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PAUL'S NOTE

Many of you have no doubt noticed that work has been going on the Kolb Road/Sabino Canyon project.

Preliminary work started back in December, and the road is scheduled to open at the end of February of next year. The city and the RTA contracted with Ashton at a cost of \$12.3 million.

So far, project organizers have reported that the noise wall next to the Pantano II neighborhood is 90% complete. They expect it to get done by March 21.

It is unusual to build noise abatement features so early in a project like this, but this was done in response to neighbor-

hood concerns about construction noise. Roadway grading is near completion as well. You may also notice that they are already working on bank protection and shafts in preparation for the bridge across the Pantano River. Because most of this work is being done where no road currently exists, there will be a minimum of disruption to traffic on Tanque Verde and Kolb Roads. During this winter phase of construction, work will be done from Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4 pm. I'll be posting updates on the project on the Ward 2 webpage and Facebook, but you can also go to SabinoKolbConnection.info for the latest information. If you want to be on the e-

mail list for regular updates, contact Lori Lantz at lori@gordleygroup.com or 327-6077

Tucson Clean & Beautiful is holding its inaugural Green Madness Raffle. This fundraiser celebrates our community's enthusiasm for college sports, while also supporting the Tucson Clean & Beautiful mission of preserving and improving our environment, conserving natural resources, and enhancing area quality of life.

The featured raffle prize is a chance to win a basketball autographed by the current University of Arizona Men's Bas-

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ketball Team. Each raffle entry also includes the chance to win prizes from a variety of other area businesses.

Tucson Clean & Beautiful has been the flagship for community based environmental sustainability and climate resiliency efforts in the Tucson metro area for over thirty years. Programs include recycling and waste reduction, urban forestry, land stewardship, at-risk youth landscape training, and beautification. Visit www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org or call (520) 791-3109 for more information.

Remember that the Tucson Festival of Books is coming up next weekend, March 12 -13. The Festival has been hosted at the University of Arizona campus since 2009 and since that time has raised over \$1 million in literacy programs in our area. They will be hosting around 350 authors this year and estimates are that it will bring \$3 million into our local economy.

As usual, many of those authors will be nationally known, but the Festival is also a great time for local authors to be showcased. This year's line-up includes Stephen Buchmann, Jennifer Lee Carrell, Margaret Regan, Tom Prezelski and Jon Proudstar.

The Festival will run from 9:30 to 5:30 on both days and will include free activities for the whole family.

PALO VERDE RESOURCE CENTER

Palo Verde Family Center, housed at Palo Verde High School, 1302 S Avenida Vega, offers seminars, workshops and classes.

Check out the March Calendar of Activities at Palo Verde for the schedule of classes offered this month at <http://tusd1.org/contents/depart/familycenters/paloverde.asp>

Special Seminars and Workshops at Palo Verde during March 2016:

Beginning Computer Skills.

Male Leadership Development

Mi Vida: una serie de talleres en español a mujeres que estén interesadas en conocer los recursos de nuestra comunidad para fortalecer y estabilizar sus vidas.

For more information about the center, call 584-7455.

All year, the center will host events and classes open to the community. Please come by.

SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK

The National Park Service is celebrating its 100th birthday in 2016 and Saguaro National Park is celebrating with events scheduled throughout the year.

For additional information and updated details on all events, visit our website:
<http://www.nps.gov/sagu/getinvolved/2016.htm>

This week, NPS staff from across the state of Arizona walked in the Rodeo Parade with our hometown of Tucson.

On March 6th, from 10am until 5pm, Saguaro National Park and Western National Parks Association will hold a birthday celebration that only happens every hundred years. The Park's west side location (Tucson Mountain District) will host special interpretive programs planned throughout the day, a kid's corner hosting children's book author Sylvia Long, mini hikes down into the washes and saguaro plantings to take home. Join us at 11:30 a.m. for an exclusive performance by the award-winning Mariachi Aztlán de Pueblo High School. Food will be available for purchase from 11:30 a.m. to 1pm. This event is being co-hosted by the Western National Parks Association and Friends of Saguaro National Park. Red Hills Visitor Center, Tucson Mountain District (west) 2700 N Kinney Road, Tucson, AZ 85743

Watch for more information and we hope to help you Find Your Park this year.



PARKS PROGRAMS

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.

Eggstravaganza: The 15th Annual Eggstravaganza will be held on Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mansfield Park (2000 N 4th Ave). The free family event will include fun carnival games, egg hunt, prizes and the Easter Bunny.

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.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 8**. 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>

