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PAUL'S NOTE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * October 5—Shred-It event at Ward 2 office
- * Fall schedule for Udall Park concerts is out. See page 4 for details
- * Celebrate Labor Day with the Pima Area Labor Federation. See page 5 for details

I went to a luau this weekend. Yes, one here in Tucson.

It was to celebrate the opening of a new housing development on East Wrightstown Road called the Haciendas at Wrightstown. The slogan for the development company, Mahalo Properties, is “Setting a New Standard for Southwestern Living,” and these homes set out to do just that: the homes meet our city’s Green Building standards with gray water, rainwater harvesting and solar. They even have hookups for electric vehicles.

In-fill development like this is good for Tucson not just for the jobs it brings, but it will also allow us to bring in the young middle-class families that currently seek housing in other locations like Oro Valley or Sahuarita. It’s good for our tax base, good for developing our local community and it lessens the strain on our region’s transportation system.

This particular project came as a result of meetings that my office coordi-

nated with neighbors and the developer. The neighbors were not pleased with every aspect of the project, but I made sure they were in the room at every step of the way. I’ve set a high priority for doing this on all major development in Ward 2.

Many of you have asked us when our next community Shred-It is. It is set for October 5. We’ll have more information closer to the event, but start cleaning out those closets now.

As this newsletter hits your mailbox on Friday, we have ended the final season for the Tucson Padres. The T-Pads had a good run, but unfortunately we will be losing the team to El Paso. There has been a whole raft of recriminations about why minor league baseball didn’t work out for us. Instead of casting blame, I’d like to instead thank Mike Feder for bringing the latest installment of PCL baseball to our community.

Our town will not be bare of top quality sports in the early spring next year. NC Dinos, a South Korean baseball team, will be re-

turning for their preseason. Another team will be joining them as well. Our preseason soccer is expanding: ten Major League Soccer teams will be making their homes in Tucson in January and February next year. I had a meeting in my office on Wednesday morning with some people in the hospitality industry and we came up with some ways to ensure that the benefits of MLS preseason will be shared by as many parts of the community as possible.

Actually, Wednesday was a busy day for us at the Ward 2 office. In the morning, we hosted a breakfast for our neighborhood and home owner association presidents. I was happy to meet with all of you and it was good to give you the opportunity to meet other city officials. Also in the morning, I accompanied Congressman Ron Barber to an opening of a solar project at Far Horizons East, located across from my office.

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PAUL'S NOTE, CONTINUED

I'm doing a small research project that I'm calling "How does Tucson stack up?" There has been a lot of bashing of our community from some segments out there, and I'd like to crunch the numbers and see how we are actually doing when we compare ourselves to similar sized metro areas. I'm getting numbers regarding things like income, employment and crime. I'll have something soon, and I'll put it up on both my Facebook and the Ward 2 website.

I can't end this note without recognizing TPD officer Jeremy Hall for his

quick response on Friday to a near-drowning incident at Golf 'n' Stuff. Thank you for being so selfless and I hope you have a long career serving the people of Tucson, Officer Hall.

Lastly, this week we mark the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The most important thing I take away from the legacy of Dr. King and the leaders and heroes of his era was how much we still have left to do. We all need to think about what we can do every day to help our fellow person and lift all members of society.

I know it's a heavy burden to leave you with going into the weekend, but given what Dr. King sacrificed, is it really that much?

As always, have a great weekend.

READY OR HOT

On Saturday, Sept. 21st, nationally and internationally known speakers will share the latest information about climate change and specific impacts in the Southwest related to public health, adaptation, preparedness, and cross border and cross cultural issues. In the afternoon, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in workshops to prepare and respond to climate change adaptation.

The conference runs from 7:30 AM until 5:30 PM, at the Tucson Convention Center meeting rooms. The cost of just \$35 (\$15 for current students) includes access to speaker sessions, workshops, exhibitions, and includes a free buffet lunch and free on site parking. Visit www.psr.org/azclimate to register.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

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:

September: Himmel Park, 1000 N Tucson Blvd

October: TOPSC Lower Lot, 4004 S Park Ave

LABOR DAY CLOSURES

Due to the Labor Day holiday, all city, county and federal offices, including your Ward 2 office, are closed Monday.

Please note that the closure of the Ward 2 council office includes the payment window.

SunTran will be running on a holiday schedule and trash pick-up regularly scheduled for Monday will be delayed until Tuesday.



