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Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

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TPD/TFD Staffing



Starting in 2015, due to the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) retirement program, we are going to begin to lose big numbers of our command structure in both of our public safety agencies. In addition, because of the expiration of grant funding related to TPD new hires, the general fund will soon begin to absorb costs that are now being picked up by the

Federal money.

In short – we are looking at the edge of a cliff when it comes to staffing levels and budget allocations for both police and fire.

In rough numbers, right now TPD is down about 40 officers. They're due to lose another 60 through the DROP. TFD has already made service adjustments to accommodate for their current staffing levels, but they will lose another 105 firefighters by the end of calendar year 2015. The service changes include converting ladder trucks into Alpha trucks; that is, reducing what was formerly a 4 person crew to two 2 person crews on smaller vehicles, and geared to respond to lower level calls. Neither of those staffing projections takes into account the fact that we will continue to lose officers and firefighters to other locales through normal attrition.

With approval from the City Manager's Office, TFD will be starting a class of 33 firefighter recruits on September 17th with graduation set for February 1st. Typically they lose about 20% of a recruiting class during the academy, and for those who make it through, they're on probation for 18 months. Similarly for TPD, these are not the sorts of positions in which you walk out of the classroom and out onto a work assignment, proficient in the challenges you're going to confront. Because the safety of the public is involved in both cases, the training continues.

The costs associated with taking recruits through the academies and completing their training out in the field are in the tens of thousands of dollars per person. The costs associated simply with the recruiting process are huge, both in terms of dollars, and personnel needed to do the search/selection.

With this in mind, I have asked for a study session agenda discussion from the City Manager on September 5th to review our needs for these two agencies, and to make it clear that we cannot wait until 2015 to start planning for these shortfalls. It's good that both police and fire have academies going, but to even keep pace with the



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

retirement related needs, both will have to run a minimum of 4 classes through by the end of 2014 and get the trainees out onto the street and into their probation period. We also cannot ignore the fact that other nearby agencies are going to poach our people by offering either better pay, or the hope of quicker advancement or raises.

We won't come away from the meeting on the 5th with a solution, but I'm committed to bringing this back periodically to make sure it's an issue we're out ahead of in terms of recruiting, hiring, training, and addressing the compensation/benefits issues we face. These are big needs for the community and we cannot wait to start thinking about, and planning for how we're going to fill the holes.

Red Light Cameras

Staff is going to go ahead and renew the ATS contract for another year at the existing pricing structure. I had asked that they look at comparisons with other jurisdictions – they did and this is what I was told:

Staff from Procurement and Tucson City Court worked for multiple hours collecting data, attempting to do an overall pricing comparison between Tucson and Scottsdale despite the different structures. Unfortunately, because the two programs are set up so vastly different, there are far too many variables to do a simple price comparison. Further, it would require a fair amount of collaboration between the two agencies to gain an understanding of all the variables and how they should be calculated against the varying pricing structures.

What they're referring to is that Scottsdale is charged a flat monthly fee, plus a fee per citation that is about 1/3 that which we pay ATS here in Tucson. We don't pay the flat fee up front. A person could count the # of citations and do the arithmetic, but we'll do that next time around to ensure we're not overpaying the vendor in comparison to other jurisdictions.

I appreciate their having looked at the pricing. While we may differ on the photo radar system, everyone in City Hall cares about minimizing costs to the City. This is the final year of the ATS contract. Given how dug in TPD is on the alleged results of the system, I'm not anticipating that they'll be advocating to eliminate it next year. So we can continue to work on fair amber durations on left hand turns, and take a hard look at the pricing data next time around.

I drove through River and Oracle over the weekend and found myself more focused on the camera than on the cars. I'm not sure that makes driving through the intersection safer.

Pima County Victim Services

More on public safety – we don't operate without the support of others in the region.

Last week I gave a short description of some of the work done with grant funding we help to support. In response to that, Kent Burbank, Director of the Pima County Attorney's Office Victim Services Division, shared some more detail with just how many lives they really touch.

PCAO Victim Services provides all of the on-scene crisis intervention services for every jurisdiction in Pima County. They have over 100 volunteers and 21 paid staff. The services are 24/7/365, and they will respond to calls anywhere in Pima County.



