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## PAUL'S NOTE

Leroy Dyson passed away this week. Leroy was a friend and mentor who cared deeply about this community.

Those of you that met him remember him most for his wide smile and positive attitude. There was nothing put on about it, he was genuinely happy to meet people. You couldn't walk away from talking to him without a smile on your own face.

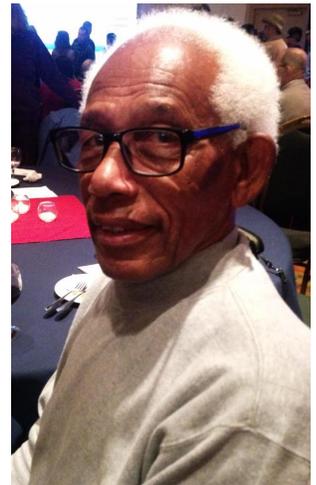
He was born in Louisiana, but Leroy grew up in Tucson, the Tucson of a very different era. He attended Dunbar School back when our city leaders thought that blacks, Mexicans and Anglos shouldn't go to school together. Wiser heads prevailed by the time he

got to high school and he graduated from Tucson High.

He spent time in the Army before returning to Tucson. He worked for Pima County and helped organize the AF-SCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) local, and eventually served as its president. His commitment to the labor movement and worker's rights was a life-long vocation.

He also served in leadership in the Pima County Democratic Party, even was an interim chair for a time.

Along the way, he met and married Mary Jane, an outstanding and dedicated local educator.



I met Leroy through local politics. He was a big supporter of my grandmother and my dad. We could always count on him for walks, envelope stuffing or phone calls. That grunt work was fun for him, and he knew it was important.

He knew it was important because of how much change he saw in his over eight decades in this country. He saw that things could be bet-

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## PAUL'S NOTE, CONTINUED

ter, and it gave him a sense of optimism and patriotism. The Arizona Daily Star profiled Leroy and other African Americans who volunteered for Barack Obama's first election.

"America is really filling out the promise – the dream that you can be whatever you want to be," he said back in 2008.

I can't say enough about how much I'll miss Leroy and his smile. Thank you for everything, and my condolences to Mary Jane.

Leroy's family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Tucson Community Food Bank. My office has been a drop off for donations for the food bank, and we'd be glad to make any donations that are dropped off with us in Leroy's name.

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## WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a national and international movement to create safe, convenient, and fun opportunities for children to bike and walk to school. By increasing walking and biking, SRTS programs can play a critical role in reversing the alarming nationwide trend toward childhood obesity and inactivity. SRTS programs also reduce traffic congestion and pollution around schools, improve safety in school zones, and provide families and friends an opportunity to share time with each other and build connections in their community.

Living Streets Alliance, in partnership with the City of Tucson, kicked off the Safe Routes to School Tucson Program in 2014 to bring back the "old school" way of getting to school, encouraging more children and families to walk and bike. LSA staff has been working closely with four pilot schools since the beginning of this school year (Blenman Elementary, Howell Elementary, Kellond Elementary, and Laguna Elementary), organizing fun and informative events for kids, such as bike repair clinics, family-friendly bike rides, and bike rodeos.

Registration is well underway for this spring's ApROLL Bike & Walk to School Challenge, which will take place from April 27 to May 1, 2015. This event is a great way for schools to promote health, safety, community, and the sense of joy and adventure that comes with walking and biking. SRTS supports all participating schools by providing promotional materials such as posters and parent flyers, and incentives such as stickers, frisbees, jump ropes, athletic balls, and more. Online registration for ApROLL is open until April 8 at: [www.saferoutestucson.org](http://www.saferoutestucson.org)

For more information, visit <http://www.livingstreetsalliance.org/>

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## SAM HUGHES HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR

