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Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

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CDBG

When corrections are printed in the media, they usually come on page B17, in agate type. If this newsletter is to be worth anything to the community, it has to be accurate. So, before starting into this week's news, I need to correct some misinformation I sent out last week.

This correction will validate one of my comments; that is, CDBG funds (as with all Federal dollars) come with strings attached. And the rules are clunky and extensive.

Last week I used Santa Fe as an example of a city who sold their unused CDBG allocation to a neighboring jurisdiction for .71 on the dollar – the income being placed into their general fund so it could be used for any purpose. No strings. That is accurate.

What was inaccurate was that the City of Tucson could do the same thing. Santa Fe Springs is a sub district of a larger CDBG district in California. They sold their unused funds to a neighboring sub district within their own area. The City of Tucson is what is known as an 'entitlement city.' That means we get an allocation based of a formula that includes things such as population, poverty levels, and those sorts of metrics. Since we are not a sub district, but we are a stand-alone entitlement city, the Feds do not give us the option of selling off unused CDBG money.

What we can do though is roll those dollars over into the next fiscal year – again, according to a formula that caps how much you can accumulate. With respect to the Marist money, we could have done that. But, I was wrong in saying that we could have sold those dollars and placed them in the general fund.

We had a good meeting with the people who oversee how our various funding allocations are handled. We will be scheduling a neighborhood leadership meeting in the near future to share with you what our options are with regard to the sorts of projects we can apply for in Ward 6.

Main Gate Development

Since mid-last year we have been in a design process with multiple stakeholders related to how to develop the Main Gate District – generally from Speedway to 6th, and from Euclid to Park.

Included in those talks were members of the West University Neighborhood, developers





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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and other owners of private property located in that area, the University and other interested taxpayers. On May 8th, the M&C gave direction to the Zoning Examiner to hold some final public hearings and return to us with a proposed amendment outlining design standards for the area. Our specific direction was to cap heights on the Tyndall sites at 90', 84' and 56'. Nobody who had participated in the months' long process got everything they wanted. But those who had been engaged in that process trusted that their input had been heard, and at least given consideration in the deliberative process that drove us to that May 8th direction to staff.

On Tuesday we were to adopt final language. There were some changes proposed by the Zoning Examiner (ZE), essentially adding some review options, and allowing for the possibility of increasing heights above those we had unanimously approved in the 8th. Nothing in the set of facts had changed between our vote on the 8th and Tuesday. Some of us found it odd that more changes to our clear direction were being proposed.

What was even more odd was that speaker after speaker during the public hearing on Tuesday kept referring to a "130'" compromise that they were willing to adopt. That was not a part of any of the ZE hearings, but it had clearly been discussed and agreed upon before the meeting on Tuesday.

A motion to adopt the 130' was made, and it was seconded – both by council members whose wards are geographically farthest from the Main Gate area, and both by council members who have neither been to any of the scoping meetings, nor have any of their staff members been involved at any public level. The operative word there is 'public.'

Draw your own conclusions, but Wards 1, 3 and 6 are most directly involved in the issue due to the proximity of our constituents, Wards 1, 3 and 6 have been involved with the scoping and public hearing process, and Wards 1, 3 and 6 were left out of any discussion of a 'compromise' – and the vote went in favor of that compromise on a 4-3 count. Wards 2, 4, 5, and the Mayor voted for the "compromise".

The issue is not 130'. The issue is the credibility of the process by which we invite public participation, we spend countless hours in meetings, hire a facilitator, gather input and come to a final resolution – and find out that a deal had been cut outside of the light of day by people who had no part in any of that process, have no direct stake in the fallout from the design standards, and yet found a way to ignore the broader message this sort of close-door deal sends to the community.

The 130' standard will not be the end of the world for the people who spent their time in the design discussions. It will most certainly result in a continued deterioration in the credibility of the M&C and our ability to get citizens to participate in public processes, boards, committees and commissions. The 'deal' was short sighted and an insult to those of us who have invested our time in reaching a conclusion that didn't give anybody all of what they wanted, but it was reached in a way that you could go back and read transcripts of the meetings and know that what we proposed had at least been a topic of public discussion. That cannot be said of the 'compromise.'

