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## PAUL'S NOTE

The most urgent issue before us right now is the strike against Sun Tran. Over 65,000 Tucsonans count on using the bus each day. We are past time for management and labor to come to the table and get our transit system moving again.

Keep in mind that this strike is not just over pay checks. There are serious safety issues that have not gotten a lot of coverage in the local media. These issues have included a prolonged mold problem at one maintenance facility that has caused respiratory problems and other health issues for

employees. Also very important is the fact that 22 drivers have been assaulted in the last 13 months.

Because of the management agreement, my colleagues and I are unable to directly insert ourselves into the negotiation process, however, councilmember Romero and I have requested that Tucson Department of Transportation staff and PTM/TransDev devote immediate time and attention to resolving the Sun Tran strike. This work stoppage serves no one. We hope that both parties will soon return to the negotiating table to find an equitable solution that

helps get our riders back on the bus.

Many of you read about the tragic loss of Officer Isaac Rosario, a United States Marine Corps veteran and two-year member of the Tucson Police Department. The Erik Hite Foundation, long dedicated to supporting the families of our law enforcement officers, is sponsoring a community care drive for Officer Rosario's two children. During this drive you can either mail items (cards, gifts, etc.) to 9420

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## **PAUL'S NOTE (CONTINUED)**

East Golf Links Rd #265, Tucson, AZ 85730, or drop them off at TPD's Rincon Substation, 9670 E Golf Links.

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I'd like to congratulate David Ojeda, a senior at Salpointe Catholic High School and a Ward 2 resident. David is representing the City of Tucson along with 4 other Metropolitan Education Commission Youth Advisory Council/Tucson Teen Congress members at the 10th Annual League of Arizona Cities & Towns Conference on August 19th at the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort.

David has been a member of the MEC's Youth Advisory Council/Tucson Teen Congress (YAC/TTC) since 2013, and is currently the YAC/TTC's Treasurer.

David is a member of the Student Council, Drum Line, Cross-Country Track & Field, and Catholic Youth Group. He plans to attend college and study Political Science.

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I've got some details in this week's newsletter about the upcoming Wild and Senic Film Festival, which will be held at the Loft Theater on August 19th. One of the movies that will be shown is the short film Delta Dawn. It has nothing to do with Tanya Tucker, but has a lot to do with something near to all of our hearts, the Colorado River. It will give you a lot to think about as we continue to read news about diminishing water supplies in Lake Mead.

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Finally, I'd like to talk to you about East Broadway. I say "finally," because many of you know how long we've been trying to get that stretch of Broadway between Camino Seco and Houghton fixed. Many of you attended the "Open House" that the Transportation Department put together on Tuesday night over at Gridley Middle School. Engineering should start soon, and you all will have a chance to be part of the process.

I'd thank everyone for their patience, but I haven't been that patient about it either. Work will start next year.

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## WILD AND SENIC FILM FESTIVAL

The Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection is proud to once again be hosting The Wild and Scenic Film Festival! This event is a collection of films from the annual festival held each January in Nevada City, CA. Wild & Scenic focuses on films which speak to the environmental concerns and celebrations of our planet.

When: August 19th, 6:30pm

Where: The Loft Cinema (3233 E Speedway)

This event promised to inspire the people of Tucson to go out and make a positive difference in our community. This year, films include Brilliant Darkness: Horatu in the Night (about the impact of light pollution on fireflies), Delta Dawn (about the recent release of water from the Colorado River into Mexico), Common Ground (a moving account of a diverse community coming together to protect wilderness in Montana), and many more!

We will have music, local conservation organizations tabling, and a fabulous raffle with unique items from local sponsors. We hope you can join us for this memorable and inspiring event! Visit [www.sonorandesert.org](http://www.sonorandesert.org) for more information.

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## HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

**Broadway Intersection Park & Ride:** We are very happy to announce that the Park and Ride is now available to use. Sun Tran routes 8, 108 express, and 4 are now stopping at this facility. Details are available at [http://suntran.com/commuter\\_park.php](http://suntran.com/commuter_park.php). The bus driver offices/restrooms building has been installed, and we are wrapping up the final utility and security camera connections.

**Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street:** Scheduled for completion September 20, 2016. No changes are anticipated to traffic impacts this week.

**Adjacent project:** Broadway Boulevard: Camino Seco to Houghton Roadway Improvements project has started the design phase. Keep an eye out for upcoming open houses sometime in August and November. We will keep you updated as we hear. This project was accelerated from its original schedule to bring the pavement upgrades to you as soon as possible and in the most efficient way. If you have any questions about this project you may contact Sam Credio at 520-837-6641.

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## 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.

**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 not be on the regular Tuesday, but will instead be on Wednesday, September 9. 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>

