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PAUL'S NOTE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * 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
- * Coming up: November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month

We have a light agenda for the City Council meeting next week, so I'd like to take some time to point out two programs that provide some valuable services to our community.

Most of you know that there is a household hazardous waste collection site near the Ward 2 office that's open on the first Saturday of every month. You already missed out on it for this month, but we will have it again in November on the second.

The collection site is behind the fire station in our complex. The best way to get there is by taking Prudence north from Speedway, which will take you past the fire station and there will be city personnel and volunteers there to take your household hazardous waste, be it old paint, fluorescent bulbs or that rusty old can of turpentine. If you have questions about what they'll take, you can check their website or call 791-3171.

I thanked members of city staff in the last newsletter, but keep in mind that a lot of the work that gets done

at these collections is done by volunteers. Thank you to the whole crew: Ken Asch, Laurence Fahrney, Bob Melzer, Steve Rice, Seth Ruskin, Judy Shulley, Frank Vargas, Linda Vargas, Jacob Essif, Dennis Zygel, Michael Liberti, Maz Zawacki, Mathew Posnansky, Sara Herman, Jessica Teiman, Rachel Burnett, Kellen Coulson and Adam Schmitt.

The eastside first Saturday collection has been a big success, and now the city has expanded it to other areas of town. As of this summer, the Environmental Services Department has added a second Saturday collection that will "float" in different areas of town every month. We'll keep you up to date on where the next one is in every newsletter.

I'd also like to tell you about a new service in our community. ITN America was started in Portland almost twenty years ago by a woman named Katherine Freund whose son was hit by an elderly driver. Freund realized that we need to give senior citizens

more transportation options. Now, the program has expanded to our community under the name ITN Greater Tucson. They have been offering rides, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, since August.

My staff had a meeting with ITN's executive director Kathy Wilson, who brings a wealth of experience to her position. I am very impressed with what the group has already been able to put together in the months that they have been in Tucson. We are exploring ways for the city to cooperate with them.

ITN's drivers are volunteers. If you have a car and would like to help, they would love to have you on board. To volunteer, you can call 209-1645 or visit their website at www.itngreatertucson.org. If you or someone you know needs to arrange for affordable rides, you can call that same number to find out how to set up a Personal Transportation Account. We are keeping it short this week. I hope you all have a great weekend.

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.

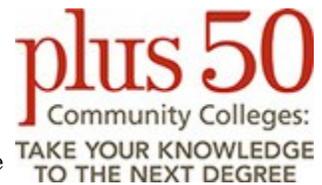
For nearly 17 years, Zanjeros have helped Tucson Water customers use water more efficiently inside and outside the home. Schedule your free Zanjero visit today via e-mail TW_web@tucsonaz.gov or phone 520 791-3242

PLUS 50

Plus 50 is a Pima College program that helps adults age 50 and older complete certificates or degrees in healthcare, education and social services professions.

On October 29th from 4—7 pm, Pima College will be having a Kick-off for the Plus 50 program at the Community Room at PCC East Campus, 8181 E Irvington Road. You will have the opportunity to meet PCC faculty and staff, along with community partners and employers.

For more information, call 206-7430 or e-mail Plus50@pima.edu.



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>.



BAG IT!

The Loft Cinema is showing the documentary Bag It! in a special free presentation on Saturday, Oct 26 at 10 am.

Bag It follows "everyman" Jeb Berrier as he navigates our plastic world. Jeb is an average American who decides to take a closer look at our cultural love affair with plastics. Jeb's journey in this documentary film starts with simple questions: Are plastic bags really necessary? What are plastic bags made from? What happens to plastic bags after they are discarded? What he learns quickly grows far beyond plastic bags.

For more information, call the Loft Cinema at 322-LOFT (5638) or visit their website at www.loftcinema.com



PCOA: PEOPLE CREATING ORIGINAL ART

Please save the date, November 8, 2013 for the first ever Pima Council on Aging, People Creating Original Art Auction! It will be held in the historic Armory Park Neighborhood at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 5th Avenue, at 6 pm. All funds will benefit the Pima Council on Aging

This is an opportunity for the community to support PCOA as the sequester has cut much of their funding. All art has been created and donated by Tucson Artists. Come and enjoy food and drink, look at the art and participate in the live and silent auctions.



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 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 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>

