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USPS – Cherry Bell Station



For the past few months we on the M&C have been advocating for the preservation of the Cherry Bell postal distribution center. On June 29th, the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) issued a decision that effectively allows the closure process to move forward. A little background:

There is no question that the USPS is facing some significant financial issues. The agency lost \$3.2 billion in the first three

months of 2012. Congress is weighing a number of options for helping restore the Postal Service to profitability, including ending Saturday mail delivery, but the House of Representatives and the Senate have yet to agree on a plan. There are a couple of bills being considered, but with the recent decision by the PRC, action on those bills may come too late to protect hundreds of local jobs, and the postal delivery standards that currently exist in our region.

USPS officials say they need to begin closing facilities and making other cost-cutting moves. The Postal Service initially planned to close about 220 processing sites and end next-day delivery. The plan was later modified to spread out the closures and maintain overnight delivery of local mail for a few years. That occurred after significant pressure levied by stakeholders in the system – including workers, businesses, seniors, rural areas and the general public from all around Tucson and Pima County.

What is still being left unaddressed in the proposed “fixes” is the fact that the USPS is required to pre pay billions of dollars’ worth of pension benefits, even for employees not yet hired. That would affect anybody’s bottom line and it is a requirement that no other agency (or business) is held to.

This is the exact text of an article I found in The Federal Times (a Gannett Company, so it’s news, not propaganda).

USPS default on Aug. 1 appears likely

The cash-strapped U.S. Postal Service is within weeks of defaulting on a legally required \$5.5 billion payment into a health benefits fund for future retirees.

So far, it appears House leaders have no intention of preventing that from



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police
Department

911 or 791-4444
nonemergency

Mayor & Council
Comment Line

791-4700

Neighborhood
Resources

791-4605

Park Wise

791-5071

Water Issues

791-3242

Pima County Animal
Control

243-5900

Street Maintenance

791-3154

Planning and
Development
Services 791-5550

Southwest Gas

889-1888

Gas Emergency/
Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus

Hotline

243-7999

Environment

Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal

792-2489

AZ Game & Fish

628-5376

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happening — they have postponed any action on relief measures until at least fall. While a Senate-passed bill would significantly reduce the amount of the payment, the House has not acted on that legislation. House leaders also have reversed plans to take up a rival measure that would cut the payment to \$1 billion, according to a spokesman for one of the measure's sponsors, Rep. Dennis Ross, R-Fla. "It appears, although we have the votes, leadership does not intend for postal reform to come to the floor before [the] August recess," the spokesman, Fred Piccolo, said in an email late Wednesday.

Under a schedule laid out in the 2006 Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act, the Postal Service is also supposed to make a \$5.6 billion payment into the retiree health fund at the end of September. "Without congressional action, we will default on both payments," USPS spokesman Dave Partenheimer said in an email Thursday.

Lawmakers appear likely to let USPS default, representatives of mailing industry groups said Thursday.

"They'll let them default," said Gene Del Polito, president of the Association for Postal Commerce. "What time is there left to do anything?"

While a default would be embarrassing for the Postal Service, the practical consequences, if any, are unclear. "We will continue to pay employees and suppliers to keep the mail moving," Partenheimer said. Benefits to current retirees would not be affected.

But the continuing cash-flow problems could also worsen the Postal Service's financial crisis by spooking customers into exploring "other delivery and communications options," Partenheimer added.

Both the House and Senate will be on break from Aug. 6 through Sept. 7; after that, the House is scheduled to be in session for only three weeks in September and October, according to a schedule posted on its website.

Tony Conway, executive director of the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, sees little chance of an intervention from Congress before next month's deadline. Lawmakers have "got all this stuff on their plate, and they're running out of time and there's no vehicle, so it doesn't appear it's something they're going to get to," he said.

The healthcare payment was originally due last September, but Congress deferred it until Aug. 1.

