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PAUL'S NOTE

Today is the fifth anniversary of the shooting that took six lives in 2011. Make sure to take some time out today to remember our neighbors who suffered that day.

Our annual BEYOND events are one way for Tucsonans to both remember the events of that day and to get outside and meet their neighbors. It is open to everyone and provides many opportunities for people to start the year off right, come together and engage in positive, healthy outdoor activities at several locations in and around Pima County.

Two of Saturday's events are easily accessible to Ward 2 residents. The Coronado National Forest will host a fee free day associated with the BEYOND event at Sabino Canyon. Parking fees will be waived at Sabino Canyon. Sabino Canyon tram routes provide access to Sabino and Bear Canyons. Along both routes riders are free to get off at one of the several shuttle stops, do a little birding, have a picnic, or spend time along one of the many pools and cascades that grace Sabino Creek. For those who just want a refresher course on its wonders, the nature trail at the visitor center offers plenty of wild-

life and trailside interpretive information.

If riding the tram does not stir your sense of adventure, there are miles of hiking trails that wander throughout the area and lead deeper into the Santa Catalina backcountry.

The Southern Arizona Hiking Club is hosting a hike, starting at the Posta Quemada Ranch in Colossal Cave Mountain Park and ending 4.7 miles later at the Gabe Zimmerman Trailhead. There is 400-500 feet elevation gain to go along with the stunning vistas.

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Hikers will meet at 7:45am at the north side of the parking lot for the Chevron gas station at the corner of I-10 and Wilmot Road, to carpool to the Ranch. If you do carpool, consider contributing to gas money for your driver.

There are a number of other events throughout the greater Tucson area. Visit beyond-tucson.org for a complete list.

I have been including details about this in my newsletter for a few weeks, but the time is here: The Tucson Senior Olympics Festival starts this weekend and runs through January 31. This festival is a celebration to promote fitness, health, and an active lifestyle among adults 50 years of age and older. Ward 2's Udall Park will be hosting badminton and basketball, and a billiards tournament will take place at Pocket's Billiards, also in Ward 2.

For complete Senior Olympic Festival information visit www.TucsonSeniorGames.org.

TREECYCLE

Once again, residents can recycle their Christmas trees through the City of Tucson's TreeCycle Program. The program continues through Tuesday, January 12, 2016. TreeCycle sites are located throughout Tucson.

Please remember to remove all ornaments, decorations and tree stands before dropping off at the TreeCycle sites. Remember to Tree Pool! Bring your neighbor's tree—fewer trips means cleaner air.

Additionally, from January 4th through January 12th, 2016, the City of Tucson will have Merry Mulch (wood chips) from shredded Christmas trees available for pick-up at Udall Park, and the Los Reales Landfill. Bring your own container and take home some free wood chips for your garden.

Ward 2's Udall Park is one Treecycle location. For a complete list, please visit <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/treecycle>

KIDICAL MASS

Start the New Year in a celebration of healthy, active living for the whole family by joining us for community bike ride for riders of all ages and abilities! The beginning of the year is the perfect time to start new habits and engage in a fun, safe activity that is good for the environment too!

Look for LSA Kidical Mass signs at the southwest corner of Armory Park near the intersection with South 6th Avenue at 12 pm. El Grupo youth cycling teammates will lead the riders on a route that is safe, easy and shows how simple it is to get to all your favorite places by riding your bike.

You will be accompanied by trained ride leaders and families from across Tucson on all types of bikes – trailers, trail-a-bikes, Xtracycles, longtails, bakfiets, Long Johns, tandems, folders, trikes – whatever rolls is welcome to join the ride! Dress accordingly to be comfortable outside for at least an hour. If you haven't ridden your bike in a while, we will have Bicas mechanics on deck to provide free bike repair and make sure your bike is ready to roll! Plus, Isabella's Ice Cream will be awaiting riders at the end.

Free helmets for youth will be available for those who need them, plus there will also be a free Bike Valet so you can park your bike and join the BEYOND Tucson festivities at Armory Park and the Childrens' Museum (FREE admission this Saturday!).

SHRED-IT

Vice Mayor Karin Uhlich and Pima County Constable Bennett Bernal are partnering with Pima County Public Library to host a Shred-It service during the Freecycle™ Post-Holiday Swap at Woods Memorial Branch Library this Saturday, Jan. 9.

The Shred-It service will take place during Freecycle™ from 2 to 4 pm in the parking lot of Woods Memorial Branch Library, 3455 North 1st Ave. Individuals may bring boxes of documents to be securely shredded onsite at no cost.

The Post-Holiday Swap is an event of Pima County Public Library in partnership with the Freecycle Network™, a grassroots nonprofit movement that encourages the reuse and trade of “stuff” so that it stays out of landfills. Community members are encouraged to bring unused items of good condition from their homes and trade them with their neighbors. The swap will take place in the large meeting room at the Woods Memorial Branch during the same hours as the Shred-It service.

“This will be a fun opportunity for Tucsonans to both securely throw away unneeded documents and trade their unused belongings all in one spot,” Uhlich said.

SENIOR OLYMPICS

Tucson Parks and Recreation presents the 32nd Annual Senior Olympic Festival. This festival is a celebration to promote fitness, health, and an active lifestyle among adults 50 years of age and older. Events include volleyball, bowling, bridge, racquetball, basketball shoot, pickleball, archery, golf, tennis, horseshoes, badminton, and so much more.

The 32nd Annual Senior Olympic Festival will feature nearly 100 events and activities at more than 20 venues throughout the City of Tucson from Jan. 9 to 31, 2016

Register through Dec. 31 at www.EZEEreg.com. Entry fee varies by event. Please visit the website below for more information on fees.

Note: Any registration postmarked after Jan. 1, 2016 will be subject to a \$3 per event late fee. No registrations will be accepted after Jan. 11, 2016 (or postmarked by Jan. 9). The event is open to ages 50 or older. For complete Senior Olympic Festival information visit www.TucsonSeniorGames.org. Contact Mike Davis at Mike.Davis@tucsonaz.gov or 791-3244 to have a book mailed to you.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Spring 2016 Program Guide and Class Catalog: The 2016 catalog is available for free pick-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities and the Ward 2 office. For questions or more information, contact the Registration Office at 791-4877.

TreeCycling: Residents can recycle their Christmas trees through the City of Tucson's TreeCycle Program. The program begins on Saturday, December 26, 2015 and continues through Tuesday, January 12, 2016. TreeCycle sites are located throughout Tucson and Oro Valley. Details and a complete list of TreeCycling locations can be found at: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/treecycle>

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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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, the next Mayor and Council meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 20**. 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>

