

# OCCUPY TUCSON BULLETIN

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## **POLICE SHUT DOWN OCCUPY ENCAMPMENT AT DE ANZA PARK:**

**From the Occupy Tucson Legal Team:** "Today, at 9:45 a.m., the Tucson Police Department showed up in full force and ordered all Occupiers away from their tents and personal property. They began immediately arresting people who were not lucky enough to get up to the grassy park area in time, and several Occupiers volunteered arrest. Approximately 15-20 persons were taken to Pima County Adult Detention Center. Approximately 50-75 people stood by observing and shouting chants and words of encouragement to those being arrested. The legal team was denied access to those being questioned and arrested by police. The charges were for violation of Sec. 16-35. *Obstructing streets, alleys or sidewalks prohibited. No person shall obstruct any public sidewalk, street or alley in the city by placing, maintaining or allowing to remain thereon any item or thing that prevents full, free and unobstructed public use in any manner, except as otherwise specifically permitted by law. (Ord. No. 10126, § 10, 3-1-05).* The OT Legal team has promised to represent all those arrested today, and were on the site beginning at 6:30 a.m.

**"This is Day 138 of our Occupation.** We are one of the longest running Occupations in the country, and still maintain the second highest number of arrests in the country behind Occupy Wall Street. OWS and several other Occupies were following us on live stream and Twitter today, and we thank them for their support. "

**From the Occupy Tucson Facebook Page:** Video Court will be held at the jail annex 1801 S. Mission at 8:00 tonight. Occupiers who were arrested today are scheduled for this session, but you can verify this by calling 351-8111. They should be released at the Main Jail on Silverlake about 2 hours after their court appearance. Let's get together a caravan of cars and vans to go down and pick them up. I'm sure we'd all want a ride if we were getting out of jail, and some friendly faces to welcome us.

**The next Bulletin will feature report-backs on today's events** so that the truth about what happened at De Anza today will get reported, as opposed to the TPD-inspired distortions being reported by the local mass media news outlets.

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## **ONGOING MEETINGS AT DE ANZA PARK:**

**Occupy Tucson meetings will continue to be held at De Anza Park. Please note that the park curfew is 10:30 p.m.**

**On Friday, March 2,** there will be a General Assembly at 7:00 p.m. in De Anza Park.

**At 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 3,** the PR/Outreach Working Group will meet in De Anza Park.

**At 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 3,** there will be a MEGA Coordination Group meeting in De

Anza Park. All working groups are invited to send at least one representative.

**At 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 3**, there will be a General Assembly at De Anza Park. The Proposal for More Efficient Collaboration is on the agenda for consideration.

**General Assemblies** are on Mondays at 7pm, Wednesdays at 7pm (external GA), Fridays at 7pm, and Saturdays at 3pm (external GA) at De Anza Park, at the corner of Stone and Speedway, **unless otherwise indicated on the [Occupy Tucson website](#) or [Facebook page](#)**. Contact the Facilitation working group, at [process@occupytucson.org](mailto:process@occupytucson.org), to have your proposals scheduled.

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## **LEGAL ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**From the OT Legal Team:** "All those who have signed up for the plea deal, you can begin your community service now! Remember to get something in writing from the agency you're volunteering with to show proof of the total number of hours you worked. You can either scan that proof in and mail it to [legalinfo@occupytucson.org](mailto:legalinfo@occupytucson.org) or mail/take it to Paul Gattone's office at 360 South Convent Avenue. Acceptable agencies where you can perform your community service are found at [www.volunteersoaz.org](http://www.volunteersoaz.org), and you can also volunteer at Casa Maria Kitchen or [buffelgrass.org](http://buffelgrass.org). If you're not sure of the number of hours you need to work, contact [legalinfo@occupytucson.org](mailto:legalinfo@occupytucson.org). You need to do your hours at the rate of no less than 25 hours per month. Thanks!"

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## **SOLIDARITY EVENT:**

**On Saturday, March 3**, at 3pm a carpool will leave De Anza Park to meet up with Occupy Phoenix and Puente for a vigil at the state prison in Florence to protest ICE and immigrant detention policy. <https://www.facebook.com/events/329233873795965/> We will need people with cars to offer rides. If you can help, reply to this Bulletin or send information to [updates@occupytucson.org](mailto:updates@occupytucson.org).

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## **BANK PROTESTS CONTINUE:**

**From Dick:** "After a dozen protests in front of big bank branches in Tucson, there is no sign these big banks will see the end of them. A full month of protests for March will be announced on Thursday! Here are the protests for this week:

-- **Friday, March 2nd -- Chase Bank, at West Grant and Silverbell (west of 1-10, SE corner mall) from 4:00-dusk (the Grim Reaper may be joining us for calling for the demise of the big banks)**

-- **(southside) Saturday, March 3rd -- Bank of America, at W. Ajo Way and S. Mission Rd. (SW corner) from 11am-1pm. "**

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## **LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP UPDATE:**

**From Anna in OT Legislative Working Group:** "The legislative working group has been discussing the possibility of the City of Tucson passing a resolution supporting a U.S. Constitutional Amendment that declares corporations are not people and money is not speech. We have talked about approaching 2-3 members of Tucson City Council with a sample resolution and asking them what it would take for Tucson City Council and the Mayor to pass such a resolution. Through on-line discussions we have agreed that we like the LA resolution ([http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2011/11-0002-s123\\_mot\\_12-6-11.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2011/11-0002-s123_mot_12-6-11.pdf)), and think it is a good sample to bring to the Tucson City Council. If anyone wants to join in this on-line discussion please go to <http://groups.google.com/group/occupytucson-legislative-working-group/topics> and sign up. Once you sign up you can either check the website for posts or choose to receive the posts by e-mail. Three days after this Bulletin is sent out we will be attempting to contact a couple of Tucson City Council members, so if you have any comments or questions regarding our plans and actions please join the discussion within the next couple days. We believe passing a resolution in support of a U.S. Constitutional Amendment is a powerful step towards the changes we desire and look forward to taking steps towards this goal."

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