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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.

We've been hosting Pima County Teen Court here at Eastside City Hall every month for the last few years. For those of you who don't know about the program, it is a diversion program for juveniles that have been referred by Pima County Juvenile Court for misdemeanor offenses. The recidivism rate for juveniles in the program is comparatively low (around one in five) compared to the 40 – 65% rate of those going to regular juvenile court.

The program is not government funded, but is run by the Pima Prevention Partnership. For the last year, they have had funding from a grant from State Farm's Youth Advisory Board. In the last few weeks, State Farm has issued another grant to Teen Court and I was happy to be at the presentation of the award. Teen Court is only one of many groups that I was able to work with as a probation officer, and that I am happy to continue to support as a councilman. Another is the YARDS program, which is run by Tuc-



son Clean and Beautiful. They take juvenile offenders and put them to work on maintaining landscapes throughout our community. It is a comprehensive, nine week program that teaches skills like pruning techniques, desert plant identification, water harvesting and even job interview skills. They graduated six youth on December 7, one of many graduations they've had over the past two years.

Speaking of good things in the community, the Metropolitan Pima Alliance presented one of their Common Ground awards to FC Tucson last week. It may seem unusual to give an award to a sports team, but the way that the ownership

group at FC Tucson has built their success by working with all different aspects of the community is a far cry from what we've seen with more than a few sports

organizations that come to our town. I hope what they are doing becomes a model for how business gets done in Tucson.

I always make sure to point this out: I'm proud that my office was the catalyst to get FC Tucson going late in 2010. I'm also glad that other leaders in the community, notably Supervisor Richard Elías, have made sure that Tucson continues to grow into a national leader in soccer.

One last note: I just want to let you all know that I will be having a Holiday Open House on December 19 from 4 – 6 pm. I will be sending you more details over the next day or so, but mark your calendars.

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

RAINWATER HARVESTING REBATES

Have you installed rainwater-harvesting systems at your home? Do you plan to? Tucson Water's rebate program can help make it affordable. The rebate will cover the full cost of a system, up to \$300, or 50% of the cost, up to \$2,000, for qualifying rainwater-harvesting projects installed after September 27, 2011. One requirement of the rebate program is to attend a three-hour educational session such as this one. Watershed Management Group offers this session, free of charge, as a service to the community. The class will be offered on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 from 2:00–5:00 pm at the Ward 3 City Council Office, 1510 E Grant Rd.

Pre-registration is required. To register, go to <http://watershedmg.org/civCRM/event/register?reset=1&id=312>. For more information about the rebate classes, visit Watershed Management Group's website: <http://watershedmg.org/rebate>.

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.

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

TREECYCLE

The TreeCycle program begins December 26 and ends January 12. The program is a way for Tucson residents to recycle their Christmas trees.

Remember that you can bring your own container to bring home woodchips that can be used in your garden. Please remember to remove all ornaments, decorations and tree stands before dropping off at the TreeCycle sites. The city will not collect trees from alleys and sites cannot accept other green waste

Eastside TreeCycle locations are:

- Udall Park, 7200 E Tanque Verde Rd (South of ball fields)
- Golf Links Sports Park, Golf Links and Craycroft
- Los Reales Landfill, 5300 E Los Reales Rd
- Purple Heart Park, Southeast corner of Rita Rd and Esmond Loop

For more information call 791-5000 or go to <http://www.domoreblue.com>

LUMINARIA NIGHT

On Saturday, December 14th from 5 pm to 9 pm, journey back to the 1700's inside Tucson's Spanish Presidio and enjoy this Southwestern holiday tradition. There will be live music inside the adobe walls by El Circulo de Flautas del Presidio

San Agustín. The event is free, but donations are appreciated.

There will be free hot chocolate and cookies.

The Presidio is located at downtown at 187 N Court Street.

For more information, visit <http://www.tucsonpresidio.com/>.



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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 Tuesday, December 17. 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>

