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PAUL'S NOTE

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An interesting little fact for you: of the 80,000 calls that the Tucson Fire Department get, 90% are not responses to fires. The vast majority of the situations our firefighters respond to are medical emergencies.

Even so, we've had three fires in recent weeks here in Ward 2. We had two people that had to be hospitalized in a fire on East Broadway, but we've been lucky not to see anyone have life threatening injuries.

TFD reminds all of us to have an escape plan for our homes. Know two ways out of every room in your house, that could be doors or windows. Designate a meeting place outside and away from your home.

If there is a fire, stay low and go to the nearest exit. Feel doors with the back of your hand. If it's hot, go to the second exit.

It's good to have smoke detectors, but much better if you are sure they work. Test them monthly, and don't remove the battery, even temporarily, to run other devices in your home.

Remember E.D.I.T.H. This

isn't Archie Bunker's wife, but "Exit Drills in the Home." Having a planned escape route could be the difference between life and death.

Keep in mind that drills and knowing ways out are just as important at your work place. Even here at the Ward 2 office, we have maps on the wall designating exits and meeting points in case of an emergency. We do this even though TFD is just on the other side of the parking lot.

Also, keep in mind to fire proof your yard. Despite our fits and starts of rain over the last eight weeks or so, we are entering dry season. Here on the east side, we tend to have larger yards and we need to be very aware of fire danger.

The dry, mild climate here in Tucson is by far one of our greatest assets, however the dry weather greatly increases our risk for brush fires. Taking simple steps to fireproof the perimeter of your home could prevent costly property damage, and could potentially save lives.

Keeping things safe doesn't require anything complicat-

ed. Trim branches that overhang your house, and trim things back from at least 10 feet from your house. This is especially important near your chimney and heater vents. If you need to trim branches or remove trees near power lines, call TEP prior to trimming. This will save you time and money in the event of a mishap.

Clear your property of brush to 30 feet from the house or to the property line on all sides, whichever is closer. This does not include plants and bushes that make up the landscaping around your house. Brush fire spreads rapidly from the ground to the trees if there is an abundance of undergrowth.

Clearing the brush will add value to property by providing a buffer of defensible space and will keep your property attractive and looking well maintained. Keep your roof and rain gutters clean. Leaves, needles and branches on a roof or in the rain gutters may catch an ember and start a roof fire.

Have a great weekend and stay safe.

PUTT-ING KIDS FIRST

Blair Charity Group's Third Annual Putt-ing Kids First fundraiser will be the last night of the Arizona Basketball Academy summer weeklong camp Friday June 5 at Golf N' Stuff. All the attractions of this family fun park will be open from 5pm to 10pm for free play with purchase of admission.

Enjoy unlimited free play of two 18-hole courses of Miniature Golf, Lit'l Indy Race Car Go-Karts, Bumper Boats, Lazer Tag, Batting Cages, and all of the non-redemption video games like Pac Man Smash Air Hockey and Batman's Driving Game. Additional attractions include live DJ, Face Painters, Balloon Artists and Jumping Castle!

Putt-ing Kids First brings Tucson's best "Eats" right to you by hosting more than half a dozen local restaurants and caterers within the park. Enjoy tasty sample portions in addition to sweet treats like Cotton Candy and salty eats like popcorn provided free with purchase of admission.

This Family Fun Night is filled with plenty of activities for children and adults alike. The silent auction and event raffle return to offer up great finds and hot deals for all. Adults in particular can enjoy a new and improved exclusive hang out. Introducing the Putt N Pub! Enjoy samples of Tucson's finest brews, some adult eats, and games tailored for the 21 and over crowd.

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.

Date: June 20

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Ward 2 Office, 7575 E Speedway.

RSVP: 495-0045

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Broadway Intersection Improvements: Project is complete.

