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## PAUL'S NOTE

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### 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.

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, one of the speakers used the phrase "excessive park amenities" during a conversation on impact fees.

I look at our parks, particularly in Ward 2, and I don't see excess. In fact, I see needs that still have to be met.

We are getting new features at Ft. Lowell Park and Udall Park, which are our two regional parks. The improvements are being funded by bond money, general funds and impact fees. The plans for expansion were drawn up with consultations from the neighbors and other park users.

Those two parks are among the most heavily used not just in Ward 2, but in our metropolitan area. New features such as safer parking at Ft. Lowell or additional softball fields at Udall hardly seem excessive given the use these parks get.

Our regional parks are doing well but some of our smaller ones, Palo Verde

and Jesse Owens, for example, get a lot of use but have suffered from some neglect. There hasn't been a capital improvement at Jesse Owens since it was built.

We recently saw some improvements for Little League users at Palo Verde. I am also working with the city and county bond committees to fund some new features at Jesse Owens. I can't make promises on that one, but it's a priority for my office.

Building new playgrounds and ball fields is good, but we also need to take some responsibilities for keeping our parks clean. Tucson Clean and Beautiful is looking for volunteers for their Adopt-a-Park program. Adopt-a-Park started thirty years ago as an attempt to clean up A Mountain. Now, there are 700 sites (including washes and traffic circles) available for "adoption."

If your community group wants to get involved, you would be called on once a month to clean up litter at the site you adopted. Tucson Clean and Beautiful

gives you the supplies you need. That's it. After six months, your group gets a plaque thanking you for the work you've done.

By the way, your group could be as small as five, so just about any organization can participate.

Friends of Ft. Lowell have been doing a great job at Ft. Lowell Park, my neighborhood park, and the Catalina Foothills FFA has been taking care of Udall Park. Other organizations that should be thanked for their work on our Ward 2 parks, washes and traffic circles include the Terra del Sol Neighborhood Association, Academy and Tortoise Junior Civitans, St. Michael's School and the employees of the Radisson Suites Hotel.

If you'd like more information or to sign up your group, call (520) 791-3109 or email [adoptapark@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:adoptapark@tucsonaz.gov). As always, have a wonderful weekend.



*Tucson Electric Park (Now Kino Stadium), Sept. 15, 2001*

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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:** Our contract start date was November 4, 2013, with 62 days remaining and our scheduled completion is October 28. However, we are still comfortable that we are going to come in ahead of the contract schedule.

We are working on the southeast corner of the intersection, and this means some driveways to the Safeway shopping center will be temporarily closed. Access to all businesses will be maintained. Please help their businesses by continuing to patronize them. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and patience.

The rains have been nice for the desert, but not so kind to our construction progress, particularly with regard to paving.

We are adding some additional runoff/erosion protections to make sure we leave a project that works for you through the monsoon.

We have had to let some areas that will get covered with asphalt dry out, and have modified our schedule accordingly.

Roadway grading on Broadway is ongoing until complete.

September 22 or 23 we will bring in the rest of the regular asphalt and the rubberized asphalt. The asphalt plants are very busy and we got this scheduled as quickly as we could. This is planned to be completed by the first of October.

October 2 and 3 (at night) we plan to place the temporary striping, and after that the roadway will be fully up and operational. Note: 30 days after this, and at night, the final thermoplastic (reflective) striping will be added. The asphalt has to set up for 30 days before we can add the final striping.

We will not bring in the rubberized asphalt for Houghton south of Broadway for final paving until we complete the next project down to 22nd. It will look much better if we do it this way. If we bring it in now and then add to it later, it will look like patchwork, and we want our new project to look the best it can right from the start.

**Broadway Intersection Park & Ride:** The contractor is ready to start work on this project, but they are still negotiating for a staging area for trailers and equipment. Everyone in the area is driving a hard bargain. If anyone has any property they would like the contractor to consider as a staging area, please let us know.

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 is now about 80% 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. Some of the delay on this is access to properties where right of way is being negotiated.

Kleven is relocating for CenturyLink. They are 100% complete on placing conduit and pulling cable, and 85% 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.

## CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

**Udall Senior Center Programming:** 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 a.m.

The Forum At Tucson will sponsor the National Grandparents Day event in the Carol West Senior Addition on Thursday, September 11, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost 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 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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.

**Pop and Winds Concert Schedule:** The Tucson POPS concerts will be held at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center (OPC) in Reid Park on September 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!

**Farmer's 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 a special public hearing on Thursday, September 11 to discuss the process of hiring a new city manager. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, September 23. 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>