In requiring the Postal Service to build up the health benefits fund, lawmakers' stated purpose was to ensure coverage for future retirees without resorting to taxpayer assistance. But USPS executives and unions have objected that no other business or government agency faces a similar mandate. Although the agency has struggled to make the payments in recent years, Congress has twice stepped in, either to reduce the legally required amount or to push back the deadline.

I'm in touch with elected officials and members of the USPS bureaucracy in an effort to encourage quick action to protect our local station. I say "local," and yet it services all of Southern Arizona and its closure would have far reaching impacts on mail delivery and costs for multiple millions of customers.



Important Phone Numbers

I won't use this newsletter to lobby your assistance, but I'd encourage you to do some homework on the issue and if you feel compelled, weigh in with your Federal elected representatives and senators on whichever side of the issue you come down. The Legislature doing nothing strikes me as being Congressional abandonment and a failure to recognize that some decision needs to be made in a timely manner.

Cities in Financial Crises

Last week the City of Scranton, PA announced that they are going to pay about 300 City workers minimum wage. Those workers include all of their public safety personnel.

I ran across this report in The Christian Science Monitor:

Stockton, Calif., recently became the largest US city in history to declare bankruptcy, and it may not be the last. A perfect storm of a low tax receipts, high retiree obligations, cash-strapped state budgets, and ill-advised fiscal decisions has swamped towns this year, big and small, from coast to coast. The result is an unprecedented number of municipalities up against severe financial difficulties.

Add to that NYC who went through a restructuring several years ago, and it took them nearly a decade before they could borrow again. Jefferson County, Alabama and Orange County, California have declared Chapter 9 bankruptcy. Cleveland, Ohio is defaulting on some of its debt obligations, and Harrisburgh, PA had a receiver appointed to walk them through their financial issues.

Here is a link to a story on the Scranton problem:

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/7-17-12cityofscrantonarticle.pdf>

I mention this for a bunch of reasons. First and most importantly is to point out that it's happening all over the Country – not just in one given locale or region. Below in this newsletter I will be relating examples of where we are divided either on party lines, jurisdictional lines or lines drawn by level of government. Those divisions can have devastating affects if we don't quit the pettiness and start to elect people who are committed to working for the greater good of the taxpayers and not blindly following an ideology.

I also mention it in order to point out to you that in the three budget cycles I've gone through since having been elected in 2009, we have faced deficits of \$55M, \$40M and this year just under \$10M. Through those cycles we have laid off workers, reduced benefits for new hires, reduced services to the public, forced furloughs on city staff and more. And this M&C has made those decisions, worked with our finance people and our unions to keep things running while other jurisdictions around the Country have failed financially. When we make foolish fiscal decisions, we deserve to be held accountable. And yet, it needs to be said that we've weathered some pretty significant fiscal storms recently and we're doing ok today because of the bi-partisan work we've engaged, and the financial management offered by City staff.

We're at a point now where we have some potentially good capital projects we can consider. We need to chase the ones that make financial sense. People, who want to live focused on past failures, will be critical when it looks as though we're "giving away taxpayer money." You will need to remember that we are bound by State Constitutional Gift Clause restrictions – incentives we will consider must have a net positive return to the City, or we cannot offer them. We will commit to neutral 3rd party analyses to demonstrate the net ef-

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McCain (R)
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Senator Jon Kyl (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman
Ron Barber (D)
(8th District)
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Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(7th District)
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602-542-4331
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State Legislators
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1-800-352-8404
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Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201

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

fects of incentives for each given project. If they don't pencil out, they won't be offered and we'll move onto the next project. But trading water fiscally is not an option. We're also at a point where we have to renew our relationship with the Rio Nuevo Board and start to use the TIF money in productive ways. If we can't get the Legislature to modify the currently restrictive language that binds spending decisions, that cannot happen. If the State won't do that, we're wasting our time and your money on Rio. How do I know that our options are limited by statute? Because I solicited a legal opinion from the President of the Senate. My question was "under the terms of SB1003, can the City and Rio spend TIF money on anything but a convention center hotel or the TCC?" Here's the verbatim answer:

Steve.

