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PAUL'S NOTE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Our office will be closed on Friday, July 4, for Independence Day
- * Household Hazardous Waste collection is on for July 5, *See page 2*
- * Save-A-Life classes to include low cost CPR class and pet CPR, *See page 3*

I attended a ribbon cutting celebrating completion of the second phase of the Houghton Road project. This portion goes between Valencia and Irvington.

This section of the project features rubberized asphalt. It may not seem to be something to get too excited about, but rubberized asphalt is a better choice for the environment and a better choice for our neighborhoods as well. It's an innovation that came from right here in Arizona.

Rubberized asphalt is a combination of crushed rock, asphalt and crumb rubber, which is made from recycled tires. According to the Arizona Department of Transportation, a lane-mile of traffic will use 1,500 tires. The three mile stretch just completed between Irvington and Valencia used 27,000 old tires. That's 27,000 tires that are not in a landfill.

Rubberized asphalt was first looked at as an alternative in Phoenix in the 1960's not only because of the problems disposing of old tires, but because of its

durability. A road with rubberized asphalt will last a decade, on average, longer than a road built using other techniques.

As more roads were built using rubberized asphalt, another benefit became obvious: it can reduce traffic noise. ADOT's figures say that the reduction is a minimum of four decibels. Back in 2003, ADOT implemented the Quiet Streets program, and now it's common to use rubberized asphalt in places where major road projects are near residential areas.

The Regional Transportation Authority elected to use rubberized asphalt on the Houghton Road project to reduce noise for residents without the need for sound walls. Sound walls can be up to thirty feet high, breaking up our neighborhoods, causing trouble for law enforcement and are an eyesore. I tried to find out how much money we saved on the Houghton Road project by not using sound walls, and it turns out that the problems with building them (including having to ac-

quire even more right of way to accommodate them) means that they didn't even consider them. They still estimate that the savings was in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

By the way, that, plus the other decisions made in the project, caused the Irvington to Valencia portion of the road to come in \$4 million under budget. The savings will be applied to other portions of the Houghton Road project.

Many of you have gotten a letter from Service Line Warranties of America about an optional sewer and water line warranty program for home owners. My office has gotten calls asking if it is legitimate and if it is required.

Yes, it's legitimate. Councilmember Scott heard about the program, offered through the National League of Cities, and we authorized it as mayor and council.

No, it is not required for you to do it.

For more information

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about the program, you can visit SLWA's website at <http://www.slwofa.com> or call them at 1-866-922-9006.

I also got a chance to attend an award ceremony for the Eastside Neighborhood Volunteer Program. The program provides services such as rides, errands, dog walking and light work for seniors who are healthy enough to live independently, but still need a little help sometimes. To find out more about the program or if you want to volunteer, you can visit their website at <http://www.tucsonenvp.com> or call them at 520 245-4729.

As always, have a great weekend.

KIDPENDENCE DAY

Celebrate America's birthday with Children's Museum Tucson for a special Kidpendence Day! Families will have the opportunity to decorate patriotic hats, participate in a geyser competition, paint fireworks and more!

This event is scheduled for Friday, July 4th from 12 to 4 pm and is included in the cost of admission.

In addition to the above activities, there will be an elephant toothpaste demo, ice chalk and stomp rockets.

Admission is free for children up to 12 months old, \$8 for children ages 1—99. The museum is located at 200 S 6th Avenue. For more information call 520 792-9985 or visit <http://www.childrensmuseumtucson.org>

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

The El Rio Neighborhood Center Foundation and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tucson are offering immunizations this year. The immunizations are open to any child 5—18 as long as they have their parent or guardian. Bring your child's shot records, AHCCCS, KidsCare or insurance card. If you have no insurance, there will be no cost to you.

Dental screenings, eye exams, booster shots and information about mental health services will also be available. All services will be offered from 10 am—2 pm.

- Saturday July 19: Jim & Vicky Click Clubhouse, 1935 S Columbus Blvd
- Saturday July 26: Holmes Tuttle Clubhouse, 2585 E 36th St
- Saturday August 2: Roy Drachman Clubhouse, 5901 S Santa Clara Rd

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.

Seniors will have an opportunity to participate in a trip to the Atria Bell Court Gardens on July 9, 2014. Lunch will be provided and the cost is \$1.00 per person. Departure from the center is at 10:30 a.m. and return is by 1:30 p.m. Space is limited.

Zounds Hearing will give a presentation at the Carol West Senior Addition on July 16 at 11:30 a.m. In addition, Zounds will offer free screening and cleaning from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Afterwards, seniors will enjoy a KIDCO performance and refreshments.

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

Program Guide and Class Catalog: The Fall 2014 Program Guide and Class Catalog will be available Monday, July 14, 2014. The catalog will have complete information on center information, sports, aquatics, programs and classes, and much more. The program guide and class catalog will be available at any Parks and Recreation facility and on-line at www.ezeereg.com

For questions contact Registration Services at 791-4877.

2014 Summer Track and Field 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, 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.

Attached is the event flyer with additional information or call the Sports Unit at 791-4870.

Little League All Stars Schedule: Freedom Park (5000 E. 29th Street): Freedom Little League Softball, June 23-July 12; Freedom Little League Baseball, June 28-July 14; Freedom Little League Softball, July 16-July 28th

Jesse Owens Park (400 S. Sarnoff Drive): Pantano Little League Baseball, June 28th-July 5th

Palo Verde Park (425 S. Mann Avenue): Palo Verde Little League Baseball, June 28-July 5

Udall Park (7200 E. Tanque Verde Road): Sabino Little League, June 24-July 7

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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 a special meeting on June 30 at 6 pm. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 8. 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>

