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PAUL'S NOTE

It's February, so it's getting close to the time for Fort Lowell Day.

People have lived in the Fort Lowell Neighborhood since the Hohokam first settled in the area in the 10th Century. Fort Lowell Day is a chance to celebrate that history. There will be events (and food, of course) from noon to 4 pm on February 10th at both Fort Lowell Park and the surrounding neighborhood.

Much of the event is a commemoration of the military history of the area (Ft. Lowell operated there from 1877 to 1891), but there will also be guided tours of the neighborhood, lec-

tures and demonstrations of 19th Century medicine and vintage baseball games.

There will also be opportunities to look at the Hohokam history in the area. Our pre-European history is part of our heritage that we are not always good at recognizing and I encourage all of you to take this opportunity to do so.

Fort Lowell Day draws people from all over Tucson, so organizers ask that you enter Fort Lowell from Glenn Street or park at the Gregory School.

I plan to be there to celebrate Ward 2's historic treasure.

One of the groups I always lean on for information and advice about education policy is the Metropolitan Education Commission. They have been a great community resource for decades, and I'm happy to say that a daughter of one of my staff members participates in their Youth Advisory Council.

The MEC's Youth Advisory Council and Tucson Parks and Recreation are going to be holding the 24th Annual Dorothy Finley Outstanding

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Teen Citizen Awards. If you know a deserving teen, it's time to help make sure they get recognized.

Established in 1994, the "Outstanding Teen Citizen Awards" are designed to recognize 10 youth who have met the criteria in one or more of the following categories:

- Between the ages of 13 and 19
- Has overcome significant hardships
- Dedicated time to community service
- Demonstrated positive leadership

Seen as a "Comeback Teen" (an individual who has rebounded from challenges, becoming more successful academically, socially, and/or personally)

There will be ten awardees selected by their peers and acknowledged as winners of the Dorothy Finley Outstanding Teen Citizen Award. In addition, one of the ten winners will be the recipient of the Metropolitan Education Commission's prestigious Crystal Apple Youth Award. The ten youth will be recognized and honored by the community at the 28th Annual Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon, to be held at the Desert Diamond Hotel & Casino on Friday, April 27, 2018.

If you have one or more youth that you would like to nominate, please complete the enclosed nomination form and write a 500-word essay for each youth nominee. The nomination form can be downloaded, completed, and returned with the essay via email to metcom@theriver.com. The instructions and form can also be found on our website: www.tucsonaz.gov/mec.

All nominations are due by FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018 via email to metcom@theriver.com.

If you have questions, please contact Ed Nossem at the Metropolitan Education Commission, 670-0055.

A Community Service Officer visited my office this week to drop off some palm cards about the hands free ordinance. I pushed for making driving while texting or otherwise using a hand held device a primary offense because I believe this will prevent accidents.

On March 3rd, if an officer pulls you over for using a hand held device, you can be subject to \$143.10 in fines and fees (\$50 is the fine, the rest is state mandated). The palm cards are avail-

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able at my office and include a QR code that can be scanned to get you more information on the ordinance. Just don't scan it while you are driving.

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As I send out this newsletter, I'm hearing the news of the passing of Professor Donald Carson. After writing at the Arizona Daily Star, he started teaching journalism at the U of A. While there, he started a program for minority students to get more of them into the profession, even organizing van rides to minority journalism conferences so students had the networks to get good positions after college. Along the way, he also wrote a biography of Mo Udall and led the effort to keep the University from shutting down the journalism program.

Thank you for being an outstanding Tucsonan, Don.

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

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

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!

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.

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.

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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, February 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>

