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PAUL'S NOTE

If you are driving between 4th and Stone Avenues this weekend, expect to see a lot of bicycles.

Sunday, between 10 am and 3 pm, the city, along with Pima County, Cox Communications, Cigna and others will be staging Cyclovia, a twice annual "open streets event." A corridor from the Keeling Neighborhood on North Stone Avenue, past Mansfield Park all the way down 4th Avenue will be closed to motorized vehicles and will be free and open for bicyclists, pedestrians and anyone else who wants to get by without the help of a car.

I have uploaded a map of the route (http://government.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward2/CYCLOVIA_MAP_FALL_2014_LETTER8.pdf) as well as a guide to the places where you can cross the route by car if you need to (http://government.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward2/CYCLOVIA_MAP_FALL_2014_EXIT_03.pdf).

This year's event will feature jumping castles, a rock climbing wall, food trucks a beer garden and free bicycle helmets given away by Tucson Medical Center.

Getting out of your car and bicycling or walking on your daily commute is good for your physical health, and recent studies have even found that it's good for your mental health. Cyclovia is more about having fun for a day, but organizers estimate that 400,000 calories were burned by participants at the last event. There were 20,000 people there last April, 80% of whom said that they would like to bike or walk more often because of the event.

I'm glad to see that this event has moved to different areas of Tucson, and one even covered the City of South Tucson. The people at Living Streets Alliance, who plan these events in cooperation with City officials, have been very good about making sure that they cause a minimal disruption of traffic



along our arterial streets. If they are able to do that with this route, which crosses both Grant and Speedway, then I'd love to see them stage one here on the Eastside in the future.

Thank you to all of you that attended our Neighborhood Legislature that we had on Wednesday night. It was nice for all of you to be able to meet two of our new TPD eastside command, Captain Chad Kasmar and Lieutenant Diana Lopez, along with Kathy Wilson of ITN Greater Tucson and Interim City Manager Martha Durkin.

I was also glad to have Andy McGovern from the transportation department

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * January 8th Exhibit. See page 2.
- * Fall pool has begun. Visit www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics for pool hours or call 791-4245.

PAUL'S NOTE (CONTINUED)

Speak to all of you. It was an important reminder for both him and me that despite all of the improvements in our roads, there is a lot more work to do. With all the questions he got, I may have to slot more time for him next time.

Congratulations to the Pima Community College Women's Soccer team, who will be playing for the regional championship on Saturday. The woman that got them into the championship match has a name you may recognize: Devyn Hunley. All of Pima's players are locals, and Hunley, who had a goal and assist in the semifinal, is a Northeast sider and graduate of Sabino High School. She is the daughter of former U of A football player LaMonte Hunley, so winning is in her blood. Come out to Kino Sports Complex on Saturday at six to see our remarkable student athletes take on the Chandler-Gilbert Coyotes for the championship.

SANTA'S CALLING

Santa and his elves would like to add some sparkle to a child's holiday season through the SANTA'S CALLING Program. The special child(ren) in your life will have a wonderful opportunity to speak with Santa and listen to his elves hard at work.

To register a child, please visit any Parks and Recreation office and pick up a form or print it out at the Ward 2 website at http://government.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward2/Santas_Calling_2014.pdf. Santa's visits will be scheduled between December 2 and 4th.

REMEMBERING JANUARY 8

In conjunction with the January 8th Memorial Foundation, the Arizona History Museum will be hosting an exhibition celebrating the lives of those who died while participating in the democratic process "Congress on Your Corner" with former US Representative Gabrielle Giffords, who was injured at the event. The January 8th Memorial Foundation has loaned artifacts from the many memorials around Tucson which honored those who died or were injured. These artifacts will be displayed at the Arizona History Museum beginning October 29th.

The museum is located at 929 E 9th Street, just west of Euclid. There is free parking one block west of the museum in the Arizona Historical Society garage (northeast corner of E. 2nd St. and N. Euclid)

For more information, visit www.tucsonsmemorial.org.

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Broadway Intersection Improvements: 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.

The businesses located in the construction area are planning a Block Party on Saturday October 25, 2014. Please see the attached flyer for all the details. This should be a great event, and is intended to thank their customers for their patronage.

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

Billiards Tournament: A Billiards Tournament (8-ball doubles) will be held at the Carol West Senior Addition on Thursday, November 13 at 10:00 a.m. The event will include lunch and awards, The cost is \$7.00.

Thanksgiving Feast: The Carol West Senior Addition will host a "Thanksgiving Feast" event on Thursday, November 20, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The event will include a piano performance by Robert LeGendre and a Thanksgiving meal. The event will be sponsored by Atria Senior Living and Campana del Rio. The cost is \$5.00.

Sign ups for the events listed above are taken at the front desk of the Carol West Senior Addition; 791-4121.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Spring 2015 Program Guide: 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.

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.

Facility Closures: All Tucson Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 in observance of Veteran's Day.

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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

Because of the election, the next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Wednesday, November 5. 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>

