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WARD 2

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## PAUL'S NOTE

I'd like to start with a big welcome to our new City Manager, Mike Ortega.

I'd also like to publicly thank Martha Durkin, who ably took the reins as our interim city manager between the retirement of Richard Miranda and when Mike Ortega moved into the office on July 1. Martha is still with the city and I will continue to count on her expertise.

I had the chance to meet with Ortega on Tuesday. I also took him on a tour of Ward 2 for a few hours to let him know of what challenges we face here on the north east side.

It only took a few minutes after he sat down and he already had suggestions for how the complex that the Ward 2 office is in could be more open and friendly for citizens. They were minor details, but details like that are what makes our government more "user friendly" for the people that pay for it.

I was already impressed with Ortega's resume when he first came to my attention during the selection process. He's been involved with government in Co-

chise County and our regional flood control district, but of particular interest to me was his time with the Arizona Department of Transportation, where he served as chief engineer and managed 2,100 employees.

What's unique about Ortega is that he's got an outsider perspective on Tucson's government, but he also has enough familiarity with our community (he's a U of A grad and his kids went to high school here) that he understands our issues pretty well for a guy that has only been on the job for a few weeks.

I went over my priorities, particularly with regard to securing our water future, investing in our parks and continuing to bring our roads up to the condition they need to be. I think we have a tremendous opportunity here with the change in leadership not only in the manager's office, but some concurrent changes at other city departments as well.

I made sure that when we toured, I took him to several of our parks. I know that Parks and Recreation staff does the best job they can

with limited resources, but I wanted to show him the condition that some of our facilities, particularly the pools, are in.

He's new, so he still needs time to deliver. I think we have started off well though.

I attended an announcement this week for this year's Mexican Baseball Fiesta. It's been a great event for the past few years, but now even better as the event will be at Tucson's Hi Corbett Field.

The words "Hi Corbett" are special for many of us who grew up here and fondly remember going to Tucson Toros matches and watching players like Kenny Lofton and Kurt Bevacqua play in the Old Pueblo. It's been home to the U of A baseball team for a while, a deal I'm proud to have helped out with.

As in the past, the tournament includes top teams from the Mexican Pacific League (LMP) as well as young prospects from Major League Baseball teams training in the Phoenix area. Making the trip to Tucson again this year will

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## PAUL'S NOTE (CONTINUED)

be the most successful team in the LMP, fifteen-time champion, and current Caribbean Champion, Naranjeros de Hermosillo (former team of Fernando Valenzuela). Joining them will be Yaquis of Ciudad Obregon, Cañeros de los Mochis and Aguilas de Mexicali.

In the past, the tournament has included "Future Stars" squads for MLB teams. Those have not yet been announced, but they will be soon.

This year's event will run October 1 – 4 and tickets will go on sale on September 8. You can pick them up at the Hi Corbett box office or at [mexicanbaseballfiesta.com](http://mexicanbaseballfiesta.com).

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## FREE RIDE DAY

To celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Streetcar, July 25 will be free ride day.

Thanks to generous support and donations from Friends of the Tucson Streetcar, Tucson Medical Center and Tucson Electric Power, Sun Link Streetcar fares will be free all day on Saturday, July 25. Service hours on Saturdays are from 8 am to 2 am Sunday morning.

If you board at the Mercado at 7 am that day, you will be treated to a special on-board performance by jazz/r & b vocalist Crystal Stark.

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## CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER



**Roadhouse Cinema:** A field trip is scheduled to the Roadhouse Cinema on Thursday, July 30. Departure from the Carol West Senior Addition is 11:00 a.m. and return is 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 and the price includes movie, popcorn, and lemonade.

For additional questions, please contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121. Sign-ups for the activities are done at the front desk.

## HOUGHTON ROAD & 22ND ST

The intersection of Houghton Road and 22nd Street will be temporarily closed in order to complete waterline relocation and major construction work in the intersection as quickly as possible and avoid prolonged travel restrictions.

