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PAUL'S NOTE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Mark your calendars: Our next community Shred-It event will be April 19th
- * Fort Lowell Day, Feb. 8, see page 2
- * Drop off old medicines at Police stations, see page 4

Tucson hosted another great sports event this weekend, the Tucson Association of Realtors Shootout. This one was particularly special because I was coaching my son Jojo's team in the tournament.

The opening ceremonies of the tournament include a parade along Glenn Street. I'd like to thank Ed Wilmes and Daryl Cole from the Department of Transportation for fixing up Glenn in time for the tournament. Your crews did a great job.

Lest you think that the repair will only benefit the tournament, it was a chance for the DOT to test out a new technique that could save as much as \$100,000 per mile when repairs are done in other parts of the city.

It wasn't just soccer this weekend. We celebrated the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King on Monday. I was happy that organizers allowed me a chance to talk to the crowd, but the best part was to be around friends remembering the legacy of the civil rights

movement.

On Tuesday, we start the discussion on how to remember another civil rights pioneer, Cesar Chavez. I've gotten e-mails in support of and in opposition to a Chavez holiday, and I thought I'd talk a little bit about why he should be honored.

Even though he is remembered for his work in California, Chavez is an Arizonan. He was born here and died here, and he has family in Tucson. Three states honor his work with a holiday; he should be recognized closer to home too.

After spending two years in the United States Navy, Chavez began his work registering voters and speaking out on behalf of workers' rights throughout California back in 1952. His efforts culminated with founding the organization that would become the United Farm Workers ten years later. His passionate advocacy for farm workers attracted the attention of both Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. He later brought light to the issue of pesticides and oth-

er safety conditions in the fields. Given that this involved chemicals being sprayed on our food, we all benefitted from his activism.

Much like Dr. King, Chavez's actions were inspired by his faith. Both men preached non-violence and understanding of one's adversaries, but Chavez took it a step further with his fasting. He called them "spiritual fasts," and it showed that he was personally willing to take up the suffering and sacrifice of the people he represented.

Most of us have never had to work the fields and aren't conscious of what it takes for us to enjoy a glass of wine or a slice of apple pie. I know there are some things that need to be worked out with city employees, for example that this would mean many of them would be giving up a floating holiday (despite what many of you have read this would not be an additional paid day off). But I hope my colleagues and I can come up with an appropriate way to honor this man.

FORT LOWELL DAY

The annual Fort Lowell Day celebration will take place on Saturday, February 8, from 10 am – 4 pm.

The Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood has been called a microcosm of Southwest history, because people of many cultures have lived here for well over a thousand years. Ancient Hohokam dwellings and artifacts are still being unearthed. Historic Mormon aqueducts still carry water and harbor wildlife. Ruins of the Fort Lowell military camp are preserved and interpreted, and descendants of Mexican settlers of the village of El Fuerte (The Fort) still reside in the adobe homes of their ancestors.

Once a year, the residents of this historic district invite all of Tucson to explore this special corner of the community. On Saturday, February 8th, from 10 am to 4 pm, Fort Lowell and the neighboring village of El Fuerte will come alive in the 33rd edition of Fort Lowell Day. Events are centered in Fort Lowell Park, The San Pedro Chapel, and a number of historic sites bordering Fort Lowell Road.

All events are free. For more information, visit oldfortlowellneighborhood.org

COOKING OIL AND GREASE RECYCLING

Pima County Wastewater reminds you not to pour grease down the drain. It could clog your pipes, force costly repairs and cause sewers to back up into your home. Also, cockroaches love grease.

Instead of feeding the roaches, they recommend you pour grease into a sealed container and dispose of it in the trash. You can also drop off grease for recycling to the following locations:

Originate Natural Building Materials: 526 N Ninth Ave, Tues.—Fri. 12 pm—6 pm, Saturday 12 pm—4pm

EDG Fuels: 8939 S Eisenhower Rd, Mon.—Fri. 7 am—4 pm

Mary's Market: 1555 S 10th Ave, Mon.— Fri. 6 am—1pm



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Tucson/Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program has changed the 2nd Saturday Outreach Collection to a “mobile” event. Every month, the collection event will be in a different neighborhood so that more Tucsonans will have easy access to the program. The 1st Saturday collection at the Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway, will still continue. The collections run from 8 am to noon. For more information, visit www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw or call 888-6947

IMPORTANT: Do not drop off household hazardous waste at the Ward 2 Council Office. We have no way of storing it. Please wait until a scheduled monthly drop off.

1st Saturday: Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway. Enter site by turning north on Prudence.

2nd Saturday: February: El Rio Neighborhood Center, 1390 W Speedway

PIMA COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Are you involved in a neighborhood association or organization? Do you want to improve your leadership skills?

The Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program is offering a Neighborhood Leadership Institute on Saturday, Jan. 25, to help residents, especially of stressed neighborhoods and communities, energize their organizations.

