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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Pools open for summer May 29 through July 30. Visit www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics for pool hours or call 791-4245.
- * Save-A-Life classes to include low cost CPR class and pet CPR August 19. The classes cost \$50. To register, call Save-A-Life at 623-8484

One of the issues I have been most passionate about during my time on the council has been ensuring our city's long term supply of water. It's part of a larger set of goals, including cutting dependence on fossil fuel, that many of us have to make sure that our community will survive into future generations.

I'm happy to say that we have been recognized for our efforts. We've been given a 4-STAR rating by STAR Communities, an organization that seeks to ensure that more communities are built and managed with sustainability in mind.

Tucson is one of only a handful of cities to receive this honor, the others being Austin, Tacoma, Evanston and Broward County. Only one city had higher marks, Northampton, Mass., and the only city in Arizona to get a comparable rating was Chandler, which got a 3-STAR rating.

STAR covers seven broad goal areas: built environment; climate and energy; economy and jobs; equity

and empowerment; education, arts and culture; health and safety; and natural systems. Additional points were also available in the category innovation and process.

I'm most proud of our ratings in the natural systems category. We had perfect scores in three of them: natural resource protection, outdoor air quality and water in the environment. Much of this is due to our water conservation policies. Still, this is no reason to rest on our laurels. Big kudos go to Tony Davis from the Arizona Daily Star for helping sound the alarm about our water supply. In one article, he notes that we could have a shortage in our CAP supply as soon as five years from now. In another article, he pointed out that water levels in Lake Mead, an indicator of Colorado River supply, are only seven feet above "shortage" stage.

Just last week, I met with a county resident whose well had gone dry. Things like that remind me that as much work has been done on water conservation, we

are still close to the water emergency currently being suffered by California. It's nice to get an award, but it's no excuse not to keep expanding our conservation efforts.

This weekend is a first in Tucson's sports history. FC Tucson will be hosting the playoffs for the Western Conference for their league, PDL. FC Tucson made the playoffs in their debut season in 2012, but had to travel to Tacoma to play in that match. The semifinal is on Friday night at 8 pm over at Kino North stadium. If they win, I mean when they win, they will play again on Saturday night for the championship. The winner of that match joins the three other conference champions in a tournament to determine the national champion.

I love the story of FC Tucson because I played a role in getting the team started back in 2011. The team is locally owned by a crew of community minded individuals who are dedicated to making this Tucson's

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team (They have been promoting themselves this week with the Twitter hashtag #WeAreTucson). This is not a fly by night operation that will fold up and move away when another town flashes a tax credit in front of their eyes.

The team recruits nationally and internationally, but has a core of local players and has started a youth academy that will make sure that young people from Tucson and Southern Arizona can aspire to play for the team.

Come on out to Kino North Stadium this weekend and cheer our team on. They got nearly 3,000 fans on the Fourth of July. We can beat that, I'm sure.

#WeAreTucson



STREETCAR GRAND OPENING

The ribbon cutting and grand opening of the Streetcar will be on Friday, July 25 at 9 am at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Congress. Remember that you can ride for free Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Click over to <http://www.sunlinkstreetcar.com/rsvp> for more information.

The Tucson Sentinel also has a complete list of Streetcar events:

http://www.tucsonsentinel.com/arts/report/072314_streetcar_launch_events/sun-link-opening-local-businesses-all-aboard-with-streetcar-events/

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: August: El Rio Neighborhood Center, 1390 W Speedway

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Broadway Intersection Improvements

Intersection work started November 4, 2013, and was originally anticipated to be substantially complete by the end of July 2014 (actual contract ends in October, the contractor is hopeful they can come in early). Final wrap-up is expected in August 2014.

We are currently focusing on getting as much of our intersection paved as possible before the rains come. This means that we will be paving the east side of Houghton over the next few weeks. In order to help this work along the contractor will be working this Saturday. This means that the Walgreen's entrance off Houghton will be closed on July 2 and 3rd for the paving.

