

## Ward 6 Staff



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# Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

May 1, 2012

### Broadway Widening

On Monday I was pleased to host a large public gathering that was intended to simply say to the RTA and to TDOT that we want our money to be spent wisely, our roads to be designed wisely, businesses and residences to be preserved where possible, and generally, listen to the people paying the bills. By my estimate, there were about 200 people gathered out in 90 degree heat to show those who think that they're the powers-that-be that we're serious about wanting the citizen's who are paying for the RTA projects to have a legitimate voice in the design process.

For its part, the RTA believes scaling back on projects poses an existential threat. Even after the meeting, comments made by one RTA representative who was present were dismissive of the passionate voices he had just heard speak. By my head count, the collective voice was pretty impressive. I guess by his, the attitude was that of "Boss" Tweed when he said, "As long as I count the votes, what are you going to do about it?"

Here's what.

The meeting was held at the First Assembly of God church, scheduled for demolition if we widen Broadway on the north side of the road. Speaker after speaker voiced opposition to the unnecessary destruction of multiple buildings, and spending millions of dollars that we don't have to waste. Thanks go out to the neighborhood representatives, business representatives, historic preservationists, alternate mode advocates and the other electeds who came to speak out or sent their representative.

There is an RTA committee made up of citizen's whose job is to hold the RTA accountable to the taxpayers. In fact, the name of the committee is the Citizen's Accountability for Regional Transportation committee (CART). I had wanted to directly contact them in order to invite their participation. The RTA would not divulge to me contact information for the members in a manner timely enough for me to do personal invitations. In fact, initially they simply refused to be of any help in contacting them, until on advice of their counsel; they relented, so much for being willing to be held "accountable" by the citizen's. Several of the members found their way to the event anyway because the RTA sent them my Press Release through their own email system.

So, what was the specific message that was heard by the RTA and TDOT on Monday? Simple. Listen to the people. There will be a Citizen's Task Force formed to participate in the design of the Broadway widening. The members of that Task Force are each being required to sign a "Charter" before they may begin to serve as volun-



### 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

teers on that Task Force.

Here is language that appears in the Charter that each member of the Citizen's Task Force is being asked to sign:

"Approved Scope – widen Broadway Boulevard between Euclid Avenue and Country Club Road, with 6 travel lanes and 2 dedicated bus lanes; bike lanes in each direction; raised, landscaped median; ADA accessible sidewalks; and continuous street lighting."

On the final page of the Charter, at the top of the signature page, it states "By signing this Project Charter each individual indicates an understanding of and commitment to the Scope, Budget and Schedule described in this document..."

That boxes in the content of what can be considered by the Task Force members in the design process and it is the reason the people raised their collective voice on Monday evening. And yet, the design team is going to be asked to also consider these comments from the Charter:

"A value engineering analysis will be performed to determine if a northward widening is in fact the best choice. If a southward widening is found preferable, this scope will need to be revised." Those of you who live along the southern alignment who thought you were out of the conversation, you're not.

But note: the RTA has allowed themselves the option of changing the project scope if it fits their own desires.

More from the Charter:

"A number of structures are located along the project reach that are significant either historically or architecturally. While not all of these can be avoided, minimizing impacts to them will be important." The task force needs to ask how one minimizes the impact of demolishing a building.

I've spoken with former City Council member Steve Leal about the early formation of the RTA. He has confirmed that during the first stages of putting this transportation plan into effect, it was made clear time and time again that when the design of the roadways began, the citizen's would be participants, and their voice would be heard.

