the costs passed onto our customers.

### **Pima County Community Land Trust**

More good news to begin with. If you are interested in buying a remodeled, energy-efficient home in Pima County but don't think you can afford it, the Pima County Community Land Trust might be able to offer you some assistance that you may not be aware of.

Some of the selling features to prospective buyers include:

- Only \$1,500 out of pocket.
- You can earn as little as half the area median income.
- The financial assistance can reduce your mortgage to 80 percent of the home's appraised value.
- Your monthly housing costs, including utilities, may be contained to no more than 35% of your monthly gross income.



### Important Phone Numbers

Senator John  
McCain (R)  
520-670-6334

Senator Jon Kyl (R)  
520-575-8633

Congresswoman  
Gabrielle Giffords  
(D)  
(8<sup>th</sup> District)  
520-881-3588

Congressman  
Raul Grijalva (D)  
(7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.azleg.gov)

Mayor Jonathan  
Rothschild  
791-4201

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

We keep hearing that the economy is on a slow rebound. If you find yourself on that modest uptick and want to look into home ownership, you can find out more about the Pima County Community Land Trust at an information session on Thursday, January 26, 2012, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Pima County Housing Center, 801 W. Congress St. The informational session is co-sponsored by the City of Tucson and Pima County.

The Community Land Trust is also inviting the public to attend its Open House Tour of 12 homes on Saturday, January 28, 2012 from noon to 5 p.m. If you'd like a test drive, you can visit <http://pimacountycommunitylandtrust.org/> for more information.

### State Legislation

Four bills to report on this week. They're now up over 900 pieces of legislation dropped since the start of the session.

#### SB1170

We used to have a thriving film industry in and around Tucson. Many of us who have lived here since the '70's or earlier remember those days. For the past two sessions, the State Legislature has introduced, but failed to adopt bills that would incentivize a resurgence of that industry. They're trying again, and based on my conversations with several members of the local film industry, if it doesn't get adopted this time, we may simply have to fold our film production tents and watch the work end up in New Mexico and Texas.

SB1170 would provide for a 20% tax credit on production expenses for films with preapproved costs in excess of \$250,000. We're not trying to attract You-Tube caliber films, but those that will provide jobs and refocus the industry on our locale. This bill has sponsors ranging from Al Melvin to Steve Farley and it has a chance. If you are so inclined, a note of support may help.

#### HB2570

On the thumbs down side of the ledger, HB2570 would require no fewer than three "Public readings on three separate days" by a public body before passing any ordinance or other form of legislation.

I'm all for public process and being inclusive with respect to allowing multiple voices into a discussion, but this one strikes me as being bureaucratically onerous. We advertise and conduct public hearings in accordance with our Charter obligations. For the State to extend that out to three times on three different days for any new ordinance seems like somebody's attempt at political grandstanding. I'm open to input as to why this level of change is needed, but thinking through it, nothing compelling has jumped out at me.

#### HB2647

As a follow up on HB 2647, relating to the Rio Nuevo statutes, recall from last newsletter that it was introduced the morning after we were briefed on the Downtown Tucson Initiative. We were told that there was a need to drop the bill quickly in order to get it in under the Legislatively imposed deadline. I suggested that it would be wiser to work through the details, include the Cities voice in the crafting of the legislation and take our time. There was no need to rush. A "7-bill introduction limit" was imposed in the House of Representatives at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12. Up until that time, representatives were free to

introduce an unlimited number of bills, memorials and resolutions. After that time, and until 5:00 p.m. on Monday February 2, House members were allowed to introduce up to seven new measures. In addition, the option of a “striker amendment” always allows for bills to be dropped onto technical corrections until the end of the session. They couldn’t/didn’t wait, and now we have a bill that contains significant errors and issues that will need resolution.

