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## PAUL'S NOTE

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My office has been getting calls and e-mails asking why, since the voters ended the red light camera program, are the poles still up?

I had a meeting with Captain Jim McShea, who runs the Tucson Police Department's traffic division. We talked about what is going on with the poles. Here is what he told me.

The city contracted with a company called American Traffic Solutions several years ago to provide photo traffic enforcement cameras at eight intersections.

After the election, the Tucson Police Department, with consultation of the City Attorney's Office, recommended that we stop issuing citations im-

mediately instead of waiting until being required to do so on November 17th. Once the voters indicated their desire to stop the program, we did not want to prolong it for the additional two weeks.

The cost of installing the equipment for the Traffic Safety Camera Program was approximately \$1.8 million. American Traffic Solutions has, and this is the most important part, removed their cameras from the poles at all of the intersections, leaving only the infrastructure in place.

They are willing to leave the powered poles in place if the City of Tucson can find a use for them. ATS is also willing to remove the above ground pole structures at no cost to the

city.

There are some options for us to use the poles in the future since they represent a significant infrastructure value in equipment and installation, and they already have power in place. If there is any way to utilize this equipment for the benefit of the community, it would be a waste to tear them down.

Captain McShea will be having a talk with the city manager and my colleagues on the city council about options.

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Those of you that visit my office have met Mary Fimbres, who has been the Ward 2 office manager since the time of my prede-

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cessor. She retired last week and she will be missed by the rest of my staff but especially by me.

Many of you know, I was appointed to this office after my predecessor resigned. I didn't have much time to learn about what a ward office does. Lucky for me, Mary already had plenty of experience working for both Rodney Glassman and Steve Leal.

She also was an incredible resource for my other staff members. The reason why my office will continue to run well without Mary is because she patiently mentored the rest of my staff.

Mary is a model and faithful citizen. In addition to her work here at the office, she is a leader in our local LULAC chapter, helping organize their charity events and their youth conference. LULAC has done some fantastic work in our community, and a lot of that is due to Mary.

Many of the office management duties will pass to Odessa Draheim, who was an incredibly quick study under Mary's tutelage.



## FORT LOWELL DAY EVENTS—SATURDAY, FEB 13

Blood and Guts Medicine in the 19th Century Southwest—2:30 pm San Pedro Chapel

The treatment of illness and disease in the 19th Century southwest reflected the mélange of beliefs of the diverse peoples who settled here: indigenous people with their shamanic ceremonies and herbal remedies; Spaniards with their theories of ‘body humors out of balance’ and treatments of ‘bleeding and purging’. The arrival of the US Army in the 1840’s brought western medicine and the practical skills of ‘barber surgeons’ active in the treatment of battlefield injuries. Dr. Rudy Byrd, well known Family Medicine Physician, will share his extensive knowledge of this colorful history and, together with Dr. Bob Hunter, demonstrate some battlefield surgical techniques at the San Pedro Chapel at 2:30 pm. For a preview, watch the video on Facebook.

In Fort Lowell Park - east of Craycroft

The State flag will be raised at noon to open the day’s activities, accompanied by the 4th US Cavalry Band. Following the raising of the flag, visitors are welcome to meet the musicians and will be entertained by a concert of 19th Century band music.

At 12 noon, the Bisbee Black Sox, members of the Vintage Baseball Clubs of the Arizona Territories, begin a double header against the Tucson Sahuaros using the rules, uniforms, and equipment of the 19th Century. Historic baseball information provided.

B Troop, US Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) from Fort Huachuca will conduct drills on the old Parade Grounds at the Park. The 4th Cavalry Regiment is one of the most famous and most decorated regiments in the US Army. Since its activation in 1855 it has continuously served the United States of America.

In between events . . .

Come to ‘Meet and Greet’ the soldiers and their horses.

Learn how to make adobe bricks at the Post Hospital

Kids can pick up a Passport to History to be stamped at many sites east and west of Craycroft – and receive a Popcorn Award.

Explore the life of the Fort – the troops, scouts, doctors and Geronimo’s warriors in the Fort Lowell Museum. See the new Statehood exhibits and stroll down Cottonwood Lane.

Historic Sites Walking Tour - west of Craycroft

The walking tour of historic sites meanders from the Hohokam site in Fort Lowell Park across Craycroft and westwards along Fort Lowell Road to the San Pedro Chapel. Pick up a map of the sites at the Information Booths in Fort Lowell Park, at the Commissary, El Callejon or at the Chapel. Hosts will be on hand to interpret the features of each site and recount the history. Food, water, and drinks can be purchased en route. A free shuttle service is available for transport between San Pedro Chapel and the parking area in Fort Lowell Park.

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## CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

**Tax Aide:** AARP free tax aide is offering services at Udall Center on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 12 pm through April 13, 2016.

**Carl the Bug Guy:** The East Side Senior Club presents a talk by Carl the Bug Guy entitled “Bugged by insects?” February 17 at 11:30. Refreshments will be served.

**Rodeo Luncheon:** February 23, the center will host a Rodeo Luncheon sponsored by Accent Care. There will be music.

**Presidents’ Day:** The center will be closed February 15 in observance of Presidents’ Day.

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## PARKS PROGRAMS

**Facility Closures:** All Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed Monday, February 15 in observance of Presidents Day.

**Spring 2016 Leisure Classes:** Session II of Spring classes begin March 20.

**Summer 2016 Activity Guide:** Watch for the Summer Tucson Parks and Recreation 2016 Activity Guide which will be published on Monday, April 18, 2016. The Activity Guide will have complete information on classes, programs, aquatics, and registration. The guide can also be viewed at [www.ezeereg.com](http://www.ezeereg.com).

Contact Registration Services at 791-4877 for more information or questions.



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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 be on **Tuesday, February 23** 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>