This is a City issue. And yet, every week – nearly every day now I hear from somebody that the County is one animal and the City is another. But the fact is they're inter-mixed. Here is the data that demonstrates that fact:



**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>

**BY PIMA COUNTY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT**

**Numbers and Percentages of Active Voters within the City Limits of Tucson**

**CATAGORIES**

Supervisorial District Number	Total Number of Active Voters within District	Total Number of Active Tucson Voters within Each District	Total Percentage of Active Tucson Voters within Each District
1	116,555	0	0%
2	70,936	61,402	86.6%
3	85,248	33,071	38.8%
4	122,236	64,738	53%
5	70,257	48,559	69%

The only Supervisor who joined us at our meeting on Monday was District 5's Richard Elias. He gets it. Even the residents of District 1 travel across town on our roads. Every one of the Supervisors could have justified his/her participation in the rally. There is a Board of Supervisors election this fall. I'd suggest City residents listen very carefully to see whether or not your Supervisor agrees with the common euphemism that "the County" is the unincorporated area outside of the City limits. Clearly the District 5 representative understands who he represents.

So, what did the rally accomplish? The days ahead will answer that, but the message should have been easily understood:

- a. Don't waste over \$25M on building capacity that is not needed on Broadway. That money can be better used elsewhere on the City streets.
- b. Don't tear down over 115 homes and businesses along the Broadway corridor
- c. Don't default to expanded capacity as the solution to our transit needs
- d. Don't assume the technocrats know, and are best suited to speak to the will of the people
- e. Do think outside of the box when designing the Broadway corridor – and listen to the citizen's.

The success of this effort may become a template for similarly productive exchanges in which the best ideas will be heard and implemented. This can apply to the Grant Road Overlay, the Kolb Road Extension, the 22nd Street widening project, and others that either are in the RTA plan, or will come before us to design, develop and build in the years ahead.

If the RTA has any doubt that this is truly a city wide issue, they should consider that the following neighborhoods each expressed an interest in this event:

- |                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Arroyo Chico       | Broadmoor      |
| Barrio San Antonio | Catalina Vista |
| Dunbar Springs     | El Encanto     |
| Elvira             | Fairgrounds    |
| Feldman's          | Iron Horse     |

Jefferson Park  
 Menlo Park  
 Pie Allen  
 Rincon Heights  
 Santa Rita Park – West Ochoa  
 West University

Udall Park  
 Miles  
 Poets Corner  
 Sam Hughes  
 Udall Park

Oh, and let's not forget the congregation that worships at the First Assembly of God church who were kind enough to allow us to stage the rally on their grounds, many of whom were also in attendance.

If the taxpayers see that the planners are not paying attention, every road or zoning project will be a fight and therefore unnecessarily excessively costly. Each of us who participated in the Monday rally did so with the hope that the template of listening, hearing and dialogue is now going to be put into practice. This does not mean that the impossible outcome of everybody getting everything they want will be the result. But it can mean that all relevant stakeholders in a given project will have an opportunity to share in a meaningful way during design.

Ours is not an Orwellian Animal Farm city where we operate by his 7 Commandments, one of which is that "all animals are equal, but some are more equal than others."

### **Road Repair**

So, let's assume the net result of the rally is that we design to the RTA authorized \$42M. That leaves the \$25M that was authorized in 1997 for the bulk of the rest of that project. That's money we can, and should, continue to claim for fixing our roads within the City limits.

Last week I gave some information from the City Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The County issues one, too. Here's how the County CAFR speaks about the County credit card -

Pima County FY'11 CAFR – Page 64

#### **GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OUTSTANDING**

Governmental Activities (Payments made from property tax revenues of the Debt Service Fund)

General obligation bonds payable at June 30, 2011, consisted of the outstanding general obligation bonds presented below. Of the total amounts originally authorized, \$9,530 from the May 20, 1997, \$121,276 from the May 18, 2004, and \$7,875 from the May 16, 2006 bond election **remain unissued**.

Those are millions; i.e. there are about \$138M in unissued County GO bonds, some of which should be allocated to City projects, such as road reconstruction.

That comment might yield a reply from the County that they don't want to issue bonds until they've paid down their debt to the point at which new debt won't increase property taxes. That's a good idea. Also in their CAFR it states (P.65) that approx \$57 million of GO principal is scheduled to be paid down in FY '12 and \$39 million in FY '13. So, let's issue that amount and we don't have to touch property taxes. Working together, there is a solution.