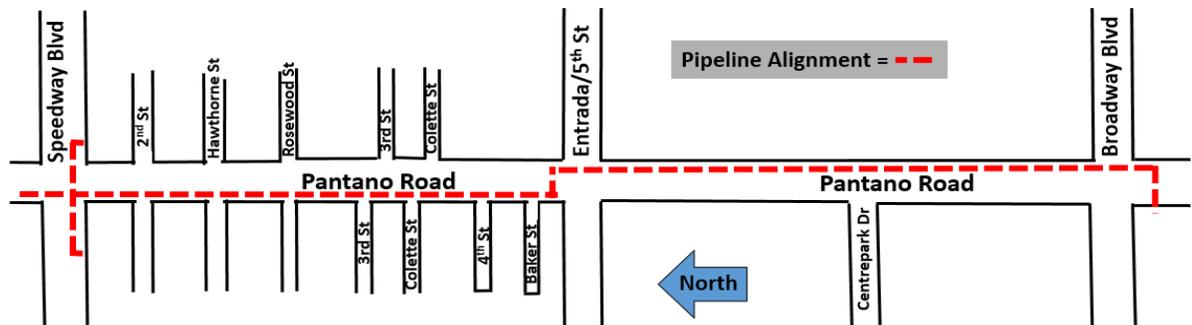
The Sam Hughes Home and Neighborhood Tour will be on Sunday, April 12 from noon until 5pm.

This self-guided walking tour of the one square mile neighborhood bounded by Campbell Ave./Country Club Rd. and Speedway Blvd./Broadway consists of private residences and gardens as well as several venues that represent the diversity of this historically-designated midtown neighborhood.

Tickets remain \$20 and will be on sale day-of-the-tour in front of Rincon Market (2513 E. 6th St.) beginning at 10am. Pre-tour ticket purchase will be available (although unnecessary) at Arte de la Vida, (open M-Sat. 10-5; Su 12-4) 37 N. Tucson Blvd. beginning April 1. For more information, call 520-323-7891 or see [samhughes.org](http://samhughes.org).

## PANTANO PIPELINE PROJECT

Pipeline installation continues in Pantano Road, from Broadway to Speedway Boulevard, with traffic restrictions in place to shift traffic away from



the work zone. A project press release was provided prior to start of construction; however, this update includes current project information. This project was originally slated for a later date, but was advanced to be conducted at this time to precede the City of Tucson Overlay Project for this area, scheduled to take place this Spring. Pipeline installation and connections are currently being conducted at the Speedway/Pantano intersection, with traffic shifted away from the work zone as necessary to complete these crossings. Once installation in the Speedway/Pantano intersection is completed, work will take place north of 5th Street and just south of the Broadway intersection to cross Pantano for pipeline connections. Pantano Road will not be closed during this work, but please expect varying traffic restrictions near these locations during these crossings. Each of these crossings will take approximately 1-2 weeks to complete.

Once pipeline installation and connections are completed, the pipeline will be tested so that it can be placed into service, after which abandonment of the existing pipeline will take place. Work is currently taking place Monday thru Friday, as well as weekend and night hours, to complete the project in the scheduled time. Please drive with caution through the work zone and obey traffic signage as it is placed for the safety of residents, businesses, travelers, and construction crews. Access to businesses and residences will be maintained. Thank you for your patience during this construction.

If you have any concerns or questions about the project, call the Southwest Gas Project Hotline, **520 547 5383**

## CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

**AARP 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. on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning through April 15, 2015.

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## PARKS PROGRAMS

**Spring 2015 Leisure Classes:** The Spring classes run through May 9, 2015. 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](http://www.ezeereg.com) Contact the Registration Office at 791-4877 for additional information.

**Eggstravaganza:** The annual community-wide EGGstravaganza event will be held at the Donna Liggins Recreation Center, 2160 N. 6th Ave on April 4, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The free event will attract more 2,000 people. Family fun activities will include games, inflatables, prizes, egg hunts, music and Easter Bunny. A variety of foods will be available for purchase from local vendors. Attached is a flyer with additional information.

**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](http://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.

**Recreation Worker (non-permanent intermittent) Sports Unit Recruitment:** The Sport Unit is seeking individuals to work in its sports programs. This program implements track and field events, and provides score keepers for adult sport leagues. These positions will act as a scorekeeper and are responsible for set-up and breakdown of equipment used in league play. Maintains accurate and official score and time of assigned sports. Predominantly weekday evening hours, Monday through Friday. Applications accepted from March 3, 2015 through April 5, 2015. Apply on-line at [www.tucsonaz.gov](http://www.tucsonaz.gov) Click on JOBS. Contact Human Resources, 791-4241 for questions.

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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**

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 7. 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>