One quick example – there are several. The bill, as it was written, allows for a ten year “exemption” from sales tax on any property improved over 50% of it’s “original value” within the City limits. Their goal was to provide incentives for development within the Rio District. They overshot the mark and instead now have language that exempts all State Sales taxes, city-wide for ten years on that development. That cuts out the State receipts, and by so-doing it reduces the TIF that Rio needs for debt service and other projects (if they were ever to engage in any). It exempts the State tax but not local taxes. Clearly, that was not their intent. But they were in a hurry.

They rushed it, and again they blew it – just as they did with the 2009 changes to the Rio language. TIF dollars are theoretically aimed at catalyzing new construction within the District, which leads to more State Sales tax receipts and allows the District to take on more development. The way this bill was drafted erases that possibility.

Back in December of 2010, Rio was sent a letter by several members of the Legislature that told the Board to refrain from coming to any agreement with the City on terms of a new and forward looking relationship. The authors of that letter were Vogt, Proud, Gowan, Melvin, Antenori and Williams. The bill sponsors for this new Rio bill are: Representatives Vogt, Proud, Gowan, Melvin Antenori. Stevens, and Griffin.

We were assured that some of those names were not involved with the DTI draft. In fact, they were sponsors. The impact of both the 2010 letter and the poorly written HB2647 is to hamper our ability to move forward in our relationship with Rio.

We cannot create jobs, but we can create an environment in which the private sector can thrive and jobs are the result. Please take the time to let the people who seemingly are intent on thwarting that effort know that we want to move forward and quit living with our eyes focused on the rear-view mirror.

#### *HB2656*

Finally, HB2656 relates to the County Bond process. Before we get too far away from thinking of bill sponsors, this one is sponsored by Vogt, Proud, Gowan, Melvin, Antenori, Stevens, Griffin, and Williams (also Judd, Smith, and Shooter). There’s a striking similarity to the Rio Nuevo bill cited above and to the letter drafted suggesting Rio not come to terms with the City.

This bill changes the way in which County Bonds are handled. It is targeted at Counties with populations between “900,000 and 1.5M.” Here are Arizona's 2010 county populations, with growth percentages since 2000, as reported by the Census Bureau:

**Apache:** 71,518 (3%)

**Cochise:** 131,346 (11.5%)

**Coconino:** 134,421 (15.6%)

**Gila:** 53,597 (4.4%)

**Graham:** 37,220 (11.1%)

**Greenlee:** 8,437 (-1.3%)

**La Paz:** 20,489 (3.9%)  
**Maricopa:** 3,817,117 (24.2%)  
**Mohave:** 200,186 (29.1%)  
**Navajo:** 107,449 (10.2%)  
**Pima:** 980,263 (16.2%)  
**Pinal:** 375,770 (109.1%)  
**Santa Cruz:** 47,420 (23.6%)  
**Yavapai:** 211,033 (26%)  
**Yuma:** 195,751 (22.3%)

Look closely at how many Counties are subject to this proposed law...tick-tock-tick-tock...ding – The answer is One. Pima.

Ok, so what does the bill do? It sets up a new bond committee comprised of a member of the Board of Supervisors and one from any incorporated City or Town that has any part of its jurisdiction within Pima County. Then, it gives equally weighted voting to each of those jurisdictions on bond matters. That means Sahuarita, Marana, Oro Valley, South Tucson, Tucson and the Board of Supervisors would each have the same voice with respect to how bond packages are handled.

First let me remind you of my recent complaints about how bond money is moved around from project to project. I had a meeting with County Administrator Huckelberry, the Chair of the Bond Advisory Committee Larry Hecker and City Manager Miranda to discuss that topic, and I'm confident that when we revisit the discussion of the City/County Courthouse project we'll see the deal terms reflect a more consistent accounting of project funds' movement.

In that meeting, I was quite clear in suggesting that if we are not more transparent and clear in how we put bond packages together, and how we move your money from project to project, you will have a right to refuse to support those bond proposals in the future. I'm not walking away from that principle. The rules that are currently in place, while not perfect provide a greater level of control over that than the proposed process in this bill.

