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## PAUL'S NOTE

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- \* Kids and Cops Battle of the Bands, 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

I had the chance to get to several events around the city this weekend.

One was right here in Ward 2, the Tucson Classics Car Show. The event was held at St. Gregory Preparatory School and featured over 400 classic, foreign and specialty cars, street rods and trucks. It was amazing seeing the classic cars. The Rotary Club of Tucson did a fantastic job organizing the event, and proceeds will go to Reading Seed and Youth on their Own.

I also attended the Fire Department Firefighter Memorial Ceremony that was held on Saturday morning. The horrible recent loss of firefighters in Yarnell reminded all of us of the sacrifice these men and women are willing to make. The ceremony featured a reading of the names of our local firefighters that have passed away on the job. It was inspiring and humbling to hear the names of our Tucson-area firefighters who have passed away on the job.

Speaking of our Fire Department, many of you

know that I've been working at Apollo Middle School in Sunnyside School District. Last week, there was a small fire and the school had to be evacuated. Both Tucson Fire and the Tucson Police responded and eight hundred students were evacuated safely and without incident. I'd like to thank captains Rodriguez and North as well as the crew from Engine 10 for their level headed and quick response to what could have been a dangerous situation.

Switching gears to one of our favorite parks, you may have noticed that Ft. Lowell Park has undergone overseeding to prepare for the Ft. Lowell Shootout coming up in January. City of Tucson Eastside Parks Maintenance staff overseeded the Ft Lowell Park soccer fields. To give you an idea of how much staff time keeping a soccer field looking nice takes: this process required ten staff eight hours on the first day, five staff for six hours on the second. Approximately 40 hours of turf prep to throw the seed, 2000 pounds of

seed and 45-50 tons of top dressing were put on the fields. After all that, it takes forty hours of irrigation prep work and 2- 4 hours daily monitoring turf for the first 3 weeks of growth.

Ten thousand participants are expected for the first night of the Shootout on January 17. Jim Conroy from Parks and Recreation tells me that it's his goal to have beautiful fields for this major Tucson youth sporting event. We are expecting approximately 400 teams this year. Kudos to his staff for the tremendous work they've done at Ft. Lowell and with all of our east side parks.

One more note on our east side parks: Blair Charity Group and Arizona Basketball Academy will be holding basketball clinics at Udall Park on November 10 and 17. These clinics will be held at the Udall Center from 9 am sharp to 4 pm. Lunch is provided from 12 to 1 pm and we have 50 spots available. The ages for participants range from 9 to 18 and as normal, the clinic is free of

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charge. There is a link to a printable registration form as well as a link to register online at [www.blaircharitygroup.org](http://www.blaircharitygroup.org). These clinics focus range from drills on athletic positioning and movement on the court, to full competitive scrimmages to get the participants as fully involved as possible. We expect all registered to participate as each spot is an opportunity to impact a child's life in a positive manner which teaches way more about life skills than just about basketball.

We hear a lot of public school bashing, particularly from politicians here in Arizona, so it's nice to see one of our finest public school teachers, Art Almquist, be recognized by the readers of People Magazine as their Reader's Choice Teacher of the Year. Congratulations to Art and to Tucson High Magnet School.

The Tucson Police Officers Association is gearing up for their annual Kids and Cops Christmas Shopping Event and are having a Battle of the Bands fundraiser at the Fox Theater on November 15. Proceeds will go to support the annual Christmas shopping trip for three hundred local underprivileged kids. Five local bands will be playing at the event from 5 pm until Midnight. Details are on page three of the newsletter, or go to [www.foxtheatertucson.org](http://www.foxtheatertucson.org).

As always, have a wonderful weekend with your family.

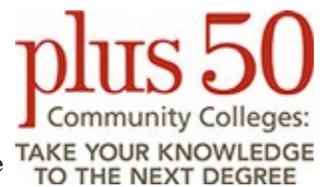
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## PLUS 50

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 29 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](mailto:Plus50@pima.edu).



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## 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](http://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

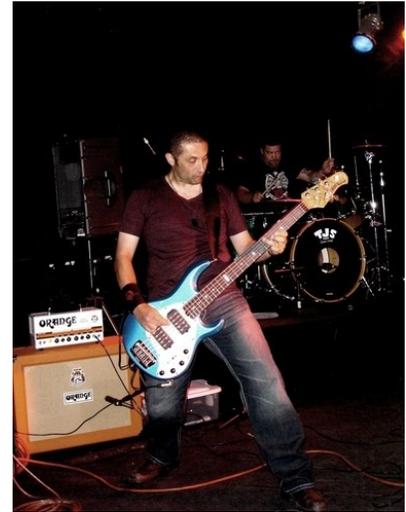
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## BATTLE OF THE BANDS FOR KIDS AND COPS

A very special Battle of the Bands is being planned for Friday, November 15, 2013 at Tucson's downtown Fox Theatre; featuring Broken Romeo, Fatal Funnel, The Day on Fire, Southern Reins and Funky Bonz.

All proceeds of the Friday, November 15 evening event will benefit the 2013 Kids and Cops Christmas Shopping Event, with five (5) local bands performing 5 pm to 12 Midnight. Tickets to the benefit are \$20 each and \$35 for VIP tickets.

Battle of the Bands tickets can be obtained in person at the Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress, 624-1515 or by going online to purchase tickets [www.FoxTheatreTucson.org](http://www.FoxTheatreTucson.org).



## 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](http://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.




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## 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](mailto:akrepps@communityfoodbank.org) or call 882-3285.




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## 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](http://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.

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## 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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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 November 6. Note that that is a Wednesday rather than 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/mdocs>

