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## PAUL'S NOTE

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- \* January 8th Exhibit. See page 2.
- \* Thanksgiving: The Ward 2 office and payment window will be closed on November 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

I want to start with an update for you. Workers from the Transportation Department demolished the snake sculpture at Pantano and Wrightstown leaving only the head. The head had been previously reconstructed and was sturdier than the rest of the body.

The program that funded the original construction no longer exists, so my predecessor, Carol West, has taken it upon herself to raise money for the project. She's shaking every tree out there. A lot of credit has to go to the mayor too, who is also helping find private funding.

This is a chance for you to help fund the project too. The reconstruction of the snake will not only give us a piece of public art that we can be proud of, but give students in our local YouthBuild program valuable experience as they work towards their Construction Skills Certificate.

If you can help us, checks may be made payable to the Tucson Pima Arts Council, Attention Mary Ellen Wooten, Manager,

Public Art Program, 100 N. Stone, Suite 303, Tucson, AZ 85701.

Casa Maria is a Catholic Worker Community located in South Tucson that feeds 500 people every day. They also provide a range of other support for our city's poor. I've been happy to support them and it's great to have the friendship of Casa Maria's director, Brian Flagg.

Despite their low overhead (Flagg himself takes a minimal salary), it costs nearly \$300,000 a year to provide what they call "Works of Mercy" in our community. So, every year around this time, Casa Maria does a benefit concert. This year's will be at Hotel Congress on Tuesday, November 25 at 7 pm. Featured acts will include Cesar Aguirre, Cesar Gonzales and local rock icons Chicha Dust and Rich Hopkins and Luminarios.

The cost is \$7 per person, but Casa Maria is also asking for donations of non-perishable food.

We are nearing the end of the public comment period for the environmental assessment for the Air Force's Total Force Training (called Operation Snowbird until recently). I got a reminder from local attorney Kathleen Williamson about the deadline for public comments, which is coming up on Monday, November 24. The Air Force's report can be seen online at <http://www.dm.af.mil/library/tftea.asp>, or you can see it in person at a number of local locations listed on their website (<http://www.dm.af.mil/newstory.asp?id=123428751>). Comments can be submitted in writing to TFT EA COMMENT SUBMITTAL, 355th Fighter Wing Public Affairs, 3405 S Fifth Street, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona 85707 or by e-mail to [355fw.pa.comment@us.af.mil](mailto:355fw.pa.comment@us.af.mil).

Have a great weekend. It may dip below 50 degrees. That's bundling up weather here in the Old Pueblo.

## EL TOUR DE TUCSON INFORMATION

Downtown Tucson will be the host of the annual El Tour de Tucson start/finish line. This event encompasses the entire region with a 107-mile bicycle ride/race with an anticipated participation of over 6,000 bicyclists.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early in order to avoid traffic detours necessary for the event. Below are the vehicular travel restrictions associated with this event. Please note that pedestrian and bicycle access is being maintained in and around road closures. Businesses, parking garages and parking lots are open and accessible. There are over 15,000 available parking spaces in the Downtown Tucson.

El Tour de Tucson Start/Finish Line - Beginning Friday, November 21, 2014, at 6 p.m., Sixth Avenue will be closed between 12th and 13th Streets and will remain closed until late afternoon Saturday, November 22, 2014. Beginning at 5 a.m., Saturday, November 22, 2014, Sixth Avenue will be closed from 13th Street to 22nd Street, and 22nd Street from Arizona Avenue to Mission Road will be reduced to one travel lane in each direction with left turns prohibited. Also on Saturday, November 22, 2014, Grande Avenue will be closed between Congress Street and 22nd Street from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. The eastbound I-10 frontage road will be closed between Cushing Street and 22nd Street. These streets will reopen by late afternoon Saturday, November 22, 2014, after the last rider has returned to the start/finish line.

Access to downtown is provided from the north by using either Stone Avenue or Sixth Avenue; from the east by using Broadway or Aviation Parkway, from the south by using Euclid Avenue and turning left on Broadway; or from the west by using 22nd Street to Euclid Avenue and turning left on Broadway.

Further information about El Tour de Tucson can be found at [www.perimeterbicycling.com](http://www.perimeterbicycling.com) Motorists driving in the downtown area could experience lengthy traffic delays associated with this event, so please plan accordingly. The traveling public should use caution when driving, bicycling or walking in these areas. Please watch for event participants, obey all traffic control, and watch for detour signs and personnel providing traffic control.



## 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.)

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## 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.

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## 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.

**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.

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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 27 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, December 9. 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>

