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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, see page 4 for details
- * Town hall meeting on ballot propositions, see page 2 for details.

I read about the death of Steven Schulman, a long time musician and educator in our community. I didn't have a chance to get to know him, but I have two staff members who had him as a resource teacher when they were in elementary school and they still remember him and what he taught.

STEM (Science, technology, engineering and mathematics) has become our buzzword for education. Graduating more students who can tackle questions in science and engineering is critical, and it always has been. With this emphasis, it's always tempting to regard the arts as something extra. The impact of people like Steven tells us that it is much more than that.

TUSD has had a program for a number of years called Opening Minds through the Arts. The schools that have OMA use the arts to teach things like writing and math using artists from the University of Arizona, Tucson Symphony Orchestra and Arizona Opera to give the students lessons twice a week.

The program has been funded through desegregation money, and without getting too far into the weeds on this, the continued ability to use that money for arts programs is in doubt. Luckily, the program is popular with parents and it's got the backing of the TUSD board. We need to continue to tell the district that we support programs like OMA. Also, if you have an OMA school in your neighborhood, think about volunteering.

On Tuesday, I had the opportunity to attend a press conference held by former State Senator Paula Aboud for a public information effort called Why Marriage Matters. Their goal is to bring marriage equality to Arizona. You may remember that my colleagues and I passed an ordinance at the beginning of the summer allowing the city to treat same sex couples the same way we treat other married couples. It was an important change, but still incomplete without a state law to back it up. The aim of this effort is to let Arizonans know about the im-

portance of extending marriage rights to everyone. Before you think of this as just another political issue, speakers included Republicans like Beth Walkup and Erin Ogletree Simpson from the Log Cabin Republicans.

This isn't just an issue of fairness or compassion; it is also a matter of the economy. As many of the speakers pointed out, companies are increasingly implementing policies to benefit same-sex couples and are starting to look for areas with policies friendly to those couples when looking to locate new operations. Also remember that our current generation of college graduates is very supportive of same-sex marriage, and will no doubt be looking for places that reflect that view when they decide where they want to start their career.

This Tuesday, we have a packed agenda but there are two items I'd like to highlight. One is the Ronstadt Transit Center. *(continued on page 2)*

PAUL'S NOTE, CONTINUED

The Ronstadt is important to a lot of people in our community who depend on bus service, but it also sits in a prime area as we strive to re-invigorate Downtown. I look forward to a vigorous debate, and I welcome all of you to contact me to let me know what you think.

The second item has to do with what's called the Thrifty Block, an area on East Congress Street. The current development agreement over the area dates back to 2006, at the beginning of the current round of Downtown expansion. In the meantime, there has been development all over the area, but the Block remains vacant. We are redoing our old deal with the developer and giving two years for something to be built there. I hope that what happened leads us to be more careful about making similar deals in the future.

As always, have a great weekend.

TOWN HALL FORUM

Ward 2 will be hosting a town hall meeting on this November's ballot propositions on September 25. City staff will be available to explain the impacts of the various propositions. Propositions discussed will include:

401: Permanent Base Adjustment
402: Plan Tucson

The meeting will be at the Ward 2 office at 7575E Speedway and will start at 5:30 pm.

Note: Late Thursday, it was announced that Prop. 201, Sustainable Retirement Benefits Act, did not have the signatures to make the ballot.

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: October: TOPSC Lower Lot, 4004 S Park Ave
November: Mansfield Park, 2000 N 4th Ave

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's semiannual Shred-It event will be here at our office at 7575 E Speedway on October 5 from 8 to 11.



The event is free, but we are asking for people to bring either a food donation or \$5 for the Tucson Community Food Bank per box that they bring in.

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

BBQ FUN DAY

Enjoy some of Tucson's best barbecue and support your local Special Olympics on October 12.

Mr. K's Barbecue will be hosting the event at their location at 4911 N Stone Avenue. Things get underway at noon with a car show and music from the University of Arizona Pep Band and Mariachi Milagro, one of Tucson's finest youth Mariachi groups. Funtastics will be supplying games, including a dunk tank. Our own Tucson Police Department will be on hand to help out as well.

Proceeds from the day will benefit Arizona Special Olympics.



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CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS

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 pm. 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 is underway at the Laszlo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park, 7200 E Tanque Verde. Concert dates include; September 21, 28 and October 5. The concerts start at 7 pm.

The Tucson POPS Orchestra will perform at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center (OPC) in Reid Park on September 22 and 29. The concerts begin at 7 pm.



BOO BASH

Clements Regional Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive will host the Halloween Boo Bash on Saturday, October 26 from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. The community event cost \$3.00 per person and is free for children ages 3 and under. The event will be held in Children's Outdoor Performance Center and will include haunted house, costume contest, face painting, games, entertainment, inflatables, hay ride and food vendors. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. For more information contact, 791-5787.



READY OR HOT?

On Saturday, Sept. 21, 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.



SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Watershed Management Group presents the Simple Solutions for Sustainable Living Series. To register for any of these events, go to <http://watershedmg.org/2013-presentation-series>.

October 17: Harvest the Sun (and Shade!) For Multiple Uses

6:30-7:30 pm

Tucson Jewish Community Center, 3800 E River Rd.

Presenter: Brad Lancaster

Solar power doesn't have to be limited to expensive photovoltaic panels. Learn simple, cost-effective strategies for working with the sun that have a big impact on your utility bills and your carbon footprint.

Book signing: 7:30-8:00 pm

October 24: Shady Neighborhoods: Thinking Outside the Planter Box

6:30-7:30 pm

Tucson Jewish Community Center, 3800 E River Rd.

Presenter: James DeRoussel

Learn how your neighborhood can create healthy streets and public spaces by harvesting stormwater to grow trees, shade, and habitat.

November 7: Responsible Home Ownership in the Desert

6:30-7:30 pm

Tucson Jewish Community Center, 3800 E River Rd.

Presenter: Tory Syracuse

Learn strategies for living responsibly in the Sonoran Desert,

such as rainwater and greywater harvesting and using native landscaping.

November 14: Guiding Local Leadership Toward a Water Secure Future for Tucson

6:30-7:30 pm

Tucson Jewish Community Center, 3800 E River Rd.

Presenter: Karilyn Roach

Water policy in the Southwest is complex, and Tucson is no exception. Learn about the latest issues and how you can get involved in supporting a secure water future for our community.

November 21: Learn to Build Healthy Desert Soils for Productive Landscapes

6:30-7:30 pm

Tucson Jewish Community Center, 3800 E River Rd.

Presenter: Catlow Shipek

Learn to transform "wastes," such as stormwater or tree trimmings, into resources to enhance your soil for growing food and native habitat plants.

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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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on September 24. 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>