You may have noticed the large concrete boxes and pile of dirt on the north side of Broadway east of Houghton. These boxes are going to go underground on the south side of Broadway between the road and the Safeway shopping center. There are several washes that run through the area, and until now, water crossed over the roadway during larger rains. The water will now run underground, along and below the new roadway. When we start work in this area, we are going to shift traffic to the north side of Broadway. The road shift should start on Thursday the 26th and run through Monday the 30th. The driveways to the Safeway shopping center in this area might be closed a few hours on July 1st.

We are continuing to install the medians on Broadway west of Houghton, and in case you see us removing part of a new median, it is because it is not up to our standards and we are having the contractor re-do it to make sure we get the product we are paying for. In case you are interested, the reveal (amount of curb above finished paving) is not high enough and the grades are off. Access to the Broadway entrances to the shopping center in this area are adjusted to accommodate this work.

We encourage you to continue to patronize the local businesses, as this can be especially hard on them during construction, and as everyone adjusts to the new intersection configuration.

Water line work is completed. The new sewer installation is completed, and we continue to await final approval from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to activate the new pipe, remove the old pipe, and close up the trenches. We are assured the paperwork is making it through the process. When this is complete we can begin construction on a precast box culvert on the south side of Broadway east of Houghton.

Work on storm drains and catch basins is ongoing in areas where traffic is not traveling. We are also securing the site for upcoming monsoons. We have three more catch basins to install.

Landscape irrigation installation is ongoing, mostly at the northwest corner of the intersection at this time.

Street light pole installation is on hold pending some work by Tucson Electric Power, however we will be installing some of the foundations for the street light poles on the east side of Houghton north of Broadway.

Houghton Road: Broadway Intersection Park & Ride

We are finalizing the notice to proceed and the contractor is making arrangements to get this work underway. We estimate that over the next few weeks the contractor will be moving their field office and staging area to its new location at the Houghton and 22nd Street intersection. They are still trying to decide if it will be at the southeast or southwest corner of that intersection. It is estimated that this work will take about four months.

Houghton Road: Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street

The Broadway to 22nd segment utility relocation is in progress, and full construction is anticipated to start in July or August. Southwest Gas is about 60% complete. TEP is 100% complete on their transmission line relocations, 70% complete on the distribution lines, and 10% complete with their underground work. CenturyLink 100% complete on placing conduit and pulling cable, and 20% complete with splicing. They are struggling to get enough splicers for the job, but are working on resolving this concern.

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.

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 26: Holmes Tuttle Clubhouse, 2585 E 36th St
- Saturday August 2: Roy Drachman Clubhouse, 5901 S Santa Clara Rd

PARKS PROGRAMS

Back to School Bash: The 14th Annual Back to School Bash will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Clements Regional Center, 8155 E Poinciana Drive. The event will include a pancake breakfast and raffle from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., displays and vendors from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and a grand prize drawing at 11:00 a.m. Free swim will also be offered at the Clements pool.

Contact the Clements Center at 791-5787 for additional information.

Fall 2014 Program Guide and Class Catalog: The Fall 2014 Program Guide and Class Catalog has been published, and is now available. The catalog will have complete information on leisure classes, KIDCO After-school, aquatics, sports programs, registration, and much more. The program guide and class catalog can be found at any of Parks and Recreation facilities, all Wendy's locations in the City, and in many of the local libraries. The program guide can also be viewed on-line at www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec

Residents and non-city residents may register for all leisure and Adaptive Aquatic classes by using either EZEereg on-line at www.EZEereg.com or by phone at 573-3933. See the program guide for registration information and deadlines. For questions or more information contact Registration Services at 791-4877.

Schedule for Center Closures During Annual Maintenance:

William Clements Regional Center, August 4-9

Freedom Recreation Center, July 28 -30

Randolph Regional Center, August 4-9

Morris K. Udall Regional Center, August 11-16

Farmers Market: The Tucson Farmers Market continues at Jesse Owens Park on Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 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.

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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, August 5. 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>

