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PAUL'S NOTE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Firefighter Chili Cookoff on October 25. *See page 2.*
- * Fall pool has begun. Visit www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics for pool hours or call 791-4245.

There are two events coming up that I've been featuring in the newsletter but they both deserve to be highlighted here on the front page.

One is the Firefighter Chili Cook-off. This will be the 19th time the brothers and sisters of the IAFF have held the event, and proceeds will go to the IAFF's activities supporting local families over the holidays. This year's cook-off will be at Reid Park Bandshell on October 25th, 10 am – 10 pm.

The other is the Houghton Road Block Party. My office has been keeping you up to date in the newsletter about goings on in the Houghton Road project, and the Broadway/Houghton intersection is close to complete. Businesses in the area want to thank the community for their continued patronage despite the traffic issues so they are staging the Block Party on October 25 from 10 am – 2 pm. The Party will be located on the corner, and I've been told that there will be a lot of food

and fun available.

I attended the Carriage Park Neighborhood Association meeting this week. Congratulations to their newly elected president, Serena Lewis. Good to see people step up to take on leadership in the community.

Carriage Park is one of the neighborhood associations that started since I have become a councilmember. Their leadership was important in getting a schoolyard converted into a park when the school had closed. Actually, important is the wrong word. I mean necessary. And having an organized group of citizens is critical to keeping that park functioning.

Having a neighborhood association helps me as a councilman too. I have a better idea who to contact when issues come up in a certain area. Once those lines of communication are open, it is easier for the public to work with my office. Given how often I see Sandra Perez, the east side's community service

officer, at neighborhood association meetings, the police feel the same way too.

Ward 2 has eleven neighborhood associations, but many of you don't live in one. If you'd like to find out about the resources available to you to form one, please contact my office.

This weekend is Tucson Pride in the Desert, an event put on by the local lesbian and gay community. It is the oldest Pride event in the state, started way back in 1977. The first pride event came on the heels of a man being murdered at a north side bar, and the reductions of the charges because the victim was gay.

The first Pride in the Desert event was at Himmel Park, but it has since outgrown that and this year's will be at Kino Sports Complex. I will be unable to make this year's event, but I was at last week's parade with 1700 Tucsonans marking how far we've come in this commu-

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nity recognizing the dignity of our fellow citizens.

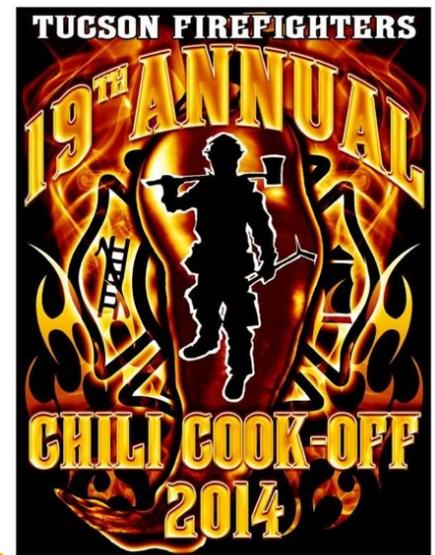
Late breaking: This morning before I posted this, our state's attorney general decided not to challenge a federal court decision on marriage equality. It looks like Arizona has joined the growing movement of states recognizing marriage rights for all our neighbors. I'm very happy to see this.

One last note: everyone is worried about Ebola, but think about this: 5,643 Americans died from influenza last year. This year's flu season has already started, although there have been no reported cases in Arizona yet. While it is easy to get scared of Ebola, you are much more likely to get the flu. Make sure to get you and your family immunized. For more information, you can call the Disease Information Line (520) 243-7800 or 1-(800) 939-7462.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Your firefighters would like to invite you and your family to come have a great time at our 19th Annual Chili Cook-Off. This year we have moved location and date, October 25th 10 am-10 pm at the Bandshell in Reid Park. We are raising money for the IAFF Local 479 Adopt-A-Family Charity. The proceeds raised will benefit local families during the holidays.

If you would like to have a chili booth, IAFF still has a few spots open. IAFF is always looking for businesses or organizations to sponsor our event. If you need any further information email Sloan Tamietti at RSTamietti@gmail.com or check the IAFF webpage iafflocal479.org Come on out and help make this event a success and have fun at the same time.