Immigrant Friendly City



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)

I've lived here since 1968. I've been through middle and high school, The University of Arizona, and into professional life; both in the public and in the private sector. That means I've met and befriended lots of people – who come in lots of colors and from lots of different backgrounds. Tucson is known as a city made up of transplants. Most of us are immigrants to the area from someplace.

We are an immigrant friendly city.

The Council was asked to vote on a Resolution on Tuesday that would have set that reality into a framework that is modeled on the Dayton, Ohio "Immigrant Friendly City" plan.

In Section 6 of our proposed Resolution it states: *"The M&C commit to facilitating a community-wide dialogue within and among all the interested sectors of the city to consider proclaiming Tucson an "Immigrant Welcoming City" on the model of cities like Dayton, Ohio. This conversation will include, but not be limited to, business and economic development, local government, immigrant communities, law enforcement, social and health services, faith communities, and the justice system."*

I voted against adopting that for several reasons. Most basically, it struck me that if we affirmed the language we would have been equating our police officers' actions with those we see coming out of Maricopa County. More on that below. But first, this is language that comes from the Dayton model:

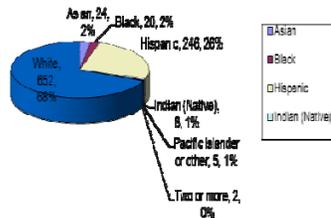
- a. *Business and Economic Development – Identify and support a strategic neighborhood business district as a center for immigrant businesses...* I don't believe we should be setting aside nodes within the city for 'immigrant businesses.' They are already free to open businesses city wide and we should be encouraging assimilation, not segregation.
- b. In their governance section there are provisions for establishing a 'city/county-wide interpreter service', (cost/necessity?) 'adopt law enforcement policies that are 'immigrant-friendly,' (not an appropriate function for city council)
- c. *Implement a municipal identification card program for community residents who are not eligible for any other accepted identifying document* – the use of these cards is unclear / eligibility for them is equally unclear / I also think the suspicions we're trying to alleviate would only be heightened if the City started issuing I.D. cards to immigrants.
- d. *Establish a website specific to immigrant populations that lists health and social service information* (cost/who will maintain it?)

...and there were several pages more (you can find it on line.)

The Dayton plan is housed in their City Manager's office and their Human Relations department. There are multiple parts of the plan that require financial resources and personnel. I don't think we've got that luxury right now. Nor do I think we as a community need to expend it – we've shown who we are, and we have nothing to be ashamed of in terms of how we treat people generally.

We do not have a bunch of racist cops running around town. In fact, here is the racial breakdown of the force – note that 1/3 of our commissioned officers are non-white. They are not running around dragging people from cars and churches. What they are is equally concerned with the enforcement challenges imposed on us by SB1070. The proposed Resolution included some of Chief Villasenor's Declaration (linked in last week's newsletter) and I'm pleased that he was included in the text.

TPD Commissioned Personnel
Demographic Data as of 7/28/12



I join the rest of the Mayor and Council in applauding the work of our public safety officers. But I felt, despite the attempt to include language suggesting that into the Reso, it goes too far when bridging this statement of who we are as a community with the Dayton model.

We, along with our law enforcement workers will continue to work with the community to find the proper means by which to enforce this new law. Council cannot give direction to the Police on how that enforcement is to occur – but we can join with them and the public in a community conversation about how we live and work together, celebrating our diversity and re-

specting one another's values and heritage.

Finally, this M&C unanimously embraced the Arizona Accord – that speaks directly to our being 'immigrant friendly.'

Sun Tran Settlement

Late last week, our Sun Tran management vendor (PTM) finalized contract negotiations with the Teamsters. With the union vote to approve the deal, a work stoppage was avoided. Here are the deal points that were agreed to:

The deal is a two year package valued at \$773K

- Top pay for drivers moves from \$18.53 to \$18.72
- Top pay for mechanics from \$21.94 to \$22.16
- Sun Tran will increase contributions to the Teamster pension fund from \$2.35 to \$2.40
- Sun Tran will continue to contribute 100% of monthly health and welfare premiums for both employees and their families
- Employees not currently at the top rate of their classification will be frozen at their current step within the wage progression. This contract does not provide for an increase in their wage rate for the term of the contract.
- The agreement may be reopened by either party for discussion of wages only for the second year of the contract, with written notice given 120 days prior to July 31, 2013.

