

Ward 6 Staff



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Council Member



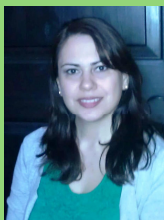
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Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

April 4, 2012

On Monday, April 16th we'll be hosting a town hall discussion with the Mayor. The conversation will begin at 5:30 and will include our new Mayor describing his 180 day plan, progress we've made towards its implementation, some information on the budget, and then what ever you all want to ask is fair game. We're making decisions that affect all areas of your lives and pocketbooks, so we should be willing to stand in front of you and answer legitimate questions. As is usual, I'll handle the softballs and pass the hard ones along to the Mayor. Please - no speeches or soap boxes, but direct and to the point questions so that everybody in the room has a chance to participate.

University Housing – West University

I'd like to open by clarifying a couple of misunderstandings related to the West University Transition Area process.

To begin with, the City Clerk did his job absolutely appropriately in this. When he was presented with the first wave of petitions to send the Overlay to the ballot, he advised the people involved that they contained material errors – not simply undotted i's or uncrossed t's. Those same petitions were turned in at the end of the month, unchanged. We did not give a pass to any of the mayoral candidates who had petition signature problems last election cycle, Wal-Mart when it wanted to overturn the Big Box ordinance, or other petitioners who have had trouble with the rules. Nor should we have.

But, prior to that first wave of petitions being turned in mid-month, I had offered to try to negotiate a middle ground. At first a representative of Campus Acquisitions called and said he'd be willing to meet with me and WUNA and try to come up with a deal. My response was that he was not empowered to negotiate away the property rights of other people and that if all of the property owners represented in the Euclid to Park, University to Speedway rectangle were in the room, I'd drop what I was doing and try to sort out a solution. Members of the University Architecture Department were willing to join in as well.

There was a reluctance to meet in that large of a group and so the idea never materialized. A few days later, the petitions were pulled.

On Tuesday we heard multiple sides to the issue – some who were pleased to be included, many who felt they wanted to further engage the process. One speaker in



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

particular made the correct point; with so much development about to begin and the built-tension between the expansion of the University into surrounding neighborhoods, we need to build trust with our constituents. To that end, I felt the proper action was to carve out the most sensitive portion of the Transition Area and extend the date for implementation of the Overlay within that perimeter; Euclid to Tyndall, 1st St. to Speedway. On Wednesday, April 25th there will be a Zoning Examiner's public hearing to specifically address how to amend the Overlay language – if at all – within those boundaries. On May 8th, we'll enact the remainder of the Transition Overlay based on the results of that public hearing. On Wednesday, the part of the Overlay District not contained within those boundaries we allowed to go into effect.

I appreciate the sensitivity of my colleagues to giving the process one more effort. If you are a property owner in that rectangle, or simply if you care about how it is zoned for other reasons, you are free to attend and to participate in the ZE hearing on the 25th at 6:30pm in Council Chambers at City Hall.

RTA/Road Reconstruction

I'll keep this simple. Here's a segment I did on Arizona Illustrated with Andrea Kelly that lays out what I'm proposing for Road Reconstruction (6 minutes long) – no new taxes: http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://www.azpm.org/politics/story/2012/4/2/173-councilman-wants-road-money-reallocated/&ct=ga&cad=CACQARgAIAAoATAAOABAXfPp-wRIAVgBYqVlbi1VUw&cd=8IDRFWUY7o&usg=AFQjCNFNQdH_XekQuLihoh4g-2YME1g9Jq

The County Administrator offered the City “2%-3%” of the \$23M he has discovered since I began this dialogue about road reconstruction. The City is 41% of the regional tax base and 52% of the regions population. If the County has uncovered \$23M in funds available for Road Reconstruction, the City of Tucson will be happy to take its appropriate share; i.e. 41% of \$23M is \$9.4M.