Broadway Intersection Park & Ride: We are very happy to announce that the Park and Ride is now available to use. Sun Tran routes 8, 108 express, and 4 are now stopping at this facility. Details are available at http://suntran.com/commuter_park.php

We are still waiting for the final bus driver's offices/restrooms building, which should be in soon. It is currently in fabrication.

Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street: Contract start date was March 30, 2015 with a scheduled completion date of September 20, 2016

We continue to work on installing water lines, storm drains, and box culverts on the east side of Houghton. Once we have this preliminary work completed, we will be constructing the temporary pavement on top of them so we can shift traffic to the east side of the road, and begin this work on the west side of Houghton. We are also installing this same infrastructure on the southeast portion of 22nd Street.

Traffic impacts for this work involve some temporary narrowing of the residential side streets adjacent to Houghton. We are narrowing down the residential side streets to one lane, while we complete the water work for each side street. That work at each street takes less than a day, so please bear with us while we make these adjustments. We will have several types of barricades and a few flaggers to help you through this area.

In the near future we will be removing some dirt from Houghton and moving it over to 22nd, so you will also see 22nd, east of Houghton, starting to take shape. We are also going to have a lot of water work in the middle of the Houghton and 22nd Street work, and we are looking at ways to approach that work with the least amount of traffic disturbance.

The artists have submitted some concepts that we would like to present at a Ward 2 CDRC meeting that we are in the process of scheduling. As soon as I have some drawings to share, I will add them to this update.

Adjacent project: Broadway, Camino Seco to Houghton is starting up and we will let you know when the public meetings for this project begin. We will also invite them to a Ward 2 CDRC meeting to provide you with an update.

Adjacent Road Recovery repaving work: On Tuesday, May 26, 2015, crews from Southern Arizona Paving and Construction Co., under contract with the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT), began work to improve the pavement conditions on Speedway Boulevard from Pantano Road to Camino Seco and on Pantano Road from Speedway Boulevard to Broadway and on Broadway from Pantano Road to Camino Seco.

More information on the Road Recovery Program can be found at www.tucsonaz.gov/streetbonds or by calling 520-837-6686.

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

Catching Healthy Habits: A free informative presentation, Catching Healthy Habits will be given on June 10 at 10:30 a.m. The presentation will be given in room 102 in Udall Recreation Center.

Movie Matinee: On Thursday, June 11, The Eastside Senior Club will host a Movie Matinee. and with showing of the drama film, The Longest Ride stars Scott Eastwood and Britt Robertson. The cost is \$2.00

Mt. Lemon Trip: Seniors will have an opportunity to enjoy a field trip to Mt. Lemmon on Tuesday, June 16. Departure from the center is 9:00 a.m. and return is 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 per person.

Casino Night: The Carol West Senior Addition will host Casino Night on Thursday, June 25 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event will have entertainment, food, 10 gambling chips and prizes. The event will be sponsored by Sunrise Senior Living.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Spring Swim Schedule: The Spring Swim schedule for Udall Park and Ft. Lowell Park started 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.

Summer 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog: The Summer 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog is available. 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.

Tucson POPS Concerts: The Tucson POPS Concerts will take place on May 31 and June 7 and 14. Concerts start at 7:00 p.m. at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center in Reid Park. There is a limited amount of seating at DeMeester which fills up quickly. Please bring chairs or a blanket.

The Arizona Symphonic Winds Concerts: The WINDS Concert series will take place May 30 and June 5. The program will take place at the Lazslo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park. Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a chair or blanket.

Summer Road Races and Track and Field: Summer Track and Field events will be held at Roy Drachman Stadium near Plummer & 15th every Tuesday from June 2 through July 15.

Summer Road Races will be held each Thursday from June 4 thru July 16 at various parks around Tucson. For more information, call 791-4870.

Onsite registration for both events begins at 5:45 pm with the competition starting at 6:30 pm. Registration is \$3 for children and \$4 for adults. Ribbons will be given to the top finishers. For details, please call 791-4870.

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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, June 9. 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>

