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PAUL'S NOTE

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Shredding has returned to Ward 2! Remember to bring canned food for the food bank!

My office and the city's Environmental and General Services Department will be sponsoring a shredding event on Saturday, February 3rd from 8 am to noon at 7575 E Speedway Blvd in the Ward 2 parking lot.

This is a great way to get rid of old but still sensitive documents. As it was before, the shredding is done securely and right in front of you. We are asking that you only bring two boxes of documents per vehicle, as well as two cans of food for the

Tucson Community Food Bank.

One of the selling points for document shredding is that it is a good way to prevent fraud and identity theft, but it also is environmentally responsible. The shredded paper will be recycled at a local facility.

The paper will be brought to a materials recovery facility (known affectionately to people in the waste business as a "Murph") over at Alvernon and Ajo. It's where much of the city's recycling goes. About 30% of the 38,000 tons of recycling they handle every year is paper.

Our nation's papermakers use enough recycled paper to fill fourteen box cars every day. That has a significant impact. A single ton of recycled paper saves enough power for a typical residence for six months and saves 7,000 gallons of water.

The folks over at Environmental and General Services want me to remind you that if you do your own paper shredding, put it in a clear plastic bag before you put it out in either your curb side recycling or our neighborhood recycling.

PAUL'S NOTE (CONTINUED)

cling center here at the Ward 2 office. That's the best way for the people who sort the recycling to know what it is.

Keep in mind that February 3rd is the first weekend of the month, so that's the day of our monthly Household Hazardous Waste collection. The ESGS Department had to close several of the "outreach" locations years ago, but it has been kept at Ward 2 due to public demand. Just remember that the collection is in a different part of the complex than our shredding. The shredding is in the parking lot, but the hazardous waste collection is around the back of the complex. There will be signs to show you the way.

January 27th marks the beginning of a month of volunteer opportunities to combat buffelgrass, an invasive plant species that threatens our beloved saguaro cactus. It also poses a risk for fire across our southern Arizona community. The best way to get rid of it is by pulling it by hand, which is why the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is asking for volunteers. If you want to volunteer, you can sign up at <https://www.desertmuseum.org/buffelgrass/volunteer.php>. If you have a favorite piece of desert or even want to get an event going in your neighborhood, you can register a site there as well.

"Tucked into the state's southeast corner is enchanting Tucson. A multi-culti blend of Native American, Mexican and European influence with a population of a half million chill peeps and a harmonious blend of city and nature, Tucson is juuust right. Sunny, funky and always buzzing, we're darn near in love with the place and predict you will be too."

That's from a post on Traveloctiy's website that was published this month called "9 Reasons Why We Were Dragged Kicking and Screaming from This Desert City." Among the highlights were Saguaro National Park, San Xavier Mission and some great local restaurants. We have been improving for a long time and I'm glad that folks around the country are recognizing it.

And speaking of visitors, figures from the local impact of the Arizona Bowl aren't fully in yet, but preliminary numbers show that it pumped \$31 million into the local economy. That's up from \$21 million from the 2016 bowl. The bowl organization donated \$300,000 to local charities.

Visits by the folks that read about us on Travelocity and those who came for the Arizona Bowl are part of a local tourist economy that generated \$3.3 billion dollars for Southern Arizona in 2016 (the latest numbers). There is still much we can do to improve tourism (more direct flights to TIA would be a start), but we've got so much here to offer already.

SHREDDING AT WARD 2 IS BACK!

The Ward 2 Council Office and the Environmental & General Services Department will be sponsoring a document shredding event on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at 7575 E. Speedway Blvd. in the Ward 2 parking lot. The shredding event is being offered in partnership with Iron Mountain.

Shredding documents is an important and easy way to make sure your personal information is protected. Additionally, all paper collected will be recycled. A limit of two boxes per vehicle will be accepted.

The shredding event will be held in conjunction with the monthly Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on February 3, 2018. Bring your documents for shredding and then drop off any chemicals or household hazardous waste at the same time. You can also drop off any electronics for recycling. For a list of accepted materials, please visit www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Every December and January, we try to collect winter items for a local charity. This year, we are collecting coats and winter clothing items for the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network.

TIHAN serves people living with HIV from all walks of life and backgrounds, and also works to educate the broader Tucson community about HIV. Although medications are helping to keep people with HIV alive longer than ever, there are still thousands of people in Pima County with HIV, and TIHAN serves to help them live well.

For more information on TIHAN, you can visit tihan.org.

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

Movie Day: Wednesday, January 24 Dunkirk - Rated PG-13 Start time: 12:30 P.M. Cost: \$1.00 - Refreshments served

Gem & Mineral Show: Tuesday, January 30th Cost: \$1.00 Trip leaves at 10:00 A.M. Back around 2:00 P.M. Lunch on your own. Space is limited!

PARKS PROGRAMS

Activity Guide: Tucson Parks and Recreation's Activity Guide for spring 2018 has arrived, and copies are available for pick up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. It can be viewed online at: www.tucsonaz.gov/parks.

The Activity Guide contains complete information on leisure classes, KIDCO after-school, aquatics, sports programs, registration, and the Discount Program. Registration dates are as follows:

The deadline for session 2 is March 13

All leisure class listings are online at www.EZEEreg.com. Please see the Activity Guide for more information on registration and deadlines. Whether you enjoy being active in slow-pitch softball leagues, want to design amazing jewelry, or get healthy and fit, there truly is something for everyone at Tucson Parks and Recreation. For questions or more information on registration or programs, contact Registration Services at 791-4877.

Senior Olympics: Tucson Parks and Recreation presents the 34th annual Senior Olympic Festival. This festival is a celebration to promote fitness, health, and an active lifestyle among adults 50 years of age and older. Events include volleyball, bowling, bridge, racquetball, basketball shoot, pickleball, archery, golf, tennis, horseshoes, badminton, and so much more. The festival takes place Jan. 6—Feb. 4 at various venues throughout the city.

Register online at www.EZEEreg.com, the deadline is Dec. 29 for events from Jan. 6-21 and Jan. 12 for events from Jan. 22—Feb. 4. Entry fees vary by event. For complete Senior Olympic Festival information visit www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/senior-olympic-festival. Contact Amber Hart at Tucsonseniorolympics@tucsonaz.gov or 837-8153.

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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

**SR. JOSE WOMEN'S SHELTER—Summer items
and clothing, athletic shoes, back packs, tote**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The first regular Mayor and Council meeting of the new year will be on **Tuesday, January 23**. 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>