Here is what Greg Jernigan, our Senate attorney said regarding your request for clarification...

"In the letter from Council Member Kozachik, he suggests that there is confusion about the "intent" of the Rio Nuevo bill passed in 2009 (Chap. 3, 49th Leg., 4th Sp. Sess.). ARS Sec. 48-4204 was amended as part of the 2009 bill and it appears to be very clear and very specific, stating that TIF monies may only be spent for debt service and contract obligations incurred prior to 1/1/09, legal and admin. costs and design and construction of the "hotel and convention center". The statute makes it clear that TIF monies cannot be used for any other purpose "until a notice to proceed is issued for a hotel and convention center located on the multipurpose facility site". It seems clear that the Legislature would have to amend that statutory mandate to allow TIF monies to be spent in any other way. "

I hope this helps. I am sharing it with Fletcher also.

*STEVE PIERCE
Arizona State Senate,*

Broken record alert: Rio has bond money earmarked for the TCC. It's the only thing they can spend money on until the Legislature changes their own legislation, or "until a notice to proceed is issued for a hotel and convention center." So here are our options:

1. Rio to put money into the TCC
2. City and Rio work to get legislation changed to allow for broader spending.
3. City to work with potential developers offering appropriate incentive packages to kick start projects and create jobs.

We are in an election season. I'd encourage you to support candidates at all levels of government who express a willingness to forget labels and commit to solving our State, County and local financial problems by setting aside non-fundamental differences and working for solutions based on collaboration and compromise. If we don't do that, there are plenty of real life examples of the damage that other jurisdictions are suffering as a result. We're not immune.

Department of Liquor Licenses and Control

When businesses apply for a liquor license anywhere in the State, local jurisdictions re-

view the application for a variety of compliance related issues. Those apply to zoning, proximity to schools and churches, saturation in a given area, the personal characteristics of the applicant and more.

The governing body of the jurisdiction makes a recommendation to the State DLLC and that Board reviews the recommendation and renders the final decision. About half the time we send an application to the State with a recommendation to deny the license request, the Board reverses our decision. This is most normally due to the applicant retaining counsel and spending the time and money to travel to Phoenix and make a case directly to the Liquor Board. The City is represented by our City Attorney's office, but unless citizens are willing to travel to Phoenix and testify, the deck is stacked in favor of the applicant.

Last week I sent this letter to Alan Everett, Director of the DLLC:

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/07-13-12letter2liquorborad.pdf>

It's clear that if liquor license appeals that relate to Tucson applications were held in Tucson, residents would have the chance to attend and offer their direct testimony. To me, that's what representative government should be about.

Here are some statistics related to active liquor licenses across the State.

Liquor License Count by County

- 01) Apache County 61
- 02) Cochise County 267
- 03) Coconino County 407
- 04) Gila County 149
- 05) Graham County 56
- 06) Greenlee County 27
- 07) Maricopa County 5,600
- 08) Mohave County 452
- 09) Navajo County 169
- 10) Pima County 1,552
- 11) Pinal County 388
- 12) Santa Cruz County 116
- 13) Yavapai County 512
- 14) Yuma County 311
- 15) La Paz County 98



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It comes as not surprise that Pima County is second only to Maricopa County in quantity. Given that we're a significant player in this issue, we should be holding appeals related to Tucson applications locally.

Here's a rundown on where the fees collected by the DLLC go:

50% - State General Fund

30% - DLLC self-funding Liquor License Fund

Of the remaining 20%, only 1/3 is returned to the County of origin.