The City has an obligation to tap City financial resources to fix the roads as well. I've sug-

gested refinancing our own Highway User Revenue Fund debt to generate up to \$11M immediate dollars. We can dip into our reserve fund. And I will be asking about some figures that appear in the City CAFR when we meet again next week – all aimed at finding a way to financially put some skin on the bones of funding our roads.

I've mentioned County funds in the past and suspect this time will be no different. It will yield a reaction that pretty much suggests that there is City money and there is County money. Take another look at the table above though. Clearly, it's not "ours" and it's not "theirs." It's yours, and regionally we have an obligation to come together and invest in the infrastructure of this area in a way that reflects the greater good of the community – the wider community.

#### **RTA – amending the plan**

...and in yet another example of how they really don't want to hear what you have to say, the RTA attorney issued another opinion that affirms the publicly stated policy position of the RTA Board. That is, short of going through a State wide petition signing exercise, the voters of this region cannot change by either initiative or referendum the terms of the RTA transportation plan. In case you want to read the entire opinion, here's the link.

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/5-1-12minoltaopinion.pdf>

So the RTA is saying that Pima County taxpayers need to get signatures from Maricopa, Pinal, Yuma and other counties if we want to revisit our RTA package in any manner. Like I said above, they consider taking a second look at any part of the package as a threat to their own existence. I believe they should seriously consider the ability of this region to get taxpayers to approve anything that looks like a bond if voices are shut out on this issue.

I've shared with you previously that the RTA Executive Director is open in saying that since it took four tries to get the RTA plan past the voters; he's going to resist any effort to give you another opportunity to express yourselves in respect to the Plan. This most recent legal opinion is their attempt at legal cover. But we know the statute gives the voters an opportunity to vote on changes in elements of the Plan. And we know the legislature could change the Plan by statute. And we know project funds are not fixed by what appeared on the 2006 ballot measure. If, as they state this is about maintaining their credibility with you, I'd suggest the result of the posturing is going to have the reverse effect. And that could have implications for Bond elections in the immediate future.

Those who will be promoting Bond projects should think that through.

Circle back to the Monday event. When a critical mass of people express a desire to be heard, it behooves those in elected positions, as well as in the bureaucracy to pay attention.

#### **...next steps?**

I had two gentlemen and one lady criticize the Monday event for my not having given people explicit instructions as to what they now need to do. Fair enough. Contact the RTA and tell them to change the Broadway Charter. Contact the RTA and tell them to address design concerns they heard during the first round of Grant Road Overlay hearings. Contract the RTA and tell them that \$22M is too much for a ¾ mile road extension out on the east side.

As I stated at the event on Monday – ours was simply the template for others to now follow.

#### **Arizona Hotel**

Ok, a little decompression break – the Hotel Arizona closed its doors.

The Arizona Hotel is still operating and is open for business at 35 N. 6th Avenue. With the Streetcar construction going on, it's tough enough for our local businesses to hang in there without the possibility of name confusion. They run a great operation. If you've got visitors who want to stay in the downtown area, check out the Arizona Hotel before you finalize your decision.

### **Jobs – Regional Prosperity**

Before the end of the year, the DOD will be short listing potential sites for Unmanned Vehicle Systems, aka “remotely piloted aircraft.” There will be six sites chosen and within 18 months those sites should be operational. These aircraft have both defense and non-defense applications. These aircraft come without many of the objectionable elements of other mission and basing options now under consideration.

I attended a meeting up in Oro Valley last week at which the competition for this deployment was discussed. The panel included academia, private sector, military, and governmental speakers. There were some common themes:

- a. The Tri-State University system, as well as some of the private colleges have to unite and advocate for these aircraft in a cooperative manner
- b. There is a lack of a manufacturing supply chain right now that might hinder our ability to be an attractive consideration
- c. There is a critical mass of appropriate military installations state-wide that may help to offset some of the supply chain deficiencies
- d. Our success in winning these deployments will require cooperation across academic institutions, across political jurisdictions, and across levels of government. Something we have not done well at in the past.

