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PAUL'S NOTE

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For 20 years, the Tucson Firefighters Association has provided 600 Thanksgiving and 600 Christmas meals for Tucson Families in need, provided 400 children new clothing and Christmas presents, and helped Santa spread holiday cheer and gifts to the Children at UMC Hospital. The funding comes from the generous donations and amount raised at the Annual TFFA Chili Cookoff. Unfortunately this year TFFA experienced bad weather resulting in raising \$13k less than anticipated. They are asking for the community's help. If you would like to donate to help

increase the numbers of families our fire fighters can help in the Tucson area please contact Mike Wentrode at mwintrode@hotmail.com

Thursday night, the final open house for the Kolb Road/Sabino Canyon connection occurred over at Udall Recreation Center. If you'd like to see maps and mock-ups of the project, you can visit sabinokolbconnection.info.

The contractor on the project, local firm Ashton Company, has been given a notice to proceed date of December 1st. The first two weeks will be the

contractor setting up their construction yard, with some minor work beginning in the middle of December. Major construction is set to begin early next year, with the work expected to be completed in fifteen months.

The roadway will provide two lanes of travel each way and improvements will include noise walls, drainage improvements, landscaping, public art and pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Lighting will be state-of-the-art LEDs.

Since this project is largely happening where no road currently exists, the

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planners anticipate few lane restrictions in the area. However, if there are issues that come up, I'll try to keep you up-to-date in my newsletter and on my Facebook page as I have with projects in the past.

On Tuesday, we voted to approve the City Manager's selection of Christopher Magnus as Tucson's next police chief. Thank you to our selection committee and in particular my two appointments, Missy Ortiz and Jeff Rogers (both of whom have law enforcement backgrounds), for helping my colleagues and the manager come to this decision.

Magnus comes to us from Richmond, California. Some of you may know that as the setting for the film *Coach Carter*. Like in the movie, Richmond was a troubled place before Magnus arrived. In his first year on the job, Richmond was rated the most dangerous city in California with 70 homicides per year. Last year, there were 12.

The Contra Costa Times noted in an editorial about Magnus that "he didn't do it by banging heads. He did it by reaching out," and that he started a "critical rapport between officers and residents."

My hope is that he can continue this stellar record here in Tucson. Welcome to the Old Pueblo, chief.

FAMILY FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

Tucson Parks and Recreation and Cigna are proud to present the 10th annual Family Festival in the Park. This free community-wide event is expected to attract more than 13,000 people. This year's event is going extreme! There will be skateboarding demonstrations, games, prizes, crafts, inflatables, tennis, disc golf, and class demonstrations. KIDCO will host face painting and an art exhibit featuring the work of our KIDCO participants. Reid Park Zoo will have free admission, and the Edith Ball Adaptive Recreation Center will host an afternoon of free swimming from noon to 4 p.m. Tucson City Golf will offer free 10-minute golf instruction at the Randolph Driving Range, 600 S. Alvernon Way, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers from Friends of the Reid Park Rose Garden will be giving tours of the garden during the event. Entertainment will be presented throughout the day, and a variety of foods will be available for purchase through local vendors.

The cost is free, but please bring donations of canned goods to the festival to benefit the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.

SPRING ACTIVITY GUIDE

Tucson Parks and Recreation's Activity Guide for spring 2016 has arrived and copies are available for pick up at all Parks and Recreation Department facilities, including district offices, centers and pools. Copies also will be available at the Family Festival in the Park event on Saturday, Nov. 21, at Reid Park or can be viewed on-line at: www.tucsonaz.gov/parks.

The Activity Guide contains complete information on leisure classes, KIDCO after-school, aquatics, sports programs, registration and the Discount Program. Registration will open on Saturday, Nov. 21, for City residents and Monday, Nov. 23, for non-City residents. All leisure class listings are available for registration online at www.ezeereg.com. Please see the Activity Guide for registration information and deadlines.

Whether you enjoy being active in slow-pitch softball leagues, want to design amazing jewelry, learn digital photography skills, or create beautiful pottery and ceramics pieces, there truly is something for everyone at Tucson Parks and Recreation. For questions or more information on registration or programs, contact Registration Services at 791-4877.

VOLUNTEER WITH VITA

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) provides free tax preparation to low- and moderate-income Arizonans and helps them to leverage their tax refunds to achieve greater financial stability.

Make a difference and help people in your community by becoming a tax volunteer.

Top 5 Reason to Becoming a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance VITA Volunteer

- No Experience Needed
- FREE Tax Law training & materials
- Flexible Volunteer Hours
- Make an impact in your neighborhood
- Continuing Education Credits for tax professionals

JOIN the VITA volunteer team today! For more information please visit the our website <http://www.unitedwaytucson.org/> or contact Ellen Pott at epott@unitedwaytucson.org

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

Thanksgiving Luncheon: The senior addition will host a Thanksgiving Luncheon on Wednesday, November 25 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$6.00. The luncheon will include a meal and piano performance.

For questions on the activities listed above, please contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121.



PARKS PROGRAMS

Spring 2016 Program Guide and Class Catalog: Watch for the Spring 2016 Program Guide and Class Catalog to be available Monday, November 9, 2015. It will be available for free pick-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. For questions or more information, contact the Registration Office at 791-4877.

Field Closures: The following park facilities are currently closed for maintenance: Udall Soccer Fields A-E, Lincoln Softball Fields 5-8 and Ft. Lowell Soccer and Field 8.

Winter Pool Closures: Ft. Lowell and Udall Pools will close November 6, 2015 through March 31, 2016. Pools will reopen on April 1, 2016.

Veterans' Day: All Parks and Recreation facilities are closed for Veteran's Day on Wednesday, November 11, 2015.

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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

Council members will be sworn in on December 7. The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 8**. 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>

