

## Ward 6 Staff



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# Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

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## Fire Chief



Most importantly, the Ward 6 office sends our love and a huge “get well soon” to Fire Chief Jim Critchley. While he’s recovering from a bump in the road, his troops are holding down the fort – and he’s missed.

## Medical Records

...and speaking of bumps in the road, I spent last week in bed – my bi-annual bout with the local crud. During the week I decided it’d be a good thing to connect w/my doc to see if he had any suggestions. When I called, I found that his number had been forwarded to a new clinic, and that the new place had not been given my medical records.

So, Dr. Lund, if you’re out there, it’d have been nice to have heard that you were retiring, if for no other reason than to have thanked you for your care over the years, and to get my hands on my medical records. Nobody quite knows where they are at this point. It’d be nice to hear from you so I’ve got something to share with my new PCP.

I’d call that a rather unprofessional departure.

And thanks to my friend Sheldon who helped out immensely throughout the week.

## Annexation

We had two annexations on the agenda on Tuesday. One was prompted by our water service policy – a company out by DM who has been trucking in their water forever and now has asked to be annexed so they can get onto our water infrastructure. No significant issues on the downside. On the upside, it shows our policy is a way to protect our water service and control growth at the same time. I understand that’s not



### 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

a universally popular concept, and yet this is one of the four great desert plains regions in the west and we are obligated to treat our precious natural resources with that in mind.

The other annexation had more moving parts – the SE corner of the Craycroft/River intersection. This was actually a rezoning request within an annexation we had already seen as a part of a Pre-Annexation Development process. What we saw at the time were conceptual design components, but on Tuesday the full development plan with specific areas of responsibility were outlined to us. The issue was whether to approve a rezoning to allow for those uses, or send it back for fine tuning in terms of who pays for what, and when.

We were also asked to either approve or reject the annexation of the acreage.

Thanks go out to my friend Mark for sending along this timely editorial comment on how annexations generally go in this region. They're always a political football and this one is no exception.



I reject the notion that has already been sent my way by some that I should have supported the annexation as a way to claim some sort of political victory over the county. That's partisanship at its worst and not a good way to create public policy.

The Rio Verde Vista project has been the subject of dispute from several directions for quite some time. It's a proposed development of 91 acres at the SE corner of River and Craycroft. It was my intent to study it from all angles, no axe to grind with any of the participants, and come away with an informed vote. I voted against approving the annexation and by extension the rezoning. Here's why.

Several small-ish issues, was there provision of contiguity of the river path to Craycroft? Yes, if and when the county completes its portion to the east. Was there provision for cross-parcel access for all affected property owners? Sort of – conditions are now tied to development causing the builder to have to demonstrate to the city that cross-parcel access has been achieved before any permitting will be given. Did the developer make provision for step-backs to protect scenic views? The tallest building within 100 feet of Craycroft was to be 30' in height, so yes.

There was a question raised by a property owner who was not included in the annexation as to the impact on their property value if we approved the Planned Area Development. I



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Senator John  
McCain (R)  
520-670-6334

Senator Jon Kyl (R)  
520-575-8633

Congressman  
Ron Barber (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)

suspect the value would have risen due to the increased commercial activity adjacent to their SR space. That leads to a discussion of values; does it always make sense to densify and increase property resale value at the expense of eliminating some of our riparian areas? Since I've been in Tucson, the foothills, and specifically River Road, has been built out. There's not much of the open space along the river walk left. Values – not a “small-ish” concern.

Two major constructability issues: one was the engineering that would be needed to stabilize the bank from erosion once the major development began. The County had one engineering report and the builder had another. They came to opposite conclusions as to the sufficiency of the plan being proposed by the builder. In a perfect world the guy doing the development would stand by his engineering study and put himself on the hook for any failures, including rebuilding or paying for lost homes and property, and the resulting need for rework of the bank. I asked for and was given assurance that if there's a failure of the bank stabilization, the builder's engineering stamp will place the burden of remediation onto him.

Most clearly though, is the issue of the road capacity. The County had this area of River Road, from Alvernon out to Sabino Canyon on its 2030 Plan. That is until it didn't have it on its 2040 Plan. The reason stated for it disappearing, is a lack of funding and more urgent priorities on other road segments. That's the stated reason.

