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PAUL'S NOTE

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On April 27, Rose Davila, a customer service representative for the City Attorney's office, was struck by a hit and run driver and killed. She was crossing Speedway between Pantano and Camino Seco after getting off of the bus just after 6 p.m. Rose's injuries were extremely serious, though it appeared initially that she would survive. Unfortunately, she died of complications from her injuries on Sunday morning. Mike Rankin, our city attorney, told me that Rose was a special person. Despite her own struggles over the years, she came to work every day with a smile for everyone and a positive

and friendly attitude. Her most defining characteristic was her kindness, followed closely by her sense of humor.

I thought about cases like Rose's this week when I was contacted about a program that's been running for several years in our schools.

As many of you know, I teach in the Sunnyside School District at Apollo Middle School. Next door is Liberty Elementary. Yesterday, students in one third grade class got a presentation on how to safely bike and ride to school.

The kids were very engaged. The presentation was a sort of mash up of video

presentation, quiz and gussied up game of Chutes and Ladders.

The presentation is used by schools across Tucson and was put together by a program called Safe Routes to School, which is an effort by the Living Streets Alliance and funded through the Regional Transportation Authority.

Safe Routes to School has a number of programs to encourage the development of healthy and safe habits in youth by promoting regular walking and biking to school. Walking and biking also reduces traffic congestion and pollution

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around schools, improves safety in school zones, and provides families and friends an opportunity to share time with each other and build connections in their community.

Safe Routes to School also has six “focus schools” where they work with parents, teachers and administrators to design comprehensive safe route programs. One of these schools is Kellond here in Ward 2, and my staff has worked with the program there.

Funding from the RTA is scheduled to run out soon. This is a great program and one that is relatively low cost. I hope that RTA sees fit to continue funding it.

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Remember that Councilman Cunningham's Town Hall meeting is coming up on Wednesday, May 16th, 5:30 pm – 7 pm at Eastside City Hall, 7575 E Speedway Blvd.

Scheduled to appear are Michael Ortega (City Manager), Robin Raine (Director, Department of Transportation) and Captain Justin Lane (Tucson Police Department). RSVP to Odessa at 837-4252 or email Odessa.Draheim@tucsonaz.gov.

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Also, we have a big day at Udall Park on May 23rd: KaBOOM! will be coming with a volunteer army to install a new playground. If you are 18 or over, you can still volunteer to assemble playground pieces, mix concrete, move mulch and do anything else that will make this a fun playground. If you want to volunteer, wear comfortable clothes you don't mind getting dirty and closed toe shoes; leave valuables at home.

The building will take place 8 am - 3 pm at the park, located at 7200 E. Tanque Verde Road.

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I'll have some great news about road work next week. Stay cool and keep in touch.

ARIZONA SYMPHONIC WINDS

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

May 12 - Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto: Tucson Symphony violinist Joseph Rousos-Hammond brings this beloved concerto to the Udall stage. Overture to Martha and the Tucson March are among the other selections. Not to be missed.

May 19 - Lázló 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 Lázló.

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.

KABOOM! AT UDALL PARK

KaBOOM!, United Healthcare, and Tucson Parks Foundation are building a playground!

We need you to bring play to kids at Udall Park. We need more than 75 volunteers from the Tucson community to help us give our kids the childhood they deserve by building a new playground.

Wednesday, May 23rd 2017

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Morris K. Udall Park

7200 E. Tanque Verde Road, Tucson AZ 85715

Volunteers should be age 18+ and will assemble playground pieces, mix concrete, move mulch, etc.

Wear comfortable clothes you don't mind getting dirty and closed toe shoes; leave valuables at home.

Youth activities provided.

Gloves, goggles, breakfast, and lunch will be provided.

Play is central to a child's ability to grow into a productive adult. Together, we can ensure kids get the balance of play they need to thrive! Please join us and show that play matters to you.

You can also support the effort by donating while you dine. If you buy a dinner at Zinburger (6390 E Grant), on Tuesday, May 8 between 5 and 9 pm, they will donate 20% of their proceeds to the playground effort.

PARKS PROGRAMS

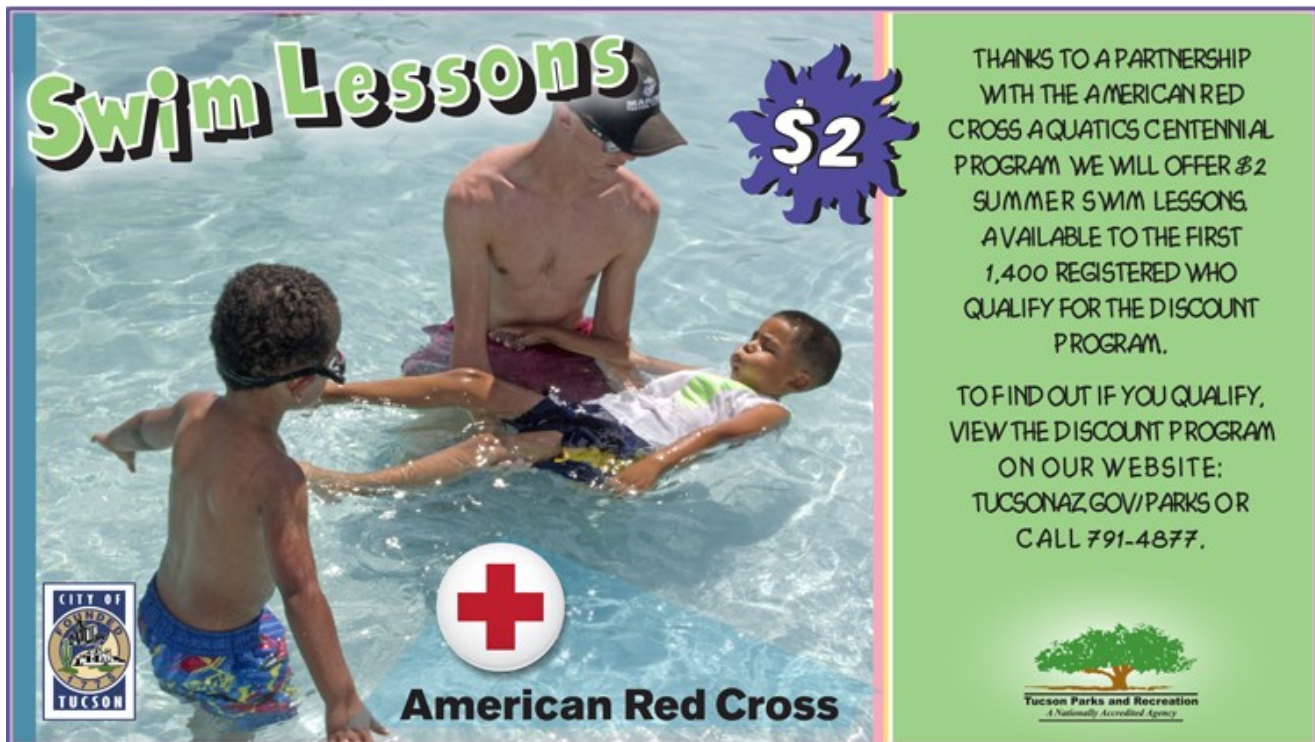
Activity Guide: Tucson Parks and Recreation's Activity Guide for spring 2018 has arrived, and copies are available for pick up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. It can be viewed online at: www.tucsonaz.gov/parks.

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>

