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PAUL'S NOTE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, October 15. *See page 2*
- * Details on the BYOBag Haiku contest on page 3
- * Boo Bash, a safe Halloween party for kids, will be on October 26 at the Clements Center. *See page 4*

It's hard to talk about the government shut down and not get otherwise friendly people yelling at each other, but one thing that many of us agree on: we have a lot of hard working government employees out there, but it's hard to notice the good work they do until it isn't being done any more.

It's the same whether they work for the federal government or the City of Tucson. Those of you that check my website see the names of my council staff, and if you call or meet here, you see them. One person you might not have noticed is Stephanie Van Housen.

Stephanie is the one tasked with keeping our building in good shape. That's everything from emptying trash cans to making sure that the floor gets buffed. She's the one that makes sure that when your neighborhood association has a meeting here, the room is clean and that it gets cleaned up afterward. The public doesn't see her, but she makes it a lot easier for my staff to serve the public. This month marks a year

that Stephanie has been working over here at Eastside City Hall. She's been a great friend to my staff and I am glad to have her here.

On to the other things happening this week:

At this week's council meeting, we talked about the Neighborhood Protection Ordinance. We had a surprisingly low key discussion on what I expected to be a thorny subject. Items included things like vehicle storage and limitations on yard sales. Both of these have been discussed before and there seemed to be agreement on the regulations. The one hang up was language that was supposed to regulate commercial vehicles. People don't want large commercial vehicles parked in yards or streets in their neighborhoods. Unfortunately, the language would have included larger pickup trucks. Staff will come back with some suggestions on that one.

The Arizona Daily Star's Caliente section is running their Burger Madness tournament, which will give

readers a chance to pick the best burger in town. The contest includes three Ward 2 businesses, Sam Witches and Such (6502 E Tanque Verde Rd), Bistro 44 (6761 E Tanque Verde Rd) and Frank's Sports Grill and Bar (7930 E Speedway Blvd). Voting doesn't start until October 17, which will give you plenty of time to do the critical double blind studies that such a contest requires. In other words, eat at our locally owned east side restaurants as often as possible.

Last week, I mentioned the number of plastic bags being used by our city's residents. A few people took issue with the number, but keep in mind that that number came from the retailers themselves. If you'd like to know more about how to reduce the number of plastic bags you use, there is a group in town called BYOBag Tucson that just got together. The group was formed at the direction of mayor and council to help educate the public on cutting down on

plastic bag use and includes representatives from the Small Business Commission, Tucson Clean and Beautiful, Environmental Education Exchange and retailers.

All K through 5th grade students in City of Tucson public, private and charter schools (including home schooled students) are invited to submit haiku poetry promoting "BYOBag Tucson," to encourage the use of reusable shopping bags, decrease the use of disposable plastic bags, and increase the recycling of plastic bags at local retail stores. You can get more details at: <http://www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org/assets/docs/recycling-bring-your-own-bag-haiku-contest.pdf>.

Also remember the movie Bag-It is coming up at the Loft on October 26th. It's a free showing and you can learn a bit more about the issue.

This weekend's triple threat Shred-It, household hazardous waste and medicine disposal events were a big success. Thanks to John Murray, Joseph Encinas, Juan Barreras and Kevin Heal of Shred-It for their time and also thank you to Sean Daughtery for volunteering for the day. A big thanks also to Don Campbell, Angel Flores, Dave Maxey and Fernando Valencia of City of Tucson Environmental Services for staffing the household hazardous waste collection.

As always, have a great weekend. Don't let the cooler air fool you; drink plenty of water.

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

BYOBAG HAIKU

All K-5th grade students in City of Tucson public, private and charter schools (including home schooled students) are invited to submit haiku poetry promoting BYOBag Tucson, to encourage the use of reusable shopping bags, decrease the use of disposable plastic bags, and increase the recycling of plastic bags at local retail stores.

Everyone's a winner! The first 500 participants will receive a "Haikupon" redeemable for a free reusable grocery bag and a \$5 gift card from Walmart stores located within Tucson city limits. Prizes for contest winners will include gift cards from select grocery stores and haiku published in print and online media.

Entries will be due by October 21. For more information on contest requirements, an entry form and what a haiku poem looks like, please visit <http://www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org/assets/docs/recycling-bring-your-own-bag-haiku-contest.pdf>.



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 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.



AFTER-SCHOOL MEALS

A new after-school free meal program begins at Freedom Center. The meals will be served from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday for youth ages 18 and under at the Freedom Center beginning October 2013 through May 2014. The program is sponsored by the USDA Child and Adult Care Food program (CACFP).

A program enrollment form is to be completed to enroll in the program, and the form can be obtained from the Freedom Center, 5000 E. 29th Street. For more information about the meal program contact Anne Krepps, Child Nutrition Programs Manager at akrepps@communityfoodbank.org or call 882-3285.



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 a 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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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 October 22. 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>