There are two additional issues surrounding HB2656 that must be pointed out. First, it is yet another bill that targets only Pima County. I'll let you go back and look up some of the comments made in the Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> Star article used by the sponsors to justify doing that. I'm concerned with the bond issuances, and yet I'm equally, or more concerned with how this legislature continues to target this region as a "Democrat bastion." Enough with the partisanship, already.

Also, when we were considering moving Sun Tran operations to the RTA, and in every RTA / PAG issue about which I've written since then, I have consistently raised the issue of how the voice of Tucson residents deserves to be weighted more highly than that of the much smaller surrounding jurisdictions (that goes for our voice on the current Bond Committee, as well). You are 57% of the County population and 41% of the tax base. Your voice should carry that level of weight, not a level equal to that of Sahuarita.

So, it didn't take long into this session to see yet again that our region is going to have to



fight for the rights of our residents. Whether it's how Rio Nuevo is allowed to take on greater powers over your checkbook, or how our voice is made equal to that of tiny jurisdictions in Pima County, it's clear that the agenda has not changed with the start of this new session.

### **Rules of Conduct at Council Meetings**

Last fall we had a series of incidents at council meetings that prompted us to review the rules of decorum expected of everybody in attendance. On Tuesday, we adopted some new language to reflect those expectations.

First, 99% of those who come and take part with us will never be affected by the new rules. They already comply. What we did was to focus the language related to propriety. Our new rule gives the Mayor the authority to stop the meeting and have people removed from the premises if their speech becomes profane, obscene, defamatory, threatening or their conduct is disruptive to the orderly process of the meeting. Everybody who comes to our meetings, or who watches from home has a right to demand from us that we conduct public policy meetings in a way that excludes that sort of behavior.

Our meetings should not be a free-for-all. I was glad to join my colleagues in making these changes.

### **Group Dwellings**

We held a public hearing on Tuesday related to how we control the unwarranted growth of Group Dwellings in residential areas. Mini-dorms have popped up primarily in the neighborhoods surrounding the University. To date, they have been built within the allowed parameters of the Land Use Code, with unacceptable results.

Several months ago, the Zoning Examiner responded to complaints related to a particular builder and how his properties were being used. The findings ultimately led to last Tuesday's public hearing.

The brief background is that the ZE findings ruled that the residences about which the complaints were filed violated R1 "use" conditions. There were criteria such as access to common areas, how the leases were drawn up, how the rooms were keyed, and more.

In an effort to find a middle ground, representatives of the building community and the neighborhoods met and hammered out some deal points. Those came before us, and before you all in the form of the public hearing we held.

In broad strokes, the findings related to these: five or more unrelated people cannot live together in an R1 or R2 zoned area; and there are grandfathering provisions to allow existing structures that exceed that limit to be considered legal, but non-conforming and subject to losing that status based on a series of nuisance standards related to the property.

Following the public hearing, we gave direction to the City Attorney to bring back to us terms of a new ordinance that comports with the will of the council. I came away from the meeting with some fundamental concerns related to how the City is going to go about enforcing the new standards. The process can be initiated by an anonymous complaint, the

complaint needs nothing to support the start of an investigation, and once the City starts trying to document “relationships,” the end of that process suggests the potential for invasions of peoples’ privacy rights.

It will be a balancing act; how to protect and preserve the quality of life people deserve in their homes vs. the issues of privacy that may have unintended consequences in other areas of the City if we unleash this ordinance.

What was given to staff on Tuesday to fine-tune is the fruit of lots of work by lots of people. We’ll have the final ordinance back in front of us by February 15<sup>th</sup> at the latest and when it’s adopted, we will have turned an important page in the community.

### **Streetcar Update**

I am convinced that this project is going to be a huge burden on our General Fund. The voters approved it, and now the burden shifts to us to minimize the financial drain it could have.

