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## PAUL'S NOTE

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- \* Town Hall with Paul and Mayor Rothschild, April 9
- \* Mark your calendars: Our next community Shred-It event will be April 19th

Coming up on our agenda will be an ordinance banning the sale of cats and dogs from “puppy mills.”

The proposed ordinance is much like one that Phoenix passed late last year. It would limit local pet stores to only selling pets from the county shelter, non-profit animal shelters or a rescue group. There are some differences with the Phoenix ordinance here and there, such as a provision allowing a pet owner to donate unintended offspring to a pet store, but that’s the gist of it.

The idea isn’t to limit dog breeders. 97% of American Kennel Club registered breeders don’t sell to pet stores any way. The aim here is to get “puppy mills,” large-scale, out of state breeding facilities, out of selling pets here in Tucson. These facilities have rightfully earned a poor reputation as inhumane.

It’s hard not to be emotional about our pets, and hearing about the conditions in these places is enough to get even the most hard-hearted of us to break down a bit. There is a fi-

nancial cost to us as tax payers too.

The City of Tucson budgeted \$3.5 million of general fund money that could have been spent on street repair or graffiti abatement to pay the Pima County Animal Care Center, and, in a time of tight budgets, ended up paying \$200,000 more because of the volume of unwanted pets in our community. County taxpayers will be asked this fall to sell bonds to the tune of \$22 million to upgrade the facility.

This policy would mean more of those dogs and cats would be adopted. This means fewer cats and dogs housed, fed and treated at taxpayer expense.

Also, the Animal Care Center euthanized 7,817 cats and dogs last year, over a third of what they had taken in. Many of those pets were adoptable.

Similar ordinances have already passed in over forty cities around the country, with Chicago looking to take it up soon.

I’ve heard the worries from a few local businesses that

deal in selling dogs and cats. If you look at dogs and cats as just a source of cash, maybe you shouldn’t be in the business. Petco and Petsmart, the two biggest pet chains in the country, don’t sell dogs and cats. Instead, they work with local rescue groups, there are 76 in town (33 dealing with purebreds), to help people adopt. They have done very well for themselves and there is no reason to think that local stores couldn’t follow the same model and be successful.

I want to take a moment to thank Governor Brewer for her veto of SB 1062. Many people have talked about the economic impact of yet another black eye for the state, but we also need to remember that this was an attempt to divide us from our neighbors. I’m hoping that the veto signals that we will be done with this sort of legislation, and the legislature can get back to the work bringing more jobs to Arizona and improving our education system.

## PAUL'S NOTE, CONTINUED

Lastly, I'd like to talk about Jeanne Turner. We just got done with another "Reunion del Fuerte," one of the more long standing neighborhood events in Ward 2. Jeanne was a driving force in creating that event back in 1982. She also chaired the committee that purchased the old fort's adobe chapel and served as its caretaker until late last year.

Jeanne passed away a couple of weeks ago. I'd like to send condolences to her husband Raymond and her entire family.




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## 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




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## 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](http://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:* March, Himmell Park, 2000 N Tucson Blvd

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## COMPOST CATS

The Mayor and City Council have approved an intergovernmental agreement with the University of Arizona to provide organic material to the Compost Cats. The agreement was approved at the Mayor and Council Meeting on January 21, 2014.

“We are really excited to work with the U of A on this project. Our expectation is that it will lead to additional opportunities for the City of Tucson to divert greater amounts of waste from our landfills,” said Francis LaSala, Waste Diversion Manager. The first delivery of “Zoo Doo” and food waste is scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2014.

The Compost Cats are a student-run organization that collects food waste and other organic materials for composting from the UA campus and other sources in the community. The group asked the City to provide “Zoo Doo” and green waste needed to produce high quality compost. By sending animal waste and green waste to the Compost Cats facility in the San Xavier District off of I-19, the City will keep approximately 550 tons of waste out of the landfill.

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## 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](mailto:akrepps@communityfoodbank.org) or call 882-3285.




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## 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](http://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.

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## UDALL CENTER INFORMATION

**Senior Safari:** Seniors will have an opportunity to attend the Senior Safari Trip at Reid Park Zoo on Thursday, March 6 from 9:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m. There is no entry fee for ages 62 and over. Seniors will enjoy animal exhibits and visit with a variety of organizations in the morning to learn more about living a healthy, active life in Tucson.

**Silent Auction:** The Eastside Senior Club will host a Silent Auction on Thursday, March 13, 2014 from 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The event will also include lunch. The cost for lunch is \$3.00 and sign-ups will be taken at the front desk in the Carol West Senior Addition.

**St. Patrick's Day:** The Carol West Senior Addition is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on Thursday, March 20 at 1:00 p.m. The event will include delicious food sponsored by Atria Bell Court Gardens and live entertainment provided by the Accordion Club of Tucson. The cost is \$5.00.

For any additional information on the above programs, contact 791-4121.

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## PARKS PROGRAMS

**Adult Spring Softball:** The Adult Spring Softball season begins March 24 and registration begins February 25 through March 14. Walk-in registration takes place at the Sports Unit in Freedom Recreation Center located at 5000 E 29th Street and Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration is limited. Contact the Sports Unit 791-4870 for more information.

**University of Arizona Baseball:** Hi Corbett Field will be hosting home games for your Arizona Wildcats:  
U/A versus Seton Hall: Friday, February 28 at 6 pm, Saturday, March 1 at 6 pm, Sunday, March 2 at noon  
U/A versus Washington State: Friday, March 14 at 6 pm, Saturday, March 15 at 6 pm, Sunday, March 16 at noon  
U/A versus Oregon State: Friday, March 28 at 7 pm, Saturday, March 29 at 4 pm, Sunday, March 30 at noon

**Hershey's Track and Field Games:** Saturday, March 15, 2014. Registration is from 9 am -10 am. The event is free and for youths ages 6-14. The event will take place at the track in Tucson High School, 400 N. 2nd Avenue. The games begin at 10:15 am

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## 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**

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 4, 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>