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jon Kyl (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman
Ron Barber (D)
(8th District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(7th District)
520-622-6788

Governor Janice
Brewer (R)
Governor of Arizona
602-542-4331
Toll free:
1-800-253-0883

State Legislators
Toll Free
Telephone:
1-800-352-8404
Internet:
www.azleg.gov

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201

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

Some numbers to show the variety and volume –

In the Crisis Intervention field, last fiscal year they took on 452 incidents at the request of TPD. Most of those (123) were domestic violence calls – generally the most dangerous for a cop to handle. They also assist survivors who have lost loved ones in unexpected deaths, injuries and suicides. Also included in the Crisis Intervention are things such as kidnappings, homicides, sexual assaults and bank robberies.

They also get involved with supporting the court system through victim advocacy. Last fiscal year they worked for over 700 clients living in the City of Tucson regarding criminal cases where they were the victim or the witness. Last week I promoted their Victimology Training sessions. This support element of what PCAO does is where that would fit in. If you're interested, check last week's newsletter for the times/locations of the informational sessions they're offering on that intervention opportunity.

Here's some interesting data that reports their call loads, types of crimes they're responding to, and even time of day the intervention took place. These data are only in cases in which they supported TPD.

Crisis Unit Call Load – TDP (July 2011 – June 2012):

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/8-14-12crisisunitcallloadtpdjul11-jun12.pdf>

Project ROSE

One way we address the public safety needs in the community is to work on reducing recidivism in those crimes that we can affect. Last week, we hosted an encouraging meeting with about 10 people who came down from Phoenix and shared their successes, challenges and hopes related to Project ROSE. I've written about this before, but now we've had the group in town and have had a good exchange.

Project ROSE is intended to address the multi-faceted needs of women (and men) who are caught in the trap of prostitution/trafficking. Let it be clear that these are victims, not simply criminals. Let's also be clear that this is not about decriminalizing prostitution – if the girls don't complete the program, they're prosecuted.

ROSE is an acronym for Reaching Out to the Sexually Exploited. It is a diversion based program that includes the police, courts and multiple social service agencies. A broad description is that an intake center is set up someplace in the community on a night when a 'sting' is scheduled. The women picked up are brought to the intake center, not to court. At that center is a judge, and also an array of service providers. The arrestee is offered diversion instead of immediately going to jail (only for those who qualify – some have pre-existing warrants, and they are not eligible for ROSE.) Those who opt into the diversion sign a form that lets them know that if they fail to complete their program, they will end up back before the judge. Those who do complete the program will not have charges filed.

Our visitors from Phoenix included an organizer who works for ASU, their police, and a several people who work the program representing a variety of social service agencies. Those included housing, addiction counseling, life skills, sexual abuse and behavioral health services. We learned that the City of Phoenix funded their ROSE project with \$300K. We don't have that kind of money, but we also don't have a problem as large as that with which they were dealing.

On the Tucson side of the table were their professional counter parts, plus Alison Hughes from the Tucson Women's Commission, a trafficking survivor who is working on this with us, members of Southern Arizona against Slavery, and we from Ward 6. There was also represented a local church I invited so they can see if possibly serving as the intake center is something they'd like to do.

This meeting was key to our understanding the obstacles and challenges we'll face when trying to replicate the program here in Tucson. It won't be an exact replica, but a retooling of what they've done to fit our needs and resources.

The girls deserve a chance to recapture a sense of their dignity after having been put through horrible conditions of victimization. These are too often the throw-away people who are shunned and placed into a revolving door of abuse, arrest, release and back to the start again.

While it's early in our planning stages, we now have a template from which to work, and an idea of the level of interest locally. We'll take the next steps and see how it sorts itself out in terms of a Tucson ROSE.

Multimedia Tax Credit Bill

Another key element in getting our arms around the impending public safety issue is growing our economic pie. We will not be able to afford the new staffing levels without increasing our tax base.

Tucson, and more broadly the State of Arizona has three things going for it in terms of attracting film production work. We have predictable and 365 day per year shooting weather. We have one fully formed crew (located in Phoenix) that can contract for services to an incoming shoot. And we have dual multimedia education centers between the UA and ASU, both of which are training grounds, and sources of skilled talent for incoming production companies.