Then, there's the political reason. Reference Calvin and Hobbs. There was no political will on the part of the Board of Supervisors to test the “Keep it Kinky” group (modern day “Friends of River Road Communities – but I've been here for four decades, so I remember their roots) who opposed the widening. The money went to other projects. But I know that there are still several million dollars of unspent 1997 Transportation Bond money. That must become a talking point between the city and county. There is an undeniable need today for expanding that segment of roadway from its current two lanes. What is lacking – other than votes on the BOS – is now the money to do the work and a realistic cross-width alignment that the community can live with. Current analyses and Right of Way data show a 150' width. Sound familiar? That's what is being proposed for Broadway. If we're not going to do it on that major arterial, nobody can seriously think such an idea would float well past the stakeholders out on that section of River Rd.

So we were being asked to approve a PAD that would conceivably add up to 18,000 travel trips along that stretch on a daily basis, knowing that the existing capacity was insufficient, but with no funding and no plan to improve the road. I'm all for annexation and expanding our tax base, but that picture didn't make a whole lot of sense to me.

What does make sense is for us to draw a ½ mile circle around the center point of the Craycroft/River intersection and annex all of that land. That includes sufficient retail so that a tax base exists to pay for the needed road expansion. The county isn't going to do the work. The developer isn't going to fund something beyond some intersection improvements that is a pre-existing condition. There is no consensus around the area residents as to what that expansion should look like. So why make the situation worse with no way identified to solve the problem?

Between the end of January and the end of June this year there were 11 accidents at that intersection involving 23 vehicles. That's just at the intersection. It doesn't count the gridlock

caused accidents upstream from there.

My opinion was that the current proposal isn't ready for prime time, and won't be until that significant issue of transit is addressed by the city and county staffs and governing boards.

The rest of the council felt differently and approved the annexation and the development. This is one area where the RTA mandate for expanded capacity makes sense.

### **Marist**

I might as well get both of the short-end of the stick votes out of the way up front. Allocation of CDBG funds for the Marist stabilization was approved. I didn't think that proposal was ready for prime time, either.

The money being advanced is Federal CDBG funding. That money is routinely spent to upgrade our urban core and serve low to moderate income residents of the community in things such as home improvements, rental assistance, social services and more. I questioned whether the use of this money for "spot blight remediation" was even legal since the statute says it cannot be used for that in an already blighted area. Staff was convinced that we're ok with the language. I'm not so sure.

The Catholic Church has clearly identified its priorities; using their funds to address social needs. I believe we should use these dollars to do the same.

I understand the desire to see the structure restored. I also understand and support the desire to activate the space with tax generating uses. But none have been agreed to and to suggest that taxes are the basis on which the City would recoup its gift to the Church could also be used in any argument of the City dedicating grant funding to any private sector developer, expecting to eventually garner enough sales taxes to pay off the "loan."

The city has a demonstrably poor track record in these sorts of deals. They poured significant money into the Matus-Meza House and now on its web site the City describes that structure as having "no mechanical system and the electrical and plumbing systems will need to be updated. ...the building is currently in poor condition based on these years of neglect and vacancy." There was nearly \$700K put into the Center for the Performing Arts and now it's surrounded by a chain link fence waiting for someone to make use of that investment.

The Marist College served as a school until 1968. About 30 years ago, in an effort to save the building the facade was re-plastered with a coating that does not allow the adobe to breathe. If water seeps in, the mud bricks cannot dry easily. Proving that, in 2005 monsoon rain ran down to the corners and did not drain properly. The damage was worst in the northwest corner, where the adobe fell away and left a hole in the building near the corner of Ochoa Street and Church Avenue. The building has been empty since 2002.

In 2005 the City did invest to try to save the building with a \$98,000 Heritage Fund grant from the State Historic Preservation Office to shore up the corners with wood beams. The southeast corner has deteriorated further, but the adobe is still in place. Then, last year it

was discovered by a structural analysis that the building is more vulnerable than was first expected. It was found that the adobe was 59 percent sand and 41 percent silt and clay. The ideal composition is 70 percent to 80 percent sand. It's a sand castle.

With that as a history, I'm not at all convinced that \$1M will fully stabilize the building. Even if it did, costs for abatement of asbestos, lead and potentially other hazardous materials are unknown. Combined between all sources, there have been over \$150K already put into the building to try to get it ready for somebody to invest in. In addition, we haven't seen a legitimate next use or proposal that would in any way make the city whole for that investment if it were made. And there remains the question as to whether the city takes on the O&M burden if it takes ownership of the new façade after renovation through an historic conservation easement.

