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PAUL'S NOTE

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- * Transportation 101: The Ward 2 office will host a public forum on transportation issues on March 11, 5:30—7:00. More details soon

Every week, I walk through at least one of the parks in Ward 2. Most often, it's the park in my own neighborhood, Fort Lowell Park. Last week, I came across members of the Friends of Fort Lowell Park maintaining the duck preserve. We set up the preserve in 2012 to ensure a healthy duck population in the pond and a healthy ecosystem in general.

I also ran into Ernesto Velarde, a long time City of Tucson employee. He was in the park with his son Ulises. Recently, Ulises earned promotion to Eagle Scout by setting up a bird viewing garden in Fort Lowell Park for the disabled.

Fort Lowell Park is a wonderful place in Ward 2 and for everyone across the city to enjoy. I wanted to thank Ulises and the Friends of Fort Lowell for what they have been doing for all of us.

If you want to enjoy Fort Lowell Park, this weekend is the time to do it. Saturday is Fort Lowell Day. At the park, there'll be Vintage Baseball teams using the rules, uniforms and equipment of the 19th century. At 12:30pm B Troop, US Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) from Fort Huachuca conducts drills on the old Parade Grounds at the Park and at 2pm the 4th US Cavalry Band

(Tucson) will play a concert of 19th century music. Children and adults can learn how to make adobe bricks near the Post Hospital and by the Fort Lowell Museum, which is open 10am – 4pm, and they can learn games children played at the Fort. Tucson Medical Center will have a van at Fort Lowell Park to take visitors to see historic buildings on its campus.

But the activities won't only be at the park. Pima County and the City of Tucson worked together to restore what's called the Adkins Property, which includes the old officer's quarters along with the chapel. The San Pedro Chapel has been open for

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a while, and it will always be special to me since that is where I recently got married. This Saturday, though, there will be a special dedication of La Capillita, a smaller sanctuary near the Chapel that some of you may have spotted if you've gone up there. La Capillita was originally built in 1915, over a decade and a half before the San Pedro Chapel was constructed.

Services there would be conducted by a priest that would ride up from Holy Family Parish. The celebrants would stand outside the structure while the priest stood inside conducting the service. It was a common arrangement when the first Spanish missionaries came here and priests would ride a circuit from vista to vista. It tells you a lot about how close our rural roots are that this was still done so recently in our history.

La Capillita will be rededicated on Saturday at noon, it's 100th anniversary, complete with a papal blessing. I will be there to release a dove.

This weekend marks two momentous anniversaries for Arizona. Saturday is Statehood Day, and Sunday is the birthday of Arizona's greatest public servant in history, George Cunningham.

If I can't show some family pride in the council newsletter, where can I?

Have a great weekend.



VALENTINE'S DAY LANDFILL TOUR

The City of Tucson Environmental Services Department (ES) is offering a tour of the Los Reales Landfill and the ReCommunity, Inc. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Participants will be provided the opportunity to get an exclusive 'behind the scenes' view and learn how ES operates the landfill. Tour participants will also gain an in-depth understanding of how recyclables collected in the blue barrels are sorted and marketed.

Tour participants will meet in the upper level parking lot at 4004 S. Park Avenue on Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. The tour will be complete by 12:15 p.m. Those who join the tour should wear long pants, closed-toe shoes, hats and sunscreen. Drinking water will be provided. A minimum of 15 participants is needed.

The tour is available on a first come basis. If you don't have any plans, take yourself out for a treat this year by doing something completely different! If you're spending this Valentine's with someone, show your love by booking your honey and yourself for a tour of the landfill. To reserve a seat, call ES at 791-3175 by Tuesday, February 12, 2015.

FORT LOWELL DAY—REUNION DEL FUERTE

The following events will take place on Saturday, February 14 at Fort Lowell Park:

12 noon: The Bisbee Black Sox, members of the Vintage Baseball Clubs of the Arizona Territories, begin a double hitter against a Tucson team using the rules, uniforms, and equipment of the 19th century. Historic Baseball Information provided.

The 4th US Cavalry Band will play a concert of 19th century music for your enjoyment.

B Troop, US Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) from Fort Huachuca will conduct drills on the old Parade Grounds at the Park. The 4th Cavalry Regiment is one of the most famous and most decorated regiments in the US Army. Since its activation in 1855, it has continuously served the United States of America. Come to 'Meet and Greet' the soldiers and their horses.

Fort Lowell Museum depicts the life of the Fort including troops, scouts, doctors and Geronimo's warriors, and has a new exhibit entitled "A bite to eat; feeding the troops." The Museum staff will hold a candle-making workshop.

San Pedro Chapel, 5230 E Ft Lowell Road:

During the afternoon you can shop at the San Pedro Chapel Store for T-shirts, OFLNA publications, and unique souvenirs while listening to the trio, Way Out West, play nostalgic western and cowboy songs.

Everyone is invited to learn how to make Mexican paper flowers.

2:30 pm: listen to Homer Thiel of Desert Archaeology as he talks about the Hohokam.

Visit oldfortlowellneighborhood.org for more information.



CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

Rodeo: The Carol West Senior Addition is hosting a Rodeo Luncheon with live entertainment on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

Maintain Your Brain: Seniors will have an opportunity to enjoy a free presentation, "Maintain Your Brain" on February 12, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. The presentation will be given by Scan Health.

Sign ups for any of the activities mentioned above are made at the front desk of the Carol West Senior Addition. Contact 791-4121 for any questions.

AARP Free Tax Aide: AARP will offer free tax help at the Udall Recreation Center, 7200 E. Tanque Verde Rd. from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. beginning February 2, 2015 through April 15, 2015.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Spring 2015 Leisure Classes: The Spring classes run January 4, 2015 through May 9, 2015. The deadline to register was Tuesday, December 23rd. Watch for the Summer 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog to be available on Monday, April 20, 2015; It will be available for free pick-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities and it can be viewed on-line at www.ezeereg.com Contact the Registration Office at 791-4877 for additional information.

La Reunion del Fuerte: *See page 3.*

Summer 2015 Lifeguard Recruitment: The Parks and Recreation Department is recruiting lifeguards for Summer 2015. On-line applications and recruitment process are available at www.tucsonaz.gov Click on JOBS. Applicants must be at least 15 year old at time of hire, Experienced swimmer and available to work required hours/locations, American Red Cross certification in CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, American Red Cross certification in First Aid Basics, and American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification. For questions or assistance for completing any of the above mentioned lifeguard certification requirements, contact 791-4245.

Junior Staff in Training Program: The Junior Staff in Training program provides teens with an experience aimed at improving leadership skills and preparing teens ages 14-17 for possible future employment in the field of recreation.

Program requirements include a mandatory interview (takes place the week of March 16-20, 2015). Call Mike Davis at 837-8137 to schedule the interview by March 11, 2015, paying a registration cost (\$70 City Residents/\$889 Non-city Residents), and attending orientation prior to start of program

Facility closures: All Tucson Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of Presidents Day.

Tucson Parks and Recreation Spring 2015 Softball Leagues: The Tucson Parks and Recreation Spring 2015 Softball League season begins March 23, 2015. Walk-in registration runs through March 6, 2015 at the Clements Recreation Center/Sports Unit, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive, 791-4870.

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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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will not be on a Tuesday. The meeting will be on Wednesday, February 18. 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>