What we don't have is a tax incentive package.

Look at this map. The States in white are the ones that offer no incentives. There are nine. One of them is Arizona. When one realizes that significant economic activity must occur from the film company before any tax credits occur, our failure to have adopted the bill last session is beyond understanding. It was purely political, and this time around we have got to get this incentive package in place.



HB2127 was simply a jobs bill. It has been estimated that with it in place, we will generate over 4,000 well paying jobs over the next 5 years. A season of a television series can yield over \$65M. A full length motion picture can yield several times that. The Lone Ranger is being shot in New Mexico (yes, they have an incentive package – and this film was actively looking at Arizona) and it is estimated to eventually yield \$275M to their economy. That would pay for a lot of police and fire personnel / and transit, and parks, pools, and more.

I've noted in earlier newsletters that it is my opinion that passage of this bill should be a litmus test for candidates this time around. If you agree, you might want to contact these candidates to see how they feel about it:

House

District 9; Dustin Cox, Mohur Sarah Sidhwa, Victoria Steele, Ethan Orr

District 10; Stefanie Mach, Brandon Patrick, Bruce Wheeler (he's a big supporter already), and Todd Clodfelter

District 11; Dave Joseph, Adam Kwasman, Steve Smith

Senate

District 9; Steve Farley, Tyler Mott

District 10; David Bradley, Frank Antenori

District 11; Jo Holt, Kim Allen, Al Melvin

I've also shared this before; the votes were there for passage last session. They should be again, and if the bill is crafted in a way that allows the Governor to fit it into her Job Creation message, it should slide through with her receiving the credit for its adoption.

I'm hopeful. With so many jobs on the line, and with our economy in such need of a lift, this is one where both parties, both houses of the legislature and Governor can come out heros.

Remember the Forum on the 16th / doors at 6pm, speakers at 7pm – Center for Creative Photography on the UA campus near Park and Speedway.

Road Repair Bond Election

Another reason we have to grow the economic pie is that our road infrastructure is in terrible shape. Last week I wrote that I have joined Council member Fimbres in voting to not spend the \$350K to put the bond package on the ballot this fall. That's not because I don't see the need. It's because I don't think it'll pass, for reasons I'll get to below.

The City Clerk assembles an informational pamphlet that includes statements both Pro and Con on propositions. Here are the six that have been received relative to the road bonds:

Argument 1 FOR Prop 409:

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/8-14-12argument1for.prop409.pdf>

Argument 2 FOR Prop 409:

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/8-14-12argument2for.prop409.pdf>

Argument 3 FOR Prop 409:

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/8-14-12argument3for.prop409.pdf>

Argument 4 FOR Prop 409:

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/8-14-12argument4for.prop409.pdf>

Argument 5 AGAINST Prop 409:

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/8-14-12argument5against.prop409.pdf>

Argument 6 FOR Prop 409:

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/8-14-12argument6for.prop409.pdf>

I don't disagree with the job creation positions put forth by the pavers and other contractors, and I don't disagree with the fire department issues. I also don't disagree with the 'needs based' arguments put forward by the Mayor and by the Pima County Democratic Party.

Nor do I disagree with the sentiments from the Pima Association of Taxpayers that actions we have taken in the recent past make trust a huge factor in how the taxpayers will view this election. In fact, I believe that trumps the other arguments. If I didn't, I'd have voted to place the item on the ballot.

In the interest of fairness, I believe you should know who's writing in support as well as in opposition, and why. You'll of course draw your own conclusions as to the importance of the issue of credibility vs. need. That is, can the taxpayers trust the city to spend these millions of dollars in the ways outlined in the proposition, no politics or lobbying for 'my neighborhood,' and minimizing administrative costs (staff has said that they'll absorb the administrative costs, but dollars are fungible – if they're spent in one area, they're not available to spend in another.)

The Issue of Trust

With that thought in mind, I share this quote (sent to me by John O'Hare) that kind of paints the picture I'm afraid might be the prevailing sentiment locally right now:

"The most dangerous man to any government is the man who is able to think things out for himself, without regard to the prevailing superstitions and taboos. Almost inevitably he comes to the conclusion that the government he lives under is dishonest, insane, and intolerable..."

