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PAUL'S NOTE

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Tuesday's council meeting started with a special honor for one Ward 2 resident. June 30th will be known as Joan Lionetti Keep Tucson Clean and Beautiful Day.

Joan will soon be retiring as executive director of that organization. Given what I've seen out of her, I don't think that means she'll be stepping aside from working on making Tucson a better, greener place.

Tucson Clean and Beautiful is probably best known for their "Adopt a Park," "Adopt a Street" and "Adopt a Wash" programs. This started back in 1984 as an

effort by A Mountain residents to clean up their area. Under Joan's leadership, the program now covers 300 locations across Tucson. Tucsonans give 20,000 volunteer hours each year to clean up and beautify those sites.

Joan started the Trees for Tucson program back in 1989. That program, which offers shade trees to Tucsonans, is a joint effort by TCB and numerous local partners over the years like TEP and TRICO. Under the program, Tucson has grown its shade canopy by 1,400 acres and has resulted in an estimated \$16 million dollars in energy savings.

Joan and TCB have also put together the YARDS program, which I've been happy to have played a part in. The program provides vocational training in desert landscape and maintenance for youth at risk involved in the Pima County Juvenile Court System. This gives out at-risk youth employment opportunities and job development skills, including desert health and safety skills. Many of the youth in the program have gone on to be placed in jobs in local government and industry.

Joan's enthusiasm for our local environment and community

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is an inspiration. I'm pretty sure that after this "retirement," my phone will still be burning up with her calls to get some new community program going.

Thank you, Joan.

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My staff met with the Department of Transportation regarding the city's floodplain management. Those of us who have lived here for a while know how devastating our floods can be, even though this is a desert.

The city is required to update our floodplain management program and codes every five years, and the update process is funded through a federal grant. Our code needs to be updated in order to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System. Among our latest changes are requirements for critical facilities (hospitals, elder care facilities, police buildings et cetera), modifications to the floodplain definition and how improvements to non-conforming structures are handled.

The proposed changes to the code, which won't be presented to my colleagues and I until August, were arrived at after a community process that ran the gamut from engineers to conservationists to real estate brokers.

It doesn't sound sexy, but these changes allow Tucson to keep its FEMA rating at 6. That means that residents who need flood insurance through FEMA's program will not see a rate hike, and some could see a reduction.

More importantly, it means that our homes and workplaces will continue to be built in a way that keeps us safe from floodwaters.

HELP FOR HOMEBUYERS

Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild has a new homeownership initiative, Help for Homebuyers, and announced the new Pathway to Purchase Down Payment Assistance Program. The program provides a 30-year fixed rate mortgage for eligible borrowers, plus a down payment assistance (DPA) second mortgage of 10 percent of the purchase price, up to \$20,000. The DPA second mortgage is a five-year forgivable lien against the property at zero percent interest with no required monthly payments. It can be used toward down payment, principal reduction, and/or closing costs. Buyers must live in the property as a primary resident for at least five years, have a minimum FICO score of 640, use a participating lender, attend an education workshop, and meet other requirements. The money is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Borrower(s) income cannot exceed \$92,984, and the purchase price cannot exceed \$371,936.

For more information, visit the mayor's home page at <http://www.mayorrothschild.com/>.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Many children will need immunizations before starting the 2016-2017 school year. As you plan the summer activities why not avoid the long lines when the kids are going back to school and include a stop to your medical provider or one of the public health clinics?

This is one of the 'to-do' items you can get checked off your list of back to school tasks. Be sure to bring your child's immunization records and insurance card to help speed up the process.

The Pima County Health Department clinics provide immunizations Monday through Friday. With an appointment, you won't have to wait, but walk-ins also are welcome and there is no charge for children!

In Ward 2, immunizations are available at 6920 E. Broadway Boulevard. For a complete list, visit pima.gov/health.

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

Movie Matinee: *Eddie the Eagle* will be screened on Thursday, June 30 at 1:30 pm. The cost is \$1.00. Refreshment will be served.

Art Museum Trip: A trip to the Desert Art Museum on Thursday, June 23. Departure from the center is 9:45 am. The cost is \$6.00.

Mount Lemmon: Mount. Lemmon field trip on Thursday, June 16. Departure from the center is 9 am, and return is 2 pm. The cost is \$6.00. Enjoy the cooler weather. A picnic lunch will be served. Afterwards, seniors will explore the shops at Summerhaven. Space is limited.

Relaxation and Sleep: An Iora Relaxation and Sleep Presentation will be held on Wednesday, June 22 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Learn about sleep hygiene and how it improves rest. Learn relaxation exercises designed to clear the mind. Snacks and a door prize will be provided.

Ice Cream Social: An ice-cream social with door prize will be held on Wednesday, June 15 at 11:30 am. The cost is \$1.00.

Visit 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.

Summer Swim: Pools open for Summer June 1-August 4. Fall (year-round) swim schedule will be on August 4. For more City pool information call 791-4245 or 791-5352.

Call 791-4877 for more information or questions.

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**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, June 21**. 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>

