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## PAUL'S NOTE

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On a point of personal privilege, I want to acknowledge and honor a special person and force of nature in our community.

Joan Lionetti recently celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. For those of you that don't know who she is, she's been involved with a number of causes and programs in our city. Do you remember back in the 1980's when the city started recycling phone books? That was her. Trees for Tucson? Yes, also her. The YARDS program, which works with at risk youth? Also her.

Civano Nursery has paid tribute to Joan in a unique way: they have bred a vari-



ety of oak tree and named it for her. The Joan Lionetti oak is drought tolerant with a straight trunk and dense, symmetrical canopy, which makes it ideal for yards and along streets. Joan is probably pleased about that, since she has fought so long to get more trees in our neighborhoods and along our streets.

The Quercus fusiformis 'Joan Lionetti' is available from Civano Nursery on 5301 S Houghton Rd. You can also visit their website at [www.civanonursery.com](http://www.civanonursery.com)

I got a question from a constituent last week about East Speedway Boulevard. The constituent was concerned about how the recent road resurfacing is

already in poor condition. My staff forwarded the question to Fred Felix, head of engineering for the Department of Transportation.

The technique used on that section has done well elsewhere, but there are five spots where it has not. Mr. Felix pointed out that the portions where there are problems amount to around 50 sq. ft. of over 900,000 sq. ft. of roadway that was resurfaced. Still, he admitted that there are flaws in the technique and the section is already on the list of repairs due when the monsoon season is over.

One thing he noted in his response to our office was that he drives that section of Speedway every day himself. It tells you what can happen when officials deal with the same day-to-day troubles as the rest of us do.

Many of the calls my staff gets at the office are about road maintenance issues, such as pavement conditions, landscape issues or

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- \* Fall pool has begun. Visit [www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics) for pool hours or call 791-4245.



[civanonursery.com](http://www.civanonursery.com)

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signage. Feel free to call our office with these issues, but we just wanted you to be aware of some other ways for you to report these problems.

Keep in mind that anything that involves an obstruction in the road way, a damaged traffic control sign (stop sign, yield et cetera) or a damaged or malfunctioning traffic signal is considered an emergency and you should call 911.

For anything else, you can call us or call 791-3154. You can also e-mail a report to [TDOTSR@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:TDOTSR@tucsonaz.gov), or even fax one to 791-3189. If you have a high priority case on a weekend or after hours, call 791-4144. That number is will not get you Streets and Traffic, but after hours, they are the ones who can dispatch crews to high priority calls.

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## ADOPT A PARK

Tucson Clean and Beautiful is seeking community volunteers to adopt parks, streets, washes, and other available public areas on an ongoing basis. There are over 700 sites available for adoption!

What does “adopt” mean? Your group agrees to clean ‘your’ site up (remove litter and debris) once a month. We provide supplies such as litter grabbers, gloves and bags. Give a few hours of your time to bettering the community.

Adopting a park, street, traffic circle or wash allows groups to show pride in their community. It is set up for groups to visit the chosen park on a regular basis pick up litter and perform other tasks to help keep the area clean.

Make a meaningful, long-lasting contribution to Tucson. Adopt a park, street, or wash today!

To become a part of Tucson Clean and Beautiful’s environmental stewardship efforts and for more information visit [www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org](http://www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org), email [adoptapark@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:adoptapark@tucsonaz.gov) or call 791-3109.

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## 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](http://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.

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## HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

*Note: The Broadway: Camino Seco to Houghton project has been moved up on the RTA schedule. We will send out a request for qualifications in September of this year. We should have the design starting the first of 2015, and anticipate construction starting in the summer of 2016.*

**Broadway Intersection Improvements:** We received a call questioning the accuracy of our schedule so we want to make sure we are clear with our intentions. We will provide more detail, and we hope it helps clear up the difference between goals we are shooting for, and actual day-to-day activities that often include unexpected hold-ups.

The contract started on November 4, 2013. This contract is for 351 calendar days, 275 days have expired, and 5 rain days have extended it 5 days. We have 81 days remaining on the schedule, which means the contract is officially complete October 26, 2014.

However, we are still comfortable that we are going to come in ahead of the contract schedule. On August 27 and 28 we plan to pave Houghton, south side of Broadway. On September 2 we plan to pave the south side of Broadway.

