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## PAUL'S NOTE

The City of Tucson has secured an \$8.6 million grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The grant is known as the Securing Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant or SAFER.

SAFER was created by FEMA to provide funding directly to fire departments to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities. The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response, and operational standards established by the Na-

tional Fire Protection Association.

Those operational standards call for fifteen fire fighters on a scene within eight minutes. It has become harder to meet those standards recently with call volumes going up by 2000 per year.

The grant will enable us to fund fifty-four additional positions for up to two years. This will enable TFD to keep adequately staffed crews and keep response times low. It will also mean fewer demands for overtime work from our firefighters, which is good fiscally and good for the well-being of Tucson's firefighters.

For years, we have had the finest fire department in the country. With the SAFER grant, we should be able to keep it that way.

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Some of you, including a reporter or two, have asked me over the last couple of weeks about what store will be moving in to Wilmot Plaza. This week, the developer announced that it will be Nordstrom Rack.

My staff and I worked to make sure that the improvements in the center were going to get done while respecting the needs of the

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## PAUL'S NOTE (CONTINUED)

San Rafael neighborhood. The new plaza, when it is complete, will be a welcome addition to the east side.

I had a chance to meet with Sen. John McCain about Cherrybell Post Office when he was in town. Councilmember Richard Fimbres has been taking the lead on this issue but it affects all of us no matter what ward you live in.

Shutting down the mail processing portion of Cherrybell means that Tucson will be the largest city in the country without its own mail processing center. This is more than losing a bit of civic pride when every letter is post-marked "Phoenix." It means that businesses that depend on mail within Tucson will experience a delay as their mail will have to be trucked to Phoenix.

We got a bit of a reprieve and operations at Cherrybell will continue until next year. In addition to losing 320 local jobs, we could see a broader economic impact of \$42 million to our local economy.

Our local representatives Raúl Grijalva and Martha McSally have already been on board but I'm glad to see Sen. McCain helping Tucson out as well.

The Tucson Parks and Recreation Department wants to know how it can improve recreation and leisure opportunities for all of its users.

There will be a series of open houses held throughout Tucson, including one right here in Ward 2. The final details on the meeting are still being worked out, but expect an announcement here and on my Facebook page over the next couple of weeks.



## JENNIE FINCH SOFTBALL CAMP

Jennie Finch Softball Camp will take place 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).

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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

**Carol West Senior Addition:** The Eastside Senior Club will host the "Smarter Than a 5th Grader Challenge" on Wednesday, August 26 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$2.00. There will be refreshments and prizes. The event will be sponsored by Handmaker, Jewish Services for the Aging. For additional questions, please contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121. Sign-ups for the activity are done at the front desk.

**Fall Swim Schedule:** The Fall swim schedule began August 6. The swim schedule can be viewed in the Fall Program Guide and Class Catalog or the online version of the program guide: [www.ezeereg.com](http://www.ezeereg.com) Contact the Aquatics Division at 791-4245/791-5352 for more information.

**Fall Leisure Classes:** Fall Leisure Classes run August 23 through November 28, 2015. The last day to register was Sunday, August 16. All classes and programs offered can be viewed on line at [www.EZEEreg](http://www.EZEEreg) or in the Fall Program Guide and Class Catalog. The Fall Program Guide and Class Catalog is available at all Parks and Recreation facilities.

Watch for the Spring 2016 Program Guide and Class Catalog to be available Monday, November 9, 2015. It will be available for free pick-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. For questions or more information, contact the Registration Office at 791-4877.

**Tucson Pops:** The Tucson POPS concerts will be held at the Reid Park, DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center (OPC), 900 S. Randolph way, on Sunday, September 13, 20, and 27. Concerts start at 7:00 p.m.. There is a limited amount of seating and fills up quickly. A chair(s) or a blanket is recommended.

**Arizona Symponic Winds:** The WINDS Concert series will take place Saturdays, September 12, 19, 26 and October 3. The program will take place at the Lazslo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park, 7200 E Tanque Verde Rd. Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket.

**Facility Closures:** All Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on September 7, 2015 for Labor Day.



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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>

