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## PAUL'S NOTE

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- \* Want to get rid of your old medications? Check page 2 for Rx Safe, Smart & Secure
- \* Kids and Cops Battle of the Bands, page 3

Before I give you a list of things that mayor and council did this week, I wanted to tell you a little bit about an amazing ceremony that happened at Valencia Library on Wednesday.

Seven local veterans were presented with the Legion of Honor at the rank of Chevalier (knight), France's highest award, for their service in that country during the Second World War. These brave men were:

Technical Sergeant Earl R. Liston, US Army

Corporal George W. McGee, US Army

Private First Class Marshall W. Baird, US Army

Private First Class Harper Coleman, US Army

Private First Class Robert Kirby, US Army

Private First Class Robert Walling, US Army

Private First Class Maxwell Warner, US Army

PFC Harper Coleman, by the way, also served the people of our community as a volunteer at the Tucson

Police Department for a number of years. I am glad that we could help the French people give them the thanks that they deserve and I hope that all of us continue to do the same.

In city business, I was happy to be part of a settlement in a dispute over Rockin' Star Ranch. Rockin' Star is located on East Tanque Verde and they have done some great work in the community bringing animals to events all over the city. They've given a lot of kids who don't normally see horses to be up close with them.

They funded their operations by hosting birthday parties and other children's events on their property. The trouble is, the county took a 3 ½ acre piece of their land for flood control and bridge building, and subsequently they were no longer able to run their business due to city zoning issues.

Through no fault of their own, they almost went out of business. My office helped shepherd them through the variance process and they made it

through the process with unanimous approval.

Rockin' Star is a great asset to this community and they donate their time to causes such as helping the airmen at Davis-Monthan, PuttingKidsFirst.org, Blair Charity Group and local elementary schools like Tanque Verde, Fruchthendler and Corbett. I am proud that my office was able to help them. Visit their website at [www.therockinstarranch.com](http://www.therockinstarranch.com) for more information.

At our meeting this week, we had several items that I've been involved in. One has to do with the Mahalo Properties development on Wrightstown Road. Both the neighbors and the developer have met with me as this has made it through the zoning process. People weren't always happy during that time, but I'm glad the sides were able to come together. We will now have a quality, ecologically responsible development that should serve as an example for others.

The next issue was golf. Because it involves an ongoing bid process, there was a lot that happened in

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executive session that I can't talk about yet. However, what I can tell you is that we will be keeping all five city courses open (including Fred Enke) but will continue to explore contracting out private management of the courses. We also moved some assets out of the golf budget so that we can get a better fiscal picture of how golf is doing.

Another issue was 49ers Country Club wanting to build a well. Ten years ago, the city helped 49ers with reclaimed water as their wells ran dry. A year and a half ago, the city forgave outstanding debts. I feel that the city has acted in good faith and that the 49ers residents have been good neighbors. However, I don't feel like the current operators, who are looking for ways to get around our previous agreements, are acting in good faith. We asked the city attorney to explore options on this matter.

A lot of you are aware of the recent attempt to increase VanTran fares. I was not happy with that suggestion, but I also knew that the service loses a lot of money. I worked with State Representative Ethan Orr to find a way to get state reimbursement for VanTran rides. The initial work has been done by SunTran, and now the city will be able to pursue getting state reimbursements, which will amount to more than \$9 a trip.

It's finally getting chilly out. Have a cup of hot chocolate and call your friends back east and tell them how cold it is

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## RX SAFE, SMART & SECURE

Amistades Inc., 4R Communities Alliance, Luz Southside Coalition and the Community Prevention Coalition of Pima County have teamed up with the Tucson Police Department to offer a safe way to dispose of your expired drugs.

A drop off service is being offered at five Tucson Police Department substations:

- Southside Santa Cruz Substation, 4410 S. Park Ave, at East Fair Street
- Westside Police Service Center, 1310 W. Miracle Mile near North Flowing Wells Road
- Midtown Substation, 1100 S. Alvernon Way at East 22nd Street
- Downtown Main Station, 270 S. Stone Ave. near West Cushing Street
- Eastside Rincon Substation, 9670 E. Golf Links Road near South Harrison Road.

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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).



## YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINICS

Blair Charity Group will be sponsoring youth basketball clinics on November 10th and 17th. These clinics will be held at the Udall center from 9am sharp to 4pm. Lunch is provided from 12 to 1pm and we have 50 spots available. The ages for participants range from 9 to 18 and as normal, the clinic is free of 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 life skills as well as basketball.



## 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.



## PARKS INFORMATION

All Tucson Parks and Recreation Facilities will be closed on November 11, 2013 in observance of Veterans Day.

The Eighth Annual Family Festival in the Park will take place in Reid Park on Saturday, November 16 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Activities will include: fun games, displays, demonstrations and entertainment. The event is free and open to the public.

The Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair in Reid Park will take place west of the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center and on Thanksgiving weekend, Saturday and Sunday, November 30th -December 1st from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The event will be held at the For additional information contact 791-4877.

The Palo Verde Dog Park will be closed for maintenance on November 8 through 11 and with a possibility of November 11-15. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause park patrons and we encourage park users to use the Udall Dog Park during this time. Udall is located at 7200 E Tanque Verde.



## 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 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.



## 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>.

*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.

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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 13. 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>