The military application of the aircraft is easy to intuit. The aircraft are used in both recon missions and in actual fighting. I found the non-defense applications interesting. One example is the Department of the Interior using these aircraft to map and collect data on animal migrations, habitat management and studying that data to help direct policy that will enhance our range management vs. growth of our cities. We no longer have a data shortage; our problem is analyzing the data that we are able to collect.

One message that came across loudly and clearly was that our need to support JTED programs in our schools is critical. There was unanimous agreement (even with the University representatives, but most ardently from the private sector) that we are losing the workforce development battle. The panel expressed the need to encourage the notion that going into one of the trades is a respectable and well paying vocation. We need machinists, welders, electricians, auto mechanics and our youth should be supported when they make those career direction decisions. That's a link in our workforce supply chain in which we're now weak, according to the people who work in the fields who should know.

We're competing in aerospace and defense industries. To win those recruiting battles, we've got to work cooperatively on a state-wide basis, and we've got to put our resources into developing a workforce that fills the gaps in manufacturing and production that the Boeings, Raytheons and others are looking for. It was a very enlightening panel discussion that highlighted our strong points and some of our more challenging points as well.

### **HUD 108 – more on jobs**

For the past year, we have been in the process of trying to get some seed money put in place that can be used to help kick start small business start-ups, and upgrades. Last week,

HUD announced that Tucson has been awarded a \$20M program. Here's the full text of the announcement. It includes both the types of businesses and locations where the money can be used. This is yet another incentive we can put to good use in keeping the momentum going that we've seen in the downtown core.

**HUD SECRETARY APPROVES \$20 MILLION LOAN  
GUARANTEE TO TUCSON**

*Guaranteed loan of \$20 million to help Tucson create economic development and hundreds of jobs.*

*SAN FRANCISCO - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan today announced that he is approving a \$20 million loan guarantee to the City of Tucson to create an Economic and Community Development Loan Pool program that targets projects that create jobs for low and moderate income persons.*

*"Today we take a major step forward in a new vision for the city's Recovery Zone area," said HUD Regional Administrator Ophelia Basgal. "The City of Tucson, with its Economic and Community Development Loan Pool program, is expected to develop and improve areas that will benefit from the economic investment and, at the same time, create or retain an estimated 500 jobs."*

*HUD's Section 108 Loan Guarantee Assistance Program enables local governments to borrow money from private investors at reduced interest rates to promote economic development, stimulate job growth and improve public facilities. Such public investment is often needed to inspire private contributions, to provide seed money, or to simply boost confidence that many private firms and individuals need to invest in distressed areas.*

*The City of Tucson's new loan program will use the Section 108 funds to target projects with pedestrian and transit oriented urban design characteristics that are:*

- *Located in the Rio Nuevo Tax Increment District*
- *Located within a 1/4 mile of the Modern Streetcar Alignment*
- *Located within a 1/4 mile of other regional high capacity transit routes identified in a 2009 High Capacity Transit System Study*

*The Program will also give priority to projects that support the six livability principles established by the Partnership for Sustainable Communities. The six principles are:*

- *Provide more transportation choices*
- *Promote equitable, affordable housing*
- *Enhance economic competitiveness*
- *Support existing communities*
- *Coordinate and leverage federal policies and investment*
- *Value communities and neighborhoods*

*Thanks to Albert Elias and his hard working staffers who have been our strong advocates on getting this program approved on behalf of the City.*

**Family Friendly Fun at the Train Depot**

As many of you know, we have an historic train depot located just at the entry to downtown, on 414 N. Toole Ave. On Saturday, May 12th, there will be a nearly day long opportunity for you and the family to visit and climb all over the vintage trains, watch operating model trains, check out U.P.'s diesel simulator and pick up some Amtrak goodies. The show will be open from 10am until 4pm, and it's free.