HOME WATER AUDIT

Whether temps soar to 106° or plunge to 23°, being water efficient is important every day of the year. Tucson Water offers free expert advice to help you conserve water, stop leaks and reduce utility bills.

A water efficiency expert from the Tucson Water Zanjero Program will visit your home, review water-use

habits, check water fixtures and irrigation systems and install free faucet aerators and showerheads, if needed. Customers also receive a survey of their water use. You must be at home during the two hour Zanjero visit.

For nearly 17 years, Zanjeros have helped Tucson Water customers use

water more efficiently inside and outside the home. Schedule your free Zanjero visit today via e-mail TW_web@tucsonaz.gov or phone 520 791-3242

TEP PARTNERS

Lower your electricity bill by tracking your power use! TEP is enrolling participants on a first come first serve basis to join an energy monitoring project to help you save on your electricity bill.

Enroll now by visiting enroll.teppowerpartners.com and sign up while spaces last. You will be contacted by a representative to schedule

your installation. A technician will set up and install equipment at your home and show you how to track your use and see your energy savings online.

This program is a free-of-cost pilot program to help TEP customers save electricity and money, so sign up while there's still time! Learn more and sign up by visiting

enroll.teppowerpartners.com.

UDALL CENTER PROGRAMS

The Carol West Senior Addition will host its 50+ Senior Health and Wellness Fair on September 19, 2013 from 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The event will include 24+ exhibitors, refreshments, door prizes, presentations and more. Contact 791-4121 for more information.

Seniors will have an opportunity to enjoy a trip to the Presidio San Agustin de Tucson on Thursday, September 26, 2013. Departure from the Carol West Senior Addition is at 9:15 a.m. and returning at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$3.00 per person. The field trip also includes

lunch at the La Cocina Restaurant, and seniors are responsible for their own lunch cost. Contact the Carol West Senior Addition at 791-4121 for more information.



ARIZONA SYMPHONIC WINDS/TUCSON POPS ORCHESTRA

Come out to the park and enjoy music under the stars! The Symphonic Winds Fall concert series begins September 14 at the Laszlo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park, 7200 E Tanque Verde. Other concert dates include; September 21, 28 and October 5. The concerts start at 7 p.m.

The Tucson POPS Orchestra will perform at the DeMeester Outdoor Perfor-

mance Center (OPC) in Reid Park on September 22 and 29. The concerts begin at 7 p.m.



FALL LEISURE CLASSES

The Fall Leisure Classes start August 26 and run through November 23. Registration is taking place now for Session 2 with classes beginning in October. The deadline to register for session 1 has past and the deadline was Sunday, August 18th. Contact Registration Services at 791-4877 for additional information or visit www.ezeereg.com

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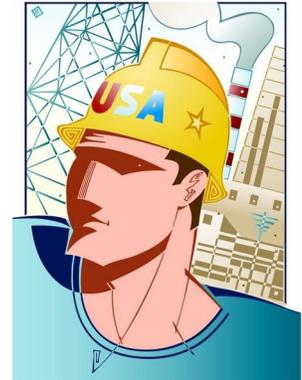
LABOR DAY PICNIC

The Pima Area Labor Federation (PALF), a subsidiary of the Arizona AFL-CIO is hosting its annual Labor Day Picnic, in honor of Tucson's working families and union members.

This year's picnic theme is 'Work Unites Us All', which according to PALF "reflects a national campaign to refocus America's national priorities on the needs of working men and women, demanding an economy that works for all, not just those at the top."

The picnic is free and open to the public. Picnic goers will enjoy hot dogs, musical acts, dancers, labor history exhibits, children's activities, "Union Olympics" games, and more.

The picnic takes place at the Reid Park Bandshell (Country Club north of 22nd St, Tucson, 85716 on Labor Day, September 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m



SHREDDING EVENTS

2013 will mark the 6th year the Pima County Sheriff's Department has provided this valuable service free-of-charge to the community. All confirmed event dates are on Saturdays, and all shredding events will run from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- September 14 at Kino Sports Complex- 2500 E. Ajo Way

- November 16 at Empire High School- 10701 E. Maryann Cleveland Way

Ward 2 will be hosting our twice-a-year Shred-It event on October 5th. We'll have further details over the coming weeks.



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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 September 10. 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/mdocs>

