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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.

Pima County will be undertaking a project called the North and South Rillito Intercepts. They will be starting a three year project to improve lines north and south of the Rillito River.

Work on the southern section will run in a corridor between Ft. Lowell and Prince running from Tucson Boulevard to west of Swan. The northern portion will run just north of the Rillito from Campbell to Pantano.

There will be little direct impact on Ward 2 residents, but work will skirt both the Ft. Lowell and Bear Canyon neighborhoods. Even though much of the work will be underground, residents in those areas may see increased traffic from vehicles from County Wastewater when the project gets underway in January.

My staff has already been in touch with staff from the county regarding this project. Plans are to minimize the impact on private property by using already existing rights-of-way. Still, if there are any concerns you

have, feel free to call my office and we'll see that you get to the right people.

There will be a public meeting on the project on the 22nd of this month over at Davidson Elementary, 3950 E. Paradise Falls Dr. The meeting will get underway at 6 pm.

We were on an off-week for mayor and council meetings, but next Tuesday one of the items we will be discussing is possible amendments to the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance. We are looking at changing code language with regard to building and structure exteriors, paved surfaces, yard sales and, most important to many of you if calls to my office are any indication, storage of junk vehicles.

The first report has come back from our plastic bag ordinance. One of the things we were looking to get a handle on is how many plastic bags are actually used in our community. The first report is available, and the numbers are staggering.

Between April 1st and June

30th, the participating stores gave away an astounding 34 million plastic bags. Keep in mind that that's in a city of less than 600,000 people, and that not every retailer that uses plastic bags participated. These are single use items: they get given away, sit in your car for ten or fifteen minutes then end up in your trash. It's a horrible waste of resources.

On the good side, the retailers that participated are providing a way for customers to recycle. Enough people brought back their used bags that stores collected 102 tons of plastic. I'm happy to see that, but I'd still like to see more done to move away from the use of plastic bags.

The Loft Cinema at 3233 E Speedway Blvd will be hosting a showing of the documentary Bag It, which follows the trail from how plastic bags are manufactured to what happens after they get thrown away. The movie will be shown on Saturday, October 26 at 10 am. Admission is free.

Speaking of recycling, re-

member that this weekend is our biannual Shred-It event. Bring your old documents by our office on Saturday between 8 and 11 am and the people from Shred-It will securely shred them. The first box is free, but we ask that you bring a donation for the Tucson Community Food Bank for additional boxes.

As always, have a great weekend. Go Wildcats!

NATIONAL LATINO AIDS AWARENESS DAY

National Latino AIDS Awareness day is coming up on Tuesday, October 15th. The local NLAAD committee is holding a community dinner and conversation entitled “Breaking the Stigma” that night from 5:30—7 pm at the El Casino Ballroom, 437 E 26th St. A free dinner will be provided by Casa Maria and Mariachi Sonido de México and VIVA! Performing Arts group will be on hand for entertainment.



Education and outreach are critical to prevent and reduce the spread of HIV in Latino communities, and to assure that those already infected can live longer, more productive and healthier lives. Join us to learn more about how you can contribute to this important cause.

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: November: Mansfield Park, 2000 N 4th Ave

December: Purple Heart Park, 100050 E Rita Ranch Rd

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. The next event will be on November 16 at Empire High School- 10701 E. Maryann Cleveland Way from 8 –11 am

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

The Udall Carol West Addition will host an "Oktoberfest" event on Thursday, October 10 from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. The event will include live entertainment by Accordion Club of Tucson, and German food. The Forum at Tucson is sponsoring the event. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

The Halloween Bash will be held in the multipurpose room of Udall Center on October 29 at 1:30 p.m. The event will include food, live music, dancing and costume contests. The event is sponsored by Freedom Inn and Ventana Canyon. The cost is \$3.00 per person. Contact 791-4142 for additional information.



ARIZONA SYMPHONIC WINDS/TUCSON POPS ORCHESTRA

Come out to the park and enjoy music under the stars! The Symphonic Winds Fall concert series ending soon at the Laszlo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park, 7200 E Tanque Verde. This season's last concert is October 5. The concert starts 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.



TREES FOR TUCSON

The Trees for Tucson program is now accepting applications for low-cost trees for delivery in the popular fall planting period. While trees can be planted throughout the year in the Tucson area, lower temperatures and moister soil after summer monsoons make for great tree planting weather throughout the fall.

To qualify for low-cost home shade trees, residents must be in the Tucson Electric Power Co. or Trico Electric Cooperative electric service area, and agree to plant the trees within 15 feet of the west, south or east side of the home.

Tucson Electric Power customers may print an application to purchase trees for \$8 each, online at www.treesfortucson.org or call (520) 791-3109 to receive a mailed or faxed form.

Applicants may select from a variety of native and desert adapted trees including mesquite, palo verde, desert willow, netleaf hackberry, and red push pistache. New applicants are welcome. Residents who have received low-cost trees in the past are also eligible to participate each calendar year, per address.

Trees are delivered within approximately 4-8 weeks, and will be at least 3-5 feet tall. Instructions for tree planting and care are provided at the time of delivery.

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 Shippek

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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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 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>