Short term – we can refinance the City HURF debt and come up with another \$12M. Between that and the \$9.4M the County Administrator should be sending our way, that's an immediate \$20M for us this fiscal year. Put the RTA issue on the ballot and we've got immediate dollars and a longer term solution in the works.

Broadway – RTA has \$42M targeted to it. How about if we re-scope it and spend \$32M on landscape, transit pull-outs, bike lanes, and reallocate the remaining \$10M to other projects. The \$29M the County has committed to the project beyond the RTA money can then be earmarked to road reconstruction in the City limits.

Kolb Rd. – stop after completing the intersection improvement work. They've spent just over \$2M on design and about \$1.2M for construction. There's still an opportunity to save a considerable amount of money on that project.

This is a link to an editorial I submitted to Inside Tucson Business on this subject http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/4-4-12rta_rebuttal.pdf

The conversation is coming to a crescendo – and it needs to. Taxpayers deserve answers.



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jon Kyl (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman
Gabrielle Giffords
(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)



UA Basketball

In a season where the UA basketball team wrestled with several off-court issues, against those odds, both the coaching staff and fan base held together and finished with a very successful season. Of the five top-finishing schools in the NCAA's men's basketball attendance listings from 2007-2011 (Kentucky, Syracuse, Louisville, North Carolina, Tennessee), only one of those programs, Kentucky, has a higher percent of capacity than Arizona.

You'll note that the school where Toto could well be the team mascot, and Dorothy the Cheer captain, isn't even listed in that group.

Over the last six seasons (2006-07 to 2011-12), the Wildcat men's basketball team has drawn an average of 13,861 in 101 home dates. Arizona is the only school in the western half of the U.S. to rank in the top 20 in attendance in each of those seasons. It's clear that it is Arizona who can truly claim "there's no place like home."

Streetcar Construction

The good news is that construction is beginning for the streetcar.
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Here's a brief synopsis of what to expect in the three main areas that will see the effects of the construction in the coming two weeks.

On Campus, pretty much avoid 2nd Street, from Park to Olive. The UA has numerous underground tunnels that carry the campus infrastructure. The streetcar project team will be shoring up and bridging over those along the 2nd Street portion of the streetcar route.

On 4th Avenue, beginning this past week they started to remove the overhead wiring from University down to 9th. The same process will take place on University, over to Bean Ave. This isn't complex work and will involve rolling traffic closures throughout the process. However, on April 9th, 4th Avenue will be closed from University to 6th Street. Euclid at University will remain open. Pedestrian traffic on 4th Avenue will also remain unaffected. Go shopping on the Avenue.

And in the downtown area, the impact begins the week of April 9th. Beginning on April 10th, 6th Avenue will be converted to two-way traffic. That will help to facilitate traffic into the Broadway/Toole/Congress area of downtown. Starting on that day, Congress will be

shut down from Toole to Stone. But you'll see restriping taking place ahead of the two-way and ahead of the closure.

The project team is putting together a very comprehensive game plan that you can follow at <http://tucsonmodernstreetcar.com/>

If you are a business owner in the area, contact information for trouble calls is listed. If you are one who wants street closure information, that site contains that as well.

The work is being done in segments in order to minimize the disruption. There will be disruption, that's the nature of construction work. But there has been an extensive planning effort, and communications processes are in place. Take advantage of them if you have questions during the work.

Thanks and credit goes out to Jesse Gutierrez, Shellie Ginn and Mike Barton for their work getting this up and running.

Central Business District

Very brief review: The City can establish one Central Business District (CBD) that fits within a defined Redevelopment District. The CBD is an area within which the City can offer a development incentive called a Government Property Lease Excise Tax (GPLET). That incentive allows a builder who meets some defined improvement criteria (increases to the value of the building under development) to reduce operating costs for eight years by replacing real property tax with an excise tax that is based on the building type of use and is calculated on the square footage of the property. The excise tax can be abated for eight years after Certificate of Occupancy if the property is located within a CBD. The goal is to encourage redevelopment of depressed areas of the City.