I asked whether the Church would commit to making the City whole for its investment of the \$1.1M. They will not but they are willing to negotiate some payback to the City from money they are paid if they sell the building.

We have in place a new process by which a proposal is to go to the City Manager's business ombudsman (Deb Chandler) who looks over the proposal and if it is deemed realistic, comes to M&C for approval of a neutral third party review (at a cost of \$5K). That process was not engaged in the Marist deal. The City Attorney elected to steer the deal to one between the Church and developer, leaving the City with a role of doing the first step stabilizing to put the building into marketable condition. The City agreed to dedicate over \$1M in Community Development Block Grant funds to stabilize the structure so a private party can build out the space and put it to use. The only proposal that currently exists is for combined retail/hotel. It will not be subject to that third party analysis.

Had there been some language sending the proposal to the CM process and a third party review, and some recapture clause in the language that brought the CDBG funds back to us for another opportunity to use, I could have supported the work. As it was, there weren't those protections for the taxpayers and so I didn't feel the deal made sense while we are just about to try to convince you to support increasing your taxes to fund road repair. We need to earn that vote, and I didn't believe the deal points in the Marist plan met that standard.

Now that it's approved though, let's hope the money allocated actually covers the cost of stabilization, that abatement costs are covered by some tenant improvement deal, and let's hope a valid proposal comes forward and really puts the space into productive use to the economic betterment of that area of downtown. This is one where I'd love in about 12 months to be able to say to my friends who supported this that I was wrong.

### **Open Elections/Open Government**

On Friday of last week over 350,000 signatures were submitted to the Secretary of State to put on the November ballot a proposition that would change our primary and general election processes. Here's a link to the proposition:

[http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/filed\\_initiative\\_petition.pdf](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/filed_initiative_petition.pdf)

In brief it states that candidates run with the option of identifying with a party, or not, and that people can vote for whoever they want to on the list of candidates, irrespective of party

affiliation. The top two vote getters advance to the general election, regardless of whether or not they're in the same party.

The proposal has its pros and cons. My intent here is not to lobby for or against it, but to bring it to your attention.

It's also my intent to point out how the Legislature immediately reacted to it by calling for a special session to try to counteract it. Gov. Jan Brewer said that she intended to call the Legislature back to work this week to put a measure on the ballot designed to counter one of the key aspects of the proposal. That'll cost the taxpayers a chunk of change to feed and house them while they craft their counter.

Predictably, the move immediately triggered complaints by supporters of the measure who claim the Governor and Legislature are simply trying to load the ballot and confuse voters with competing, but similar proposals. Former Phoenix mayor Paul Johnson, one of the proposals sponsors called it "cowardly."

The Governor denied any attempt to confuse voters. However, Candidate Frank Antenori openly admitted the move was a thinly veiled game to thwart the measure. Here's a quote from an article in last week's AzCentral.com:

**Senate Majority Whip Frank Antenori, R-Tucson, said many lawmakers, Republican and Democratic alike, don't like the citizen initiative and would favor an alternative. But he admitted confusion is part of the game plan. "If you put two or three (similar proposals) out there, they vote 'no'," he said of voters. "That's the default."**

Whatever it takes, right? So much for winning a debate on its merits. And so much for confidence in the electorate that they'll actually be smart enough to discern what they're voting on. So far the Antenori wing of the party cannot agree with the Governor enough to warrant the special session. It's worth paying attention to, though. Antenori is running against David Bradley for State District 10 this year. That's the east side of Tucson, and running north. Here's the whole article:

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/politics/articles/2012/07/06/20120706arizona-legislature-readies-special-session.html>

And speaking of elections and the legislature, we gave the City Attorney direction on Tuesday to initiate litigation against the State over the bill they passed last session that mandates elections only be conducted in even numbered years. Our recent history is one of success in beating back the incursions by the State into how we conduct our elections – the court equated our Charter with our Constitution and said the State could not usurp that document legislatively. So, we're off to court again on an issue similar to that which we just won against the legislature.

### **North End Zone Update**

This is a computer modeling of the eventual build out of the north end zone. Gone are the days when contractors work solely off from blue prints and use a slide rule to measure their cuts. Of course hard copy is still used plenty, but at the end of a project our "as-built" drawings come to us on a little 3" thumb drive, no longer the 8" thick rolls of prints.