We do that by managing the construction effectively and by zoning in a way that drives private sector growth along the corridor. We had a very frank discussion of the apparent low bids for construction and how we have got to ensure the bidders did their due diligence in crafting their bids so we’re not buried in change orders later on.

We discussed the remaining funding gap (nearly \$25M) and how the Gadsden commitment to fund over \$3M is not escrowed anywhere. We discussed unfinished design and the fact that significant contractual elements of this project have yet to be awarded.

And in another agenda item, we discussed the growing impact that transit in general is having on our budget. This is going to be huge. We need to work together as a council, with our co-manager in the Streetcar project the RTA, and make sure city staff keeps their eye on the ball as the project continues to unfold and we turn every rock to try to find dollars to fill the gaps in funding that still exists.

I hope I’m wrong on this one, but I simply don’t see enough of an upside in this project to successfully offset the costs that are going to come with its operation and maintenance. That makes our zoning efforts critical. Here’s a quote from New Urbanism on line:

“The normal course of human development is for successful cities to mature incrementally over time. When that occurs, they become financially resilient. To build strong Towns, a community's emphasis needs to shift from creating growth quickly and easily to building value in a broad and incremental way.”

The Streetcar has put us behind the 8-ball with respect to taking our time and incrementally stepping forward. We’re going to need bold steps and soon, or core services will suffer.

### **Pima County/Tucson Women’s Commission**

During the course of the past year, I was honored to work with the PCTWC on the issue of Human Trafficking/Prostitution, and to join them in a seminar and share some thoughts on local/regional political issues. This group of women is active in a wide variety of areas around the community. This is a link to their current Annual Report:

[http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/2-25-12pctwc\\_rep2011.pdf](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/2-25-12pctwc_rep2011.pdf)

In addition to the item mentioned above, the Commission worked on veterans' issues, Pima Community College admissions and sexual harassment policies, violence against women and some more upbeat things related to culture, music and art. Read through their Report and you will be impressed. Here are the members, effective on my wedding anniversary (December 29<sup>th</sup>) as well as in parenthesis the person who appointed each individual to serve.

My hat goes off, and thanks go out to this group of women.

Nena Ashton (Ray Carroll, District 4)  
 Joyceen Boyle, Ph.D. (Paul Cunningham, Ward 2)  
 Maxine Goodman, MA (At-Large)  
 Lucy Howell (At-large)  
 Alison Hughes, MPA, *Commission Chair* (Steve Kozachik, Ward 6)  
 Lucinda Hughes-Juan, MPA, *Commission Vice-Chair* (At-Large)  
 Debra Johnson, (Regina Romero, Ward 1)  
 Emma Juan (At-Large)  
 Marietta Martin (At-Large)  
 Lori Mennella, CPA, *Commission Treasurer* (At-Large)  
 Martha Moore-Monroy, MPH (Ann Day, District 1)  
 Denise Morse, (Shirley Scott, Ward 4)  
 Shirley Muney, (Sharon Bronson, District 3)  
 Mohar Sidhwa, MA (Richard Elias, District 5)  
 Deena Stewart-Hitzke (Mayor Walkup)  
 Sheila Tobias, *Executive Committee Member* (At-Large)  
 Mercy Valencia, Ph.D. (Ramon Valadez, District 2)  
 Cecilia Vindiola, MA (At-Large)  
 Donna Whitman (Richard Fimbres, Ward 5)  
 Kathleen Williamson, Ph.D., J.D. (Karen Uhlich, Ward 3)

### **PRO Neighborhoods**

I'll be meeting with the United Way this week to lobby on behalf of continued funding for Pro Neighborhoods. Many of you are familiar with it, but for those who are not, here's a primer.

It began nearly 20 years ago with a grant of around \$250K. The purpose of the money was to assist neighborhoods in organizing and working for their own betterment. That is accomplished through organizing, making an assessment of existing assets, and using neighborhood resources to build on what already exists. It's an asset based approach to community development.

