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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 sewer project along the Rillito River continues. See page 2 for details.

Long-time local attorney Tom Chandler passed away this weekend. He was a friend to my grandmother and a mentor to my father when he was first coming up in politics. The two of them worked together on the tax equity issue, with my father working on it as a legislator and Chandler lobbying on behalf of Tucson.

Although he served on the Board of Regents, he preferred to keep much of his work behind the scenes. Much of the coverage about his death focused on his work in the political realm, but he also was involved in causes ranging from the Tucson Conquistadores (a group he helped found) to Southern Arizona Legal Aid. Despite his never wanting to be in the limelight, he had a profound impact on our community. I'll miss him.

I was on the John C. Scott show this week talking about Tucson City Golf. I voted to move the process forward two weeks ago, but don't mistake my "yes" vote for satisfaction with how the process has worked.



The city has a procurement process, and I understand why they have to work behind closed doors. However, we are talking here about an \$8 million asset. I don't know who was on the committee that picked the management company, OB Sports. How much do the members of that committee know about running a golf course? Do they even play golf? If they do, do they use our public courses?

The city has a committee, called the Greens Committee, that is supposed to review management of city golf courses. They were not involved in this process, despite the expertise and commitment they've demonstrated on this issue.

What's left in this process

is the details of the contract with OB Sports. I hope that mayor and council, the Greens Committee and the public are given more of a chance to have some input.

At Monday's meeting we handled the thorny topic of raises for city employees. The raises included step increases for police and fire, as well as a fifty-five cent per hour raise for other employees. I voted for this with some mixed feelings. Many of our employees haven't received a raise in years, and it becomes difficult to keep some of our best trained employees (particularly those in public safety) if they don't see their hard work rewarded. Still, I know the fiscal situation we face. Things are getting better, but I see some danger on the horizon if we don't make some more changes to our pension system.

I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving. See you next week.

RILLITO INTERCEPTOR PROJECT

The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (PCRWRD) is rehabilitating the South Rillito West Central Interceptor (SRI), a major sewer line that is bordered by the Rillito River to the north, Tucson Boulevard to the west, Columbus Boulevard to the east and Fort Lowell Road to the south.

This project, which is scheduled to start in January 2014, is one of three major rehabilitation and construction projects slated to begin next year. The goal of these projects is to rehabilitate aging sewer lines and to build a new sewer line to minimize the potential for future sanitary sewer overflows.

During the SRI rehabilitation project, residents and/or businesses may experience intermittent restrictions in the area. Pima County will have a public meeting at Davidson Elementary School, 3950 E. Paradise Falls Drive, Tucson, AZ 85712, December 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will focus on the contractors work schedule, anticipated impacts to roadways, detours and access concerns.

If you have questions in advance of the meeting or cannot attend, please contact Kathy Jirschele on the project information line 520 622-2527 or via email at info@sewerimprovements.com.

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.

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 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

BEYOND START UP

The City of Tucson has collaborated with the Tucson Hispanic Chamber (THCC) to provide the “Beyond Start Up: Elevate Your Business” program in our area. There are a limited number of seats in the program. The THCC is hosting similar programs in each Ward of the City.

The program will be held Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 9pm at the Ward 2 office, 7575 E Speedway. Orientation will be on December 11, Initial Assessment Workshop will be held on January 8, Concept/Ideas/Tools Workshop will be held on January 15, with the final workshop on February 5. In addition, the program includes one-on-one consulting in English or Spanish with a THCC Business advisor at your place of business.

This program is made possible by an Economic Development Grant by the City of Tucson and has an estimated minimum value of \$2500 per business. Businesses in the program contribute \$199 (allows up to two people to participate) which is due at registration. Encouraged participants are the Business owner(s) and/or General Manager.

If you are confident that your business is poised for growth, we highly encourage you to register today at www.tucsonhispanicchamber.org. If you have questions, please contact the THCC at 520-620-0005.

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 or call 882-3285.



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, 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.

PARKS INFORMATION

30TH ANNUAL SENIOR OLYMPIC FESTIVAL REGISTRATION: Registration for the 30th Annual Senior Olympic Festival is now open and through December 31, 2013. The event will take place January 14-February 2, 2014, and at various venues throughout the City. Some of the events include; volleyball, cycling, bowling, bridge, racquetball, basketball shoot, pickle ball, archery, golf, tennis, horseshoes, badminton and more. Registration can be done at www.EZEereg.com For complete Senior Olympic Festival information visit www.TucsonSeniorGames.org or contact 791-3244.

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. The catalog can be picked up at any City recreation facility and it can also be viewed online at www.ezeereg.com Spring classes run January 5-May 10, 2014.

PARKS AND RECREATION DECEMBER MINI SESSION: Tucson Parks and Recreation Leisure Classes is offering a December Mini Session including a variety of fun classes. Registration for the 3-week classes is through November 24, 2013. View the classes offered on page 37 of the Fall Program Guide at www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec For questions or more information on registration or programs contact Registration Services at 791-4877.

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.

FOLLOW PARKS AND RECREATION ON FACEBOOK:
www.facebook.com/TucsonParksandRecreation



FREE 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 beginning October 2013 through May 2014. The program is sponsored by the USDA Child and Adult Care Food program (CACFP).

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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 Monday, December 2. Note that the scheduled meeting for November 26 has been cancelled. 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>

