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PAUL'S NOTE

On Thursday, the Fire Department gave its annual rewards at a ceremony downtown at Fire Central. Congratulations to all of the men and women that received awards. You represent the very best of Tucson. I'd like to pick out one award recipient, Captain Mike Bishop, who serves at Station 16, just across the parking lot from my office.

Below is the award citation. When you see TRT, that is a reference to Technical Rescue Team, the group with the specialized equipment and training to handle these sorts of rescues.

On the evening of September 28, 2017, EN16, LD16, PM 16 and EC3 - "A" shift were dispatched to a newly built bridge at the intersection of Tanque Verde and Sabino Canyon to a young man who, in a state of despondency, had climbed down to a ledge on the structure of the bridge. He had told a family member that he was going to jump. A plan was made quickly due to concern for the young man and for the rescuer's safety. It was decided that Captain Bishop would assume the risk and be the person to interact with the young person. Because it would take quite a while for a TRT response, the de-

cision was made to utilize those TRT members who were on the scene.

A roof ladder was lashed to the bridge structure. Captain Bishop, wearing a harness and helmet was belayed as he descended the ladder to the ledge below where the young man was. A rescue ring was secured to the young man, who ascended the ladder to safety. Captain Bishop then ascended the ladder.

Captain Bishop – your calm, confident leadership displayed during this call was instrumental in the good outcome and was a credit to you and the Tucson Fire Department.

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PAUL'S NOTE (CONTINUED)

Keep in mind that the TRT equipment was not on scene during the rescue. Captain Bishop, because of his previous training with that unit, was able to improvise with the equipment available.

Thank you, Captain Bishop, for your continuing service to Tucson.

Since early February, drivers that use the intersection of Speedway and Campbell have noticed something that is new to Tucson: a protected left. This means that the left turn arrow at that particular section is the only time left turns can be legally made. Before that, all intersections in Tucson that had a left turn arrow permitted turns on the green light if the driver judged them safe. That's called permitted/protected phasing.

According to the CMF, a project funded by the Federal Highway Administration, using the protected left at selected corners has reduced accident rates in some cities.

In the University area, there have been other experiments with left turns. At Speedway and Mountain, they now have a flashing yellow arrow for left turns. In a two year span before the flashing yellow, there were 18 accidents involving left turns. In the two year span after, there were three.

We have a number of intersections in Ward 2 that are dangerous, including two (Pantano/Speedway, Broadway/Sarnoff) that have a significant number of accidents involving left turns and pedestrians. The sort of solution being tried at Campbell and Speedway may not be a good fit for all of our problematic intersections in our part of town, but it will be another possible tool to use when doing traffic management.

VITA TAX HELP

We can no longer offer tax forms at the Ward 2 office, but we have been referring people to the United Way's VITA program. The VITA program's east side location is at Abounding Grace Lutheran Church, 2450 S Kolb Road. They are open for walk-ins Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between 9 am and 1 pm until April 14.

For more information, including a list of necessary documents, visit http://www.unitedwaytucson.org/vita_faq

COURT NIGHT

Pima County Superior Court and the Pima County Bar Association are hosting an event next week that aims to educate the public about some of the top filings that appear before judges, such as divorce, child support, probate, debt, and landlord-tenant issues. The free Court Night event will be held in two sessions (4-5:30 p.m. and 5:45-7:15 p.m.) next Tuesday, March 27, at the Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center, 1600 W. Ruthrauff Road. People can attend both sessions if they'd like. Some attorneys will offer presentations, while others will be on hand simply to answer questions. Court Night lawyers primarily provide procedural and general information about how the courts work, but they will not offer individual advice or discuss specific cases.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Ward 3 Tucson City Council Member Paul Durham and the Tucson Parks and Recreation department present the 19th annual EGGstravaganza this Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Mansfield Park, 2000 N. Fourth Ave. The free, community event is about having family fun. The all-ages party is expected to attract more than 2,000 Tucson youth. Family activities include music, games, inflatables, prizes, egg hunts, and the Easter Bunny. The Parks

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SATURDAY,
MARCH 24, 2018
10 A.M.-1 P.M.
MANSFIELD PARK
2000 N. 4TH AVE.

EGG HUNT TIMES:
AGES 2 AND UNDER - 10:30
AGES 3-4 - 11:00 A.M.
AGES 5-7 - 11:30 A.M.
AGES 8-12 - NOON
(Bring your empty basket for the hunt)

ENJOY FREE FAMILY FUN
WITH CARNIVAL GAMES,
EGG HUNTS, PRIZES,
AND THE EASTER BUNNY!
FOOD AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE

FREE EVENT For more information call 791-3247

HOMEBUYER EXPO

Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild is hosting a Homebuyer Expo this Saturday, March 24, 1-4 p.m., at the IBEW Hall, 750 S. Tucson Boulevard. If you're tired of renting, find a path to homeownership that works for you. There will be information on homebuyer assistance programs, qualifying for a mortgage, and improving your credit score. More information about the Mayor's Help for Homebuyers initiative can be found at:

<https://www.mayorrothschild.com/initiatives/help-for-homebuyers/>

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

AARP Tax Aid: Mondays & Wednesdays, 9 am—12 pm (Main Building)

Movie Day: Gifted (Rated PG 13), Wednesday, March 28th, Start time: 12:30 pm. The cost is \$1.00; snacks & refreshments will be provided

The Carol West Senior Addition at Udall features multipurpose rooms, lounge area with TV, computer adult learning center and pool tables. It is located at Udall Park and is open from 9 am to 4 pm Monday thru Friday.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Activity Guide: Tucson Parks and Recreation's Activity Guide for spring 2018 has arrived, and copies are available for pick up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. It can be viewed online at: www.tucsonaz.gov/parks.

The Activity Guide contains complete information on leisure classes, KIDCO after-school, aquatics, sports programs, registration, and the Discount Program. Registration dates are as follows:

The deadline for session 2 is March 13

All leisure class listings are online at www.EZEEreg.com. Please see the Activity Guide for more information on registration and deadlines. Whether you enjoy being active in slow-pitch softball leagues, want to design amazing jewelry, or get healthy and fit, there truly is something for everyone at Tucson Parks and Recreation. For questions or more information on registration or programs, contact Registration Services at 791-4877.

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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

**SR. JOSE WOMEN'S SHELTER—Summer items
and clothing, athletic shoes, back packs, tote**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 3**. 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>

