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## PAUL'S NOTE

It's time for a bit of an update on Jesse Owens Park. You will probably notice that the dilapidated back-stop is coming down. There have also been improvements to the parent area at the softball field, the outfield fence on the baseball diamond and the dugouts. Thanks to a partnership with the YMCA, the pool was open for the first summer in several years. I have been working with Parks and Recreation about what can be done with the turf, particularly in the areas around the baseball fields. I have been talking to Mike Hayes, who managed the city's golf courses,

and he's working to address the situation.

We also have been working on a more long term plan. Many of our larger parks have a "build-out" plan on the shelf.

Jesse Owens is a more mid-sized park but serves more residents than most parks of its size. My staff has been meeting with Parks and Rec to develop a "build-out" plan. It's more modest than you'd see at Ft. Lowell or Udall, but includes improvements to the baseball and softball fields, as well as a walking/jogging path around the perimeter. Also, it would take out the unused tennis court and replace it with a

field that can be used for football or soccer.

The funding for these improvements are included in the county bond package to be voted on this November.

Remember that Parks and Recreation is holding open houses on long range plans for Jesse Owens, Udall and all of Tucson's parks. Ward 2's open house will be held from 5:30-7:30 at Sahuaro High School, 545 N Camino Seco.

One of Tucson's big spurts of growth, particularly in the area now encompassed by Ward 2, was during the late

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## PAUL'S NOTE (CONTINUED)

50's and early 60's. You can see the evidence of the architecture of the era, known as modernism, all over town.

Tucson Modernism Week 2015, presented by the Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation will take place Friday October 2nd through Saturday, October 10th. The week ends with a reception at Ward 2's Murphy-Wilmot Library, an example of Modern design. Vintage clothing specialists Clever Vintage Clothing will present a timeless and remarkable 1965 Fashion Show that will highlight the extraordinary fashions in vogue the year the library was built. The evening will conclude with a silent disco. For more information, visit [TucsonMod.com](http://TucsonMod.com).

As many of you know, I had been working with the courts to have a "warrant day" to help people clear outstanding warrants. In that spirit, the finance department is offering the Tax Amnesty Program for local businesses.

This rare opportunity will allow Tucson business owners to submit delinquent sales tax or license fees without penalty and with reduced interest due on delinquent balances. This is also an opportunity for Tucson businesses that are not licensed to get licensed, without penalty. The amnesty period runs through Oct. 30.

Any Tucson business with delinquent business license fees, tax license fees or city sales/use tax on or before Sept. 1, 2015 is eligible for consideration of a penalty waiver and a reduction of half of the interest charged on those delinquent periods. Periods that have been filed without payment in full can also be included in the Tax Amnesty Program

To participate in the program, the Amnesty Application Form must be completed and sent to the City of Tucson. The fillable form can be found on the City of Tucson Finance page at [www.tucsonaz.gov/finance/amnesty](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/finance/amnesty). For more information, call the Tax Audit Section at (520) 791-4681 or e-mail questions to [Tax-Amnesty@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Tax-Amnesty@tucsonaz.gov).

Last week, I wrote about Modernism Week and referred to Dino Sakellar as the grandson of architect Nick Sakellar. Dino is Nick's son. I'm sorry about the mistake.

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## TUCSON MEET YOURSELF—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Tucson Meet Yourself is coming October 9–11! This festival is about you, your community, its cultures, food and traditions. Volunteers make it possible. Please save the dates AND sign up for volunteer shifts now. Go to <http://www.tucsonmeetyourself.org/volunteer> to find out more, create a profile and grab the shifts you want while they're still available! Volunteering deepens your relationship with this great community event; be part of making it happen this year!"

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## HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

**Broadway Intersection Park & Ride:** This project is substantially complete, and we are delighted that we finally have the signs in place.

We are actively working on changing out the lighting fixtures in the parking lot. For those of you that don't live directly adjacent to the facility, the new LED lighting fixtures that were installed do not meet the City's requirements for lighting. We have pulled the fuses of the lights near the neighborhood, and are working with the lighting vendor to get the appropriate fixtures. LED lighting is quite different from the type of lighting the City used to use, and we are finding that not all fixtures are created equal. LED is a wonderful energy saver, but also needs to be selected for the right color and luminance to be compatible for our observatories and livability. We appreciate your patience while we get these lights adjusted.

**Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street:** The scheduled completion date is Sept. 20. We are rapidly moving forward on this project and are about five months ahead of schedule. We are wrapping up our water line connections at the side streets and there are only a few locations left where there will be restricted or closed access. As you probably know, if there are any water outages, they will be a night and you will receive a 48 hour advance notice. This work should be finished by next week.

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## PARKS PROGRAMS

**Carol West Senior Addition:** The Carol West Senior Addition will host a Senior Health Fair on September 24, 2015 from 10 am to 2 pm. The free event will have refreshments, door prizes and exhibitors. Flu shots will be offered as well.

Seniors will have an opportunity to enjoy a trip to The Forum of Tucson on Thursday, September 10, 2015. Departure from the center is 11 am and return is 2 pm. The cost is \$2.00.

A trip to Apple Annie's is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2015. The cost is \$10.00 and includes lunch, dessert and transportation. Departure from the Carol West Addition is 9:30 am and return is 2 pm

For questions, please contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121.

**Leisure Classes:** 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.



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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, October 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>