There's a formula that governs how the 50% of the retained fees are disbursed back to Counties' unincorporated areas. There are a variety of other fees retained by the State (special events, club licenses, surcharges for renewals, surcharges for investigations, etc.) Those fees all combined have yielded the following amount of money over the last decade:

2002 - \$4.7M
2003 - \$5M
2004 - \$5.7M
2005 - \$6M
2006 - \$5.3M
2007 - \$11.6M
2008 - \$13.3M
2009 - \$9.4M
2010 - \$6.9M
2011 - \$8.8M

Clearly there's a lot of money involved, as well as significant issues related to quality of life for the local jurisdictions. Read this mission statement that comes from the DLLC web site:

To vigilantly promote the health, safety and welfare of Arizona citizens by licensing the liquor industry and assuring compliance with state liquor laws through collaboration, training, adjudication, and enforcement.

The purpose of my letter to Mr. Everett was to allow for the portion of that mission statement that refers to the "safety and welfare" of citizens to be respected through decisions made at the locale in which they are relevant, not up in Maricopa County by disconnected bureaucrats.

If you would like to share your thoughts with the Director, his contact information is:

Alan Everett Director
800 W. Washington, 5th Floor Phoenix, AZ 85007
602-542-9020 alan.everett@azliquor.gov

Here is the text of Mr. Everett's reply to my letter:

Councilor Kozachik,

Your email is very timely as the State Liquor Board actually conducted their monthly meeting in Tucson, yesterday. There were 5 Tucson area cases on the agenda. They met in the Pima County Supervisors Board Room.

I was not in attendance but will provide you with the results later.

On average, the Liquor Board approves 40 - 50% of the cases that come before them; they deny 50 - 60% of the cases. Two members of the Board are from Tucson; Mr. Bill DuPont and Mr. Michael Farley.

Thank you for your comments and suggestion. I'll provide additional information later.

*Alan Everett
Director
AZ Dept.of Liquor
800 W. Washington Suite #500*

Phoenix, AZ 85007

I'll be following up with him and hope to be able to report to you that they have changed the current practice of making Pima County residents drive over 200 miles to share their thoughts on these important issues.

A tale of two Annexations

Last year, the City was coerced into having to consider annexing the Painted Hills area just west of Tucson, or face the potential of losing the ability to establish and control our water service policy. The issue was brought to the boiling point by the desire of a developer who wanted to build several hundred homes out in that region.

Last week, another developer found some land outside of the City limits and in this case, being thwarted by the County offered to be annexed if the City would allow the development to move ahead. This is the River Rd./Craycroft item that council approved last week.

Both annexations were represented by the same legal counsel. In the first, the City was being challenged to agree under threat of punitive legislation coming out of Phoenix. The result is that we're now considering some land swaps with various entities in an effort to preserve the Painted Hills from development, preserve the water service policy, and prevent the Legislature from yet again usurping local decision making authority. Had we agreed to the annexation we'd have protected our larger water policy, but would have conceded the Painted Hills development because, being annexed into the City, we'd have been obligated to serve the water to the built out site.

In the Craycroft annexation, the dynamic of legislative coercion didn't exist, but this was another jurisdiction vs. jurisdiction fight that looked right past the greater good of the immediate region / dealing with the traffic gridlock that is going to result from the annexation. There are some in the City who consider these annexations a City vs. County issue and feel that we "won one" last week. I felt the greater good would have been served by working out the transit mess with the County and surrounding residents first – then moving ahead with the planned area development. We didn't, and that leads to:

A tale of two Road Corridors

You've read plenty about the proposed widening of Broadway to 150', the resulting demolition of over 115 homes and businesses, and the fact that none of the travel studies bear out the need to do the work. You've also read that the project is underfunded by over \$25M due to the inability of the County to come up with its portion of the funding to which it had committed back in '97.

There is now a citizen's task force formed to discuss a reconsideration of that proposed widening, a discussion of the available funding, and presumably with the goal being to design something we can afford, something that we need and something that maintains the functionality of the roadway for years to come.