— H.L. Mencken, *Prejudices: Third Series*

I'm sure I wouldn't go as far as Mr. Mencken goes, and yet if you also consider this post that came out in immediate reaction to the Main Gate development vote last week, it might not be too far off:

<http://urbanuniversityinterface.com>

Note also that the post mentions road projects that have been under scrutiny and the RTA in general, and other land use concerns. The Urbanuniversityinterface post, along with an article that appeared in the Star over the weekend demonstrate that the level of distrust we have engendered, most recently through the way we side stepped the public input that was received in the course of coming to a conclusion in the Main Gate zoning decision, is not to be underestimated. I believe we may well have sacrificed the road bonds in favor of the 130' height being requested by a single developer. If so, the collateral damage is far beyond the limited gain that the 4 supporters of that vote felt they were achieving.

It would only take one of them to request a reconsideration of that vote and we might be in a position to regain some level of cred in the "hoods". Oddly, the motion specifically involved 2 parcels, and yet in a follow up newsletter one of the council members who voted in favor of the 'compromise' said it only included "one parcel." That same council

member said we shouldn't be "bullied by neighborhood groups." Considering the fact that he never made it to any of the meetings to participate in – or even observe – the exchanges in which the "neighborhood groups" were negotiating in good faith with the developers, I'm a little surprised at the boldness in his statement. There was no bullying going on, but an honest attempt to find common ground between groups of people who had previously disagreed on the bulk of what we were negotiating. This motion was passed by people disengaged from that public process, and clearly by one of them who has a fundamental misconception of either the vote, or the process that led up to it.

Politicians make political decisions, not always good economic ones, and not always decisions that show an understanding of perceptions outside of the political bubble. They can afford to. After all, they're playing with other peoples' money. A very recent Gallup poll asking the top priorities of voters validates the importance of the trust issue:

The number one priority was job creation (film bill) and a close second was eliminating corruption in government. I'm not alleging corruption in the vote, but simply pointing out that the electorate has issues with the credibility of politicians. We didn't help that perception.

Philosophy lesson:

Pogo



Tucson Dance Academy

Local item with an Olympic twist. Last weekend, Tammy and Tom Booth celebrated the grand opening of the Tucson Dance Academy. They're two locals, both with individual resumes that include award winning music from Tom, and sports awards for Tammy.

It really all started with Tammy's gymnastics career: #1 in the US in 1975 and #7 in the world - the year she beat Nadia in balance beam. Unfortunately, she suffered an injury 2 weeks before the Olympic trials and was listed as 1st alternate in 1976 Montreal Olympics. The rule back then kept her at home. They changed the rule because of her - the US did NOT send our best that year, thus paving the way for Nadia..

Tammy headed off to LA in the 1980s, after continuing to train in gymnastics and dance. She appeared in several movies as a double and dancing lead, toured throughout the world in gymnastics and dance, trained the South Korean Olympic team and taught at Tempe

Dance Academy as the Jazz Director. She helped begin the Spirit of Christmas Show in Chandler, Az - it has run for 26 years.

Tammy and Tom together founded Tucson Dance Academy in 2008 - they brought the Spirit of Christmas Show to Tucson in 2009. There will be 4 performances in 2 venues this coming year.

In 2009 the Tucson Dance Foundation was founded by the Booths. TDF has brought in several of New York City's top choreographers to work with the youth in Northwest Tucson. Their major fund raiser is on Sept 14 at the Omni Tucson National - their annual charity golf tourney.

Last Saturday, they invited me to participate in the opening of what is now Tucson's largest and newest dance facility. It'll serve young dancing artists in a 1st class 8300 sq. ft. dance studio, with four separate dance rooms. It is designed for beginners to advanced, recital dancers and future professionals as well.

I'm not a dancer – as my bride can verify (last time was at our wedding 30'something years ago – got it out of my system) but Tom and Tammy have worked hard to get this studio open. It's located out at 2850 W Ina Rd Suite 100, NE corner - Ina and Shannon Rd. Regardless of your skill level, they'll find you a spot.

