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PAUL'S NOTE

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The red light cameras have not been operational since last November. Still, my office gets a lot of questions about why the poles are still up. Here is the latest word from the city manager:

I understand there may be question about red light cameras and the appearance they may still be in use around the city. The cameras are not in use and I directed staff to cease issuing citations shortly after the voters approved their removal last year. Please note this directive was prior to when we were required to do so. At issue is the fact that the poles and camera housings (and corresponding wiring) are still in place.

The vendor removed the cameras some time ago. The vendor offered to leave the remaining equipment in place for the future if we saw a potential need or oppor-

tunity for data gathering. After discussing this with staff, I learned the value of the remaining equipment to be approximately \$1M. I also learned there are other possible uses such as traffic counts, traffic congestion reports, and police responses to accidents in the area. These and other uses could assist us in addressing need in these areas through data gathering, but not for traffic enforcement.

Based on the value and other possible non-enforcement uses, I gave the direction to accept the equipment; however, since there appears to be concern over the camera housings, I have asked staff to tilt them either up or down or remove them altogether so the public can be clear we are not using them.

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I had an announcement last week about the open

house being put on about the solar panel project at Udall. I received word from the folks who are spearheading the project that I left out a few things.

The open house will include people from Parks and Recreation, Technicians for Sustainability and the City's Architecture and Engineering Division. The panels are planned for all of the north parking lots, those for both the senior center and recreation center.

This gives me another chance to give you the time for the meeting. It will be on Tuesday, August 2nd, 5:30 pm at the Udall Center, Room 1 – 3. We are looking forward to hearing your input.

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The SunLink anniversary is this weekend. If you have been putting

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off that visit to downtown, this might be your best weekend for it.

Tucson Electric Power, the Fourth Avenue Merchants Association, and Main Gate Square will sponsor free rides on the streetcar. KXCI and Main Gate Square will present a free 6 p.m. concert on the streetcar with Jimmy Carr and The Awkward Moments. To see the concert, board at the stop on Avenida del Convento and Congress, across from Mercado San Agustin, and travel to Main Gate Square for more concerts and other festivities. Check Sun Link's Twitter and Facebook pages to identify the streetcar number that will host the performance. The location of the streetcar with the concert also can be found using the Tucson Streetcar Tracker app, which can be downloaded on Google Play and the Apple App Store.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY AND HEALTH FAIR

Please join The Tucson Police Foundation and the Officers of the Tucson Police Department at the 4th Annual Back to School Safety & Health Fair.

The fair takes place Saturday, July 30 2016 from 9 am until noon at Park Place Mall in Center Court

FREE School Supplies

FREE Bicycle Helmets

FREE Safety Presentations by Tucson Police Department

FREE Fingerprinting by Fraternal Order of Police

Learn about:

- Bicycle Safety
 - Sun/Skin Protection
 - Internet Safety
 - Safe Teen Accident Reduction Training
 - Home Security
 - Anti-Bullying and much more!!
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CITY POOLS

With record heat upon us and little relief from the heat over the next several days, it's a good time to stay cool in a pool. The City of Tucson's Parks and Recreation department has 18 pools open for public use over the summer. Be sure to bring plenty of sunscreen with you. The summer pool schedule is in effect until Aug. 3. Admission is \$2 for adults and pools are now **free for those 17 and younger**. Summer and annual passes also are available. View a listing of the pools and operating hours at the link below. You also can cool off at the Catalina Park splash pad at 900 N. Fourth Ave. or the Marty Birdman Center/Balboa Heights Park splash pad, 2536 N. Castro Ave. Both splash pads have manual activation systems that allow residents to turn on the water features as desired, and they also have playgrounds. The splash pads are operational through the end of October, 8 a.m. until dusk.

For more information, visit <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/pools-and-splash-pads>

UDALL SOLAR

Councilman Paul Cunningham and Tucson Parks and Recreation invite you to an informational open house at the Udall Center regarding a new solar project

Representatives from Tucson Parks, Ward 2, Tucson Architecture and Engineering Division and Technicians for Sustainability will be on hand to answer questions and take suggestions on the project which will put shade structures/solar panels in the parking lot at the Carol West Senior Addition.

The open house will be on Tuesday, August 2nd, 5:30 pm at the Udall Center, Room 1 - 3

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

Movie: Movie and lunch at Park Place on Tuesday, July 26. Departure from the center is 9:30 a.m. and return is 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.25.

Forum Happy Hour: Happy Hour at the Forum of Tucson on Friday, July 22. Departure from center is 3:30 p.m. and return is 6:30 p.m. The event will include drinks, food, and entertainment.

Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?: A "Smarter than a 5th Grader Challenge" will be held on Wednesday, July 13 at 11:45 a.m. Test brain power against the eldest KIDCO participants. Subjects include Math, Science, Social Studies, Art, History, and English. Lunch included. The cost is \$3.00.

July Wellness Hour: For the month of July, seniors will have an opportunity to participate in additional day of wellness on Fridays from 9:05 a.m. to 10:05 a.m.

Please contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121 for questions.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Summer Track and Field: Summer track and field will be offered every Tuesday 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 Swim: Pools open for Summer through August 4. Fall (year-round) swim schedule will be on August 4. For more City pool information call 791-4245 or 791-5352.

Closures: Udall Center will be closed for annual maintenance beginning August 8 through 13. The Sabino Canyon Road extension project work will require western entrance to be Udall Park to be closed for 2-3 weeks.

Call 791-4877 for more information or questions.

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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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Due to the July 4 holiday, the next Mayor and Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 9**. 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>

