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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](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics) for pool hours or call 791-4245.

I wrote last week about the importance of rainwater harvesting. You have a chance to learn a little more about sustainable water practices and eat some pancakes too.

Watershed Management Group, the folks that built and manage our rainwater harvesting here at the Ward 2 office, invite you to celebrate the bountiful food and shade of our region's native and desert-adapted edible trees at our 1st Annual Edible Shade Mesquite Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 23, 2014. They are adding their own twist to this tasty Tucson tradition began by Desert Harvesters. Come enjoy local mesquite pancakes and more as you explore sustainability practices in action at WMG's Living Lab and

Learning Center.

The Edible Shade event will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at 1137 N. Dodge Boulevard in central Tucson. Admission is free, with pancakes available for \$2 each or three for \$5. All proceeds will benefit Watershed Management Group's educational programs.

This fun-filled morning will feature activities for the whole family. Along with breakfast, guests will be treated to live music, an artisan market, and presentations from local educators including water-harvesting guru Brad Lancaster, heritage fruit tree expert Jesús García, and the Iskashitaa Refugee Network.

You can also earn yourself a free tree. Bring your TEP bill and take

home a native velvet mesquite tree, ready to plant and add delightful shade to your home landscape.

I encourage all of you to come by and support the work that this organization does in our community.

For years, Environmental Services has offered the Neighborhood Clean-up Program. That's the one where your neighborhood gets a roll-off to help with clean-ups. Many of you have called my office to utilize this program.

In the past, neighborhood associations and HOAs have been limited to eight roll-offs per year. Environmental Services director Andy Quigley told us this week that there will no longer be a limit. This was done be-

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cause some neighborhood associations were reluctant to exceed the allotment. This policy change was made because the city ought to do all it can to encourage neighborhood clean-up.

Remember that neighborhood associations can also reserve tools and supplies through Tucson Clean and Beautiful.

There have also been some changes to the program to make it easier for groups of neighbors who aren't in HOAs or neighborhood associations.

If your neighborhood is interested in the program, feel free to contact my office.

My office got some complaints from neighbors in the Houghton and Harrison corridors about a missed brush and bulky pick-up. Flyers were supposed to be attached to door handles to tell residents about the upcoming pick-up, but the flyers were not delivered. We talked to Environmental Services and they agreed to schedule new brush and bulky pick-ups for the area on Thursday, November 20 and Friday November 21. The area covered will be South of Speedway, North of Broadway, East of Harrison and West of Houghton.

They told us about another set of pick-ups that will cover the area South of Speedway, North of 22<sup>nd</sup>, East of Houghton and West of Melponeme. That one is scheduled for December 4 and 5.

The neighbors in both cases will be getting robo-calls instead of the usual flyers on their front doors.

The Polar Vortex is hitting our friends back east this weekend. Isn't it great to be a Tucsonan?

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## 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](http://www.tucsonsmemorial.org).

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## FOOTBALL PARKING INFORMATION

Start your Wildcat day early by enjoying dining and entertainment along the Sun Link Streetcar line! Park conveniently Downtown and then take a short walk to board the streetcar to enjoy the Wildcats in action at Arizona Stadium. Use your Day Pass purchased at the entrance to Pennington Street Garage for unlimited stops to enjoy Main Gate Square, 4th Avenue, Downtown, and the Mercado District before or after the game.

\$4 Parking for arrivals within three hours of game time

\$4 per person for a 24-hour Day Pass to ride the Sun Link Streetcar

Cash Only

Eastbound Streetcar stops at Broadway and Stone, Broadway and 6th Ave, and in front of the Centro Parking Garage.

Park Tucson Offers Easy Parking Options Along the Streetcar Corridor

The Sun Link Streetcar kicked off passenger service on July 25, 2014. Park Tucson, the University of Arizona, and other parking providers offer more than 11,000 parking spaces within a short walk of the four-mile streetcar route, and remember the garages: City/State (easy access from Interstate 10, just east of the Circle K), Main Library (enter off Alameda St.), Pennington Street (enter off Scott Ave.), Depot Plaza (underground parking on 5th Ave.) or Centro (easy access from in-bound Broadway Blvd.)

## 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](http://government.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward2/Santas_Calling_2014.pdf). Santa's visits will be scheduled between December 2 and 4th.

## 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](http://www.drivingskillsforlife.com)

## CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

**Anniversary Celebration:** The Carol West Senior Addition at Udall Center will soon be celebrating it's 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.

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## PARKS PROGRAMS

**Spring 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog:** The Spring 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog has been published and is available for pick up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. The program guide can also be viewed on-line at <http://parks.tucsonaz.gov/parks/program-guide> The program guide contains information on leisure classes, KIDCO after-school program, aquatics, sports programs, registration and so much more. The Spring classes run January 4, 2015 through May 9, 2015.

Registration dates for the City of Tucson Residents:

Leisure Classes and Aquatics: Saturday, November 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Therapeutic Recreation programs: Monday, November 17 at 8:00 a.m.

Registration for the second semester of KIDCO is ongoing

Registration for Non-city Residents for all classes begins November 17, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Contact Registration Services at 791-4877 for questions or additional information.

**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.

**Facility Closures:** All Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed 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**

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## 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>