This is a group of dedicated preservationists who would very much appreciate your supportive visit to the show. I hope you can find some time to drop by on the 12th – it's National Train Day, and it's one of the alternate transit modes we need to preserve and enhance.

You can contact the group at any time by visiting them at [www.TucsonHistoricDepot.org](http://www.TucsonHistoricDepot.org), or calling 623.2223.

**Arena/Rio Nuevo/Fitz**

Each week I tell Diana that my goal is to keep these newsletters to single digit lengths. She has to format the drafts that I send over to her, and with our antiquated computer system, I'm afraid that chore will end up with her in some sort of therapy. So, in keeping with my goal of brevity, Fitz in last Sunday's Star did a very good job of summarizing several issues that I've been updating you on. With that as an intro, here's this week's update on the plan to build an arena, the lack of transparency in mediation, and the current value of what Rio is bringing to this relationship.



**Daily Fitz Cartoon: Arena**

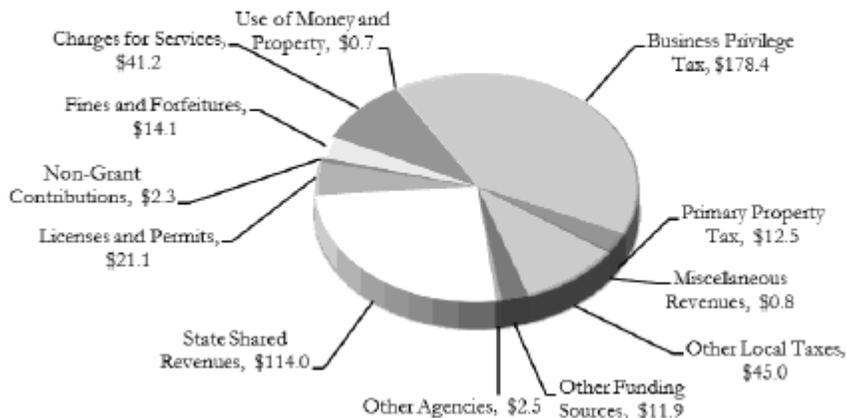
There. That probably saved three or four pages of text. Diana's happy, and the next time you see Fitz, let him know that he made the big time by appearing in this week's news letter.

**Budget**

Our schedule for adopting the budget includes public hearings at which you'll be given the opportunity to share your thoughts. Those will occur on May 8th and June 15th. There's no one right answer to the way a budget is put together but ideally, it shadows the community priorities. Come and let us know what yours are.

You can find the full budget document on line at the City web site. I'll just share a little here. This is a pie chart that shows you our various funding sources for the General Fund. The GF is what we use to provide the core services you pay for through your taxes.

## General Fund Revenues \$444.5 million



Now, here's a link to page D-1 of the budget that shows all of the department expenditures and a comparison to prior years:

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/5-1-12budget.pdf>

The recommended budget for this year is the column to the far right.

A quick look will show you that that column does not equal the \$444M General Fund revenue stream that is shown in the pie chart. The reason is that the department expenditures include both grant money we receive, and capital investments we make that are paid for out of bonds, Certificates of Participation, and other fees and assessments.

Three quick examples:

1. Police – recommended FY' 13 budget is \$155M, but about \$1.3M of their operations will be paid for through grant money that is going to expire.
2. Fire – recommended FY' 13 budget is \$96M, but nearly \$9M of that is grant money, and they're 4% grant funded.
3. Transportation – recommended FY' 13 budget has over \$180M in capital funding, so the figure shown in the last column is grossly inflated vs. what our operations costs truly are in transportation.

If you go to page F-1:

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/5-1-12budgetf1.pdf>

you can see the capital costs broken out, but that still won't show you the grant funding. It's a juggling act that we're going through, so please when you make your suggestions realize that what may be a logical and appropriate proposal may be difficult to achieve within the constraints of how grant and capital money can be spent.

It's similar to the commonly heard "they wasted \$200M on Rio Nuevo instead of funding police and fire." We can't spend Rio money on public safety (but they sure find ways to spend it on attorneys, and not on capital – back to Fitz).

