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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*

.Flags at city buildings have been at half-staff this week for Tom Quesnel, a Tucson Fire Department investigator who lost his battle with cancer last Friday.

We all consider fire fighters heroes, but we usually picture someone with tanks and helmet running into a burning building or the paramedic making sure an accident victim stays alive. What Quesnel and his brother and sister investigators do also saves lives. The results of their investigations have a great deal to do with how we as a community make sure that our work places, the places we shop, and homes are built and maintained safely.

Even though his work was often after a fire was over, the job is not without risks. According to the release announcing Quesnel's death, the cancer that took his life was found to be work related.

Quesnel had been with TFD since 1989 and had been an investigator since 1994. His expertise was nationally known and had been called into investiga-

tions all over this region. He worked with two canine companions, Sully and Keta.

I've been getting a lot of calls and e-mails about a development that has been proposed for near the corner of Sabino Canyon and Cloud Roads. The vacant fifteen acre parcel is currently zoned "suburban ranch," meaning roughly one house for three and a half acres. The current plan calls for a rezoning and approximately 12 units per acre. It would be a total of 169 one-story rental homes.

I appreciate hearing from the public on this and all issues, however the piece of land in question is outside of city limits. It will be up to Pima County, both through staff and the elected Board of Supervisors, whether this plan is approved, denied or modified. I don't get a vote on this.

This doesn't mean that there aren't city concerns here. My main one, and one voiced by many city residents that have gotten in

touch with me, is traffic along Sabino Canyon Road. That particular stretch is already near capacity. The capacity for Sabino Canyon Road from Tanque Verde to Cloud (a portion mostly in the city) is 37,600 ADT ("average daily traffic," how many trips people are making down that road each day) and the use of the road currently is at 35,272 ADT. That means that Sabino Canyon Road is at roughly 95% capacity.

There are already traffic difficulties. The "Level of Service" on Sabino Canyon is rated a D, which means that there are delays at peak times.

The developer has tried to mitigate the traffic situation with a special right turn lane and extra exits on the north and south end of the development. I'm glad to see that. Still, much of the traffic exiting or leaving this new subdivision will be driving that already congested piece of Sabino Canyon Road. Given the layout of the existing streets in the area, it's hard to see where else peo-

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ple would go. Keep in mind too that while developments like a shopping center or some types of offices would have traffic coming and going at different times of day, this one is likely to put the overwhelming share of its traffic on the road at Sabino Canyon's peak times.

I've been in touch with some of the county supervisors about the plan already. I am a big proponent of infill, but I am very concerned about what a development of this size and nature will do for city residents that use Sabino Canyon Road.

The project will be up before the planning and zoning commission on Wednesday, March 26 at 9 am over at the Supervisors Hearing Room at 130 W Congress. You can check out details of the project yourself at <http://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=66519> and you can get in touch with the county supervisor at pima.gov or by calling 724-8126.

SHRED-IT (NOTE NEW DATE)

Your Ward 2 office and Shred-It is hosting another Shred-It event on April 26. Bring any of your material to be shredded, old bills, financial records, personal paperwork, to our parking lot from 8 am—11:30 and Shred-It will have its shredding trucks there to safely and securely destroy them for you.

The first reasonably sized box is free, but we ask that if you have any additional boxes, you bring a donation (either \$5 or an equivalent amount of non-perishable food) for the Community Food Bank.

Note: This event was previously scheduled for April 19, but had to be moved. We regret any inconvenience.



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 Intersection Improvements

Driveway Closures: The Broadway driveway to the Walgreens will be narrowed down to one car lane until the 26th. You can still access the Walgreens at this location, it will just be narrower. There is full access off of Houghton. We continue to encourage you to patronize your local businesses. They really need your support during construction.

Traffic shifts: We are preparing the temporary pavement on the north side of Broadway to get ready to shift traffic in this direction so we can work on the south side.

Water line work: Wrapping up the final tie-ins west on Broadway west of Houghton.

Roadway work: Storm drain and catch basin installation are in progress. These catch the water that hits the roadway and carries out of the roadway and to the washes.

On the north and south west corners grading, paving, curb installation and backfilling of curb, grading for the sidewalks, and installing the sidewalks is in progress.

Utilities: Century Link is completing their relocations this week. Electrical trenching for the street lights is ongoing

Houghton and Broadway Park and Ride

This work will be starting in June.

Houghton, Broadway to 22nd Street

Utility companies are beginning their relocations for this project. South West Gas, TEP, and Century Link have all pulled permits to being their work. They are coordinating their traffic barricading efforts with our contractor so you will have a smooth transition through the area.

If you have any amenities located in the right of way that you are concerned about, please contact MJ Dillard at 837-6616 or at mj.dillard@tucsonaz.gov about these so we can make arrangements to handle these. We are contacting the property management companies that manage common areas for homeowners associations for this as well.

Houghton, Irvington to Valencia

Landscaping: Landscaping continues to be installed throughout the project area.

The landscapers have had a hard time finding enough of the correct Penstemon specified for this job, so we are allowing them to use a mix of other Penstemon species. This will add more color to the project and get those started right now.



The landscapers are also having a hard time finding Cassia that are sufficient in size to be viable. This is an important shrub for the area, and we don't have a good substitute for these. We are going to have the landscapers plant a bucket in these areas now, we will allow the nurseries to grow these to a full size over the summer, and then at the end of the summer we will have the landscapers install these at that time. As a reminder, the landscapers are under a contract with a two year landscape establishment period, this is to make sure all the vegetation gets established for the project.

Roadway: As you all know, we have opened up all the lanes for travel until the rubberized asphalt is ready to come in. We were originally planning on this happening the first week in April, but the plant is not available until April 21st. It will take two weeks to get the rubberized asphalt in place. We will start with the outside lanes and then work in. We also just found out that the Pima County Fair is taking place April 17th through April 27th, and they asked us to work around their event. So, we have agreed to postpone the rubberized asphalt until Monday April 27th. Starting tomorrow, we will have the contractor install larger wedges in the areas where the asphalt changes in height (normal asphalt in the intersections is at final grade, the rubberized asphalt in-between is not placed yet) to provide a smoother ride until that rubberized asphalt comes in. Please keep the speeds down, workers are still on the site and we don't want to see anyone hurt. It will also be easier on your vehicles as you make the elevation transitions.

Houghton, Bridge over the UPRR and Bridge to I-10

Construction on these projects is still scheduled to begin some time (mid?) 2015.

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 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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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 a special meeting on the budget on Tuesday, March 25. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8. 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>

