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TORCH cancels next two academies; offers education videos on the meantime

Sun City West's TORCH Citizens Academy is canceling its next two academies due to COVID-19, but will offer a series of educational videos in the interim.

Due to restrictions in place throughout the Rec Centers to prevent the spread of COVID, the TORCH Committee decided the academies could not continue without negatively impacting participants' experience. Therefore, the fall 2020 and spring 2021 sessions are canceled.

"We discussed many possible ways to work within the CDC guidelines to present the sessions, but, in the final analysis, we couldn't guarantee the safety of our members while still holding classes in the format we believe offers the best experience," said TORCH Committee Chair Terry Hamman. "So, while the classes are on hiatus, we will be presenting short informative videos on various subjects dealing with Association or community issues and/or concerns."

The informational videos are being produced now and will be placed on the Association's YouTube channel every Monday. The first video can be found here: <https://youtu.be/aQuvfkStn0>. (Alternatively, visit youtube.com/suncitywestaz and browse for the new TORCH videos.)

Videos will cover such topics as member dues, the new Golf Lab at Grandview, the Asset Preservation Fee and more.

"We are hopeful that by the Fall of 2021 this virus will be under control and it will be safe to have in-person classes again," Hamman said.