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## PAUL'S NOTE

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

\* **HOLIDAY HOURS:** The Ward 2 office and water payment window will be closed at noon on December 24 and 31. The office will not open on December 25 or January 1.

A constituent wrote me to ask why I haven't done any update about the Kolb Road extension in the newsletter. My staff got in touch with Joe Chase, the manager for the project. They are looking to have a public hearing in March, at which time public input would be solicited for the environmental assessment that will be delivered to the federal highway administration. If the roadway is found to have "no significant impact" by them, they will release the funding and the process to finally start building the road could start as soon as the summer.

The Kolb Road extension was approved by Pima County voters

as part of a region wide set of projects. There has been a series of delays, both bureaucratic as well as struggles to address concerns from the public. I know that not everyone is happy with the project, but it looks like we will have a final decision on it next year.

Our office will be closed on the December 25 (Christmas) and January 1 (New Year's Day). We will also be closing at noon on December 24 and 31. This means that the water payment window will be closed as well. The office will be open on the Fridays following the holidays, December 26 and January 2.

I'm celebrating Hanukkah this week, and by the time I write my next "Paul's Note," Christmas will have passed. No matter what faith tradition your family celebrates, or if you choose to celebrate none at all, I hope that this festive season is good to you and your neighbors.

Also, keep your thoughts and prayers with those that work the holidays keeping our streets and neighborhoods safe.

## 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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## 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 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>



## HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

**Information on pavement condition on Broadway west of Houghton:** We have received a lot of calls about the condition of the road in this area, and we are looking into getting some pavement preservation to help until we can construct the new project. Details will be forthcoming.

**Houghton Road Corridor Open House:** As you know, we had an open house on Monday, Dec. 8. We presented an update of the corridor, had our Houghton Road: Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street artists there for comments on public art concepts, and we had a vigorous discussion about street lighting along Houghton.

As we discussed in the meeting, the City is rolling out a new policy on street lighting to light all major arterial roadways as they are improved. We had a very good discussion with many of you about how the City moves forward with this policy. We have taken your comments to heart and are looking into how we can better meet the many needs of the community. We will keep you updated with our progress on this as we move forward. We appreciate your interest in what we do, and we want you to know we take you seriously.

We also hope that you had a chance to meet the artists for the Houghton Road: Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street project and share your concerns, ideas and perspectives. So often we find it hard to get input until after the art pieces are completed, and then we can't turn back.

**General Houghton Corridor Info:** We are periodically asked about development along the corridor. We are seeing new development popping up, and we are getting a lot of phone calls from potential developers. This is quite a change since the 2008 economic downturn and it appears to be increasing.

**Broadway Intersection Improvements:** We are happy to report that this project is substantially complete. We are doing our final walkthroughs this week and next. We hope you are enjoying your new intersection.

**Final wrap-up:** You may have noticed that the manholes are being raised and some minor landscaping work is being completed. We are working on the final signage, and some one-way signs were installed incorrectly on poles that are too tall. This is being corrected.

We are also going to bring in some additional stormwater runoff mitigation starting next week. Some of our rains during construction showed us some areas that need a little additional help to make sure any future storms will move through the area with the least amount of erosion. We are adding some additional rip rap and various sizes of rocks to help with this.

We are planning the final striping for next week on Dec. 16 and 17. Some of the striping will be done during the day between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., as the striping process is temperature-dependent and needs the warmer daytime temperatures. The rest of the striping will be done at night between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. If it gets too cold, we might need an extra day. If it gets warm, we might be able to do more work at night. We will have two message boards up to remind you of the schedule, and we will do everything we can to keep the work moving as quickly as possible.

We will have some barricading remaining on southbound Houghton as we move into the Broadway to 22nd project construction. This is to help traffic merge from the larger intersection into the single lane south, until we get that built out.

## PARKS PROGRAMS

**Carol West Center:** 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. Contact 791-4121 for additional information or questions.

**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.

**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)

**Facility Closures:** All Tucson Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Thursday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday.



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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

We are done with Mayor and Council meetings for the year. The first Mayor and Council meeting of the new year will be on Tuesday, January 6. 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>