The United Way serves as the fiscal agent for PRO. If they reduce funding, the viability of the group is diminished. PRO is involved with some grant funding, but its supporters would maintain that its most important role may be in community development from within; that is workshops and training residents in ways that will increase their own effectiveness in maintaining and growing their own leadership, capabilities and networks of relationships.



At a time when government funds for many of our community programs has been reduced and/or eliminated, it is important that the importance of PRO not be misunderstood by the United Way.

### **Centennial Celebration**

We will host the Centennial Celebration for Arizona's Statehood in a couple of weeks.

There will be an amazing number of events centered in the downtown area. As opposed to my listing them, and probably missing some, open this link and you can print it and post it in a conspicuous place so you'll have a day by day game plan for what's coming.

[http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/2-25-12centschfeb\\_10-12\\_.pdf](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/2-25-12centschfeb_10-12_.pdf)

Thanks go out to Mayor Rothschild, Fletcher McCusker and the rest of the organizing group for their persistence in both getting the celebration here, and in the process protecting the interests of our home-grown events.

### **Grant Road Workshops**

Finally, you're invited to attend one of three Grant Road District workshops that will be held to present and discuss the upcoming construction and overlays. The conversations will be focused on the varying segments planned for construction and will review land use planning for Grant Road and will allow for your input.

Here are the dates/times and locations:

- West Segment (Oracle-Park): Monday, February 6 - 6:00-8:00 p.m. at The Executive Inn & Suites, 333 W. Drachman St.
- Central Segment (Park - Tucson): Wednesday, February 8 - 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Tucson Association of Realtors®, 2445 N. Tucson Blvd.
- Eastern Segment (Tucson-Swan): Thursday, February 9 - 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Tucson Association of Realtors®, 2445 N. Tucson Blvd.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik  
Council Member, Ward 6  
[www.tucsonaz.gov/ward6](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/ward6)

### Tucson Parks Foundation Million Dollar Hole in One Contest

Starting on February 9, 2012 the Tucson Parks Foundation will be hosting their Million Dollar Hole in One Contest. This year's recipient is the 20/30 Club Highland Vista Park in Ward 6. This will help fund a shade structure over the playground equipment, which will ensure that children have access to the equipment year round.

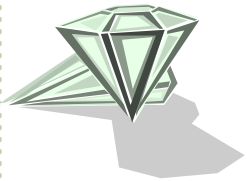
You can help make this happen and experience a beautiful February day at the golf course at the same time. Tickets to participate in the Hole in One Contest are only \$10.00 per entrance or a book of 15 for \$100.00. Each ticket gives you 10 shots to get closet to the tee and the top three will advance to the semifinals. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit

<http://www.tucsonparksfoundation.org>

Come out to support a worthwhile cause and soak up the wonderful February weather as well.

### *Tucson Gem and Mineral Show - January 28 - February 12*

This Saturday will kick off the two week annual event "The Gem and Mineral Show." People come from all over the world to participate in this exciting event. The shows takes place all across the city at more then 40 locations, including hotels, resorts, and exhibit halls. Most of the shows are free and open to the public. For more information on specific shows or transportation, visit



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

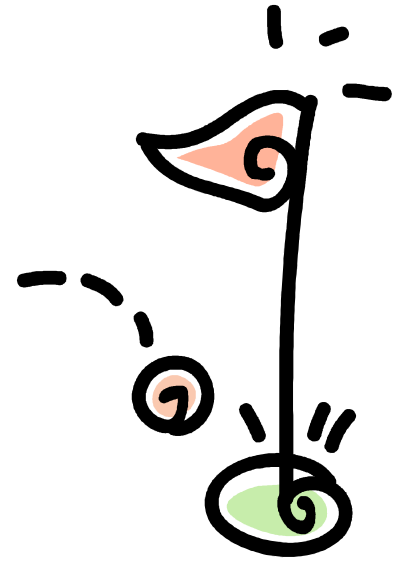
### **Improve Walking and Biking around the University of Arizona**

The U of A, City of Tucson, and the Pima Association of Governments is hoping to improve walking and bicycling on and around the campus. The public in invited to join in workshops, audits, and discuss ideas and issues.

