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PAUL'S NOTE

I'd like to thank all of you that came out to the Open House with the Mayor on Wednesday night. We didn't have a lot of publicity but over eighty of you showed up. Thank you for giving the Mayor and me a chance to explain our complicated budget situation. And yes, a big thank you even to those of you that asked the tough questions. Given our state of affairs, the most important questions are the tough ones.

One thing I said at the meeting and I'd like to reiterate: I will not support any budget that includes cuts to our support for the Pima Council on Aging. Their services are necessary for many of our retired citizens.

Blair Charity Group is hosting another free basketball clinic for youth. This time the clinic is for youth with autism.

The Autism Society of Greater Tucson is partnering with the Blair Charity Group to host the clinic at Udall Recreation Center at



7200 E Tanque Verde Road. It is open for boys and girls aged 9 thru 18 and will run from 9 am – 4 pm with lunch provided.

My friend and former U of A basketball player Joseph Blair started The Arizona Basketball Academy in order to offer a professional basketball camp experience to youth who may not otherwise have the opportunity. Offered as a weeklong summer camp and monthly daylong clinic, the program focuses on basketball and life skills. Every session includes a session designed to build skills off the court including: financial literacy, social media responsibility and life skills.

Blair Charity group is also sponsoring the second an-

nual Putt-ing Kids First fundraiser at Golf n' Stuff on Saturday from 5 pm – 10 pm. The event is mini-golf four-some tournament with all of Golf 'n' Stuff's at-

tractions open for extra fun. You can find out more about it at their website, <http://www.putt-ingkidsfirst.org/>.

J. B. has been sponsoring a number of activities like this to support youth in our community since he retired from basketball. "Giving back" isn't just a cliché for him. I'm proud to call him a friend.

After the open house, some neighbors from the Sabino Canyon corridor spoke with a member of my staff about getting more sidewalks in their area. Walkability is becoming more of an issue for Tucsonans and I'm glad to see that.

My colleagues and I re-

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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)

PAUL'S NOTE, CONTINUED

cently established a Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The aim is to make our neighborhoods more walkable, and also friendlier to bikes as well. I'd love to get feedback from you all about walkability and bikeability issues in your neighborhoods. Please contact my office and let me know what you'd like to see as we plan transportation projects in the future.

Remember that we still have post cards for TESLA at the office. Two dozen of you took the time to fill out cards at our open house the other day.

Thank you. Have a good weekend.

NOTICE FROM DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB

During the next week and weekend in preparation for D-M's Thunder and Lightning over Arizona Open House, local citizens may inquire about aircraft that are flying noticeably lower, faster, louder or in close proximity over Tucson.

Base officials emphasize that modified flying conditions are temporary and standard for an open house. All flights have been thoroughly deconflicted with area flights, in coordination with the Tucson Airport Authority and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Citizens can be referred to D-M's flight operations hotline at 228-5091.

The free, open-to-the public Thunder and Lightning over Arizona Open House is typically held every two years to showcase military air power and express appreciation for the local community's continuous support for D-M.

This year's Open House will be held April 12 and 13.

For more information please visit their website: <http://www.dm.af.mil/library/d-mthunderandlightning.asp>

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

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Come celebrate Earth's resources at the 20th Annual Tucson Earth Day Festival and Parade on Saturday, April 12, 2014. The event is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Reid Park, off Country Club Road north of 22nd Street. The Parade starts at 10 a.m. and is on the streets again with a new $\frac{3}{4}$ mile route. As always the event is free and open to the public.

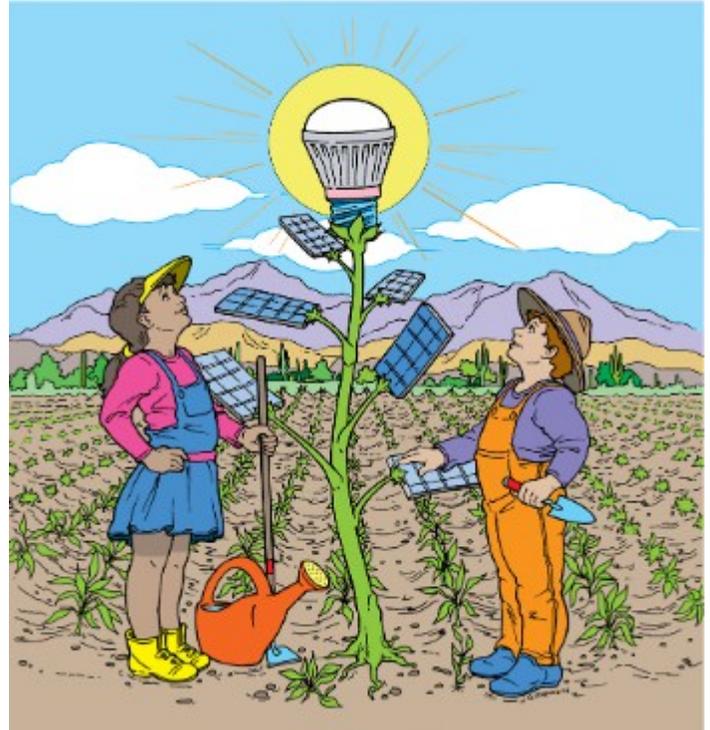
We will celebrate this special 20th anniversary event by giving away prizes to random spectators along each segment of the parade route starting at 10:00 a.m. Businesses and individuals can donate prizes for participants by contacting tucsonearthday@yahoo.com.

Fun and Engaging Exhibits. About 100 exhibitors will provide engaging interactive activities and take-away information about how to preserve Earth's resources for children of the future. A wide variety of topics will be presented including energy conservation, water conservation, water quality, air quality, household hazardous waste, habitat conservation, alternate fuels, sustainability and other eco topics.

Watch or March in the Parade. Schools, bands, families, community and youth groups, mascots, businesses and agencies will be marching in the parade, sharing friendly eco-messages that focus on this year's theme "Light the Way to a Bright Future." The Parade has a new $\frac{3}{4}$ mile route exiting Reid Park at Lakeshore Drive onto 22nd Street. It will travel west to Country Club, then north to re-enter the event at Concert Place. Want to join the parade? Register at www.tucsonearthday.org.

Learn about alternate-fuel vehicles. Curious about saving money on fuel and reducing greenhouse gases? Vehicles powered by clean fuels such as biodiesel, compressed natural gas, electricity, ethanol, propane and even waste vegetable oil may be on display.

For more info on the Tucson Earth Day Festival and Parade, go to www.tucsonearthday.org, call (520) 206-8814 or e-mail tucsonearthday@yahoo.com. Find the festival on Facebook at Tucson Earth Day Festival.



SHRED-IT (NOTE NEW DATE— APRIL 26)



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.

UDALL CENTER INFORMATION

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.



PARKS PROGRAMS

Leisure Classes: 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.

Eggstravaganza: The 15th Annual Eggstravaganza will be held at Mansfield Park on April 19 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The annual community-wide event is free and will include family fun activities including inflatables, egg hunts and music entertainment.

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.

Spring Swim 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.

University of Arizona Baseball:

U/A versus UCLA: Friday, April 11 at 7 pm; Saturday, April 12 at 7:30 pm; Sunday, April 13 at 4 pm

U/A versus Arizona State: Friday, April 25 at 7 pm; Saturday, April 26 at 7:30 pm; Sunday, April 27 at 4:30 pm

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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 Wednesday, April 23. Note that this is not on our regular Tuesday. 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>

