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PAUL'S NOTE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Two collections of household hazardous waste are coming up, *see page 2*
- * Save-A-Life classes to include low cost CPR class and pet CPR, *See page 3*
- * Dancing in the Streets presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *See page 4*

One of the more frustrating calls I get here in the office is from people who have had trash dumped on their property. I get why the rules are written the way they are, but sometimes they result in innocent residents having to pay for someone else's actions.

The city ordinances state that you cannot have trash piled on your property and that your responsibility extends to the alley behind your house as well. The intention is to keep people from improperly storing trash in yards or in alleys. Unfortunately, we have some unscrupulous people who use our alleys and other open property as a way to dispose of everything from landscape waste to tires. They think of it as a handy way to keep from paying tipping fees at the local dump, but it results in fines in the hundreds of dollars to local residents and other property owners.

I hope we can revisit the way the ordinance is written and enforced. As I said, I understand why we make such things the responsibility

of property owners. But I also wonder if there is a way to go after the folks that engage in these practices.

Whether it's illegal dumping or you have a bunch of yard waste to clean up, there are a few things the city can do to help you out.

In addition to the two regularly scheduled free "brush and bulky" pick-ups that environmental services does every year (a map and schedule can be found at http://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/esd/BB2014_11x17.pdf), you can ask for a special pick-up for \$55 and environmental services will take up to ten cubic yards of waste. That's enough to fill a full size pick-up truck or ten washing machines. All they ask is that you have the waste gathered in a pile. Call 791-3171 or go to <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/es/content/brush-and-bulky>. If you'd like to schedule a neighborhood clean-up, you can have your registered neighborhood association (or homeowners association that contracts with environmental services) contact environmental services to

get a roll-out that you and your neighbors can fill and environmental services will pick up. A neighborhood association can get these up to eight roll outs a year, an HOA can get four. If your neighborhood doesn't have an association, contact our office and see what we can set up for you.

We just got our latest report about plastic bag use in Tucson. Just in the first quarter of 2014, the participating stores reported giving away 65,221,898 plastic bags. Keep in mind that not every store in Tucson participates in reporting. This amounts to roughly two and a half bags per transaction. I'll get back to the point I pound on over and over again: these bags, made with non-renewable fossil fuels, are designed to be used only once. That's a lot of trash created for something that we keep our apples and macaroni in for fifteen or twenty minutes.

The World Cup kicks off

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this week. There are no Arizonans in this year's US line up, but there is plenty to cheer for. Remember that you can support local soccer this Saturday at Kino North Stadium. Our local women's team, TSA FC, will be playing against league champion San Diego at 5:30. FC Tucson, our men's team, competes at 7:30 against Las Vegas. Both teams have represented our city well. TSA FC made the playoffs last year, while FC Tucson is on a ridiculous 8 game unbeaten streak.

Ward 2 has a vacancy on the Commission on Disability Issues. The commission meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 1 pm at the Ward 6 office. If you would be interested in representing your ward on this commission, contact my office at 791-4687 or ward2@tucsonaz.gov.

As always, have a great weekend.

SPECIAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Do you have unused chemicals, oils or pesticides sitting in your shed or garage? The City of Tucson and Pima County have an option for you to clean out your space while keeping these hazardous materials out of the environment. On Saturday, June 14, 2014, the Household Hazardous Waste Program 2nd Saturday Collection will be held at Clements Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive from 8 a.m. to noon. Drop off of HHW is free for residents.

Accepted materials include: Automotive fluids, auto and rechargeable batteries from electronics equipment, toxic cleaning products, fluorescent lamps, paints, solvents, lawn and garden products, and computer equipment (\$2 for monitors without computer). The program only accepts materials generated in homes—no commercially-generated materials are accepted. More information is available on-line at www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw, by downloading the "my-waste" App or by calling ES Customer Service at 791-3171.

REGULAR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

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: June: Clements Regional Center, 8155 E Poinciana Dr.

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Broadway Intersection Improvements: Intersection work started November 1, 2013, and was originally anticipated to wrap up in June 2014, but is now expected to be substantially complete in July 2014. Final wrap-up is expected in August 2014.

The Park & Ride facility will start at the end of this month, when you see the construction trailer near the banks (north west side of intersection) moved, you will know construction is starting here. This work should be completed within 4 months or less.

The Broadway to 22nd segment utility relocation is in progress, and full construction is anticipated start in July or August and this should be an 18 month construction process.