It's great news that we avoided a strike this year. Thanks to both sides of the table for working together and coming to this agreement.

Photo Radar Contract

The City has a decision to make with respect to renewing our contract with Photo Radar vendor American Traffic Solutions (ATS) for the final year of their agreement. We had to vote on it Tuesday in order to be timely.

I've been around the block with our Police Chief on this for going on 3 years now. I don't like the way the left hand turn violations are timed, and I think we're paying too high of a fee to the vendor. On Tuesday I expressed two specific suggestions:

- a. Administratively advise ATS to begin enforcement of 'violations' at the end of

the all-red cycle on left hand turns, not at the beginning / council and the Chief felt differently.

- b. Renegotiate our current \$60 fee to ATS down to one more in line with other jurisdictions (I offered \$35 – Scottsdale pays them \$25 per violation) / staff is going to look into our options.

The contract was extended for its final year. We'll have this conversation again next year — when it goes back out to bid.



Plastic Bags

The City has a plastic bag use ordinance. I've written about it in the past (generally that you can return your bags to retailers around town) and now we're considering whether or not to change the existing ordinance. Attached here is a survey being conducted by the Green Chamber of Commerce to get your input related to the issue <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/plasticbagsurvey>

The survey takes only a couple of minutes to complete. I'm sure the results will be a part of our packets when this item comes back to us later this fall for consideration. Your input is important.

Thanks go out to Katharine Kent from The Solar Store for taking the initiative in putting this survey together.

Drug Control Federal Grant

Buried in our consent agenda material was an item that you would have missed unless you go through our packets on-line with a fine tooth comb. It was the award of a Federal Drug Control grant in the amount of \$332K. A part of that, \$66K, is local matching funds that will come out of our Anti-Racketeering Funds.

During FY' 12, our Drug Unit collected approximately \$91K in assets from forfeitures. That Unit prosecuted just under 6,000 new criminal drug cases, including possession of pot, possession of drug paraphernalia, and Driving Under the Influence of Drugs, as well as the harder drugs that evidently permeate our community. The fines that were assessed for closed cases were just over \$1.1M.

I share this because for the vast majority of us, we go to work, live our lives, and don't realize that this work is being performed out in our community by our Police Department. It is risky work and I felt it was worth a mention.

Fix Gun Checks Act

And while we're on the topic of crime, on Tuesday we unanimously voted to urge support for the Congress to adopt a "Fix Gun Checks Act." The Act will increase the intensity and breadth of background checks. In addition, we voted to support increased funding and treatment for the seriously mentally ill in our community.

The Act (HR1781 / S436) is stalled in committee. With the election season coming, nothing will probably happen on this until next session. The broad summary of the bill is to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system (NICS) and require a background check for every firearm sale. Here are a few bullet points that are included in the bill:

- It provides for penalties to States who do not make data electronically available to the National Instant Criminal Background Check system
- It requires Federal agencies to submit data to that system, too
- It begins the process for establishing mental health assessment plans in colleges and universities, with education, discussion of ways to inform families when potential issues arise with respect to their matriculating children, and making the institutional Plan available to those who can benefit
- It establishes criteria for defining drug abusers and addicts and proscribes gun ownership until that is resolved
- And it draws lines around who can, and under what circumstances firearms may be transferred – and that background checks are mandatory in all cases.

Would the adoption of this bill at the Federal level have stopped any of the carnage we've seen in the news, and locally in the past couple of years? I don't know. But we can say that had it been in place, the likelihood of those sorts of events would certainly not have been increased, and the 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms would not have been diminished. On Tuesday, the M&C spoke in one voice that we want Congress to address the issues of the seriously mentally ill, and we want Congress to get the National Data Base in place so weapons sales can be run through the background check system in a reliable and efficient manner.

Here's a link to the full text of the Act.

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/112/hr1781>

Before voting in favor I wanted to get into the record several points contained in our Memorial – I'd have preferred some language changes, but this is a Memorial that speaks to our broad commitment, not formal language for an Ordinance or Legislation, so I supported the intent and swallowed on the specifics.

First, the major mental disqualifier for gun purchases is 'involuntary commitment.' The examples used in the Memorial might have benefitted from including the fact that the shooters had never been involuntarily committed for observation. Those include the Va. Tech killer, Loughner and the Aurora killer. It's a tool that is addressed in S.436 and needs to be studied by jurisdictions to see how it might be better used as a deterrence to future carnage.