These computer renderings (picture to the right) can be manipulated to allow the architects and contractors to check articulations of the various building elements, and to make adjustments before the work begins out in the field. It's another tool that makes the industry more efficient, and decreases the need for rework and the associated added costs.



And on the left is the newly laid sod and an aerial of the site – you can see that the new seating bowl is in place and the structure for the building is going up behind it. What once was Bear Down Field is now the staging area. It'll be restored after the project is completed in 2013. The tunnel in the middle of the seating area is the new team entryway. The locker rooms and other support facilities will be located under and behind the seats. From the computer rendering you can see how the building will rise above the seats once the structure is completed.

### Neighborhood Clean Up

Throughout Ward 6 we have some seriously committed neighborhood representatives who work their butts off trying to keep their areas looking presentable. In turn, we have some extremely committed city staff working for Neighborhood Resources who also work hard in enforcing our neighborhood preservation ordinance standards.



And so when we see things like this that require both the time of neighbors to patrol and report, the time of city staff to enforce, and the cost to the taxpayers, it gets to be an old story of simply sending out the message of please take care to ensure your property is an asset to your surrounding area, and not something like is shown in these shots.

In case you're not familiar, this is language straight from the City Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance – code enforcement section:

**The following are common exterior code violations that property owners are required to prevent or eliminate:**

### **OVERGROWN WEEDS AND GRASS**

Overgrown weeds and grass are unsightly, can produce allergies and harbor rodents and other pests. It is illegal to allow grass or weeds to grow beyond 6 inches in height. Please maintain your property and keep your weeds or grass below 6 inches in height. You are also responsible for maintaining the grass and weeds in the abutting sidewalks, street easements, and one half of the width of the alley that abuts your property.

### **VEGETATION ENCROACHMENT**

Vegetation, such as trees, bushes or shrubs, that encroaches or overhangs into the abutting public right-of-way constitutes a safety hazard and impedes safe passage of vehicles and pedestrians. You are responsible for trimming your vegetation to keep these areas free of obstructions

### **JUNK, LITTER, AND DEBRIS**

Properties must be maintained to be free of accumulated junk, litter, debris and refuse. Such materials must be disposed of properly and may not be left in the yard or on abutting sidewalks, alleys or easements or illegally dumped on public or private property. Auto parts, appliances, furniture, building or landscaping materials, tires, paper, cardboard, plastics, tree trimmings and any other discarded items should also be disposed of properly.

### **ILLEGAL DUMPING**

Illegal dumping is the disposal of junk, litter, debris or refuse in any unauthorized place such as public or private property, streets, alleys, easements or washes. It is illegal for a property owner to keep debris, litter or refuse on their property unless it's in an approved container. Please remember that residents may place items out for collection only during designated Brush and Bulky service dates. Collection dates and guidelines for your neighborhood are available on the Environmental Services website at [www.tucsonaz.gov/esd](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/esd) or by calling Environmental Services customer service center at 791-3171.

### **RESIDENTIAL STORAGE**

Outside storage in residential areas must comply with the following conditions specified in the City of Tucson

Land Use Code (section 3.2.5.1):

- Items can only be stored in the rear or side yards. They are not permitted in the front yard.
- Storage is limited to a maximum of 25% of the total lot area.

Items must be screened from the street by an opaque barrier such as a fence or wall that is a minimum of 5 feet in height or in an enclosed structure.

It's summer and lots of people are doing extra house cleaning. Please do your part to keep our city presentable.

### **Streetcar Update**

On Tuesday the City Manager announced that the FTA is now requiring that we buy an 8<sup>th</sup> streetcar vehicle at just over \$3.6M. He proposed that we sell Certificates of Participation (COPS) to pay for it. The debt service for those come from the general fund and they do not need voter approval. They would amount to over \$300,000 annually just for the additional streetcar.

My answer was to tell the FTA that we don't have the money and that we're operating the system with seven cars. Of course since we took their \$63M to begin the project, we may have no leverage to do what I proposed but it's a conversation that we have to have with them, and with the RTA. This thing is going to drain us dry.