The two entrances to Safeway off of Broadway will be closed, one at a time, once the sewer work is approved (see below). The entrance to the dry cleaners will be closed periodically during the day to install a storm drain. There are other entrances available, and we encourage you to continue to patronize your local businesses.

We are in the process of shifting traffic over off Broadway east of Houghton. During this shift we will periodically have the left lane closed what a storm drain is installed. You will be allowed to turn left, but it will be from the trough lane, and traffic might be backed up a little during this short time.

Water line work is completed. The new sewer installation is completed, and we continue to wait the final approval from the Wastewater Department. All the paperwork is submitted, and once it is approved we will remove the old sewer lines and close up the area. Storm drain and catch basin work is ongoing in areas where traffic is not traveling. We have five additional catch basins to complete, as well as a few additional storm drains. We are waiting on the completion of the sewer work to install a precast box culvert.

Landscape irrigation is ongoing.

Street light pole installation is on hold, pending some work by Tucson Electric Power.

Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street: Utility relocations are in progress. Team Fischel is relocating for Southwest Gas, and they are about 50% complete.

Tucson Electric Power and TriCon are relocating for TEP. They are 100% complete on their transmission line relocations, 70% complete on the distribution lines, and haven't started on their underground work yet.

Kleven is relocating for CenturyLink. They are about 95% complete.

All barricading for utility relocations has been coordinated with our contractor, Borderland Construction, to keep traffic moving smoothly and with the least amount of confusion possible. We have asked utilities to be diligent with their dust control, and keeping their sites clean.

SAVE A LIFE

The Ward 2 office continues to host Save-A-Life CPR and first aid classes. The classes cost \$50. To register, call Save-A-Life at 623-8484

June 30, 12 pm—5 pm

July 14, 12 pm—5 pm

August 19, 12 pm—5 pm

Special July Class

On July 19, Save-A-Life will host a special community CPR and pet CPR class for only \$15.

DANCING IN THE STREETS

Dancing in the Streets Arizona will be presenting Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Sunday, June 15th at 3:00 pm. Former City Councilmember Fred Ronstadt will be narrating this performance at the ATC Temple of Music and Art. Tickets start at \$8 and are available at the Antigone Book Store, as well as the dance studio at 88 W. 38th Street, suite 200, or at the box office on the day of the performance.

Dance instructors Joey Rodgers and Soleste Lupu were announced as National Dance Teachers of the Year for 2014.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Udall Senior Center Programming: The Eastside Senior Club will host its annual Red, White and Blue event on Wednesday, July 2nd. The event will include hamburgers, games and prizes.

The Carol West Senior Addition will host a Movie Matinee on Thursday, June 19th at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$1.00 and space is limited.

Seniors will have an opportunity to participate in a trip to Mt. Lemmon on Thursday, June 26th. Departure from the Udall Center is 9:30 a.m. and return is at 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.00. Space is limited.

For more information or to sign up for any of the senior activities, contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121.

Leisure Classes: The Fall 2014 Program Guide and Class Catalog will be available Monday, July 14, 2014. The catalog will be available at any Parks and Recreation facility and on-line at www.ezeereg.com

Contact Registration Services, 791-4877 for more information.

2014 Summer Track and Field Road Races: The Parks and Recreation Department will host the annual Summer Track and Field and Road Races through June and July. Track and Field is every Tuesday, June 3 through July 15. The Track and Field events take place at the Drachman Stadium located at 501 S. Plummer Avenue. Registration begins at 5:45 p.m. and events start at 6:30 p.m.

Road Races are every Thursday, June 5 through July 15. The Road Races take place at various locations. Registrations begins at 5:45 p.m. with races starting at 6:30 p.m.

The cost for the events are \$3.00 for youth ages 17 and under, and \$4.00 for adults. Ribbons will be given to the top finishers.

For additional information call the Sports Unit at 791-4870.

SAACA and Cox Communications Movies in the Park: The Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance (SAACA) and Cox Communications will host Movies in the Park at Reid Park (900 S. Randolph Way) throughout the summer. The events will include fun and games for the entire family including food vendors, live music, jumping castles, balloon twisters, arts and crafts, non-profit exhibits and more. Free admission and all movies begin at dusk (approximately 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.). Attached is the flyer with additional information or call 797-3959. You may also visit http://www.saaca.org/Cox_Movies_in_the_Park.php

Tucson Pops: The Tucson POPS concert series are also winding down and the last concert will take place on June 15 at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center in Reid Park. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Udall Field Closures: The Udall Soccer fields are closed for annual maintenance beginning through June 19. We thank the public for their patience during this time.

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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, June 17. 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>