The River Road widening is another example of a project that was once on the County funding plan until it was removed in favor of other projects. When we voted to annex the SE quadrant of the intersection last week, we did so knowing that no funds exist to address the travel needs at either the intersection or the roadway going to the east. There is a traffic analysis that calls for a 150' cross width (same as Broadway) that will cause the demolition of multiple homes if that were to occur (same as Broadway). Not a prayer of that happening.

There is no citizen's task force formed to discuss that problem because there is no project to discuss. What there is is a planned area development that will add up to 18,000 new travelers along that already gridlocked segment of roadway and not a dime programmed to address the issue.

The legal counsel representing the developer is the same one who represented the Painted Hills developer.

In both roadway cases there is either insufficient, or no funding. In one roadway case there is a plan that does not address the traffic realities, and in the other there is no plan, despite existing traffic mitigation needs. In both roadway cases there is the potential for the loss of millions of dollars worth of private property through eminent domain. In both cases there are disputes between the City and County over a variety of issues related to the work (money, need, design, etc.).

So...

- Two annexations, both of which involved significant growth policy issues, both of which drew in collateral issues related to preservation of riparian areas, both of which involve an inability of governing bodies to work well together.
- And two road projects that have funding problems, design problems, citizen and property impacts, and more intergovernmental in-fighting.

One project now enjoys citizen input and the other can't because we closed our eyes to the need to address it before we make it worse by developing the area.

We should certainly look seriously at annexation of unincorporated areas when and where it makes sense. We are leaving significant money on the table up in Phoenix by not doing so. And yet, had we annexed Painted Hills, hundreds of houses would now be being built in that area simply as a defensive measure to protect our water policy until a case with a better set of facts came along. In the case of Craycroft, we annexed and leave a clear and present traffic issue (over capacity) unaddressed all up and down the River Rd. corridor.

Not all annexations are worth doing. Not all road projects are worth doing but some should be done. All of this is screaming out for the City to work more effectively with the County (and vice versa) and for the State to butt out of our affairs. Even if we settle in some way in the Painted Hills case, there's nothing to prevent the Legislature from passing a punitive bill anyway. One can only hope and continue to raise these issues on a case by case basis.

Birds, Dogs and a Dog

Back to my animal lover segment.

From August 15th through 19th, the Tucson Audubon Society is hosting the Tucson Bird and Wildlife Festival. Registrants are already coming from over 20 States to participate in a series of field trips, workshops, nature expos and other programs. This is one of the Civic Events that the City funded through a competitive RFP process. As we welcome thousands of visitors to the area, we will realize a positive return on our financial investment.





The Riverpark Inn is serving as the host hotel and is offering special event rates. If you'd like more information on the Festival, go to the Tucson Audubon Society web site and you can see the whole program. You can also register on-line at that site.

The Animal Welfare Alliance of Southern Arizona offers a program called "Pet Fix." It's a free spay/neuter program, and it's offered at multiple locations around the region.

This is one that the County, and private donors have stepped up to the plate to fund. I wish I could say that the City was participating, but in checking with the Pima Animal Care

Center I learned that none of our funding through PACC is being allocated to this free spay/neuter program. I believe it should be and will continue to work with the PACC staff to consider it.

The clinics that are participating in the Pet Fix program are:

Ajo Veterinary Clinic – 623.5728

Animal Birth Center – 741.7729

Arizona Spay/Neuter Clinic – 624.5005

Guadalupe Veterinary Clinic – 889.5949

Humane Society of Arizona – 881.0321

The Spay and Neuter Clinic – 744.3458

They're distributed all over the region, so one is convenient to you. Dogs must be on a leash or in carriers, cats must be in carriers – do not feed your pet after 6pm the night before going – two pet limit and appointments are given on a first come/first served basis.

You can check out the AWASA group by visiting their web site at awasa.org



Last week a DPS K-9 was left in a hot squad car for just over an hour. With the outside temperature at about 98 degrees, the heat inside was enough to cause signs of organ damage – the result was that Jeg had to be euthanized.

