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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 26th** (Note new date)
- * Houghton Road Corridor construction update, *page 3*

First off, I'd like to announce a change in plans for our Shred-It event. My staff scheduled it for April 19, which made for a convenient date right after everyone files their taxes.

Unfortunately, there were some personnel changes at Shred-It and we have had to reschedule the event for April 26. I hope that this doesn't inconvenience any of you.

We've worked with Shred-It for as long as I've been on the council and my staff and Shred-It plan to continue to hold these events twice a year. Shred-It offers up this service to us and the community for free, and we are glad to give them a place to do it.

An article appeared in Slate about Tucson. I thought it took some gratuitous swipes at us, but the author's main point was about how desert communities like ours remain sustainable. The article featured an interview with the

Mayor about our conservation policies.

The article is the first of a series about cities in our region. I think that as the author starts to visit other locations I think he'll see that we have some very strong conservation policies here, better than cities like Las Vegas and Los Angeles. In the last few years we have made huge progress in water conservation. Policies like our service area boundaries and even billing policies have done a lot to make our water supply more secure, which is the most important thing for a desert community to do. I'm proud to have helped our city continue on that trajectory by expanding our city's incentives for the use of gray water and rainwater harvesting.

Which brings me to next week: Tucson Water is sponsoring "Fix a Leak Week" from March 17 - 24. This is a partnership with other regional water utili-

ties and the EPA to remind customers about how much water can be lost through even minor leaks.

Tucson Water's "Fix a Leak Week" web page at tucsonaz.gov/water/fix-leak-week has links to online calculators for measuring the impact of drips and leaks, "Family Fact Sheets" in English and Spanish for finding and fixing leaks, helpful videos from the Regional Water Providers Consortium, and an activity learning page for kids.

There are so many easy ways to check for leaks. For example, a blue dye tablet in a toilet tank can very quickly show you if the toilet is leaking.

I deal with residents who have trouble with high water bills, and many of these cases turn out to be leak problems. Tucson

PAUL'S NOTE, CONTINUED

Water provides free home water audits. To request and schedule, call (520) 791-3242 or e-mail TW_CustomerService@tucsonaz.gov.

The Tucson Fire Department has started send all of the council offices information about dispatches. Last month, TFD had a total of 6372 dispatches and they responded to 114 fires.

The number of dispatches has held pretty steady over the last few months. The more important number for those of us that ever end up in a situation where we need to call the fire department is response time. Response time, as measured from when a unit is dispatched, has been steadily decreasing over the last few months until this February when it went up.

There are a variety of factors. Traffic, which long time Tucsonans know always gets worse in February, is a very important one. Before we get too antsy about the time going up, it's gone from 6:47 to 6:49. Yep, a whole two seconds. Given everything, that isn't bad at all.

Thank you, and have a great weekend.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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: April: TOPSC Lower Lot, 4004 S Park Ave

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Houghton and Broadway: Work is moving along on schedule, and we are wrapping up the final water line work, so the driveway closures for this work will be coming to an end next week.

We continue to work on the installation of storm drains, catch basins, roadway grading, adding sidewalks and curbs, and will start some paving at the north west corner March 20th.

We heard that several businesses were concerned with contractor staff parking in their customer parking spaces, and we want to let everyone know that contractor's staff have been directed to park on dirt, and not in spaces for customers.

Century Link will be working on their relocations until the end of the month, and when they are complete, the rest of the old TEP poles will be removed.

Broadway to 22nd: Southwest Gas, TEP, and Century Link will begin their relocations very soon. The barricading for this went in today, and our contractor will begin some relocations of vegetation, as well as some clearing for that work.

We also noticed that Pima County Wastewater had some crews out with cameras performing, what we think are, their annual inspections of the sewers. If you have any questions about that work, you can call Pima Count Wastewater.

Irvington to Valencia: Over the past month we have received a lot of calls on a daily basis. The first round of calls wanted to know why people were restricted to one lane in each direction when all the pavement was down, and demanded that we open it up, bumps and all. Then we open all the lanes, and now we are getting 20 calls a day asking why we finished the job with bumps in the road and saying that bumps are a problem for their suspensions.

As we mentioned before: The bumps are as a result of the final asphalt in the intersections and we are waiting for the first week in April to put down the rubberized asphalt in the low spots.

We checked this out again today, and the only thing we could do regarding the bumps is to make the tapers longer at the asphalt transitions. This is going to be a big expensive effort for a 4-mile job, so we are going to hold off on that unless there is any hint of a delay in putting down the rubberized asphalt. If there is, we will work on those tapers. The other option would be to slow traffic back down to 25mph, and we know everyone doesn't want that.

As you can see, we have landscapers out working on the irrigation and the planting will start very soon. Also, we are wrapping up the final manhole and valve work, along with other small wrap up work.

We know this is short notice, but we had an unexpected opportunity to fix the manhole at Civano Boulevard starting tomorrow. This will require us to close that off for two days so we can adjust the manhole, bring in the asphalt that surrounds it, and let it set up. This work will be done by Friday. We appreciate your patience.

You may have also noticed the various "holes" in the roadway with barricading around them. These are valves that need adjusting, like a manhole, only smaller. We have completed 20 of these and have 25 more to go. They should be completed this week. This will also get some of the additional barricades out of the way.

We are hearing that the Art work is scheduled for installation the first week in April, and will keep you informed on the date this will happen. I am not sure how we can get everyone in to see it, as there will be a large crane, and concrete trucks, along with traffic barricading for safety, but we will see what we can do to provide an area for viewing.

As always, we appreciate your patience, and feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.



UDALL CENTER INFORMATION

St Patrick's Day Luncheon: 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 more information, contact 791-4121.

Tax Help: AARP Tax Aide is offering assistance at Udall Center from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. through April 14, 2014. Services are free and is on a first come first serve basis. Call 571-9884 for information.

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

PARKS PROGRAMS

Farmers Market: The Tucson Farmers Market continues at Jesse Owens Park on Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The park is located at 400 S. Sarnoff Road, between Broadway and 22nd Street. The market has a variety of fresh produce and organic foods. Come out to the park and shop around for healthy and tasty foods.

Swim Spring Schedule: The swimming pools at Ft. Lowell Park (2900 N.Craycroft) and Udall Park (7200 E. Tanque Verde) are closed for the Winter months from November 10, 2014 through March 31, 2014. The pools will reopen and begin its Spring Schedule on April 1 2014. Visit www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics for pool hours or call 791-4245.

Little League Opening Day: It's that time of year again and the parks will be busy with league play! Opening Day for Pantano Little League in Jesse Owens Park and Frontier Little League in Ft. Lowell park will take place on March 29th, 2014. Opening day for Tanque Verde Little League in Udall Park will take place April 5, 2014. Come out the park and support the players.

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: 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

Visit www.arizonawildcats.com for any additional information. To purchase tickets, call 621-CATS or visit the website.

Program Guide: The Summer 2014 Program Guide and Class Catalog will be available Monday, April 14, 2014 for free pick-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. The catalog will also be available for viewing on line at www.ezeereg.com

The catalog will have complete information on Parks and Recreation programs and classes, aquatics, sports, recreation center programs, and so much more. Contact Registration Services for any additional information, 791-4877. In addition, on March 30, 2014, the Arizona Daily Star will publicize a list of children's classes that will be offered in the Summer.

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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>

