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## PAUL'S NOTE

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Judging from the calls I get at my office, red light cameras are about as popular to Tucsonans as the Sun Devils and leather pants in July.

I get it, believe me I get it. Frankly, I'd like to see them gone and I'm on record saying so. I lost that fight (but will soon have another chance), but I did manage to make some changes in how red light running is enforced. We now have a longer yellow light, and you will notice that red light intersections have "the line of elongation" marked so you can more easily see where you are supposed to be.

I understand the safety issues. Red

light running is a serious problem, and has been particularly at the corners where red light cameras are installed. What I've been concerned about is that line between safety considerations and revenue considerations.

While I think that we are still on the safety side of that line, much of the public is not convinced. When we fail to bring our contract up for public review before mayor and council, all it does is reinforce those worries from the public. If we have to have the cameras, then at least let's be open and honest with taxpayers and drivers about the program.

Many of you remem-

ber Proposition 409, a bond program for road repair that voters passed in 2012. We are almost through with the streets named in that initial list and I've been informed by the Transportation Department that there are funds left over for what they refer to as streets that rank low on the "pavement condition index."

Many of you have called my office about the stretch of Broadway east of Camino Seco, and I have driven it many times. We have already gotten the RTA to move up work on that road, but I'm hoping that we can get money to fix it while we wait

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for the RTA. My staff has already had conversations with officials from the Transportation Department and we are hopeful that we can.

There are other problematic arterial streets in Ward 2 (22<sup>nd</sup> comes to mind) and I'll be lobbying to get money to fix those too.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and thank you to all of you who sent wishes to me, my family and staff.

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## **HOT SHOT HOOPLA**

City of Tucson Parks and Recreation and USA Youth Sports are hosting the 2nd Annual Hot Shot Hoopla basketball competition. Contestants will be given two, one minute rounds, to shoot from six spots to accumulate their highest score. All participants will receive a ticket to the January 3, 2014, University of Arizona Women's basketball game. Friends and family will receive a discount promotional code to purchase tickets for \$4. First and Second place winners from each age group and gender category at each site will receive a University of Arizona Women's Basketball Gameday Experience which will include: a tour of McKale Center before the game, a prize pack with University of Arizona souvenirs, team poster, ability to meet Coach Butts, introduction at halftime, and shooting exhibition at halftime.

Age groups are 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12 and will be split into boys and girls (Must not exceed the age of 12 years old by 12/13/14, due to NCAA rules)

Registration will be on-site from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost is \$1 (only accepting the first 100 kids to register at each site).

The camp will be on Saturday, December 13 at Randolph Recreation Center, 200 S. Alvernon Way

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## HOUGHTON ROAD OPEN HOUSE

The City of Tucson Department of Transportation and Regional Transportation Authority invite you to attend a public meeting for the Houghton Road Corridor. At the meeting, you will have the opportunity to view plans for current projects and share your comments and suggestions with the technical team. The status of street lighting along the Houghton Corridor will be reviewed. Art concepts for the Broadway Blvd. to 22nd St. segment will be available for viewing and comment.

Monday, December 8  
6 to 7:30 pm with presentation at 6:30  
Pantano Christian Church  
1755 S Houghton Road

At the meeting, the status of street lighting planned along the Houghton Road Corridor will be reviewed and Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) staff will be available to answer questions about City policy and plans. A general update on the Houghton Road Corridor will be included.

For more information, contact Lori Lantz at 327-6077 or [lori@gordleygroup.com](mailto:lori@gordleygroup.com).

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## BEAT BACK BUFFELGRASS



The next “Beat Back Buffelgrass Day will be on Saturday, January 24. The Southern Arizona Buffelgrass Coordination Center, Tucson Clean and Beautiful, and other groups are hosting buffelgrass removal events at sites all across the Tucson valley (there's even a site up in Phoenix). North, South, East or West we have a location near you!

To volunteer visit: <http://www.buffelgrass.org/beat-back-buffelgrass-day-sites>

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## CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

**Anniversary Celebration:** An open house celebration for the 10th Anniversary of the Carol West Senior Addition will be held on Wednesday, December 10. The event will include a special guest, banner dedication, photo slide-show, give-a-ways, and refreshments.

**Holiday Party:** A Holiday Party will be held for Eastside Senior Club members at the Sheraton Hotel on December 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the front desk in the Carol West Senior Addition. The tickets cost \$25.00 per person.

For more information on the events above, contact 791-4121.



## 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 [parks.tucsonaz.gov](http://parks.tucsonaz.gov) 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 is open for the classes and programs. Contact Registration Services at 791-4877 for questions or additional information.

**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.

**Senior Olympic Festival:** The 31st Annual Senior Olympic Festival will be held Monday, January 12 through Sunday, February 1, 2015. The festival is a celebration to promote fitness, health and an active lifestyle among adults 50+. The program features nearly 100 events and activities at more than 20 venues throughout the City of Tucson. Registration is on-line or by phone through December 31 at [www.ezeereg.com](http://www.ezeereg.com) or 573-3933. For more information, contact Mike Davis at 791-3244 or log onto [www.tucsongames.org](http://www.tucsongames.org)

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**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>