Jeg was left in a squad car by his handler who was switching vehicles at DPS headquarters. The officer was called out on another call and neglected to first

return to the squad car to free Jeg.

It's summer – do not for a minute leave your animal (or child) in an enclosed car. There is no excuse for it.

Also, please note that "DPS" is not TPD. I've gotten some legitimately irate calls about this directed towards TPD. The Department of Public Safety is a different agency.



Median Clean-Up

The contracted out median work continues.

Here are the areas that have now been completed (as of June 10th)

- Broadway - Country Club Road to Camino Seco
- Miracle Mile - Oracle Road to Interstate 10
- Golf Links Road - Swan to Houghton
- Speedway Boulevard - Interstate 10 to Country Club
- Speedway Boulevard - Wilmot to Camino Seco
- Campbell Avenue - Grant Road to Ajo Way
- Silverbell Road - Grant Road to St. Mary's Road
- River Road - Oracle Road to 1st Avenue
- 22nd Street - Swan to Camino Seco
- Mission Road - Starr Pass to Ajo Way
- Valencia Road - Alvernon to Sandpiper
- Oracle - Drachman to Genematas
- Kino Parkway - 22nd Street to Ajo Way
- Campbell Avenue – Irvington to Valencia

The work will continue, and in the next 30 days, here is where you'll see the work being done.

- Golf Links Road - Swan Road to Ajo Way (to include the Barraza Aviation Parkway area)
- 22nd Street - Swan Road to Cherry Avenue
- Swan Road – Rillito River to Golf Links Road
- Craycroft Road – Speedway Boulevard to Golf Links Road
- Speedway Boulevard – Wilmot Road to Country Club Road
- Grant Road – Tanque Verde Road to Swan Road
- Ajo Way – Country Club Road to I-10 Overpass
- Tucson Boulevard – Airport to Irvington Road
- Irvington Road – I-10 Overpass to Tucson Boulevard
- Irvington Road – Santa Cruz River to Mission Road
- Tucson Boulevard – Airport to Irvington Road
- Alvernon Way – 29th Street to 5th Street
- Alvernon Way – Fort Lowell Road to Dodge Avenue
- Camino Seco – Speedway Boulevard to 22nd Street
- Harrison Road – Golf Links Road to Speedway
- Pantano Road – 22nd Street to Irvington Road
- Pantano Parkway – Golf Links Road to 22nd Street
- Pantano Road – Tanque Verde Road to Speedway Boulevard

...and this is as good a spot to add this as any – thanks to Midge Irwin and Scott Renfrow for their attending to the Miramonte Park in a very personal way. It looks better now than it has in years and the surrounding residents are very pleased and thankful for your work. And thanks to Richard Alexander for noting Bonnie's participation in moving that along.

Water Harvesting

Sticking with the environmental theme for a moment, I'm recruiting interested residents

from around Ward 6 to participate in a workshop led by the Tucson Water folks geared towards teaching residential and business applications for water harvesting opportunities on your property.

There is no cost for attending and in fact it might well yield you a cost savings over time as you implement some of the suggestions. Please let us know if you'd like to be involved and if we get enough of a response, I'll go ahead and book one or more of the workshops – depending on the level of interest.

Also, on a related note, from August 20th through December 5th, there will be a 'for-credit' course taught on the UA campus on water harvesting techniques. It'll be taught by UA College of Ag and Life Sciences faculty, will get you 7 continuing ed. credits and comes with only a \$25 fee. Similar to the workshop, it'll touch on site plans, sequencing, costs and other issues surrounding residential applications. If you're interested in the course, you should send an email to jjriley@ag.arizona.edu. The course involves both lectures and lab time. It'll fill up, so if you want to take part, I'd suggest acting sooner rather than later.

Sexual Harrasment Training

In the aftermath of the now infamous TREO trip to San Diego, all council offices and city employees have to go through a training session that addresses hostile work environments created by inappropriate comments or advances. I had our office go through that training on Monday.

