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WARD 2

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PAUL'S NOTE

I had the chance to meet with volunteers with the Wee Work program this weekend.

Wee Work strives to engage young people in community service projects. By young, they mean very young. Many of the kids I worked with were entering middle school.

The youth in Wee Work, along with their parents, have a chance to volunteer in a great variety of projects, from Habitat to Humanity to Hope Fest. Their work has taken them to a number of our senior citizen's centers as well, including Villa Hermosa and St. Luke's.

This weekend, I had the chance to join them over at a senior center here in Ward 2, Strauss Manor. There, we all helped serving meals to the residents. The kids, their parents and the residents cooked together and ate together. It was heartening to see three generations of Tucsonans coming together like that.

The group was started by Amy Geile and Kristen Littell back in 2011. Both were professional women and mothers who wanted to get more involved in the community, but also wanted to find ways to get their children engaged as well.

Their organization has been a great success and has branched out to chapters in Phoenix and Indianapolis.

If you and your family are interested in volunteering or if you have a project you'd like to get Wee Work involved in, you can contact them through their website, weework.net.

My office has gotten a couple of calls about one particular item on next week's agenda. Yes, the city will be taking over fire services from Raytheon's fire department.

The main concern, and rightly so, has

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been about city taxpayers paying for a service that benefits a single corporation. I'd be very concerned too, but that is not what's happening.

Raytheon will be compensating the city for the service. The city will be paid \$1.3 million every year to handle fire protection duties, in addition to taking over Raytheon Fire Department's building and equipment (including two fire engines).

In addition, the personnel at what will now be known as Fire Station No. 23 will be available for other incidents in the area. There is anticipated growth south of the plant as well, and this will provide an important place to start a safety infrastructure for the area.

Despite the fact that Raytheon has a fire department, TFD is already responsible for the area and can get called for larger incidents. This brings up an important point that I didn't realize until Fire Chief Jim Critchley explained it to me and my staff. Because they handle most of their own fire protection, Raytheon does not inform the city about what materials there are in the various buildings on site. Needless to say, this can cause major problems should TFD get called. With TFD as the primary fire service provider, they would know what they are dealing with in these situations and can prepare accordingly. This will be better for both TFD personnel and the people that they serve.

I've had a chance to look over the contract, the final details of which were hammered out this week. I'm satisfied that it will be good for taxpayers and our fire department.

VETERAN'S FRIEND

Veteran's Friend's Mission is to make a positive difference in the quality of life of all senior veterans by providing a free service to inform and educate veterans, their families, and surviving spouses about a special VA pension for which they are often entitled but fail to understand.

VA Accredited claims Representative Robert Dhillon has a 100% success rate in obtaining VA pensions benefits. Join Robert for a free educational briefing where you will learn the truth about Veterans Benefits.

Robert Dhillon, president of REAL Solutions Services, operates Veteran's Friend to assist World War II, Korea and Vietnam wartime veterans and their spouses collect their tax-free VA pension, up to \$25,000 a year, to pay for long term health care.

Dates: April 18, May 16 and June 20

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Ward 2 Office, 7575 E Speedway.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

The annual community-wide EGGstravaganza event will be held at the Donna Liggins Recreation Center, 2160 N. 6th Ave on April 4, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The free event will attract more 2,000 people. Family fun activities will include games, inflatables, prizes, egg hunts, music and Easter Bunny. A variety of foods will be available for purchase from local vendors.

RINCON / UNIVERSITY ALUMNI FUN DAY

We hope you can attend this fundraiser for RUHS softball. This is our second year, and it is a wonderful event that celebrates our RUHS softball family!

Tickets to participate in the game are \$25, which includes a T-shirt and lunch. We will also have a full snack bar available! Please come hungry!

Please visit <http://ruhsalumnifunday.eventzilla.net/> to register or e-mail RinconUniversitySoftball@gmail.com for more information.

WILMOT RESURFACING

On Wednesday, April 1, 2015, crews from Southern Arizona Paving and Construction Co., under contract with the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT), will begin work to improve the pavement conditions on 22nd Street from Wilmot Road to Swan Road.

Crews will begin the project by lowering manhole covers and water valve covers on 22nd Street from Wilmot Road to Craycroft Road. Work hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The utility work is scheduled to be complete by Friday, April 3, 2015.

On Monday, April 6, 2015, crews will begin milling (removing asphalt) and repaving 22nd Street. To lessen the impact on the traveling public, the milling and paving work will take place at night from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. The milling and paving work is scheduled to be complete by Friday, May 8, 2015. During this work at least one lane of travel in each direction will be maintained.

This pavement improvement project is part of the \$100 million, five-year street bond program – Road Recovery. The Road Recovery program is funded by voter-approved bonds.

Residential and business access will be maintained at all times during the project, except for when heavy equipment is directly in front of a driveway. At least one lane of travel in each direction will be maintained during this work. Please obey all traffic control signs and watch for construction personnel and equipment in these work areas. The schedule is subject to change due to equipment malfunction or inclement weather.

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

Spring into Spring: The senior addition will host a "Spring into Spring" event on Wednesday, April 15 at 12:030 p.m. The event will be sponsored by Emeritus. The activities will include lunch and entertainment. The cost is \$5.00.

Freedom Center: On Tuesday, April 14, Seniors will have an opportunity to enjoy a trip to the Freedom Center for a Spring and Summer Hand Crafted Fashion Show, and Sweet Tomatoes for lunch. Departure from Udall Center to Freedom Center will be at 9:30 a.m. and return is 1:30 p.m.

Agua Caliente: A picnic at the Agua Caliente Park is scheduled for Thursday, April 23. Departure from the senior addition is 10:00 a.m. and return is 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.00. Lunch will be provided.

Open House: The Udall Recreation Center will host an Open House on Wednesday, April 29 for its 25th Anniversary celebration. There will be refreshments and give-a-ways.

AARP Tax Aide: AARP will offer free tax help at the Udall Recreation Center, 7200 E. Tanque Verde Rd. from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning through April 15, 2015.

Note: The AARP is also offering their Tax Aide at Wilmot Library, Mondays and Thursdays from 9 to 3:30.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Spring Swim Schedule: The Spring Swim schedule for Udall Park and Ft. Lowell Park starts April 1st. Contact the Aquatics Division at 791-4245/791-5352 or visit <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/aquatics#hours> for pool locations and swim schedule.

ARC New Open Swim Schedule: The Edith Ball Adaptive Recreation Center has a new schedule for open swim. The new schedule began March 31, 2015.

Summer 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog: The Summer 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog will be available on Monday, April 20, 2015. The catalog can be picked-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. It can be viewed on-line at www.ezeereg.com Contact the Registration Office at 791-4877 for additional information.

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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, April 7. 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>