A statement in the Memorial said that Loughner had a history of drug abuse. Actually, that was only an admission on his part to an Army recruiter – not a conviction.

The Memorial calls the Aurora shooter the "alleged shooter." I asked for the word 'alleged' to be deleted from the Memorial. He did it, we know it – let's call it what it is.

There is mention in the Memorial of Gun Shows and their part in avoiding background

checks. The most recent data from the Bureau of Justice shows that less than 1% of criminal gun purchases took place at gun shows. They aren't the major issue we need to deal with.

Columbine was used as an example of where a 'private purchase' resulted in the kids having the guns. Actually, they used a 'straw purchase' (somebody else bought their guns and sold them to the kids) and that person spent time in prison for it. That's not technically a 'private purchase.'

S.436 calls on colleges and Universities to implement protocols to study involuntary commitments. That's very important, and I'm glad to see that in the proposed legislation.

The Memorial calls for 'immediate passage.' I think the bill needs work:

- a. It allows the A.G. to grant waivers – that could lead to favoritism
- b. It's definition of 'in-home transfers' is vague
- c. It calls for drug use or possession to be included in the NICS data bank – I don't believe somebody busted for smoking a joint should end up in that pool of people
- d. The 'temporary transfer' language needs clarifying – if I hand a buddy a gun while out shooting in the desert / or if I hand my wife a gun in our living room without having done a background check, that appears to be a Federal Felony as the bill is currently written.

Finally, we have a 2nd Amendment. When calling on 'strengthening gun laws' that must be kept uppermost in mind.

We sent a statement to our fellow elected officials – this community cares deeply about this issue. We need to craft smart legislation.

Red Tags

More on crime.

We adopted increased fines related to the Red Tag (Unruly Gathering) Ordinance.

By Ordinance, an Unruly Gathering is "a gathering of five or more persons on any private property, including property used to conduct business, in a manner which causes a disturbance of the quiet enjoyment of private or public property by any person or persons." Those disturbances include things such as noise, crowds, vehicles, drinking in public, and littering.

The fines have been \$100 for the first offense, and \$500 for the second offense. We increased them to \$500 for the first and \$750 for the second. In addition, if a person is involved with an unruly gathering at a different location after having gotten cited someplace else, that constitutes a second offense.

Because of concerns over writing a black and white ordinance, we also included some language leaving discretion in the hands of TPD. That language reads: "Peace officers shall enforce the provisions of this section using their sound discretion and the consideration of the totality of the circumstances, including but not limited to the use of the premises (e.g. residential, commercial, etc.)"

We're adopting this right as classes begin at the UA. While it is not directly targeted at UA students, the areas around campus have seen their share of violations, especially early and late in the semesters, so this is a timely message we're sending; i.e. be a good neighbor.

This change is embraced by residents in neighborhoods surrounding the UA, the UA admin-

istration and the owners of leased/rented properties. It's good to have such a broad base of support for this change.

Road Bonds



I have been a supporter of allowing the voters in November the opportunity to choose whether or not they want us to sell bonds earmarked for fixing the roads. The increase in property taxes would be about \$18 p/yr for a \$100K house.

I have also been concerned that the cost of putting this on the ballot is in excess of \$300K. That's to cover Pima County's costs for conducting the election, putting together the pamphlets and those sorts of administrative things.

On Tuesday we had a chance to do two things related to this topic; approve putting the measure on the ballot, and approve a Truth in Bonding citizen oversight committee. The exact text of the proposed ballot proposition is:

Shall the City of Tucson be authorized to issue and sell not exceeding \$100,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of its general obligation bonds to exclusively provide funds to restore, repair, resurface and improve the condition of its streets, including payment of all necessary costs and fees in connection therewith; such bonds to be issued in one or more series, maturing in not more than 30 years from the date of issuance of each such series, and bearing an interest at a rate or rates not in excess of 8% per annum?