Watershed Management Group

Last week WMG held an open house demonstrating some of the international work they're doing. Because of my work in both Sri Lanka after the tsunami, and in Zambia working with HIV-AIDS orphans and vulnerable children, the WMG work with sand filters and "tippy-taps" were of particular interest.

Sand filters



The picture on the left shows the quality of water that much of the world draws from their wells for drinking, cooking and bathing. It looks like mushroom soup – and it's much the same as what I saw in Sri Lanka when drawing water from a well to mix cement while rebuilding after the flooding.

We take for granted the quality of our water. But people still die in the thousands from diaharrea in many parts of the subcontinent, India, and significant other parts of the world.

The picture on the right shows how a sand filter cleanses out both debris, and many biological contaminants. It's a simple technique that WMG is travelling worldwide to share with indigenous people. It doesn't take millions of dollars of treatment plants and infrastructure to make a dent in the health quality of peoples' lives. What it takes is the commitment and vision of groups like those on staff, and volunteering for WMG.



Tippy-taps

Another example is called the Tippy-tap. Same bottom line story; i.e. how to save lives with simple techniques. In this case it's how to teach, and how to make accessible hand washing as a way to prevent diseases.

It is estimated that over 1.5 million children die annually from diarrhea. It is the second leading cause of child deaths worldwide. It is further estimated that just under 50% of those could be avoided by hand washing with soap. Acute respiratory infections can be reduced by about 23% from hand washing with soap.



For people who haven't been acculturated to embrace that simple act, it's a challenge that WMG is taking on. (for the record, about 1/3 of men surveyed in this country said they didn't wash after using the rest room, so this isn't something we can particularly boast about claiming cultural superiority.)

The Tippy-tap, being funded in large measure by the Kiamas Foundation, is shown in the picture below. Using the foot pedal tips the bucket and a small amount of water is dispensed – soap is hanging on a string next to the bucket – another kick on the foot pedal allows for rinsing.

The technique is simple, and it is fun for kids who need to learn the habit at a young age.

These are just two examples of the work Watershed Management Group is engaged in. You're probably more familiar with their rainwater harvesting work. They're about much more than just that. You can see the full package they offer by visiting watershedmg.org.

Rio Nuevo

Last July, I wrote to the Assistant A.G. who is handling the Rio/FBI investigation. Here's the text of that letter:

Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2012 16:46:10 -0700

Subject: A.G. Investigation

Dear Mr. Jette;

Although I have copied both the Mayor and the new Chair of the Rio Nuevo Board on this, I write on my own behalf as a member of the Tucson City Council. I have also left a voice mail message on your phone.

In the very recent past the Legislature named new membership to the Rio Nuevo District Board. That new Board has met several times and it is clear that both that body and the City of Tucson governing body are poised to work productively together in the long awaited revitalization of downtown Tucson.

Last year an investigation was commissioned that is intended to look into past activities involving the former District Board and former City Council and City management. The release of that investigation is a key to finalizing a global settlement between the two bodies, and moving the relationship to the next positive step. It is also a key to answering the lingering questions as to culpability and accountability that the residents of the City have been awaiting.

The Tucson City Council has voted unanimously on more than one occasion in support of expediting the full and public release of that completed investigation. The Rio Nuevo Board is also anxiously awaiting the results. The purpose of this letter is to request your assistance in bringing that investigation to a full and final conclusion as quickly as possible, and releasing it to the public so the community can bring closure to the issues it will address.

I have also been in touch with the Arizona Senate President, Steve Pierce, with a similar request; that is, adopt new language in SB1003, the Bill that effectively, and appropriately at the time, bound the hands of the then Rio Board and City relative to how TIF money could be spent. We need both the Bill changed and the investigation completed to make this investment relationship work. I ask for your help on the investigation portion of that.

Thanks for giving this your attention. The Rio Nuevo/City of Tucson history deserves closure and a way forward. You and the Senate President are both in the position to provide the tools necessary to shift the burden to us to make that a reality.

Sincerely,

*Steve Kozachik
Tucson City Council - Ward 6*

No reply – I also called him, and had a mutual contact do the same. Rio and the City are ready to move forward together. Both the legislature and A.G. play a part in what we can do, though.