On the 2006 RTA ballot, the voters approved this 3.9 mile route. The RTA has funded \$87M, the Feds another \$63M and the balance is going to have to be paid for by the city. About \$8M of that will land in your water bills due to water infrastructure relocations. Right now, there's another \$15M - \$20M that we haven't identified and/or received. The new car was an add to that.

And that's just construction. Operations are estimated to cost in the \$2M per year range. That's based on 4,000 riders per day at a cost recovery similar to that which we get from Sun Tran (about 21% projected in this case). I looked at some other cities to see if that ops cost figure is realistic. Our system is supposed to run at 10 minute headways during peak times.

For comparison:

- Memphis – 10 minute headways @ \$3.9M annual O&M costs
- Columbus – 15 minute headways @ \$4.5M annual O&M costs
- Austin – 10 minute headways @ \$21M operations costs (but they're projecting 32,000 riders p/day)
- Portland – 15 minute headways @ \$4.9M annual O&M costs.

"Houston, we've got a problem."

The plan is to run three cars in each direction and hit the 10 minute waiting times during peak hours – 20 minutes during non-peak times. The route is only four miles long. I don't believe we're going to get an average of 4,000 riders per day and I don't believe we need to spend the money we're planning on for O&M to drive mostly empty cars past "stops" every 10 minutes. So, multiple issues that require us to engage the FTA and the RTA immediately:

- a. Cost of construction shortfall
- b. Requirement for the 8<sup>th</sup> vehicle
- c. Headways and how we reduce the O&M obligation that will come from our general fund once RTA money is exhausted.

The city is still applying for other federal grants, and the construction shortfall might be filled through those. If not, it's local (your) dollars. There is little optimism that we will secure operations funding from anything but from local sources. I've been harping for two years to get the corridor zoned to help defray these costs. We're still not going vertical on the west side of the freeway – the only real ripe spot for significant commercial development that remains from terminus to terminus.

Planned completion date is mid-next year. There's no more road to kick the can down. We need to secure funds and dig in and stop the add-ons at this point or we'll be back to reducing services in other areas in order to pay for this operation.

**Dog Protection Ordinance**

Finally, this is an item that I'm just beginning work on with some local folks and hope to have it ready for consideration early in the fall.

Back in 2008, the voters of South Tucson approved a Dog Protection Ordinance that was pretty targeted to events occurring out at Tucson Greyhound Park. The Ord. called for things such as feeding the animals healthy food, giving them more than 1 hour out of their cage per day, making sure the cage was bigger than a hatbox, and eliminating the use of anabolic steroids in the female dogs for purposes of performance enhancement, or to keep them from going into heat. With the support of over 100 local veterinarians, it passed easily.

Recently I've seen evidence that the dogs are now being trucked into the Tucson city limits and being injected with steroids here. Comments to the media by a veterinarian who is alleged to have been giving the shots were pretty in your face; what he was doing didn't violate State law, and so he wasn't daunted by a local ordinance.

Last legislative term the State tried to tweak Greyhound racing by lowering the number of days per year that the track has to run the dogs. They evidently make more money from on-line gaming, so the track didn't resist much. But there is still a concern over feeding, exercise, housing and the use of steroids.

I've begun work with some local veterinarians and concerned citizens to try to expand the anti-anabolic steroid boundary into Tucson, and to make sure our local ordinances are sufficiently humane so that pet owners are responsibly raising their four legged loved ones.

I'll be looking for a more engaged role by the Pima Animal Control Center than I got last year, and hope to get some traction on this with the Board of Supervisors so the violators don't simply move their operation out into the County. If this isn't an example of what should be a totally non-partisan issue, I'm not sure what is.

More on this to come.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik  
Council Member, Ward 6

## 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.  
Friday, July 13, 8:00pm. “**Kid Ink**”. All ages.  
[www.RialtoTheatre.com](http://www.RialtoTheatre.com)

**Fox Theatre**, 17 W. Congress St.  
Wednesday, July 11, 7:30pm. “**Willie Nelson & Family**”  
Friday, July 14, 7:30pm. “**Vertigo**”  
Saturday, July 14, 10:00am and 6:00pm. “**NPC Terminator 2012**”  
Sunday, July 15, 2:00pm. “**Vertigo**”  
[www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org](http://www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org)

### Tucson Convention Center

**Music Hall**  
Friday, July 13 through Sunday, July 15, “**Pima County Home Show**”  
Saturday, July 14, 7:30pm. “**WWE Tucson Raw & Smackdown Supershow**”  
<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/tcc/eventcalendar>