- Walk Audit #1 (Pedestrian Facilities Assessment): Wednesday, 1/25 - 4-6pm, meet at the public kiosk at the 6th Street parking structure
- Public Workshop: Thursday, 1/26 - 11am-2pm, Catalina Room at Student Union
- Walk Audit #2 (Pedestrian Facilities Assessment): Thursday, 1/26 - 2-4pm, meet at bike valet on the Mall at UA
- Bike Audit #1 (Bike Facilities Assessment): Thursday, 1/26 - 2-4pm, meet at bike valet on the Mall at UA.

Follow this link for more information:

<http://parking.arizona.edu/alternative/documents/JanuaryOutreachFlyer.pdf>



## Arts and Entertainment Events Calendar

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

**Rialto Theatre**, 318 E. Congress St.

Thursday, January 26, 8:00pm. “**MarchFourth Marching Band**”. All ages.

Saturday, January 28, 8:00pm. “**Citizen Cope**”. All ages.

Monday, January 30, 8:00pm. “**They Might Be Giants**”. 18 and up

Tuesday, January 31, 7:15pm. “**August Burns Red**”. All ages.

[www.RialtoTheatre.com](http://www.RialtoTheatre.com)

**Fox Theatre**, 17 W. Congress St.

Friday, January 27, 7:30pm. and Sunday, January 29, 2:00pm. “**The Searchers**” (Film)

Saturday, January 28, 5:30pm. “**Finding Kind**” (film)

[www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org](http://www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org)

**The Screening Room**, 127 E. Congress

February 17-19 & 24-26, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual “Out in the Desert, Tucson’s International LGBT Film Festival”

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

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

**Arizona Theatre Company** presents Alfred Hitchcock’s *The 39 Steps*

Saturday, January 14 through February 4.

[www.arizonatheatre.org](http://www.arizonatheatre.org)

**Tucson Convention Center**

**Music Hall**

Saturday, January 28, 7:30pm and Sunday, January 29, 2:00pm. “**TSO Pops! Series – Wicked Divas.**”

**Leo Rich Theatre**, 260 S Church

Wednesday, January 25, 7:30pm. “**Jupiter String Quartet & Denise Djokic**”

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

**Ongoing . . . .**

**Tucson Museum of Art**, 140 N. Main Ave.

Ongoing exhibition, Opening Saturday, January 28 and ending Sunday, June 3:

“**Frida Kahlo, Through the Lens of Nickolas Muray**”

Friday, January 27, 8:00pm. “**Art After Dark**”. \$10 general admission.

[www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org](http://www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org)

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

Current exhibition: **Armando Miguélez: *Legislate Crazy***

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

[www.Moca-Tucson.org](http://www.Moca-Tucson.org)

**Children's Museum Tucson**, 200 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

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

[www.childrensmuseumtucson.org](http://www.childrensmuseumtucson.org)

**The Drawing Studio**, 33 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Ongoing Exhibit, Opens Saturday January 28 and runs until February 25

**“Bridges II, US – UK Artist Collaboration”**

[www.thedrawingstudio.org](http://www.thedrawingstudio.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](http://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**

Thursday through Monday, 9:00am to 5:00pm (until 6:00pm on Fridays and Saturdays).

300 E. Congress St.

<http://www.sciencedowntown.org/index.html>

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

[www.MainGateSquare.com](http://www.MainGateSquare.com)

[www.FourthAvenue.org](http://www.FourthAvenue.org)

[www.DowntownTucson.com](http://www.DowntownTucson.com)