In 1980, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission produced a set of guidelines for defining and enforcing Title VII. The EEOC defines sexual harassment as:

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

1. Submission to such conduct was made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment,
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual was used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual, or
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.

It is most generally the third component of their definition that gets people into trouble. A "hostile work environment" enjoys pretty broad interpretation, as it should. It includes all sorts of communications – emails, phone calls, face to face contact and pretty much every form of interaction that occurs in the work place. People have a right to earn a living without being subject to unwanted advances or inappropriate or suggestive comments. When management learns of incidents, it is required to act on what is alleged. The City Attorney has done that with respect to the San Diego incidents.

The M&C will still put into place a set of behavioral standards through which we will more than likely include the option for council censure of other council members for whatever criteria we decide to include. Ahead of that though, our office has done its training and I'm ready to support a Code of Conduct for members of the Mayor and Council – the devil will be in the details, and I've outlined my thoughts on that previously. Privacy rights – Due Process rights – consider medical issues.

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.

Saturday, July 21, 8:00pm. “**Reverend Horton Heat**”

Sunday, July 22. “**Scream It Like You Mean It 2012: Day 1**”. All ages.

Monday, July 23. “**Scream It Like You Mean It 2012: Day 2**”. All ages.

Tuesday, July 24, 8:00pm. “**Melvin Seals & the JGB**” All ages.

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Wednesday, July 18, 7:30pm. “**Pat Benetar and Neil Giraldo**”

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

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

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

Current exhibition: **The AIR Show**

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

www.Moca-Tucson.org

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

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

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

The Drawing Studio, 33 S. 6th Ave.

Ongoing Exhibit, Opens 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

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/

Tuesday July 17, 7:00pm. “Duck Soup”

Friday July 20 and Saturday July 21, 7:00pm. “The Invisible War”

Saturday July 21 through Sunday July 29 at 10:00am. “The 2012 Tucson International Children’s Festival”

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 Southwest American Indian basketry (over 25,000 pieces). Visit 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/ 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 for more information and listing of bands and restaurants.

Can you donate to a foster child in need?

Pima County is facing an unusual crisis. Children are coming into foster care and there is no place for them to go. There are not enough beds in foster homes, group homes and shelters. Children have been sent out of county for placement and now because there is no spaces available children are sleeping in the CPS offices. There is a desperate and critical need for foster parents now more than ever before. KOLD News also did a spotlight on this issue. Here a link to the article.

<http://www.tucsonnewsnow.com/story/19005321/pima-county-in-desperate-need-of-foster-families>

CPES Loving Hearts Foster Care is doing a Supply Drive for these items, so if you would like to donate any of the listed items, please bring them to the CPES main office. (CPES-Community Provider of Enrichment Services, 4825 N. Sabino Canyon Rd. Tucson, AZ 85750)

For more information contact:

Karen Russo
Foster Care Supervisor
Loving Hearts Foster Care
(520) 884-7954 x123

CPES Supply Drive requested items are:

- Bottles
- Pacifiers
- Paper bowls/plates
- Plastic silverware
- Juice boxes
- Movies (PG & G)
- Socks
- Water (bottles and gallons to cook with)
- Mac & Cheese (preferable the ones in the bowl)
- Snacks, snacks and more snacks (individual ones)
- Disposable wash cloths
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Newborn diapers
- Pull-Ups or overnight pull-ups

6th Annual School Supplies Drive

Tucson Association of REALTORS® and News 4 Tucson's Kristi's Kids have joined together for the 6th 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>



Tucson Church International presents its 3rd Annual Back2School Bash

AUG. 5th, 2012

There will be:

- Free backpacks filled with school supplies
- Free haircuts for school aged children
- Free food, games, music and much more!

TIME: 2pm-6pm

LOCATION: Hotel Tucson City Center, 475 North Granada Avenue

http://www.tucsonchurch.org/?page_id=789

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.