One of the primary concerns that was legitimately raised by some of the Armory Park and Barrio Viejo neighbors was whether establishing the CBD would preposition historic structures and other private property for condemnation and eventual demolition. To address that issue, we have insisted on the following:

A Statement of Intent is included as a specific part of adopting the CBD.

Within the body of the Ordinance there appears language that confirms that the CBD is not being established for the purpose of condemnation proceedings.

Here are those two specific parts of what we adopted:

Statement of Intent: The use of a GPLET is intended for projects deemed to create significant economic development activity within downtown Tucson or the gateways leading to the downtown area. Properties selected for GPLET use will serve as a catalyst for other development opportunities within this area. Vacant and underutilized properties will be the primary focus for the use of a GPLET. With regard to a GPLET agreement for properties that include buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or buildings eligible for listing on the NRHP, the City intends to preserve such historic buildings; if they are to be improved or have new additions, those changes shall follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation to ensure that their historic statuses are maintained.

Condemnation of property is not a primary objective of the adoption of this Redevelop-

ment Area and the use of eminent domain/condemnation for slum clearance is not anticipated within the Redevelopment Area.

Ordinance Language: Section 4 – The adoption and creation of the Downtown/Gateway Redevelopment Area is not made for the purpose of expanding the eminent domain or condemnation powers of the City as those powers otherwise exist in other portions of the City; and the City recognizes and acknowledges the limitations imposed by Arizona law, including by the Arizona Constitution and Title 12, Chapter 8, Article 2.1 of the Arizona Revised Statutes (the “Private Property Rights Protection Act”) with respect to the acquisition of private property for the purposes of slum clearance and redevelopment.

All of that is to say that the concerns raised were heard and specifically addressed in the new CBD we have established. And yet, there were other concerns raised, including:

Impact on property values if your neighborhood is designated “slum” or “blighted.”

Defining vague terms such as “aged,” “dilapidated,” “underutilized,” and others.

Changes in wording to make more specific that the intent to preserve is not easily side-stepped by future Councils.

And several others of a similar nature. So much so that I was not ready to support adopting the CBD with the language we had in front of us.

Another example. The conditions of the Redevelopment District are that it be “contiguous” and “compact.” It was my opinion that running the District out east on Broadway prepositioned ours to legal challenge for violating the “compactness” standard. I asked that that “arm” be removed from the proposed map. Otherwise, here’s the new CBD map:

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/4-4-12_redevelopment_map.pdf

that was being proposed. It would add one more development incentive tool to what is already in place for potential redevelopment, but as presented it still needs work.

We might end up adopting this new development tool but it’s not ready for prime time in the form in which we saw it on Tuesday. Staff will bring it back to us in 14 days for our vote.

Neighborhood Work

There is far too often the notion advanced that neighborhoods are at odds with efforts to achieve the greater good in the community. I want to share three examples of the contrary and set the stage for changing that dialogue by using this space from time to time to promote how we do in fact work together in Ward 6 to advance the cause of preserving the integrity of our homes, and embracing both appropriate growth, and playing a role in maintaining the aesthetic quality of Tucson.

First – at the corner of 6th Ave and Speedway there are very early discussions between some of the Feldman’s neighborhood residents and the owner of the property. With a possible new use of housing for visiting faculty, grad students or other grant funded people. That plan is still in the exploratory stage, but in advance of that the owner worked with the Feldman’s neighborhood to allow numerous items to be salvaged from two structures that will be demolished (magnets for squatters and taggers) ahead of the development. The neighborhood association made some money from the sale of the items, residents got some cool old “stuff” from the structures, and good will was established early in the process.

Second – serious concerns were raised by residents over a proposed student housing project that is in progress on 1st Ave. The project is within code and properly zoned. The builder met with several of the residents and listened to what they had to say. Coming out from the meeting was a commitment to use nothing but “crime free leases,” giving direct contact information for both the owner of the property and for a lead resident, working with the Invisible Theater people on parking issues, to introduce the residents to the Neighborhood Association before school starts next fall, and to continue the on-going dialogue with respect to general parking issues that are of concern to the neighborhood. The future is a whole lot easier to anticipate and deal with when relationships are developed early on.

