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## PAUL'S NOTE

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I've written before about the number of new officers that have been assigned to the east side in the reorganization put together by Chief Magnus. Many of you have seen the obvious results: more patrol cars on the streets, quicker response times. But the reorganization has also meant more flexibility for commanders in Operations Division East.

At the latest Division Advisory Committee meeting, Lt. Ray Mechtel gave a report on the Neighborhood Crimes Section. Neighborhood Crimes Section recently has taken over auto theft, burglary, organized retail theft and pawn shop enforcement. There are now nine detectives assigned, four of them to the area that corresponds to Ward 2.

With the additional manpower, Mechtel organized a burglary reduc-

tion operation for the summer. The operation is a mix of the Community Response Team, Zebra Units, acting on intelligence gathered from patrol and increased emphasis on pawn shops.

The result was 21 arrests. The thing to remember about that is that number is over and above those made for "calls for service," in other words, 911. These were people that would likely not have been caught otherwise.

The operation would not have been possible without the reorganization of our police department and the additional personnel and resources that have been brought to our patrol division. This new structure put together by Chief Magnus has allowed local commanders like Lt. Mechtel and Capt. Puglia, who leads ODE, the flexibility to creatively deal with

problems in our east side neighborhoods.

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By the way, the report that Lt. Mechtel gave was to the Division Advisory Committee, which consists of neighborhood leaders. Once a quarter, division commanders report on activities to local leaders while they have a chance to ask questions and talk about local concerns. If your neighborhood association or HOA would like to participate, contact my office.

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I'd like to remind everyone that we will be having an open house regarding the solar project at the Udall Recreation Center. Representatives from the city's Architecture and Engineering Division, Tucson Parks and Recreation, Ward 2,

## **PAUL'S NOTE, CONTINUED**

and Technicians for Sustainability will be on hand to answer questions and take suggestions. The open house will be on Tuesday, August 2 at 5:30 at the Udall Recreation Center, 7200 E Tanque Verde, rooms 1-3.

This week, Technicians for Sustainability, the contractor building the project, brought the plans for the project to my office. If you are interested in having a look, feel free to come by.

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## **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>

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## UDALL SOLAR

Ward 2 Council Member Paul Cunningham and the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation department invite you to an informational open house at Udall Recreation Center regarding a new solar project. The project will put shade structures with solar panels in the parking lot at Udall Recreation Center and the Carol West Senior Addition. Representatives from the city's Architecture and Engineering Division, Tucson Parks and Recreation, Ward 2, and Technicians for Sustainability will be on hand to answer questions and take suggestions.

Who: Ward 2 Council Office and Tucson Parks and Recreation department

What: Discussion of solar project at Udall Recreation Center

When: Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Udall Recreation Center, 7200 E. Tanque Verde Road, Rooms 1-3

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## CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

**Health and Wellness Fair:** The Health and Wellness Fair will be on Thursday, September 29 from 11 am to 1 pm. There will be vendors, presentations, raffle, prizes and more.

**Casino Night:** Casino Night will be on Thursday, August 25 from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. The cost is \$8.00 per person. The event will include entertainment, food, gambling chips, great prizes from local businesses, and fun! The event is sponsored by The Forum of Tucson, and FiveStar Senior Living.

**Aquatic Fitness:** A free aquatic fitness class will be on Tuesday, August 30 from 8 am to 10:30 am. It will include a safety talk and snacks. Sponsored by CareMore.

**Udall Center Closure:** The Udall Center will be closed for annual maintenance beginning August 8 through 12. The center will re-open Monday, August 15.

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

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## PARKS PROGRAMS

**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.

**Fall Program Guide and Parks and Recreation Leisure Classes:** The Tucson Parks and Recreation Fall Program Guide has been published, and registrations have started. The Fall Leisure classes for Session I takes place from August 28-October 15. Session II of classes will run October 23-December 10. For class and program availability, call Registration Services at 791-4877. Visit [www.ezeereg.com](http://www.ezeereg.com) for additional information.

**City Softball:** The City Softball League season begins August 15. Walk-in registrations are currently taking place at the Sports Unit located at 8155 E Poinciana Drive. Registration ends August 5.

**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**

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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>