In addition to being a supporter of the bond option, I have also been concerned with financial decisions we've been making lately. Those include the CDBG funds to both Marist and Steinfeld's, the decision by staff to increase certain upper management salaries, the way we adopted the across-the-board salary increase earlier this year, and the over budget road projects that I've written about at length. We have also seen investigations into the Tucson Water, TDOT and Parkwise. The Manning House and Rio issue caused concerns over how tax dollars are being spent. With all of that, and with no way of knowing what else is going to be on the front pages between now and November, on Tuesday I joined Council member Fimbres in suggesting that now is not the time to spend the money in putting the road bond package on the ballot. Save the \$300K until we have rebuilt the trust of the electorate.

If the bonds pass, having an oversight committee will be essential. The trouble is that the council voted to allow each council office the opportunity to name a representative to the committee. Once formed, the committee will review and weigh in on residential projects that are proposed by staff. The alternative was to allow the City Manager to select the committee, subject to council approval.

It was my sense that how we form the committee and the ability of the committee to potentially change project selection politicizes the process, and lends itself to the possibility for more distrust. I did not support the vote on the manner in which the committee is going to be formed.

Road repair continues to be a huge issue in this community. It is also one of our primary responsibilities as M&C. That is why I was passionate about finding \$20M this fiscal year to begin to work on the problem. If the bonds pass, great. As demonstrated by my vote on Tuesday, I think that's unlikely, and so if I'm right in that prediction, we'll be back at the drawing board later this year identifying sources of dollars with which to continue the work we've begun on the roads. I have a few ideas in mind. In the meantime, we have to convince the taxpayers that we are spending your money wisely. Failing that, the community loses.

One East Broadway



A big step in that direction will be for us to begin to bring some development projects up out of the ground; that is, to put our recently adopted economic development incentive protocol to work.

The first opportunity out of the box is a mixed use project proposed for One East Broadway. This is a conceptual picture of the finished product.

The total value of the project is just north of \$17M. When completed it will house residential in the top portion of the space, and retail down below. What we did on Tuesday was to authorize staff to begin an independent third party review of the potential benefits, and weigh them against the costs of the incentive package being requested by the developer. We're bound by the State Constitutional Gift Clause to ensure that what we use as incentives in support of a project have to be less than the returns coming back to the taxpayers. I'm looking forward to the results of the review, not only to get this project on line (assuming the #'s come back as expected) but also to send out the welcome mat to other possible developers who want to invest in our urban core / or elsewhere in the City. If all goes as hoped, this project will break ground around Thanksgiving of this year. It's a 12 month +/- construction build-out. It'll be a good first test of our protocol to see where and/or if we need to make changes so it's more efficient.

Film Incentive Bill

The media has now latched onto the importance of our getting this bill passed – early in the upcoming legislative session. The Star and Channel 9 have done segments, and others have called asking about it. As I have noted previously, this was ready for prime time last session, only to be blocked by the House Speaker and Governor. They're the focus – we're leaving millions of dollars on the table, and hundreds of workers standing by waiting for action.

On Thursday, August 16th, the MTCVB film office and Arizona Film and Media Coalition are going to host a town hall entitled “The power of Film Incentives to Create Jobs and Economic Development.” The meeting will take place at the Center for Creative Photography, located in the Fine Arts complex in the northwest corner of the UA campus. Parking is available at the Park Avenue Garage on the northeast corner of Park and Speedway, with

direct access to the Center's front door via a pedestrian underpass. The intent is to generate broad support for the bill from film makers, and the vast array of other businesses that will benefit from the passage of this bill.

Shelli Hall from the MTCVB Film Office is one of the panelists. She's a natural since the CVB is so directly tied into the hospitality industry. That segment of our local economy will see tremendous gains as outside films are brought to town. Others that might not seem so intuitive include places like hardware stores, art supply shops, catering businesses (crews need to eat) and more. The event is a call for business leaders to come together in support of this effort.

Doors for the event will open at 6pm. The panel will begin presenting at 7pm. I'll be joining Shelli on the panel, but the real experts are Mike Kucharo, President of the Arizona Film and Media Coalition, and Barry Aarons, our lead lobbyist for the incentive legislation. The panel will be chaired by Harry Tate. He's a former Director of the Arizona Film Office at the Arizona Department of Commerce.

This is a big deal, whether or not you're directly involved with shooting films. I encourage you to attend this event and show your support. As I've noted previously, I think support for early passage of this bill should be a litmus test issue for all candidates running for State-wide office this November.