### Ongoing . . . .

**Tucson Museum of Art**, 140 N. Main Ave.  
Ongoing exhibition, Opening Saturday, June 16 and ending September 23:  
“**100 Years 100 Ranchers: Spirit of the West**”  
[www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org](http://www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org)

**Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)**, 265 S. Church Ave.  
Current exhibition: **The AIR Show**  
Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00pm.  
[www.Moca-Tucson.org](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 June 2 and runs until July 29  
“**Fundamental Skills**”  
<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/)

Wednesday, July 11, 7:30pm. “**Heist: Who Stole the American Dream**”

Saturday, July 14, 7:00pm. “**Hide Away**”

**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”

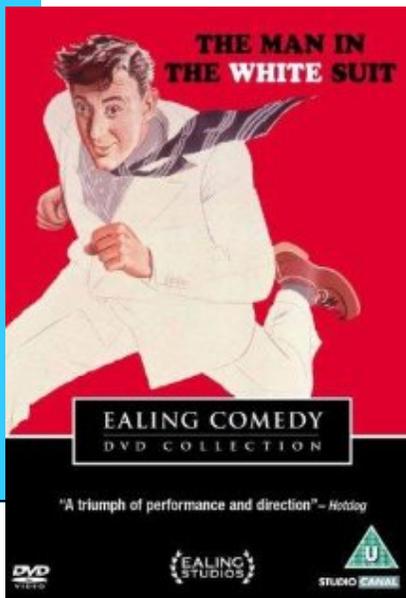
**Flandrau Science Center**

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.



presents “The Man in the White Suit”  
on Thursday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m.

To view full schedule visit:

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

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual School Supplies Drive

Tucson Association of REALTORS® and News 4 Tucson's Kristi's Kids have joined together for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual School Supplies Drive. You can drop off supplies starting now through August 1 at any Walgreens, The Children's Museum, News 4 Tucson KVOA, and Tucson Association of REALTORS®. We will also have a drop off location at the Ward 6 Office for your convenience. For more information and a list of supplies needed visit

<http://www.tucsonrealtors.org/supplies.html>



Chicano's Por La Causa will also be collecting back to school supplies, now through August 6<sup>th</sup>. Donations may be dropped off at 2550 E. Fort Lowell Rd. For more information call 520-882-0018

### Candidate Forum Workshop – July 21

Want to learn how to plan and produce forums? The League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson is hosting a free workshop that will be useful for any groups who would like to host a candidate of issue forum. The topics include location, staffing, format, publicity, etc. The event will be at the Pima County Housing Center at 801 W. Congress St on Saturday, July 21 from 9:30 to 1:00pm. Please RSVP at 327-7652 or 326-3018.

### Tucson Parks Foundation's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Night at the Ballpark

On Wednesday, July 18, join the Tucson Parks Foundation and the Tucson Padres for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Night at the Ballpark. It will be \$1 hot dog night and there will be a 50/50 raffle. The proceeds help support Tucson Parks and Recreation KIDCO programs. Tickets start at \$4.00 for general admission and the game starts at 7:05 at the Kino Stadium. Please visit:

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

Come out for a night of fun and support a wonderful organization who does so much for our community.



### Wasteline Energy Workshop

Are you interested in learning how you can reduce your energy waste line? The Metropolitan Energy Commission, Tucson Electric Power, and the City of Tucson are joining together to sponsor several two-hour FREE Wasteline Energy Workshops. You will practice hands-on techniques that will increase the comfort of your home with low-to-no-cost while also reducing your energy use. Topics include energy conservation, efficiency, renewables, and much more. If you and your neighbors or friends are interested in setting up this FREE workshop, please contact [energywasteline@tep.com](mailto:energywasteline@tep.com) for more information.

### The Loft Summer Cleaning – July 14, 7:00am to Noon

Come join The Loft Cinema (3251 E. Speedway Blvd) on Saturday, July 14 for some Summer Cleaning fun. They are cleaning out their pile of props, posters, office items, and theater seats. Additionally, if you would like to donate you own unwanted items, they will sell those as well. Drop off starts on Wednesday, July 11. All sales will benefit the non-profit Loft Cinema's BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE campaign, and all unsold items will be donated to Casa de los Ninos.