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## PAUL'S NOTE

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- \* Shred-it will be at our office on Oct 11. *See page 2.*
- \* Fall pool has begun. Visit [www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics) for pool hours or call 791-4245.

Many of you have read the news about the County Administrator talking about euthanizing cats and dogs in Pima County as an alternative to financing an expansion of the Pima Animal Care Center.

Many of you were angry to read that. Frankly, I was too. Such a possibility is cruel and goes against what I stand for. The trouble is that there is a lot of truth in what he says.

Pima County's current center was built in 1968. Since then the number of people has more than tripled, meaning we have that many more stray animals to deal with.

The center sees 24,000 animals go through its doors on an annual basis, and the place can be overcrowded at peak periods. The county has put up what they are referring to as a "tent kennel" on the grounds of the facility on Silverbell. That is the biggest infrastructure improvement, if you can call it that, they have had in the 46 years since the place has been built.

As an open admissions shelter, one that takes every animal brought in, there are periods of overcrowding. Dogs can be put four to a kennel, which is a situation bad for the dogs and the employees and volunteers that care for them.

The County would like to see these pets adopted and has the goal of making PACC a "no kill" facility, which is the direction many jurisdictions have gone to across the country. They are well on their way to doing so. At last count, they had what they call a "live release rate" of 83%. That includes adoptions, rescues and pets returned to owners.

That 83% is due to the work of center's volunteers and the Humane Society, as well as smaller organizations like PAWsitively Cats and the Hermitage No Kill Cat Shelter. For all the great work these rescue groups do, they need a facility that can keep cats and dogs healthy so they can make them available for

adoption.

Thursday morning's Star article had a lot of back and forth between city and county officials on this issue. I'd like to see us move beyond that. Even more, I'd like to see the city and county do a better job of supporting rescue organizations since they have helped keep the population at PACC down.

The easiest way to keep the population of stray animals down is euthanasia. None of us want that, but unless we see that facility expanded, more support for spay and neuter programs and viable, well supported rescue organizations, that may be the choice we are left with.

My colleagues and I will be discussing this with city staff. I will keep you informed.

Chief Dan Newburn



## PAUL'S NOTE (CONTINUED)



passed away this weekend. Newburn joined the Tucson Fire Department in 1979 and rose to chief in 2001. He served in that job until 2008 when he retired. Chief Newburn will be among those honored at this year's Firefighter Memorial Ceremony on October 11, held at Fire Central at 10 am.

My condolences to the Newburn family and thank you for supporting his service to our community.

Congratulations to my friend and Ward 2 resident Paul Olson for being a member of the 2014-15 class of Master Realtors. Less than 1% of Realtors statewide receive this designation from the Arizona Association of Realtors.

Shanah Tovah and a blessed 5775 to everyone. Have a great weekend.

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## SHRED IT

Our next semi-annual community shred will be on Saturday, October 11. Bring your documents to our office at 7575 E Speedway to be securely shredded between 8 and 11:30, or until the last truck fills up. Because space in the truck will be limited, we are asking that you bring no more than six boxes.

Shredding your first box is free, but we are asking that if you bring additional boxes that you make a donation to Sunnyside School District Interscholastic Athletics. We are asking for a \$5 donation per box after the first.

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## THE SUN IS COMING TO TUSD

Tucson Unified School District's Governing Board has authorized the construction of solar electric systems at 40 plus District schools and facilities (including Whitmore Elementary). The systems will be provided at no cost to the District. Solar panels will be integrated onto shade structures and located at functional and cost-effective places, primarily playgrounds and parking lots.

To learn more about the solar shade structures to be installed at our schools attend a community presentation on:

Wednesday, October 15th

Lee Instructional Resource Center (L.I.R.C.)

2025 E. Winsett Street, Tucson, AZ 85719

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## HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

**Broadway Intersection Improvements:** The scheduled completion date, adjusted for rain days is October 29.

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.

Paving: We have adjusted our paving schedule again based on rain. Our current plan is as follows:

- Thursday the 25th- pave south side of Broadway east of Houghton
- Friday the 26th- pave Houghton and the entrance driveways
- October 20-24th- rubberized asphalt, followed by temporary striping
- November 20- final thermoplastic striping (must be done 30 days after asphalt placement)

We are reducing the number of vertical panel barricades in hopes it will make it easier to navigate through the area as we get all of the paved areas opened up. Once the temporary striping is down, we will pull all the barricades.

Landscaping continues throughout the area.

The businesses located in the construction area are planning an event to thank their customers for their patronage. They are planning this event and are looking at some time at the end of October. Keep your eyes open for more information as it becomes available. This should be a fun event.

**Broadway Intersection Park & Ride:** The contractor is ready to start work on this project, but startup is going a little slower than anticipated due to the rains. We anticipate seeing some grading very soon.

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 wrapping up. We hope to have construction started at the end of October. This should be an 18-month construction process.

Team Fischel is relocating for Southwest Gas, and is now about 85% 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, 85% complete on the distribution lines, and 60% 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. Completed with exception to a pavement patch at Buffaloberry.

Cox and Time Warner are taking down the old TEP lines this week.

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.

**Other Concerns:** We have received calls and letters complaining about the installation of street lights along portions of the Houghton Corridor. Management and staff are working on scheduling an open house to address these concerns for the remaining segments of Houghton. We just completed processing the contract to get this in place, and will let you know when and where we will hold this event as soon as we have something more concrete. We will also present this to the CDRC committees prior to the open house.

## CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

The seniors of the Eastside Senior Club will have an opportunity to attend a field trip to the Buckelew Farms on Thursday, October 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 per person.

A field trip to the Freedom Center Halloween Party will be offered to senior club members on Thursday, October 30 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$3.00. The party will include music, dancing, costume contest, lots of fun and food.

Signs ups for the above mentioned events are taken at the front desk of the Carol West Senior Addition; 791-4121.

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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 for session I ended 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.

**WINDS Concert Schedule:** The WINDS concerts are winding down and the last two concerts will take place September 27 and October 4. The concerts continue to take place at the Lazslo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park. Come out to the park and enjoy music under the stars!

**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 on Thursday, October 9 (note that this is not on a Tuesday). 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>