Finally, we hosted the follow up Graffiti Forum at the Ward 6 office on Saturday the 31st. The word “hosted” is accurate – this forum is the work of numerous neighborhood leaders coming together to find ways to address the Graffiti problem that we suffer from all around town. On Saturday there were reports from the small groups they had earlier established to look into various aspects of the graffiti issue. Those included:

Tagging targets: discussion about how to more effectively engage the utility companies in abatement

Research: consensus from other jurisdictions that a combination of ‘removal, enforcement, education and public support’ is necessary – one element alone won’t work.

Courts/Probation: consensus that the system is cumbersome, takes too long and needs stronger penalties. Discussion of a Citizen’s Court Watch group to go and participate in some of the proceedings so the judges understand how we feel about this issue.

Tagging Supplies: general agreement that it will be next to impossible to control access to the supplies. Far too many ways exist for taggers to get paint (on-line, swap meets, out in the County, etc.) Working with local retail outlets to observe existing ordinances will be a good first step though.

Taggers: We discussed establishing relationships with youth and diverting them away from graffiti as an acceptable behavior. Some of us have spoken in schools and have worked in other ways with local youth in relation to this problem. There was wide agreement that we have a lot of very good and responsible kids in our community who are as upset with the vandalism we see as the forum participants are. With that understanding, there exists an opportunity to work with that group, spread the word early and change the mental culture before they get caught up in some of the peer pressure situations that they might find themselves in later on.

The group will meet again and focus on some specific action items. In the meantime, we all left the meeting with a common belief that we are not going to accept that our community is one that is in decline.

So – thank you, Ida for the idea. A Neighborhood section of this newsletter is going to appear from time to time for the purpose of demonstrating the great work our residents are involved in, and the relationships that can be built to bridge what are unnecessary gaps in how our community lives and grows together.

Rio Nuevo Update

“There is hardly a political question in the United States which does not sooner or later turn into a judicial one.” [Alexis de Tocqueville](#)

Which is exactly the way this exercise with the Rio Board and their involvement with the State legislature has turned out. The taxpayers are being sued by the Board, there is a Notice of Default filed by the Board, the Board is in a legal tiff with their financial Trustee, also legal wrangling with the former hotel moguls Garfield-Traub, and on the brink with the Rialto and the Fox Theater. If we were to bring in third parties to these suits, their own former attorney's would be named, the County, former Rio Board members and possibly a non-profit or two. It's all on your dime, and remember, the Rio Board is appointed by the State legislature and Governor.

Amid all of that, we're in mediation.

On Tuesday, staff was to give an explanation of the City's side of the audit that was released by the Board two weeks ago. The staff had said that they could effectively counter each of the claims made by the audit, which if you'll recall was commissioned by the same Rio legal team that is trying to build a case against the taxpayers. They asked for another week to prepare that rebuttal. I'd rather get it right, than to get it and find holes in it.

This has been very politically driven since late in 2010. I continue to join my colleagues in urging a rapid release of all audits and investigations so we can advance the relationship.

In the mean time, the City has spec'd the bleachers in the TCC and has a request for bids ready to hit the streets. Rio pulled an architect into the building and is looking at the restrooms for an opportunity to invest some rehab money into the facility. They've been claiming poverty, but hey, if they can match what the City is putting into the bleachers, that would be a welcomed change of tone. Stay tuned.

In Alice through the Looking Glass, the term Jabberwocky refers to looking into some alternate world, where things just aren't what they seem to be. Don't be surprised if on the media coverage of the Board you start to see chess pieces sitting behind their dais moving around, changing into a talking sheep – maybe an appropriate metaphor for how independent the Board isn't.

