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PAUL'S NOTE

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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.
- * Veterans' Day Closures, page 3

Many of you saw the *Arizona Daily Star's* article this weekend about our rainwater rebate program. In it, officials from Tucson Water said that the program isn't producing the results that they wanted to see.

I made the point in the article, and it's one I got to expand on at our study session on Wednesday night, that I don't think that the short term benefits of the program are easy to measure. Tucson Water's long standing rebates for low flow toilets and the Zanjero program can produce results that show up often in the next billing cycle. That does not necessarily happen for this program.

What it does do is supplement much of what we are already doing: landscapes containing low water use native plants, for example. It also is one more item

that contributes to the conservation ethic that we need to better encourage in our water policy.

We can't afford to waste water in the desert, no matter what the source. As noted in one letter of support of the current policy from the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, a 1,000 square foot roof will accumulate 600 gallons of water from a single inch of rain. Here at the Ward 2 office, we have a rain gauge. Last month alone we got 2.2 inches of rain. If it rained that much at your house, that's 1320 gallons of water that could be used on landscape and gardens.

Where would that water come from otherwise? All would be either groundwater or from the Central Arizona Project. Our Groundwater has become harder to pump years, and as I've re-

minded you before, the Colorado River is at historically low levels. That diminishing amount of water is moved over 300 miles, mostly uphill, to get to us. That uses an awful lot of electricity. As opposed to those sources, rainwater is free. It is literally falling from the sky.

There are other benefits outside of what we normally measure in water conservation programs. Water that is gathered and used in a home landscape does not become flood water. It doesn't pool in yards and low lying areas to become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Harvested rain water, especially when gathered using curb cuts, doesn't flow into our streets to make pavement cracks into pot-holes.

I'd like to see the program expanded. I was very encouraged by the

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Hispanic Chamber's letter of support, which spoke about increasing partnerships with local businesses. A popular phrase in the environmental community is "carbon footprint." I believe that this policy is one of many to reduce our "water footprint" and anything we can do to ensure a secure supply of water for future generations is welcome.

Hats off to the Living Streets Alliance and their partners for putting on an amazing Cyclovia event last weekend. 30,000 people participated, including former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, who rode in a recumbent bicycle. Where do I get one of those? It looked like fun.

This Spring's event drew 20,000, so they increased attendance and it was the largest Cyclovia Tucson has had so far.

Once again, congratulations.

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.

VETERANS DAY CLOSURES

The Veterans' Day holiday will be observed on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. Residential and commercial trash and recycling will not be collected. All City of Tucson residential and commercial customers with Tuesday through Friday collection will have their trash and recycling service delayed by one day. The Los Reales Landfill will be open.

Holiday collection schedules are available online at www.tucsonaz.gov/esd or if you have a smartphone, download the free 'my waste'™ App to have access to all collection schedules.

City offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, **including the Ward 2 office and water window** however, customers may leave a message for Environmental Services Customer Service at 791-3171 or by submitting a service request at www.tucsonaz.gov/esd and they will be contacted no later than the next business day. Customer Service will be available on Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

ALL SOULS PROCESSION INFORMATION

Downtown will be the host of the annual All Souls Procession on Sunday, November 9, 2014. The Procession will stage in the historic Warehouse District at Sixth Avenue and Seventh Street beginning Sunday at 4 p.m.

The procession will begin moving through downtown at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. The Procession begins at Sixth Avenue and Alameda Street, proceeds west on Alameda Street to Granada Avenue and turns south to Congress Street. At Congress Street the procession turns west, passes under Interstate 10 and ends at grand finale site at Congress Street and Linda Avenue near the Mercado San Agustin. It is anticipated that large crowds will attend the procession this year, so please to arrive early in order to not miss the festivities. There are over 15,000 available parking spaces in Downtown Tucson. For more information on the All Souls Procession please visit: www.allsoulsprocession.org.

DRIVING SKILLS FOR LIFE

The Ford Driving Skills for Life (DSFL) hands-on teen driving program is returning to Tucson. The FREE award-winning program is aimed at reducing teen fatalities by providing hands-on training to 400 Arizona teens in advanced skills that address major contributors to traffic crashes involving new drivers. A recent report by the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) shows that teen driver fatalities are on the rise among drivers ages 16-17.

Arizona teens who hold a valid learners permit or drivers license can sign up for one of four free sessions thanks to a partnership between Ford Motor Company Fund, the Governors Highway Safety Association, Arizona Ford Dealers and the Arizona Office of Highway Safety. Parents are also encouraged to attend.

Sessions will be held November 8 and 9. For more information visit www.drivingskillsforlife.com

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

Anniversary Celebration: The Carol West Senior Addition at Udall Center will soon be celebrating its 10th Anniversary. Udall Center staff are working hard on planning the festivities for the day. Wednesday, December 10th will be an all day open house at the Senior Addition in Udall Center. At 1pm, we are having a more formal recognition in our MPR. This will include a slide show, unveiling of a new senior club banner, cake, give-a-ways and a few words from a handful of folks in the community.

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 LeGenre 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 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.

Thanksgiving 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.

Santa's Calling: Santa's Calling program will take place on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th for Children ages 3-8 years of age. Santa's Calling forms can be picked up at any City of Tucson Administration Office or Recreation Facility. Forms will need to be turned in no later than Friday, November 28th.

Facility Closures: All Tucson Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 in observance of Veteran's Day, and on Thursday, November 20 for Thanksgiving 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

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 18. 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>