VETERANS' CAREER SEMINAR

Veterans can find out about employment opportunities at a free career seminar on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the Kino Veterans' Workforce Center, 2801 E. Ajo Way.

Mark Strege, director of the Western Passport Center, and Art Friess, consulting employment recruiter at Raytheon Missile Systems, will talk about employment opportunities. The seminar starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m.

To sign up or obtain more information, please call (520) 740-4646 or (520) 243-6700.

Pima County One-Stop Career Center opened the Kino Veterans' Workforce Center in 2012 to help military veterans find jobs and get training, benefits and support services; and to help employers hire veterans.

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Block Party: The businesses located in the construction area are planning a Block Party on Saturday October 25, 2014. The party will run from 10 am—2pm at the corner of Broadway and Houghton. This should be a great event, and is intended to thank their customers for their patronage.

Broadway Intersection Improvements: The scheduled completion date is October 20, 2014 (adjusted to include rain days). We have completed the first lifts of asphalt throughout the entire project area.

We have reduced the number of barricades on site to make the drive through the area a little less confusing, until we get the final rubberized asphalt down. We made daily adjustments to barricades as those final dirt areas were covered with asphalt. We appreciate your patience.

There is a high demand for the rubberized asphalt in town, and our paving days for those were originally October 16 to 21 "tentatively". This may change by a day or two in either direction depending on the availability of rubberized asphalt for all the projects throughout town that need it. We estimate it may be October 20 to 24 at this point in time. We will keep you updated.

Once the rubberized asphalt is down, we will install temporary striping (at night) and remove the barricades. After the rubberized asphalt has set up for 30 days, we will bring in the final thermoplastic (reflective) striping.

The final irrigation and landscaping work is still going on, so please be careful driving near our landscapers as they work.

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Broadway Intersection Park & Ride: The contractor has started the demolition, clearing, and grading on this project. As you may have noticed, the construction trailers have been relocated to Houghton between Golf Links and Old Spanish Trail, on the west side of the road. Thanks to Mr. Joe Yee for providing this location opportunity to our contractors.

It is estimated that this project will take four months to complete. 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 road construction started at the end of October. This should be an 18-month construction process.

Utilities: Team Fischel is relocating for Southwest Gas, and is 90% complete, with only removal of old pipe left to finish.

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 80% complete with their underground work. Some of the delay on this is due to access to properties where right of way is being negotiated.

Kleven was relocating for Century Link and their work is completed.

Cox and Time Warner lines are still on the old TEP poles that need to come down, and we are working with them to try and get their relocations completed.

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.

Stakeholder concerns and public outreach: We have received calls and letters complaining about the installation of streetlights along portions of the Houghton Corridor. We are planning to have an open house meeting before the end of the year to discuss this concern, and we are looking for an appropriate venue to schedule the event. This issue spans the entire corridor, and affects people in both Ward 2 and Ward 4, so we will be including both in our open house. We would also like to introduce the public to our new artist team for the Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street project, and discuss any construction phasing information regarding that project.

For those of you on our Citizen advisory groups, Citizen Design Review Committees (CDRCs) for each ward office, we will be scheduling meetings in the next few weeks to bring some of the Open House information to you, as well as address our normal agenda items. We will get those dates out to you as soon as we schedule the meetings.

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

Buckelew Farms: 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.

Freedom Center Halloween Party: 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.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Spring 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog: 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. The program guide will also be available on-line at www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec

For questions or more information contact Registration Services at 791-4877.

Therapeutics Programming: The Tucson Parks and Recreation, Therapeutics Division (1000 S. Randolph Way) will host Down Syndrome monthly support groups for parents every second Wednesday of each month. The meetings take place from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call 747-2556.

Boo Bash: The Boo Bash event will take place at the Clement Center, 8155 E Poinciana Drive on October 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event will include haunted house, carnival games, face painting, and a haunted hay ride. The cost is \$3.00. Attached is a flyer with details.

9th Annual Family Festival: The 9th Annual Family Festival is scheduled for Reid Park (900 S. Randolph Way) on November 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The free family event will include games, displays, demonstrations, entertainment and more.

Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair: The Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair in Reid Park (900 S. Randolph Way) will be held Thanksgiving weekend, November 29-30, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will be held at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center, which is accessible from Country Club and Concert Place. Attached is the flyer with additional information.

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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 Tuesday, October 21. 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>

