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PAUL'S NOTE

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The work continues at Jesse Owens Park. Although I have been touting the amount of public money I was able to secure from impact fees and service line warranty funds to put into the park, we had a couple of reminders that it isn't just all about the money.

KB Homes and Sherwin Williams helped out by doing some painting at the park last Friday. KB Homes brought the volunteers and Sherwin Williams brought the paint. They painted the building on the southern end that groups like Pantano Little League use as a snack bar, along with nine picnic tables in nearby. I'd



like to publicly thank them for helping out.

Also, at this week's council meeting, we honored Corey Williams. Corey is a former U of A basketball player that lives in the neighborhood near Jesse Owens Park. I reached out to him as we were planning the improvements at the park

and he was willing to donate to help. He donated \$5000 for the court that will go to resurfacing it.

We will be reopening the pool there on July 1st.

In other parks news, Ft. Lowell park is hosting a pool party on July 11, 5 -7 pm. There will be lots of games, crafts, music, and snacks located outside the pool entrance, with a pool inflatable and water games going on in the pool.

These pool party events will be happening on different weekends and locations across the city. We want everyone to know that our pools are open and that

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everyone should get out and enjoy them. Here are the other dates, and just like at Ft. Lowell, the parties run from 5-7.

June 27 – Himmel Pool, 1000 N. Tucson Blvd.

July 5 – Menlo Pool, 1100 W. Fresno St.

July 11 – Fort Lowell Pool, 2900 N. Craycroft Road

July 18 – Quincie Douglas Pool, 1563 E. 36th St.

July 25 – Clements Pool, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive

Of course, Ft Lowell is one of the 18 city pools and 10 recreation centers for free this summer. Now through July 31, youth will pay no admission fee at 10 City of Tucson Parks and Recreation centers during open recreation hours. Due to other center programming, ages 12-17 are permitted after 2 p.m. and ages 7 and up are permitted after 6 p.m. A list of participating recreation centers can be found at www.tucsonaz.gov/parks.

And speaking of Ft. Lowell, I have been talking to Pima County about partnering with them on some issues around the park, particularly when it comes to historical resources. I've heard from historical preservationists that the Donaldson House and the old Commissary might not survive another monsoon season. I'll keep you up to date on what we will be doing for those sites and the park.

In the meantime, and it's the biggest parks news this week, my colleagues and I approved referring a \$225 million bond proposal to the voters that would go into parks improvement. This would be on the November 2018 ballot I worked with staff on putting together the Ward 2 list. I'll give you details on what proposals affect Ward 2 and what the fiscal impact on the city is in the next newsletter.

As with all proposals like this: keep in mind that you have the final say on whether or not we go forward with this plan.

DIA DE SAN JUAN

El Dia de San Juan is a reoccurring West Tucson celebration in which we honor St. John the Baptist, he who brings the rain down to the Old Pueblo. This celebration begins with a procession at Mission Gardens, with a blessing given by Reverend Showri and led by Grupo Coatlicue through Barrio Sin Nombre. After the procession arrives at the MSA Annex, the Fiesta will begin with all its exciting activities.

At this year's Fiesta, we will be welcoming local food and craft vendors such as Bambino's Hot Dogs, Aguas Frescas, Artesanias Mexicanas, Sweet Pieces and many more. Refillable plastic water bottles donated by Tucson Water will be available for attendees. As always, water will be provided by the Dia De San Juan Coalition at no cost. Additionally, local organizations such as Mi Familia Vota and Watershed Management Group will be providing informational material and community resources. There will be a special appearance by the Pure Water Truck and live music by Las Trillizas y Dulce Band, The Lopez Band and more!

This year's event is organized by El Dia De San Juan Coalition and facilitated by the offices of Councilor Regina Romero and Chairman Richard Elias. The 21st Annual El Dia de San Juan Fiesta will take place on Sunday, June 24 from 6-10PM at new MSA Annex, 267 S. Avenida del Convento, across the street from Mercado San Agustin.

Free parking is available in the lot directly in front of and behind the Mercado. The event will also be accessible by SunLink Streetcar at the Mercado San Agustin stop. We regret no animals are allowed, service dogs only.

To learn more about the event, visit the Coalition's Facebook Page:
[Facebook.com/DiaDeSanJuanCommittee](https://www.facebook.com/DiaDeSanJuanCommittee).

SUMMER SAFARI FRIDAY NIGHTS

Summer Safari Friday Nights 2018 continues at Reid Park Zoo. The program runs 6-8 p.m. every Friday until Aug. 3. Visit the Zoo during cooler evening temperatures, and enjoy the added benefits of live music, family-friendly animal features, and food and drink specials. The night features face painting, glitter tattoos, enrichment stations, the carousel, animal encounters, and more. Regular admission applies, but some activities require an additional fee. Tonight's theme will be "Go Blue – World Ocean's Day Celebration." Wear blue and get \$1 off admission.

For more information, visit: <https://reidparkzoo.org/event/summer-safari-friday-nights-2018/>

PARKS PROGRAMS

Activity Guide: Tucson Parks and Recreation's Activity Guide for summer 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.

Summer Track and Field: The City of Tucson Parks and Recreation department will be hosting the annual summer track and field and road race events Tuesdays and Thursdays in June and July. Track and field is every Tuesday, June 12-July 17, at Drachman Stadium, 501 S. Plumer. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., and the meet begins promptly at 6 p.m. Events will include: long jump, turbo javelin (18 and under), shot put, 50 meter dash (5 and under), 100, 200 and 400 meter dash, 800, 1600, 3200 meter runs, 4 x 100 relay, and 4 x 400 relay.

Road races will be every Thursday, June 7-July 19, at Freedom Park (June 7 and 28), Lakeside Park ramada 1 (June 14 and July 12), and Reid Park southwest corner (June 21 and July 19). Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., with races starting at 6 p.m. Events will include: 1 mile predict, 2K short race, and 5K long race.

The costs for these events are \$3 for youth 17 and under and \$4 for adults. Ribbons will be given to the top finishers at each track and field meet and road race. More information can be found on the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation sports website, or call the Sports Unit at 520-791-4870.

Swim Lessons: Tucson Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the American Red Cross, to offer \$2 swim lessons to those who qualify. For details, call 791-2877 or visit tucsonaz.gov/parks

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**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, July 3**. 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>