To that end, there are still things we can do within the constraints of SB1003. I've mentioned the TCC. Both parties are looking at options for how to advance that item. There are also some of the bond projects noted by the Auditor General, and that were found in the 2008 bond package that might fit well within the language of SB1003. Writing in support of exploring that, and the Mission Gardens in particular, this is the text of a Guest Opinion I have submitted to the Star for their consideration:

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/08-14-12submit.to_star.pdf

All of us on the Council want to see the FBI report, and we want to hear that the legislature is altering the legislation they passed in 2009 that bound our hands. The cast of characters in all three groups has since changed. It's time we all move forward.

TUSD School Master Plan

Finally, as you probably know, TUSD is looking at what they are going to do with respect to school closures, possibly building new, larger facilities, and generally how to manage the enrollment and budget challenges they're facing. To that end, a series of community forums have been scheduled to allow TUSD staff to share their thoughts, and importantly to allow the public to weigh in on what's being considered.

Three of these "School Master Plan Town Halls" have been scheduled for the next couple of weeks. This issue affects both parents and taxpayers generally. The District is facing a \$17M deficit – changes will be made. These meetings are your chance to be a part of that process:

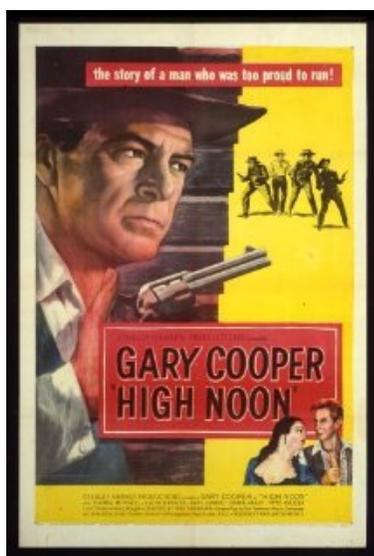
Monday, August 20th 6:30pm – 8:30pm –
Auditorium: Sahuaro High School, 545 N Camino Seco
Wednesday, August 22nd 6:30pm – 8:30pm –

Auditorium: Cholla Magnet High School, 2001 W Starr Pass Blvd
Saturday, August 25th 10am – noon –
Auditorium: Catalina Magnet High School, 3645 E Pima St

Sincerely,



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Cinema La Placita Outdoor Film Series
presents "High Noon"
on Thursday, August 16 at 7:30 p.m.
To view full schedule visit:
<http://www.cinemaplacita.com/>



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.

Twilight Third Thursdays – August 16

Cool off at the Tucson Botanical Gardens this Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00pm for Twilight Third Thursdays. This summer series brings music and art together to create a fun, family friendly event. Listen to the fun music of El Camino Royales while viewing the artistic work of Patricia Katchur. For more information visit <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org/>

Arts and Entertainment Events Calendar

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

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Thursday, August 16, 8:00pm. "**David Allan Coe**". All ages.

Sunday, August 19, 8:00pm. "**Brandi Carlile**". All ages.

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Wednesday, August 15, 7:30pm. "**Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra**" Co-presented with the Rialto Theatre

Saturday, August 18, 7:30pm. And Sunday, August 19, 2:00pm. "**The Sting**"

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Beowulf Alley Theatre, 11 S. 6th Ave.

Through Saturday, August 18, "**The Body in the Bath**"

www.BeowulfAlley.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 July 28 and runs until August 20

"**Art of Summer 2012**"

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

Jewish History Museum. 564 S. Stone Ave.

Open Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1:00-5:00 and Friday, Noon to 3:00pm

Special hours for school and group tours, for more information call 670-9073

www.jewishhistorymuseum.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

Open by appointment only

2nd Saturday of each month, extended hours to 5:00pm – 9:00pm

300 E. Congress St.

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

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

www.MainGateSquare.com

www.FourthAvenue.org

www.DowntownTucson.com

Other Community Events

Loft Cinema www.loftcinema.com/

Wednesday, August 15, 6:30pm. **“The Wild & Scenic Film Festival”**

Thursday, August 16, 7:00pm. **“Commercials and Experiments”** Part of Muppets™, Music & Magic Month!

Saturday, August 19, 11:00am. **“The Wages of Fear”**

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

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