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PAUL'S NOTE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

* Arizona Symphonic Winds starts their series of concerts in Udall Park on May 17. *See page 4*

A man named Daniel Contreras stopped by my office this week.

You've never heard of him? Are you sure? You've seen him before, I assure you.

Because of his red hair, he goes by the name Güero Canelo. You've seen his face smiling on the side of the vans that his chain of restaurants owns, or, even better, you've tried one of his Mexican hot dogs.

He first came to Tucson at the age of 18 in 1979 and he fell in love with our town. That doesn't mean he had it easy. He washed dishes and bused tables at the Downtown Travel Lodge and at Micha's in South Tucson. He knew little English when he first came, and credits customers with teaching him.

A few years later, he decided to strike out on his own and bought a food truck. He made the carne asada, while his wife made the salsa. It took a few years, but the food truck became a restaurant on South 12th Avenue. He now has three restaurants.

Along the way, he intro-

duced the Sonoran Hot Dog. Now, there is some dispute about whether he invented it or ran with the idea from someone else. No matter who came up with the idea, he makes some of the best in town. His version of the Sonoran Hot Dog even earned him an appearance on Man vs Food.

I enjoyed my sit down with Mr. Contreras and his positive outlook on life. He doesn't have that buzz cut you see on the vans these days, he's let his hair grow long and has a beard. He also has had time to play baseball again, one of his passions.

An immigrant who made his way from the bottom to success, the whole time with a good sense of humor. It still happens folks, right here in Tucson.

By the way, Daniel, when are you going to open up a stand in Ward 2? We'd like those hot dogs too.

I'd like to thank everyone that came to the Shred-It event this weekend. More organizations are offering

this service now; ours was one of three doing it on Saturday. That may be why we had fewer people. But, we raised \$625 and collected a room full of canned food for the Community Food Bank, which is on par with what we usually raise. Yes, fewer people with boxes to shed, but you were all generous as usual.

We will have our next community shred in October, so plan your garage and home office cleaning accordingly.

Udall Park will be hosting a series of concerts by the Arizona Symphonic Winds starting May 17. László Veres has been directing the concerts for years and they are a cultural treasure here on the east side. The concerts are free and feature a mix of both amateur and professional musicians from our community. Repertoire varies from seasonal music, marches by well-known composers including John Philip Sousa, and modern and historical "classical" music.

More information on the concerts and all our parks programs are on page 4.

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As always, have a great weekend.



Vice-Mayor Cunningham presents a Crystal Apple Award on Friday to Joy Barr, a counselor at Presidio High School

FINANCIAL CLASSES

John Wilson, a financial advisor at Edward Jones is teaching free classes on finance at Eastside City Hall. The series is entitled "Fundamentals of Investing" and will be in conference Room A starting at 6:30.

May 15: Foundations of Investing

May 22: Preparing for Retirement

May 29: Preparing for the Unexpected

June 5: Planning your Estate (Will be accompanied by Estate Attorney Tom Bouman)

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Houghton Road: Broadway Intersection improvements: Work started November 1, 2013, and should wrap up in June 2015. Water line work is completed. We are working on the sewer line along Broadway at the Safeway Plaza. There will be various driveway closures as this work is completed. There will be driveways open at all times. We are continuing the installation of storm drains and catch basins on the east side of Houghton. We are completing the grading of the engineered fill and sidewalk on the north west corner of Houghton and Broadway. We will be paving this area next Wednesday and Thursday. We will be shifting traffic back into this area when this work is complete.

Houghton Road: Broadway Intersection Park & Ride: This work will be starting in June. The contractor is getting geared up for moving their construction trailer to the 22nd St. area for the next phase of the project, and to free up the Park and Ride area.

Houghton Road: Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street: Utility relocations in progress, construction to start in June. This project should take 18 months to complete. You will notice that Team Fischel is out relocating for Southwest Gas. TEP and TriCon are out relocating for TEP. Kleven is out relocating for CenturyLink. All their barricading has been coordinated with our contractor, Borderland Construction, to keep traffic moving smoothly and with the least amount of confusion possible.

If you have any amenities located in the right of way that you are concerned about, please contact MJ Dillard at 520-837-6616 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 Road: Irvington to Valencia: This project will be completed by the end of May, and is looking like it will be under budget and on schedule. The rubberized asphalt will start going in on Monday the 28th. This work will take about ten days, then we will bring in the temporary striping. The asphalt as to set up for 30 days before the final thermoplastic reflective striping and markers can be placed, and the temporary striping will allow us to keep the lanes open for that 30 day waiting period.

During the asphalt placement, we will need to close lanes down, but that will be moving and shifting throughout the ten days. Also, after the rubberized asphalt is down, there will be several areas where manholes will be raised, and this will require some barricading to allow the concrete collars to set up over night. We appreciate your patience for our final round of lane closures.

Landscaping continues to be installed throughout the project area. Various lanes of traffic will be temporarily closed to provide a safe zone for this installation. Within the next week or two, we will be placing the rock mulch throughout the project area and we will need to close various lanes for this work as well. Our goal is to keep as many of the lanes open as possible at all times.

As always, please keep the speeds down. Workers are still on the site and we don't want to see anyone hurt.

We appreciate your patience, and we want to hear from you if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

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: May: Mansfield Park, 2000 N 4th Avenue

UDALL CENTER INFORMATION

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta: A field trip to the Donna Liggins Center for a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta will be offered to seniors on May 7th from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The event will include food and entertainment.

Memorial Day: The Carol West Senior Addition will host a Memorial Day Breakfast on Wednesday, May 28th at 9:00 a.m.. The event will cost \$4.00. Enjoy 15 minutes of stretching before a delicious breakfast and a live music performance.

For additional information on any of the programs listed above contact 791-4142.



PARKS PROGRAMS

Leisure Classes: The Summer 2014 Program Guide and Class Catalog has been published and is available for free pick-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities, including district offices, centers, and pools. The catalog is also available for viewing on line at www.ezeereg.com

The catalog has complete information on leisure classes, swim lessons, summer KIDCO, aquatics, sports programs, sports camps, registration, recreation center programs, and so much more.

At this time, Registrations are taken through the Class Registration Office by phone, 791-4877 or in person at the Class Registration Office. Registration Services is located at 900 S. Randolph Way and business hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

View the program guide for registration information and deadlines or contact Registration Services for any additional assistance.

Arizona Symphonic Winds: The Music in the Park concert series will take place in the Laszlo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park (7200 E Tanque Verde Rd.) on May 17, 24, 31 and June 7. Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Attached is a map of Udall Park.

Tucson Pops: The Tucson POPS concerts will take place at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center in Reid Park on May 11, 18, 25 and June 1, 8 and 15. The concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Attached is the map of Reid Park.

Farmers Market (New Summer Hours): The Tucson Farmers Market continues at Jesse Owens Park on Fridays from 8 am-12 pm. 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.

Summer Swim Schedule: Pools open for summer May 29 through July 30. Visit www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics for pool hours or call 791-4245.

All City of Tucson Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

University of Arizona Baseball: U/A versus Stanford: Friday, May 9 at 6 pm, Saturday, May 10 at 6 pm, Sunday, May 11 at 12 pm. Visit www.arizonawildcats.com for any additional information. To purchase tickets, call 621-CATS or visit the website.

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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, May 6. 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>

