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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
- * Houghton Road Corridor construction update, *page 3*

The number one concern that constituents come to me with, or call my office about is the stretch of Broadway from Houghton to Camino Seco. It's in poor repair, and people who use it on a regular basis are right to complain about it.

It's frustrating to my staff and me as well. When we get a call about a problem with a street, say a pothole, we usually can get in touch with the Streets Division and have someone take care of it within a few days. We can usually get bigger problems at least put on the calendar for repair work as well.

(By the way, all credit to Daryl Cole and his staff for getting that department into shape after the problems they had a few years ago.)

Getting that particular stretch fixed, well, it isn't as easy.

That part of Broadway is among the stretches of roadway under the respon-

sibility of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA.) Under the RTAs schedule, work on that part of Broadway can't even start until 2016.

I can't tell the RTA what to do, and, to be fair, the RTA is committed to this schedule because that's what was passed by voters when the RTA was created back in 2006.

The city's Transportation Department could do its own work on the road, but it would be a huge waste of money given that RTA is scheduled to tear it up within two years.

I've been talking to Farhad Moghimi, Executive Director of the RTA, about ways that the schedule can be expedited within their legal and financial constraints. I don't want to make any promises I can't keep, but I want you all to know that my office is looking for a way for this to be done sooner.

I've gotten a couple of calls about the Tucson Fire Department's billing policy for ambulance services. They have a "Frequently Asked Questions" page on their website. http://www.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/tfd_ambulance_transport_svc_billing_faq_sheet.pdf

It's time for Cyclovia once again. Tucson holds several top level bicycle events (this weekend is the Tucson Grand Prix), but what about something fun if you just want to get out and bike?

That's what Cyclovia is for. On April 6th, there will be two neighborhood festivals, one in Armory Park and the other at 4th Ave and 36th St in South Tucson. 4th and 6th Avenues will be closed to motor vehicles so people on bicycles, skateboards or just on foot can

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travel and enjoy a sunny day without their car for just one day. You can get more information from their web site at www.cycloviatucson.org

This is the first year that organizers will be staging two events, the next one in November. That one will be focused on midtown and the north side. Maybe someday we can have it on the east side?

I have two other sports related notes. The Tucson Invitational Games are underway. Tucson hosts this spring event for several collegiate softball teams. The games run throughout the month and are hosted at Lincoln Park. Visit <http://www.tigsports.com> for more information.

And of course, congratulations to Sean Miller and the Arizona Wildcats. I know that we all will be glued to our TV next Thursday when they open the PAC-12 tournament. Number one seed, here we come!

Have a great weekend.



Congratulations to Theresa Hodge and her crew at the Raddison Suites Tucson for volunteering 302 hours keeping East Speedway and our washes clean!

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: March, Himmell Park, 2000 N Tucson Blvd

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Houghton and Broadway:

Work continues on schedule for this project. We appreciate your patience as we try to get the intersection completed as quickly as possible.

Water Line work:

We are still temporarily closing some of the business entrances as we complete installing new water lines. These are only for a few days at a time. As always, we encourage you to use your local businesses in this area as they work through the construction along with us.

We are adding tie-ins to the main lines, as well as chlorinating and testing the main water lines on Houghton as well as on Broadway west of Houghton.

Drainage:

We are adding the rip rap on the drainage ways for the box culverts we just installed on the west side of Houghton, and the north side of Broadway.

Roadway:

As you may have noticed we are installing curb and sidewalk at various locations throughout the intersection. We are also adding storm drains and preparing subgrade for engineered fill, and then pavement at the north west corner of the intersection.

Street Lights:

We are trenching for the future street lighting conduit.

Houghton, Broadway to 22nd Street:

You may notice several utility companies out starting their utility relocations. TEP, South West Gas and Century Link have all pulled permits to start their work. We will be coordinating traffic barricading and vegetation disturbance (must be according to our Native Plant Preservation Ordinance) with them.

Houghton, Irvington to Valencia:

We are excited that we are getting very close to completing this project. As you can see the rains slowed up our striping efforts last week, but we should have all striping complete within a week. We will open all lanes up to traffic, but because we will be installing the last of the irrigation lines and planting the landscaping, you might see a lane closed where workers are present and the speed limit may remain 35 mph in some areas.

Once the striping is complete most of the work on site will be just landscaping. When the temperatures are warm enough for the rubberized asphalt, we will start installing that. We are hoping that will start in April. Additionally, we expect our Art piece to be installed in April as well. We will let you know when we have the date for that, as it might be interesting to watch.



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.

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 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 at Catalina High School, 400 N. 2nd Avenue. The games begin at 10:15 am

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 Tuesday, March 18, Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. 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>

