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WARD 2

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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
- \* The Ward 2 office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Nov. 28 and 29. This also means the bill payment window will be closed as well.

At this week's council meeting, we voted 7-0 to change the name of Terra del Sol Park to Claire Weeks Terra del Sol Park. Claire was the longtime president of the Terra del Sol Neighborhood Association. Her tenure came to an end before her neighborhood was drawn into Ward 2, but I am glad that my colleagues and I had a chance to honor her work.

Also, we granted a rezoning to build a hotel at Dorado Country Club. The rezoning came after several meetings here at the Ward 2 office between the developers and neighbors. Because of those hours of meetings, what has been several empty slabs of concrete for decades will soon be hotel that will employ people and generate tax revenue.

Monday night, I had the chance to attend an event to kick off the African American Initiative.

The event was organized by the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona. Its aim, as stated by Clint Mabie, the Foundation's president, was to create

better lines of communication and cooperation between the African American organizations that already exist in Tucson. The trouble, as Mabie stated in his remarks, is that the community is diffuse. Donors and others who want to help might not know where to go. Larger donors and foundations might find it easier to give to one organization that works locally rather than a myriad of smaller organizations.

My friend Joseph Blair is the chair of the Initiative, and the board includes several people who have been active in the community for years including former City Councilmember Chuck Ford, Mary Okoye and Cress Lander of the Dunbar Center.

To find out more and to participate in a survey, visit <http://cfsaz.org/aai/>.

That event was at Dunbar Auditorium, an important center for Tucson's African American history. I got to participate in another commemoration of our history when I attended the Tucson Mormon Heritage Festival on Saturday at Ft

Lowell Park. Because the event took place the weekend before Veterans' Day, organizers also used it as an opportunity to honor our city's veterans. Thank you to the Arizona Historical Society for putting on this event and continuing to preserve and celebrate our shared heritage.

As you may know from previous newsletters, the people at BYOBag had a haiku contest for elementary school kids. The contest was a chance for students to write short poems about cutting back on the use of plastic bags and also recycling used ones. Entries came in from across the city and winners will be presented with their prizes this Saturday at the Family Fun Festival at Reid Park. One winner was Dominic M. of Dunham Elementary:

*Reuse plastic bags  
If you don't, Earth will be a  
Very big trash can*  
Congratulations to all the winners and I hope that we can all continue to educate each other on this issue.

As always, have a great weekend.

## GRAFFITI

In an ongoing effort to combat the public nuisance of graffiti in our city and neighborhoods, TEP has launched a new tool to assist our customers in reporting graffiti on TEP equipment throughout our service territory. At [tep.com](http://tep.com), a link has been provided to allow customers to report graffiti in an efficient way by providing the location of the graffiti, nearest cross streets and a picture (if available) of the tagged equipment. Providing a picture greatly enhances the ability to respond quickly with the appropriate materials for safe and proper removal of the graffiti. Once a notice is received, the information goes directly to TEP staff dedicated to abating graffiti.

While TEP will continue to rely on the City for notifying TPD of the graffiti reported to us through the City Transportation Department, they are working to determine an efficient police reporting process for graffiti reports they receive directly through our website.

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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:* 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 CLINIC

Blair Charity Group will be sponsoring a youth basketball clinic November 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.



## SANTA'S CALLING

The Tucson Parks and Recreation presents the Santa's Calling program. Children will have an opportunity to speak with Santa and listen to his elves hard at work. The program is for children ages 4-10 years old. A form is to be completed and sent to Santa's Calling 2013 Attn: Twinkle Toes the Elf, 1575 E 36th Street, Tucson AZ 85713. Forms are to be postmarked by Saturday, November 30. The program will take place Tuesday, December 3, Wednesday, December 4, and Thursday, December 5 from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.. All children who cannot be reached or if their letter is received after the deadline will receive a letter from Santa. For questions, please call 791-4497.

## PARKS INFORMATION

**UDALL SENIOR PROGRAMMING:** The Carol West Senior Addition will host "Thanksgiving Feast" on Wednesday, November 20 from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$4.00 per person. The event will include live 30's and 40's music by Fletcher Music Centers, and a Thanksgiving meal. The event is sponsored by Atria Senior Living and Bell Court Gardens. Contact 791-4142 for additional information.

**UDALL POOL CLOSURE:** The Udall pool is closed until March 31 for the winter season. The pool will re-open April 1, 2014. For additional questions, please contact 791-4245.

**2014 PROGRAM GUIDE AND CLASS CATALOG:** The 2014 Parks and Recreation Spring Program Guide and Class Catalog has been published and on November 12, 2013. The catalog can be picked up at any City recreation facility and it can also be viewed on line at [www.ezeereg.com](http://www.ezeereg.com) Spring classes run January 5-May 10, 2014.

**FOLLOW PARKS AND RECREATION ON FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/TucsonParksandRecreation](http://www.facebook.com/TucsonParksandRecreation)



## 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 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 Shipek

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**

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 26. 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>

