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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. For other closure information, *see page 3*
- * Save-A-Life classes to include low cost CPR class and pet CPR, *See page 3*

We had a special council meeting and public hearing on Monday night and among the topics was the county's purchase of the Painted Hills parcel on the far west side.

A bit of background for you: Painted Hills is 286 acres of beautiful saguaro and mesquite covered desert on the far west end of Speedway. On two past occasions, Pima County voters approved buying the parcel with bond money. In both cases, the owners of the property were unwilling to sell it.

In the intervening years, the parcel was purchased by a public pension plan out of Texas. There have been numerous plans to develop the area, the latest one was by a firm in Las Vegas who wanted to build 317 houses on the land.

Eventually, that plan was scaled back to 260. However, supplying water to homes outside of Tucson's service area violated existing City of Tucson policy. The developer then tried to go to the legislature to preempt our local water ser-

vice policies but was unsuccessful. There was also an attempt to have it overturned in the courts, twice, but our Mayor and Council water service boundaries held up to legal challenge. Only then did the owners of the land come to Pima County to negotiate a sale.

Painted Hills is a victory on 2 levels; first, we saved a pristine piece of the Sonoran Desert adjacent to Tucson Mountain Park and our iconic Gates Pass area. Second, the recently adopted water service policy has been tested in the courts and strengthened by the decision. This means that the City of Tucson has the right to deny new water service to areas outside the City limits. That's huge.

So, it's been a long road, decades in the making for Painted Hills to be preserved as open space for all to enjoy. There are many people who have helped make this possible but two I would like to thank in particular are my colleague on the City Council, Regina Romero and Pima County Supervisor Richard Elias.

Tuesday, I had the chance to greet the First Lady of Guatemala, Rosa Leal, as she arrived at the airport. Sra. Leal is here in Tucson to check on local Guatemalan children that are at facilities in the area. Whatever you think of the current situation and what policies led to it, we all want to make sure these children are well cared for while they are here.

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Happy birthday to our United States, and have a great weekend.

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TUCSON TALKS TRANSIT

Jarrett Walker, the preeminent transit planner and transit thinker, will visit Tucson for a town hall the evening of Friday, July 11.

Jarrett Walker is renowned as a public transportation planner and consultant, leader of major transit planning projects around the world, and facilitator of community dialogue. He is author of the book *Human Transit: How clearer thinking about public transit can enrich our communities and our lives* and the blog HumanTransit.org. The event starts with a reception at 5 pm, followed by a free public presentation at 6. The event will be at Tucson Electric Power, 88 E Broadway, one block south of the Ronstadt Transit Center.

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>

FIREWORKS

A Mountain—As is tradition every year, Tucson's official fireworks will be launched from A Mountain on the city's west side. The fireworks start at 9 pm.

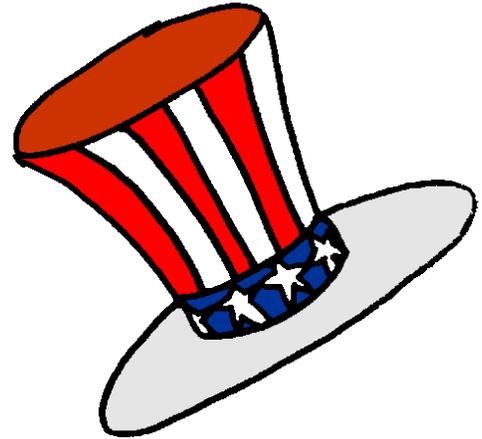
Parking will be available at TCC lot B on Granada Avenue between Cushing and Congress, and there will be events in the area before the show starts, including food vendors, a beer garden and a car show sponsored by the Southern Arizona Mustang Club.

If you can't make it Downtown, remember that the A Mountain fireworks can be seen from most of the city.

FC Tucson 4th of July Blast—FC Tucson will be hosting Albuquerque Sol FC in one of their final matches of the season at Kino North Stadium. Afterward, there will be a fireworks display sponsored by CenturyLink. Tickets for the 7:30 pm match are \$10 from fctucson.com or \$7 at any eegee's location. Children five and under are free.

FOURTH OF JULY CLOSURES

- All City of Tucson offices will be closed on July 4, this includes the Ward 2 office and the payment window.
- Residential and commercial trash and recycling will not be collected on Friday. All City of Tucson residential and commercial customers with regular Friday service will have their trash and recycling service collected on Saturday,
- Sun Tran routes 1—99 will run on a Sunday schedule. Sun Express and Sun Shuttle will not be in operation. The Sun Tran customer service center will be open from 8 am—5 pm and the Sun Van customer service center will be open 7 am—5 pm.



FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Keep in mind that with our ongoing drought, there will be fire restrictions in place that cover all of our state and federal public lands in Southern Arizona. Remember that fireworks are always prohibited on federal land.

Our friends at Saguaro National Park sent my office a reminder that starting Saturday, the following is prohibited on our state and federal lands:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove including fires in developed campgrounds or improved sites.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
- Discharging a firearm except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal or tribal laws and regulations.
- Operating any internal combustion engine, except operating motorized vehicles on designated roads so long as you park in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway.
- Welding, or operating acetylene or other torches with an open flame.
- Using an explosive.

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

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: 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, 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 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>