This will put everyone traveling through the intersection on new pavement, with striping for the full new configuration.

After this, all we need to do is add the final pavement lift, which is the rubberized asphalt. We don't have the exact date for this, as we have to work out the rubber plant schedule. We will keep you posted.

Irrigation installation for landscape features is ongoing.

We are starting to remove the temporary traffic signals, so you will see the poles and wires coming down. This should help make the area look a lot more like the finished product.

TEP wires and street lights: We have resolved the conflicts between the TEP pole wires (swing and sway) and our street lights, and have adjusted our street lights accordingly. This held up some of the street light pole installations in the southeast corner of the project, but we are now ready to move forward with the installation.

We have been working with TUSD to make sure we coordinate traffic control with their needs, and things seem to be running smoothly.

**Broadway Intersection Park & Ride:** The notice to proceed had been issued for this project effective August 4, 2014. The contractor is in the final negotiations for the relocation of their trailers and staging area (which will move to Houghton and 22nd). Within the next 30 days, they will be relocating the trailers and mobilizing to work on the Park & Ride.

It is estimated that this project will take four months to complete, and should be complete by December of this year. Specifically, we anticipate it will take two months to complete the paving for the parking, roadway, and bus drop-off/pickup areas, and two months to wait for the arrival and installation of the bus drivers' building.

**Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street:** The Broadway to 22nd segment utility relocation is in progress, and full construction has been delayed to allow for utility relocations and right of way acquisitions. We hope to have this under way in October. This should be an 18-month construction process.

Team Fischel is relocating for Southwest Gas, and they are about 70% complete.

Tucson Electric Power and TriCon are relocating for TEP overhead, and Diversified will be performing the underground work. They are 100% complete on their transmission line relocations, 80% complete on the distribution lines, and 25% complete with their underground work.

Kleven is relocating for CenturyLink. They are 100% complete on placing conduit and pulling cable, and 65% complete with splicing.

Time Warner has completed their work in this area.

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. We have also asked them to be respectful of private property, even in areas where the utilities have easements with the homeowners.

As always, we appreciate your patience, and we want to hear from you if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

## CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

The Udall Carol West Senior Addition will host an Ice Cream Social as part of the Eastside Senior Club meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 11:30 am

The Forum At Tucson will sponsor the National Grandparents Day event in the Carol West Senior Addition on Thursday, September 11, 2014 from 1:pm to 3:30 pm The coset is \$4.00. The event will include live entertainment, and lunch provided by the Forum. Sign up at the front desk.

The Carol West Senior Addition will host a 50+ Senior Health and Wellness Fair on Thursday, September 25, 2014 from 11 am to 1 pm. The event will include over 30 exhibitors, flu shots, refreshments and door prizes. The event is free.

Contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121 for additional questions on any of the above mentioned information.

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## PARKS PROGRAMS

**Fall 2014 Leisure Classes:** The Tucson Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of fun classes including Pottery, Arts and Crafts, Jewelry Making, Photography, Gymnastics, and lots more. Fall Leisure Classes run August 24, 2014 through November 29, 2014. Registration began for the classes, and the deadline to register for Session 1 was Tuesday, August 19, 2014. Registration for Session II continues.

The Fall Program Guide and Class Catalog can be picked up 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](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec)

The Spring 2015 issue of the Program Guide and Class Catalog will be available on Monday, November 10, 2014 at all Parks and Recreation facilities. For questions or more information contact Registration Services at 791-4877.

**Pops and Winds Concert Schedule:** The Tucson POPS concerts will be held at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center (OPC) in Reid Park on September 7, 14, and 21. The WINDS concerts will take place at the Lazslo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park on September 13, 20, 27, and October 4. Come out to the park and enjoy music under the stars!

**Movies in the Park:** The Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance (SAACA) and Cox Communications will its last "Movies in the Park" event in Reid Park (900 S. Randolph Way) on August 29, 2014. The event 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 the movie will 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](http://www.saaca.org/Cox_Movies_in_the_Park.php)

**Facility Closures:** All City of Tucson Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2014 in observance of Labor Day.

**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.

**Fall Swim Schedule:** The Fall schedule is now in affect and began July 31, 2014. Visit [www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics) for pool hours or call 791-4245.

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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**

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 9. 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>