Median Work

Seriously – the TDOT has scrubbed its books and come up with money to fund an outside contractor to take care of median overgrowth throughout the City. The work will begin immediately. You will see Groundskeeper personnel doing the work and you will see it all over the City. Groundskeeper anticipates that the work will take about 120 days to complete. Here's a map of where you'll be seeing the work being done:

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/4-4-12_mapmedianmaintenance.pdf

Credit both CM Richard Miranda and TDOT Director Tony Paez for getting serious about this issue and finding a solution. They're also looking at altering irrigation techniques, contracting prisoner labor and augmenting those crews with City workers and the use of a pre-emergent in an effort to stay ahead of the problem during FY'13.

Couple this with the graffiti forum I noted above and the possibility of getting a dedicated funding source for road reconstruction, and we've got the probability of a significant change in the ambiance of our community.

Budget – Police, Fire, Parks, Transit

We were scheduled to receive a pretty thorough update on our core services department budget situations on Tuesday. We got through Police and Transit and will get to Fire and Parks next week. Let me give a few bullet points about where I'll be when we enter into the deeper discussions in relation to these departments.

First, we've reduced Police and Fire each of the last two fiscal years. That cannot happen again this time around or we put at greater risk both the public and the public safety personnel. Here's one of our new recruits – clearly we need to fund Police more fully:



Second, Parks are a part of the fabric of our community. We have made some strides in terms of reopening pools, we got the Expedition Tanzania exhibit opened at Reid Park Zoo, we've got an anchor tenant at Hi Corbett Field (the UA baseball team) and now is not the time to turn back that momentum.

Third, we do not have to automatically default to a fare increase for transit. We should put in place a long term, predictable fare policy that is tied to some metric such as the CPI, but going through the annual uncertainty isn't a good way to produce public policy. The use of smaller busses on holidays or on underused routes, extended wait times on some of those routes, increased use of CNG vehicles and upgrading our fleet to reduce maintenance costs can all be a part of getting our arms around the costs of operating the system.

With respect to upgrading the system, we are currently operating 55 busses at ages beyond their useful life. That is a capital cost that we will have to face soon

The common theme in those bullet points is that I believe we're too close to turning the corner in the economy to continue to cut into the service delivery we owe to the taxpayers. Job creation is the ultimate answer to our budget issues, and we don't advance that goal by offering new businesses poor public safety services, lousy parks and poor public transit for their workers. This all works synergistically. Bottom line – our job is to grow the economic pie.

The past two fiscal years we've faced deficits in excess of \$40M each. This year our target number is in the teens. We can get there in a variety of ways that may involve some of our rainy day fund, some debt restructure and possibly some contracting out of non-essential services. But we were not elected to put our Charter driven core services on the chopping block year after year. I think this is the year to turn that trend back in the right direction and hope I'm right about our being on the cusp of the economic recovery that we've been anticipating.

In 2015 we will lose 60 Firefighters and about 100 cops to retirement. We will also absorb the cost of about 50 police officers who have been grant funded. We are inappropriately charging TFD with the cost of operating a General Services Operator at the 911 Center. That's just under \$400K annually straight out of the TFD budget for calls related to streets, community services, development services and other City departments. There's an easy fix to that. Those are not speculative numbers – they're built into what we know is coming.

The legislature has got to be lobbied hard on the return of our Highway User Revenue Funds. That's infrastructure and by extension, that is business development. There is the possibility of the expiration of the one cent Education Tax that was adopted by the voters last year. The legislature has got to be lobbied hard on no more cuts to public education. That is also business development. The City Council recently adopted an outdoor lighting code that was aimed at protecting our very significant investment in the astronomy industry in this region. Last week the legislature passed a lighting ordinance that would have been a step in the opposite direction and, to her credit, the Governor vetoed that law. Passing that bill would have impacted research money, direct investment in the optics and astronomy industry and tourism to the region. I only include this paragraph about the legislature in the budget section because if we continue to be fixated at the State level on things such as forcing women to watch video tapes of fetuses, opening up classrooms to firearms and bills specifically targeting Tucson and Pima County, our efforts at building our job base will be unnecessarily hampered. I may be Pollyanna, but I still believe that we can mirror other States who work cooperatively at the local and State level to build on their strengths in attracting new business and expanding their workforce. I mentioned earlier incentives we have adopted at the Council level. That's a start.

