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PAUL'S NOTE

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For a long time, my office would hear from you asking when roads in your neighborhood would be worked on. Now the questions are different. Why are these trucks here for so long? Why wasn't this street done first? Why are you using this technique instead of a different one? I'll take the latter over the former.

It's both my job and the job of my staff to run down these concerns and take them seriously. It's what I signed up for when I last ran for re-election.

We are in the final year of the voter approved 409 bond program. That program allotted roughly \$18

million over 5 years. That money has gone to both arterial projects as well as neighborhood road improvement. In all, we have been able to resurface 829 lane miles of major streets and 3,591 lane miles of residential streets.

There's always a hard case to make for why one neighborhood gets picked over another. The 409 committee, which consists of citizens from all six council wards, came up with a list of which neighborhoods would get the money. Our neighborhoods in Ward 2 did not all make the cut. Yes, many neighborhoods in Ward 2 have aging roads, but many neighborhoods in oth-

er parts of town have it even worse. Even so, several neighborhoods in Ward 2, including EL GHEKO (near Wilmot and Speedway) and a neighborhood near Grant and Craycroft have been seeing work on their roads.

The good news is that even though the 409 bond program is nearly complete, the money from the sales tax (Proposition 101 passed last year) is starting to be available.

The same committee that evaluated, reviewed and proposed projects for the money from proposition 409 will be doing that job for the road projects paid for by

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sales taxes raised by 101 (which will cover \$40 million dollars worth of the \$650 million in road needs). They take suggestions from the public about road projects, particularly in neighborhoods. If you would like your neighborhood to be put on their list, please send my office your suggestion at ward2@tucsonaz.gov. I'll make sure they see it.

The road bond projects have been going for about five years, and that's given our transportation department a crash course in new techniques and what works in Tucson's unique environment. What you are seeing in these neighborhood projects looks like a chip seal you would have seen in past decades, but it is a new standard called Double Bituminous Surface Treatment. Sometimes you'll hear it called a double chip seal. The department also is using higher end oils that will last longer than past treatments.

I have included a complete list of the 409 projects as well as RTA projects in Ward 2 in this newsletter.

For those of you that missed our town hall, we had a talk from Robin Raine, our transportation director. She gave out a number and an e-mail address if you want to alert DOT about any issues on your neighborhood roads or those on your way to work. You can email them at TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov or call at 791-3154. You can also contact my office.

As I've written before, the Parks and Recreation Department and a national non-profit called KaBOOM that builds playgrounds have been organizing volunteers to build a playground at Udall Park. This is happening next Wednesday. My staff will be working with them on the project, so my office will be closed until 1 pm.

Also, next Friday, my staff will be having an in-service and we will be closed for the day.

Below is a list of completed road projects in Ward 2:

With RTA funds the following roadways have been built/widened/reconstructed:

Kolb Road Connection from Tanque Verde Road to Kolb Road
 Tanque Verde Road from Catalina Highway to Houghton Road
 Speedway Boulevard from Camino Seco to Houghton Road

Houghton Road from Broadway to 22nd Street

With the voter-approved Prop 409 bond funds the following roadways have been resurfaced:

Old Spanish Trail from Harrison Road to Melpomene Way
 Escalante Road from Pantano Road to just east of Camino Seco
 Kolb Road from Golf Links Road to south of Irvington Road
 22nd Street from Kolb Road to Sarnoff Drive

Broadway from Pantano Road to Camino Seco
 Pantano Road from Broadway to Speedway Boulevard
 Speedway Boulevard from Pantano To Camino Seco
 Broadway from Wilmot to Pantano Road
 Kolb Road from Wilmot Road (Costco) to 22nd Street
 22nd Street from Craycroft Road to Wilmot Road
 Escalante Road from Wilmot Road to Kolb Road
 Golf Links Road from Swan Road to Wilmot Road
 Wilmot Road from Pima Street to Golf Links Road (Spring 2018)
 Craycroft Road from Grant Road to 29th Street (Spring 2018)

Still yet complete with RTA and Prop 409 Bond funds are:

22nd Street – Houghton Road east for ¼-mile (June 2018)

22nd Street from Camino Seco to Houghton Road (2022 to 2026)
 Harrison Road from Golf Links Road to Irvington Road (2022 to 2026)
 Houghton Road from 22nd Street to Irvington Road (2022 to 2026)

Within the next five years, with the recent voter-approved Proposition 101 half-cent sales tax, these east side roads will be resurfaced:

Grant Road from Craycroft Road to Wilmot Road
 Camino Seco from Golf Links Road to Irvington Road
 Fifth Street from Country Club Road to Wilmot Road
 Pantano Road from Broadway to 22nd Street.

ARIZONA SYMPHONIC WINDS

Arizona Symphonic Winds are starting their 2018 season this week. All concerts are at 7 pm at the László Veres Amphitheater at Udall Park (7200 E Tanque Verde). Admission is free. Bring a comfortable chair and a picnic dinner.

May 19 - László Veres's Favorites: Selections include Rossini's bubbly Barber of Seville overture, a tribute to the Big Band Era, Sonoran Celebrations and others including March László.

May 26 - An Evening with John Phillip Sousa: A long time Tucson favorite, J. P. Sousa in uniform brings a variety of selections to the stage including Concerto for Two Trumpets by Vivaldi featuring Andre Veres and Kenny Saufley on trumpets and four outstanding high school clarinet players performing Clarinet Candy.

June 2 - Stars of the Future: Trumpeter Mason Christofferson and clarinetist Quinton Nickum, both seniors at Mountain View High School, are featured. Other selections include beautiful melodies from the Merry Widow, Hungarian Dances and more.

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:

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.

Carol West Senior Addition: The Carol West Senior Addition at Udall features multipurpose rooms, lounge area with TV, computer adult learning center and pool tables. It is located at Udall Park and is open from 9 am to 4 pm Monday thru Friday.



Swim Lessons: Tucson Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the American Red Cross, to offer \$2 swim lessons to those who qualify. See below for details:




Swim Lessons \$2

THANKS TO A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS AQUATICS CENTENNIAL PROGRAM WE WILL OFFER \$2 SUMMER SWIM LESSONS AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST 1,400 REGISTERED WHO QUALIFY FOR THE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

TO FIND OUT IF YOU QUALIFY, VIEW THE DISCOUNT PROGRAM ON OUR WEBSITE: TUCSONAZ.GOV/PARKS OR CALL 791-4877.

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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 next Mayor and Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 22**. 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>