I've shared with you what I think I've been hearing – roads are #1. Along with that we've got to prepare for loss of grant money in police, we've got to ensure our life safety calls in TFD are appropriately staffed, and we've got to put in place a transit fare policy that's tied to costs of operation. I want to see upgrades to our I.T. system, and I would like to see our

Finance department be allocated budget capacity to hire more FTE's since Kelly's people generate net revenues. And I'd like to get some of our employees a COLA this year – ideally limited to those who are at the bottom end of the pay scale since they've been hit the hardest by the furloughs and lack of salary adjustments.

I've gone through the budget and have plenty of questions that I'll be asking for clarification. If you've got some, pass them along and if I don't know the answer, I'll try to get you one.

**Parting shots from the Broadway event:**

This church was built in 1950. It is slated for demolition if the Broadway project is designed as planned.



Supervisor Elias' constituents are 69% City residents – He gets it!



The Charter is what needs to be changed, or we do what the sign says – waste \$71M.



The success of the event is to the credit of the many neighborhood groups who invested their time in getting out the word. The message was clear – listen to the people who are paying the freight for the RTA projects.

Sincerely,

Steve Kozachik  
Council Member, Ward 6



**DATE:** Wednesday, May 9, 5:15 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

**LOCATION:** Kiewit Auditorium at 1515 N. Campbell Avenue (located within the Arizona Cancer Center on the University of Arizona Medical Center- University Campus)

**MORE INFORMATION:**

This training is free and open to the public  
No pre-registration is necessary, but RSVP is appreciated  
Free parking is available in the medical center's patient/visitor parking garage  
RSVP to (520) 626-2419

**IMPORTANT:** Participants will receive a confirmation stating that they completed the training, but this is *not a certification class*.

## 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.

Wednesday, May 2, 8:00pm. "Pato Banton". All ages.

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

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

Friday, May 4, 8:00pm. "CANVAS: Art on the Runway – First Fridays"

Sunday, May 6, 7:30pm. "Michael McDonald"

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

### **Tucson Convention Center**

#### **Music Hall**

May 1 thru May 3, 9:45am "Tucson Symphony Young People's Concert."

#### **TCC Arena**

May 3 thru May 5, "USA Wrestling Western Junior Regionals & Veteran's Nationals"

#### **TCC Grand Ballroom**

Friday, May 4, 9:00am. "Peace Officer's Memorial Service"

#### **Leo Rich Theatre**

Saturday, May 5, 6:00pm. "Miss Cinco de Mayo 2012"

<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"

[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 May 5 and runs until May 26

"Hoopleville...the cartoon world of David Kish"

<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)

#### **Other Community Events**

##### **Loft Cinema** [www.loftcinema.com/](http://www.loftcinema.com/)

Tuesday, May 1, 7:00pm. “The Education of Dee Dee Ricks”  
 Thursday, May 3, 7:00pm. “Monte Walsh.”

##### **Arizona State Museum – Woven Wonders (beginning April 28)**

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

##### **UA Mineral Museum – Ongoing**

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

##### **Flandrau Science Center**

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

##### **Main Gate Square Friday Night Live – Jazz Summer Concert Series**

On select Friday’s this summer, discover (or rediscover) Main Gate Square through the Jazz Summer Concert Series. Concerts begin at 7:00 in the Geronimo Plaza Courtyard and admission is free. Please visit [http://saaca.org/Main\\_Gate\\_Square.html](http://saaca.org/Main_Gate_Square.html)

for more information and listing of bands and restaurants.

##### **Food Truck Roundup – Sunday, May 6**

Dinnerware Arts, Main Gate Square, and the Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance have partnered together to host a Food Truck Roundup at Main Gate Square. The event takes place from 4:00 to 8:00 pm between Park and Euclid Ave. on University Blvd. Admission is free and there will live music, children’s activities, and more.

##### **National Train Day at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum – Saturday, May 12**