Signage indicating detour routes and segments of Houghton Road and 22nd Street that will be open to local traffic only will be in place to help guide traffic.

**DETOUR ROUTES:** Southbound Houghton Road detour: Take Broadway Blvd. west to southbound Harrison Road to eastbound Old Spanish Trail to reconnect with Houghton Road.

Northbound Houghton Road detour: Take Old Spanish Trail west to northbound Harrison Road to eastbound Broadway Blvd. to reconnect with Houghton Road.

**ALTERNATE DETOUR ROUTES:** Ridgeside Drive and Melpomene Way will serve as alternate detours east of Houghton Road.

Access to all driveways and businesses will remain open. Please obey all traffic control signs and watch for construction personnel and equipment in the work zone.

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## EASTSIDE NEIGHBORS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Since 2004, Eastside Neighbors Volunteer Program (ENVP) has helped East Tucson Seniors remain in their homes by providing FREE services such as private transportation, performing errands, and helping with yard work. Through May of this year our fabulous volunteers have already driven 14,586 miles! Requests for our services continue to increase and we need additional help. Do you have a few hours a week, or a few hours a month to volunteer with us? If you can't donate time, YOU CAN STILL HELP our 501(c)(3) qualified organization with a tax deductible financial contribution. Our seniors are depending on all of us! Email the program at [envp5scc@yahoo.com](mailto:envp5scc@yahoo.com) or give them a call at 245-4729.

Thank you!



## PARKS PROGRAMS

**Spring Swim Schedule:** The Spring Swim schedule for Udall Park and Ft. Lowell Park started April 1st. Contact the Aquatics Division at 791-4245/791-5352 or visit <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/aquatics#hours> for pool locations and swim schedule.

**Summer 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog:** The Summer 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog is available. The catalog can be picked-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. It can be viewed on-line at [www.ezeereg.com](http://www.ezeereg.com) Contact the Registration Office at 791-4877 for additional information.

**Summer Road Races and Track and Field:** Summer Track and Field events will be held at Roy Drachman Stadium near Plummer & 15th every Tuesday through July 15.

Summer Road Races will be held each Thursday thru July 16 at various parks around Tucson. For more information, call 791-4870.

Onsite registration for both events begins at 5:45 pm with the competition starting at 6:30 pm. Registration is \$3 for children and \$4 for adults. Ribbons will be given to the top finishers. For details, please call 791-4870.

**Fall Softball Program:** The Fall 2015 Softball season begins August 31. Registration for the program begins at 8:00 a.m. on August 3. A location for registration has not been determined. The information will be posted mid July. Please contact the Sports Unit at 791-4870 for questions.

**Jennie Finch Softball Camp:** The City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department, along with Visit Tucson and Pima Community College, is honored to host the Jennie Finch Softball Camp at the Lincoln Park Softball Complex, 8116 E. Escalante Road, for all girls third grade and up. Camp will be held Oct. 24-25, 2015. Join Jennie Finch and her Olympic and professional softball teammates for two full days of personal instruction covering all aspects of softball. Come and learn from the best softball players in the world and discover what it takes to be a champion on and off the field.

Advanced registration is required and participation is limited. The cost is \$195 per camper or register 10 or more girls together to receive a 10 percent team discount. Campers will receive lunch both days, official camp t-shirt, autographed photo of Jennie Finch, certificate of participation, and a photo taken with Jennie and her medals. There will be a question and answer time for campers, coaches and parents, Finch Windmill demonstration, pitching demonstration by Jennie, hitting demonstrations by professional coaches, and drawings for prizes. Participants can register now at [www.JennieFinch.com](http://www.JennieFinch.com).

### Recreation Center Closures for Annual Cleaning:

Clements—Aug 17-22

Freedom—Not yet determined

Randolph— Aug 3-8

Udall—Aug 10-15

ARC—Aug 10-15

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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**

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 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>

