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## PAUL'S NOTE

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Even before the Loop, a non-motorized path around the city's edge, was completed, I was a rider on it. Of course, it wasn't necessarily easy. The incomplete route meant I had to carry my bike over one portion of it, and there were parts where I had to improvise a route down streets to go from one part to another.

As of last Saturday, I will not have to do that anymore.

That was the day of the official opening of the section between Fort Lowell and Tanque Verde. Bicyclists from all over town, including me, were at the dedication.

Improvements on the Fort Lowell/Tanque Verde section are not only good for users of the Loop. The work provides flood and erosion protection for the com-

mercial businesses along Grant Road and for residences along the west bank. Bank protection along the east bank of the Pantano Wash has been extended 1,300 linear feet downstream and provides flood protection to homes immediately adjacent to the Pantano Wash in the Tucson Country Club area.

Other benefits are 1.9 miles of paved pathways, a paved parking area, an equestrian parking area, a pedestrian bridge, public art, a scenic viewing area, an in-channel grade control structure and an access ramp into the wash. Public access to the river park will be available at Fort Lowell Park and at several locations between the park and Tanque Verde Road.

Keep in mind that the Loop is designed for just about any non-motorized traffic: foot, bicycles, skates even horses. The folks at Pima County,

who financed the project, have a saying: "If it doesn't have a motor, it's good to go on The Loop."

The County spearheaded the project, but it also required a level of cooperation between governments that we need to see more of. The hundred mile route and its links touch not just Pima County and Tucson, but South Tucson, Oro Valley and Marana. Within our own city government, we needed coordination from the Department of Transportation, Parks and Recreation and the Real Estate Division.

It also took groups from outside of government. I'd like to put in a particular shout out to Ward 2's Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association, who worked closely with us on trying to figure out how to get the section near Fort Lowell

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

Park done when we encountered obstacles. The Pima Trails Association, the Audubon Society and Tucson Pima Arts Council were also critical.

The opening has come just in time for things to cool off a bit. I hope all of you can enjoy this September weather on the Loop.

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## **FREE IRRIGATION CLASSES**

Tucson Water is offering Irrigation Association classes for Pima Smartscape's certificate holders and landscape companies that are interested in certifying their staff to participate in Tucson Water's Irrigation Efficiency Incentive Program. These are the official IA classes for anyone who wants to earn their Irrigation Association Certification OR CEU'S. Participants will be prepared to take the exam.

Those who attend all six classes will be qualified to perform the work for the new Tucson Water Irrigation Efficiency Upgrade Incentive Program for commercial and multi-family customers. This is an up to \$10,000 rebate and qualified contractors will be in demand!

These are all day classes (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Breakfast and lunch provided.

Dates (first Thursday and Friday in November, December, January):

Module 1: November 3 & 4, 2016 – Landscape Auditor (two-day module)

Module 2: December 1 & 2, 2016 – Foundations of Landscape Irrigation Design (two-day module)

Module 3: January 5, 2017 (one-day module)

Module 4: January 6, 2017 (one-day module)

Visit [pimasmartscape.org](http://pimasmartscape.org). Space is very limited.

For more information about the Tucson Water Irrigation Efficiency Upgrade Incentive Program for commercial and multi-family customers, please contact:

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## CPR CLASSES

Your Ward 2 Council Office continues to host CPR and first aid classes in conjunction with Save a Life and the Tucson Fire Department. For registration, you can call 623-8484 or visit [savealife.tfd.com](http://savealife.tfd.com).

Upcoming classes:

November 9: Noon-5 pm heartsaver CPR/First Aid

November 9: 6 pm-10 pm BLS healthcare provider CPR

December 14: Noon-5 pm heartsaver CPR/First Aid

December 14: 6 pm -10 pm BLS healthcare provider CPR

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## REDISTRICTING

The Redistricting Advisory Committee encourages public participation in the redistricting process. Every four years, the boundaries of the six wards of the city are reviewed to determine whether adjustments are necessary to equalize the population in each ward.

The Mayor and Tucson City Council established the citizens committee to help with the effort. A public hearing will be held in Council Chambers (255 W. Alameda St.), Sept. 29, at 5:30 p.m. to gather comments. The preliminary redistricting plan will be on display at the public hearing. The plan also is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 255 West Alameda, 9th floor. Additionally, the plan may be reviewed at the link below.

Comments and suggestions may be submitted to the Redistricting Advisory Committee c/o City Clerk, P.O. Box 27210, Tucson, AZ, 85726-7210, emailed to [cityclerk@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:cityclerk@tucsonaz.gov), or delivered to the City Clerk's Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

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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.

**Fall Potluck:** Fall potluck on Wednesday, September 21 at 11:30 am. Cost is \$1.00 per person. Sign ups for activity are taken at center front desk.

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

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## PARKS PROGRAMS

**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 will run until 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.

**The Arizona Symphonic WINDS- Concerts:** The WINDS concert series will take place at the Lazslo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park (7200 E Tanque Verde Rd) on September 24, and October 1, and from 7 pm to 9 pm. Please bring a chair or blanket. For more information visit: <http://azwinds.com/>

*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 **Wednesday, October 5**. 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>