The institute will be 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pima County Housing Center, 801 W. Congress St. Topics to be covered include how to recruit and keep members and how to create a neighborhood resource directory.

Seats are limited so reserve your place today by contacting Leslie Nixon at 520-243-6769 or Leslie.Nixon@pima.gov.

The institute is free for designated representatives of neighborhood groups and \$50 for others.

For more information about the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program, visit its website at <http://webcms.pima.gov/cms/one.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=2136> or find it on Facebook.

AFTER SCHOOL MEALS

A new after-school free meal program begins at Freedom Center. The meals will be served from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday for youth ages 18 and under at the Freedom Center through May 2014. The program is sponsored by the USDA Child and Adult Care Food program (CACFP).

A program enrollment form is to be completed to enroll in the program, and the form can be obtained from the Freedom Center, 5000 E. 29th Street. For more information about the meal program contact Anne Krepps, Child Nutrition Programs Manager at akrepps@communityfoodbank.org or call 882-3285.



GRAFFITI

In an ongoing effort to combat the public nuisance of graffiti in our city and neighborhoods, TEP has launched a new tool to assist our customers in reporting graffiti on TEP equipment throughout our service territory. At tep.com, a link has been provided to allow customers to report graffiti in an efficient way by providing the location of the graffiti, nearest cross streets and a picture (if available) of the tagged equipment. Providing a picture greatly enhances the ability to respond quickly with the appropriate materials for safe and proper removal of the graffiti. Once a notice is received, the information goes directly to TEP staff dedicated to abating graffiti.

While TEP will continue to rely on the City for notifying TPD of the graffiti reported to us through the City Transportation Department, they are working to determine an efficient police reporting process for graffiti reports they receive directly through our website.

PARKS INFORMATION

30TH ANNUAL SENIOR OLYMPIC FESTIVAL REGISTRATION: The Senior Olympics run through February 2, 2014, and at various venues throughout the City. Some of the events include; volleyball, cycling, bowling, bridge, racquetball, basketball shoot, pickle ball, archery, golf, tennis, horseshoes, badminton and more. Registration can be done at www.EZEEreg.com For complete Senior Olympic Festival information visit www.TucsonSeniorGames.org or contact 791-3244.

UDALL POOL CLOSURE: The Udall pool is closed until March 31 for the winter season. The pool will re-open April 1, 2014. For additional questions, please contact 791-4245.

2014 PROGRAM GUIDE AND CLASS CATALOG: The 2014 Parks and Recreation Spring Program Guide and Class Catalog has been published. The catalog can be picked up at any City recreation facility and it can also be viewed online at www.ezeereg.com Spring classes run January 5-May 10, 2014.

FOLLOW PARKS AND RECREATION ON FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/TucsonParksandRecreation

TUCSON CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL

Beat Back Buffelgrass Day: Saturday, January 25, 2014! Locations throughout Tucson (including the Henry Elementary/Conserve 2 Enhance project and others on the eastside, Kennedy Park and others on the north side, Marana, Foothills and Oro Valley on the north side, and Green Valley and Vail to the south. Chances are there is a project very near you! More information and registration at: <http://www.buffelgrass.org>

Look What's New with Do More Blue: Poster contest for 6th-8th Graders: Entries due February 1, 2014. For more info: <http://www.outreach-scheduling.org/recyclingpostercontest>

Trees for Tucson: Low-cost shade trees for [TEP residents \(\\$8 each\)](#), [Trico members \(\\$15 each\)](#), or plan your school/neighborhood/nonprofit or other community space shade/beautification event today! Special appreciation to [TEP](#) and [Trico](#) along with [Long Realty](#), [Chapman Automotive](#) and [Hamstra Heating & Cooling](#), whose Trees for Tucson contributions are counting every day toward the yearlong [Mayor's 10,000 Tree Challenge!](#) <http://www.treesfortucson.org>

RX SAFE, SMART & SECURE

Amistades Inc., 4R Communities Alliance, Luz Southside Coalition and the Community Prevention Coalition of Pima County have teamed up with the Tucson Police Department to offer a safe way to dispose of your expired drugs.

A drop off service is being offered at five Tucson Police Department substations:

- Southside Santa Cruz Substation, 4410 S. Park Ave, at East Fair Street
 - Westside Police Service Center, 1310 W. Miracle Mile near North Flowing Wells Road
 - Midtown Substation, 1100 S. Alvernon Way at East 22nd Street
 - Downtown Main Station, 270 S. Stone Ave. near West Cushing Street
 - Eastside Rincon Substation, 9670 E. Golf Links Road near South Harrison Road.
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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need**

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/
Dance Equipment**

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Wednesday, January 22, Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. Note that the meeting is scheduled for a Wednesday rather than the usual Tuesday. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

