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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
- \* Remember that Los Reales landfill will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. More information on trash pick-up on page 2.

Like a lot of Tucsonans, I was disturbed to read that the bust of John F. Kennedy that's been on display at Presidio Park was stolen this weekend. Unfortunately, it's part of the metal theft trend that's growing in communities across the country.

At the beginning of the summer, copper wire was taken from Udall Park. The theft made the lights inoperable. We managed to put things right before the Little League season was nearly canceled.

This is about more than whether kids can play baseball. This problem has cost the Tucson area two million dollars and has in some cases put the safety of our neighbors in jeopardy.

The Metropolitan Pima Alliance has put together a Metal Watch Task Force. The Task Force consists of 100 active participants including not just government officials, but businesses and organizations who purchase scrap metal to let them know to be on the lookout for possible stolen property.

There has been a recent law change, HB2262, that will make it easier to track stolen metal and TPD's Metal Theft Reduction and Apprehension Plan has resulted in, when the council was last updated in September, 63 arrests.

Still, I hope that given the season, whoever stole the statue will decide on their own that they need to give it back to the community.

At this week's council meeting, we were presented with a plan regarding Development Services. There are a number of changes afoot, including moving code enforcement to a new Office of Integrated Planning.

Many of you wrote me expressing your concerns about the move. While I understand the justifications for moving code enforcement, there really should have been more of an opportunity for the public to have their input, or at least make their concerns known. The "T" in Tucson needs to stand for "Transparency" too.

Saturday is the Downtown

Parade of Lights and I'll be riding in it if you have a chance to come on down. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 570 has donated their time to create a winter wonderland downtown. Mayor Rothschild will be lighting the tree at 5:30 at Armory Park and the parade is at 6:30. You can check the route at <http://www.downtowntucson.org/visit/parade-of-lights/>. Remember that traffic will be heavy this weekend. Drive carefully.



## HOLIDAY TRASH PICK UP

The Christmas holiday will be observed on Wednesday, December 25, 2013 and the New Year's Day holiday will be observed on Wednesday, January 1, 2014. Trash and recycling will not be collected on Wednesday of the holiday weeks. City of Tucson residential and commercial customers with regular service on Wednesday through Friday will have their trash and recycling service delayed by one day. Holiday collection schedules are available online at [www.tucsonaz.gov/esd](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/esd) or if you have a smartphone, download the free 'my waste'™ App to have access to all collection schedules.

City offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, 2013 and January 1, 2014, however, customers may leave a message for City of Tucson Environmental Services at 791-3171 or submit a service request and they will be contacted no later than the next business day. Customer service representatives will be available on Saturday, December 28, 2013 and January 4, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. if residents experience any collection problems on that day.

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## LIVING FOR 32

As part of our community's commemoration of the events of January 8, 2011, the Loft Cinema will be screening the film *Living for 32*, the story of Colin Goddard, a survivor of the tragic Virginia Tech massacre that took place on April 16th, 2007. Colin's passion, charisma and optimism have commanded the attention of the American public and media ever since that horrific day which left 32 dead and 17 injured.

The screening will take place at the Loft Cinema at 3233 E Speedway Blvd on January 7 at 6:30 pm. The film will be followed by a panel of guest speakers including Jim Nintzel, Colin Goddard, Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, Councilmember Steve Kozachik, Clarke Romans, Jeannette Mare, Chief Roberto Villasenor and Sheriff Clarence Dupnik.



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## 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](http://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:* January: Thomas Price Service Center, Lower Lot, 4004 S Park Ave.

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## 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>.

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## 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](mailto:akrepps@communityfoodbank.org) or call 882-3285.




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## 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](http://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.

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## 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](http://www.EZEereg.com) For complete Senior Olympic Festival information visit [www.TucsonSeniorGames.org](http://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](http://www.ezeereg.com) Spring classes run January 5-May 10, 2014.

**FOLLOW PARKS AND RECREATION ON FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/TucsonParksandRecreation](http://www.facebook.com/TucsonParksandRecreation)

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## 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>

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## 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.
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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 Wednesday, January 8. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. Note that the meeting is scheduled for a Wednesday rather than the usual Tuesday. 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>

