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## PAUL'S NOTE

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As a point of personal privilege, I want to share an experience I had outside of my official duties as a City Councilman. I took on an extra responsibility over the past few months.

As some of you may know, I teach at Apollo Middle School. A while back, some girls softball players approached me about coaching their team. I said no, because I have never coached girls' softball before. Plus, my day is already full between being a city councilman, teaching, and my family obligations.

They were persistent. They couldn't find anyone else and they were looking at sitting out the season without a coach. Finally, I agreed. I don't regret it at all.

I can honestly say that through that experience I have grown as a person. They were an incredible group of young women and it was one of the best experiences of my life.

Last week was the last game of the season, the same night as a council meeting. Luckily, I squeezed it in between study session and regular session. The girls lost (don't get me started on the officiating), but I learned a lot from their perseverance. I'm proud of what they were able to accomplish this season and I am proud and inspired by each and everyone of them.

Arizona Symphonic Winds will be starting their Spring concert season at Udall

Park on May 14. These are free concerts held at the amphitheater with László Veres conducting some of Southern Arizona's best young classical musicians. The concerts will be on May 14, 21, 28 and June 4. The music starts at 7 pm. Bring your best folding chair and even a picnic if you'd like.

Summer is on the way, which means it's SummerGo Youth Pass season. The SummerGo Youth Pass is available now for \$45. The pass gives students ages 6 to 18 unlimited rides on public transit and free entrance to all City pools. SummerGO can be purchased at several recreation centers and City pools, including

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Ward 2's Udall Park. A student ID is required for purchase. The pass is valid May 22 – August 5.

I'd like to close with two more sports notes. One is we had a special executive session on the possibility for minor league hockey in Tucson. I can't give any details about that meeting, but the details will be presented to the public on Tuesday. My priorities are that the City needs to be able to make money on this deal and that the games have to be affordable for Tucson families.

Secondly, I'd like to congratulate FC Tucson for moving forward in the US Open Cup, one of the oldest soccer cup competitions in the world. They have earned the right to face off with Arizona United SC, a Phoenix based team. If they win that match, they will face top level competition. More importantly, it gives us bragging rights over which town is Arizona's soccer capitol. That game is on Wednesday night at Kino Stadium.

## ARIZONA SYMPHONIC WINDS

The annual Spring Music in the Park series with Arizona Symphonic Winds conducted by László Veres begins on May 14.

Admission is free and all concerts begin at 7 pm at the Udall Park Amphitheater

May 14: Stars of the Winds—Four members of the Winds perform the famous quartet from Verdi's *Rigoletto*. *March László* composed especially for the Winds will open the 2016 season.

May 21: Stars of the Future—A nine year old violinist and a twelve year old trumpeter display their great talent.

May 28: *Carnival of Venice*: Guest Matthew Tropman, faculty member of the University of Arizona, performs this virtuoso piece on the tuba.

June 4: Sound of the Violins: Tucson Symphony members George Blum and Jose Moore are featured in the exciting duet *Tarantella*. George performs on a violin made by him. Other musical selections are marches, overtures, music from the movies and many more favorites.

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## TUCSON POPS ORCHESTRA



The Tucson POPS Orchestra will perform May 15, 22, 29 and June 5 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Reid Park, DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center (OPC). Limited seating at the DeMeester which fills up quickly. Bring folding chairs or blanket. For more information, 722-5853 or [www.info@tucsonpops.org](mailto:www.info@tucsonpops.org)

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## SUMMER POOL EMPLOYEES

The Tucson Parks and Recreation department is looking for water safety instructors (WSI) and lifeguards this summer. More than 150 lifeguards and swimming instructors are needed for seasonal work at City of Tucson pools, beginning the week of May 23.

Applicants must be at least 16 years old at time of hire and have knowledge of water hazards, lifesaving techniques, and first aid. To apply, you must attend a May 7 lifeguard screening at 9 a.m. at Catalina High School Pool, 2005 N. Dodge Blvd. and bring all of your certifications.

The application deadline is May 31.



## CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

**Tech Talk:** Tech Talk Presentation on Thursday, May 12 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Presentation will offer basic computer help including internet and email. No cost for presentation.

**Memorial Day Breakfast:** Memorial Day Breakfast on Thursday, May 26 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Cost is \$5.00. Join in for a filling breakfast including eggs and delicious sides to compliment. Provided by the Forum at Tucson. Entertainment provided by Arizona Banjo Blasters.

**Cribbage:** A new Cribbage activity will be offered on Tuesdays, May 17, 24 and 31 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cribbage will be added to the weekly activity schedule if there is enough interest.

**ESC Meetings:** Eastside Senior Club (ESC) meetings will be held on May 4 and 18 at 11:30 am.

Visit [www.tucsonaz.gov/park/udall](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/park/udall) for more information on the Morris K. Udall Center and the Carol West Senior Addition. Call 791-4121 for questions.

## PARKS PROGRAMS

**Summer Track and Field:** Summer track and field will be offered every Tuesday from June 7 through July 19 at Catalina High School (2645 E Pima). Registration is \$4 for adults and \$3 for youth 17 years and younger. On-site registration will be at 5:45 with events beginning at 6:30. Events will include the short distance runs and relays, including a 50 meter dash for participants five and under. Field events include long jump, javelin, shot put and high jump. Ribbons will go to track meet finishers.

**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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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, May 17**. 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>