Jobs/Local Preference – Procurement Points

And so we finish with the solution to all of the budget issues. Job creation and the support of our local businesses.

The City is a large purchaser of goods and services. We are also involved with contracting out for a variety of services, and for construction work related to public facilities. In each case, we can support our local businesses and sub contractors by giving some level of preference points to each in the award of contracts.

There is a tipping point at which giving preference results in higher costs for the taxpayer than the value of keeping the dollars with local companies. It is identifying that tipping point, and also defining terms such as "local," researching best practices from other regions and putting together our own local first policies that has been the charge of two different, but overlapping stake holder groups since January. On Tuesday, we received an update on both the procurement and contracting items.

The stake holder groups included representatives from various Chambers of Commerce, several unions, a variety of building trade groups and some of our Small Business Commission members. They're working to find the best combination of policies that protect the taxpayer, and promote our local workforce. We're close.

This is something that is not just a theoretically possible idea. I'll give two polar extreme examples.

Back in 2010 when we were discussing whether or not to move ahead with a publicly funded hotel through Garfield Traub, the percentages of local sub contractors they committed to use was an issue of contention, and one that played a role in exposing Garfield Traub's weak commitment to this community. Fast forward to today and compare that to the Arizona Stadium north end zone project that I'm involved with. The General Contractor is Mortenson Construction. They're out of Phoenix, but they have contracted with local sub contractors for over 70% of the work on the project and by the time all of the contracts are signed, that figure may be closer to 90%. That happens when you make a part of the selection process some measurable standards by which it is assured that contracts will be awarded (on a competitive basis) in a way that results in jobs and paychecks being retained locally.

The City is capable of adopting those sorts of standards. We will.

By the way, Mortenson's corporate colors are blue and yellow. Their signs initially looked like some combination of UCLA and/or ASU. For our project, they agreed to Red and Blue for their signs. It's the little things...

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

The week of April 8-14 has been designated for honoring our Public Safety dispatch workers at all levels of public service. You know the work ours does over at the Thomas Price Center - now under the management of TFD, and serving the safety of the public not just within the City limits, but working with several surrounding jurisdictions. In addition to that, the UA Campus has a dispatch team that similarly works on a 24/7/365 basis so your needs are protected.

Dispatchers are the vital link between you and our first responders. In the truest sense of the word, they are the first responders. If you know one of these call takers or dispatchers, give them a high-five for their work. If you don't, just realize that they're on duty as you are reading this and if will be while you're asleep tonight. They work in a high stress, and highly critical role as a part of our public safety system. My thanks go out to them.

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.

Thursday, April 5, 8:00pm. “An Evening with Hunter Hayes”. All ages.

Saturday, April 7, 2:00pm. “Festival en El Barrio with Calexico and Friends”. All ages.

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Thursday, April 5, 7:30pm. “An Evening with Arlo Guthrie”

Saturday, April 7, 3:00pm. “HOP: A Benefit for Casa de los Ninos”

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.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

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

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

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Saturday, April 7, 10:00am – 1:00pm “Easter Celebration”

The Drawing Studio, 33 S. 6th Ave.

Ongoing Exhibit, Opens Saturday March 3 and runs until March 31

“Arizona Encaustic 2012”

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

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/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, April 4, 7:30pm. **“Windfall – One Hit Wonders.”**

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.

2012 Tip-A-Cop Event

Tucson Police Department, the Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, and Claim Jumper Restaurants are partnering to host the annual Tip-A-Cop for Special Olympic event. It will be held on Thursday, April 5 at Claim Jumper Restaurant at 3761 E Broadway Blvd. Come support a great cause.

