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PAUL'S NOTE

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Note:

All City of Tucson offices will be closed next Monday, May 28, for Memorial Day (except for emergency services). Residential and commercial trash and recycling will not be collected on Monday, so all customers will have their collections delayed by one day next week. The Los Reales Landfill also will be closed. Sun Tran buses and the Sun Link streetcar will operate on a Sunday schedule on Monday, while Sun Express

We have a new playground at Udall Park! And it's thanks to a lot of you.

The playground equipment at the park dated back to 1990, shortly after the park opened. On Wednesday, 230 volunteers worked for six hours to install new equipment. Some final touches need to be put on before the new and improved playground opens on Sunday.

A special thank you goes out to UHC, Optum and Geico for sending their employees to help. Also, my staff along with Ward 4 staff came out to work on the project as well. I'd also like to give special thanks to KaBOOM!, the or-

ganization that helped kick start this project. Also, major kudos to Sierra Boyer from Parks and Recreation. It took a great deal of work by her staff to get the park ready, and also to arrange the logistics necessary for anything that involved that many volunteers.

Even with the new equipment at Udall, we still have a great deal of need at our east side parks. With the involvement of KaBOOM at Udall, they tapped into their donor network to pay for the new equipment. Unfortunately, we don't have a way to do that for all of our parks. There is money out there, it



just takes a little bit of work to find it. I have been able to fund the effort to rebuild Jesse Owens Park using water conservation fees, service line warranty money, impact fees and a grant from the Tohono O'odham nation. I hope to fund some improvements at Palo Verde Park next year as well.

PAUL'S NOTE (CONTINUED)

In the meantime, bring your kids out to Udall this weekend and enjoy the new playground. Your neighbors put a lot of work into it.

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Speaking of parks, Alvernon Park will now be dedicated to Jeffrey Ross, a Tucson Police officer who was killed on February 18, 1982 during a drug bust at a northwest side bar. This took some serious talking among the neighbors, friends and family of Ofc. Ross as well as between Councilmember Kozachik and myself. The park will have a sign that says "Dedicated to Jeffrey Ross" and a small memorial. Ross grew up in that neighborhood and it's a well loved park by all who live nearby.

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Next Saturday, June 2, we will be having another monthly household hazardous waste drop off in the eastside city complex where my office is. Up until a few years ago, there were locations for this across the city. The program had to be scaled back for budget issues, but the east side location was kept open. It was the most used drop off, and I also argued for keeping it as well.

They take some electronics too, but there is another opportunity this weekend to dispose of electronics without dumping it in our landfill.

This weekend, both Saturday and Sunday, the University of Arizona is sponsoring an "e-waste" drive. Electronics, including old computers, cellphones, televisions and printers, can be dropped off. They will be crushed and recycled. There will also be a shredder that can destroy things that might contain data like hard drives.

Unfortunately, they will still not take old tube televisions.

The collection will be at Broadway and Euclid Avenue Saturday and Sunday starting at 9 am.

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It is Memorial Day Weekend. Make sure to enjoy that extra day off if you are lucky enough to get one, and also remember why we have this holiday.



Volunteers assemble a new jungle gym at Udall Park this week.



Even your Ward 2 city councilperson helped put together new playground equipment.

KaBOOM! At Udall Park

ARIZONA SYMPHONIC WINDS

Arizona Symphonic Winds have started their 2018 season. 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 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

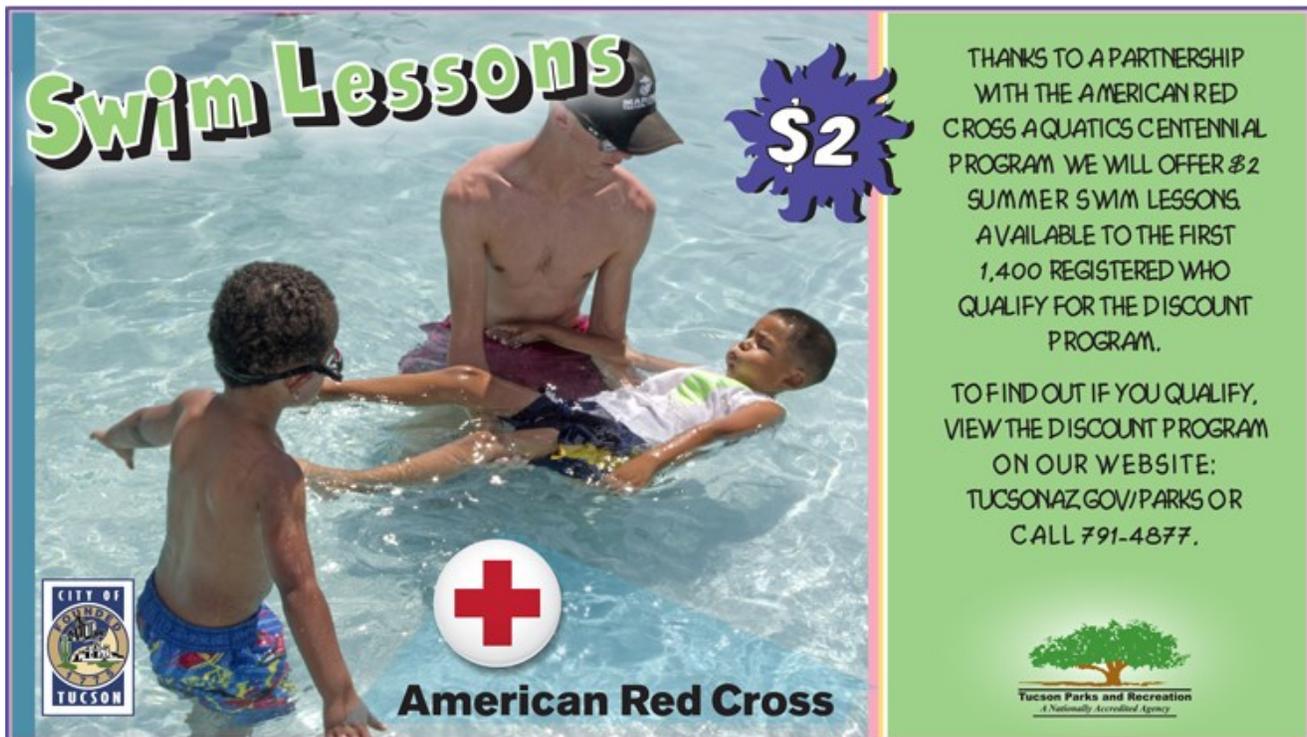
Activity Guide: Tucson Parks and Recreation's Activity Guide for spring 2018 has arrived, and copies are available for pick up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. It can be viewed online at: www.tucsonaz.gov/parks.

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, June 5**. 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>