Final note: the Governor's office has said on three occasions now that they don't comment on bills they haven't seen. This bill was widely shared over the course of the last session – it's available on-line for anybody to see. The answer is for the Governor's office to look it up, and proactively suggest to the House and Senate that it be sitting on her desk as shortly after they reconvene as is possible.

911 System

Last week, Veronica Cruz ran a very good story in the Star updating the public on the progress made over at the 911 Dispatch center. Over the weekend, the new system had a chance to prove itself as the number of monsoon related calls would have crashed the old system / and made the dispatchers crazy in the process. The new system passed with flying colors.

Here's a link to a Release sent out by TFD that tells the story:

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/08052012monsoonstorm.pdf>

Not to be lost in this is the great work of the front line dispatch team as they handled the multiple calls in an efficient and professional manner. Thanks to them, management and to our vendor for their work over at the center.

Crisis Intervention and Victimology Training

Got your attention? I hope so because this final note is important.

On both August 23rd and 28th, the Pima County Attorney's Office will be holding information sessions that will lead to hands on training related to basic crisis intervention skills. The training will examine various types of crimes and the specific victimization dynamics that victims of them may face. Those will



include trauma reactions, and may result in volunteers getting direct experience working with victims of crime on the scene and in the courtroom.

If you feel that you'd like to possibly take the training, you've first got to attend one of the informational sessions. They both begin at 6pm and will be held at the TPD Substation over at 1310 W. Miracle Mile. The actual training will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for six weeks. That will start on September 11th.

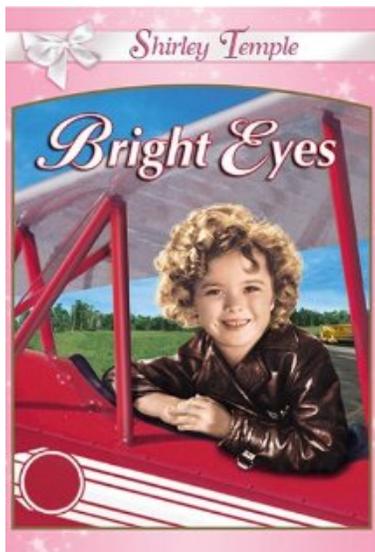
If you have any questions at all, please contact Kat or Jovana at 740-5525.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6

on
To



Cinema La Placita Outdoor Film Series
presents "Bright Eyes"
Thursday, August 9 at 7:30 p.m.
view full schedule visit:
<http://www.cinemataplacita.com/>



Military Appreciation Day with the Tucson Padres – Sunday, August 12

Join the Tucson community for Military Appreciation Day on Sunday, August 12 at the Kino Stadium as the Tucson Padres take on the Omaha Storm Chasers. This very special Military Appreciation Day will have activities including, a Pave Hawk Helicopter Flyover, Padres playing in Camouflage, a Security Forces Working Dog Demonstration, and much more. Free admission for all active military, veterans, and retired military and a guest with a military ID. It is also Bark in the Park, so bring your favorite animal for a fun Sunday night. More information is available at

<http://tucson.padres.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t549>

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 . . .

2nd Saturdays Downtown – August 11, 4:00pm – 10:30pm

On Saturday, August 11 come Downtown to experience the music, fun, and entertainment of 2nd Saturdays Downtown. Featuring Annon & The Late Show, Tesoro, The Vexmen, and many more. For a complete entertainment schedule visit <http://www.2ndsaturdaysdowntown.com/>

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Friday, August 10, 7:30pm. “**Buckethead**”. All ages.

Saturday, August 11, 8:00pm. “**Suzanne Westenhoefer**”. All ages.

Monday, August 13, 8:00pm. “**Aesop Rock with Rob Sonic and DJ Big Wiz**”. All ages.

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Friday, August 10, 7:30pm. “**The Breakfast Club**”

Saturday, August 11, 7:30pm. “**David Sanborn and Brian Culbertson**”

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Tucson Convention Center

Arena

Wednesday, August 10 through Sunday, August 12. “**ABA BMX Nationals 2012**”

<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

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/

Thursday, August 9, 7:00pm. “**Muppet Music Moments**”
 Saturday, August 11, 12:00pm. “**Sesame Street at 40: Milestones on the Street.**”
 Sunday, August 12, 12:00pm. “**Arizona Dream**”

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 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 *for events and information.*
www.flandrau.org/

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.