

Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES:

- January 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 28–February 23: Tucson SoccerFest

PAUL'S NOTE

First of all, I'd like to thank Boy Scout Troop 233 for attending Tuesday night's Mayor and Council meeting. I'm glad that their leaders wanted to give them this important civics lesson. I was happy to talk to these young men who will make fine future leaders in our community.

As many of you know, we had an intern in our office, Vanessa Olivas, from the Fred Acosta Job Corps. She's moved on, but we are interested in continuing our relationship with Job Corps and what they do with workforce development in our community.

My fellow members of the council and I were presented with the Poverty and Urban Stress Report. The data in the report demonstrate that our area has more than its share of poverty. This is nothing new. However, the Tucson community has done an admirable job in having support systems for needy families. We still need to do more. One statistic that resonated with me and ought to give all of us pause is that 8,844 people accessed homeless services in our community, and 1 in 5 were under the age of eighteen. 5% were "unaccompanied youth." I would like to collaborate with the county, churches, charities and social service agencies to set a goal that in the next four years every child has a bed to sleep in every night.

One of the broader reads I took from the report was the number of underemployed people in our community. We've created plenty of jobs, but are they paying enough to keep people from being reliant on govern-

ment or charity? The answer has, for too many years, been "no."

That is why I was proud to do my part on Tuesday to help fund more workforce development programs. The city had \$400,000 to spend because of the cancelled agreement with TREO.

Many in the community have ideas for how the money should be spent, but the money was previously allocated to TREO for economic development. I feel that it should continue to be directed toward economic development, so I moved to spend \$100,000 on our existing training programs.

The money will get allocated among several programs, but to give you an idea of the tangible effects that it will have, I'd invite you to take a look at Job Path. Job Path is among the city's success stories, providing skilled and motivated workers to private employers throughout the region. The people at Job Path have reported to me that twelve applicants are on a waiting list for training as aviation mechanics. The money will go a long way to getting some of those people off the waiting list, trained and ready to further our city's leadership in the aviation industry.



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PAUL'S NOTE (CONTINUED)

In other council business, Mayor and Council reached an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad regarding a broken water main on their property. Unfortunately, city taxpayers are on the hook for \$990,000. As I told Darren DaRonco from the Star, there is a silver lining to this if it leads to better cooperation between the city and the railroad. What caused and exacerbated this problem was a lack of communication between our two entities.

All told, it was a productive council session and a great way to start the year. Thank you.

SHRED-IT

There will be a community Shred-It event on January 19th at the Target store at 6500 E Grant Road. Organizers will be offering document shredding from 9 am to 1 pm and are asking for donations to the Community Food Bank.

COLD WEATHER ALERT

An anticipated multi-morning hard freeze is predicted for the upcoming weekend. Property and business owners should check plumbing, pipes, and especially backflow assemblies that are affected by outdoor temperatures. Tucson Water is implementing its cold weather emergency preparedness plan to prevent disruption to its delivery system.

A backflow assembly ensures that potable water is kept free from harmful contaminants. When a water line is connected to equipment containing a nonpotable substance, this is known as a cross-connection. Contamination may occur when water flows through a cross-connection from a nonpotable source, such as a sprinkler system or heating and cooling units, into the potable water system, a process known as backflow.

“Backflow assemblies are in use

throughout our service area,” said Mark Titus, Supervisor for Backflow Prevention and Reclaimed Water at Tucson Water. “An assembly that is damaged by freeze can cost anywhere from \$1,500 to \$4,000 or more to repair.”

Titus estimates that approximately 3,000 backflow assemblies – 10% of the total in service here – were damaged in the two-day major freeze in February 2011. That figure represents the number of permits to replace assemblies in the following 12 months.

“People with backflow assemblies should contact their certified tester for freeze protection methods best suited for the device,” said Titus. This may include an insulation bag, individual wrap, or a device that slightly opens to generate minimal flow of water.

Exposed pipes and plumbing that carry or contain water may freeze in a small area and not have an opportunity to thaw. High temperatures may not surpass 50 degrees and anything in shade all day will not warm significantly. This includes backflow assemblies, irrigation systems, evaporative coolers, and cooling towers. A burst is capable of causing major water damage and high costs for repair and water loss.

Tucson Water will mail its “Winterizing Tips” document and the “What You Should Know About Backflow Prevention” brochure upon request. Call the Public Information and Conservation Office (PICO) at (520) 791-4331, e-mail pico@tucsonaz.gov, or go online to www.tucsonaz.gov/water/winter-prep.

U D A L L P A R K

Seniors will have an opportunity to take a trip and enjoy a historical tour of the San Xavier Mission and its restoration on Thursday, January 24 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The trip will also include lunch at the Golden Corral. Sign ups are taken at the Carol West Senior Addition. Call 791-4121 for additional information.

The Carol West Senior Addition will host "Bingo Bash" on Thursday, January 31st at 1:30 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of Bingo with great prizes provided by CareMore! Refreshments and snacks will be served. The cost is \$2.00 per person. Contact 791-4121 for more information.

**S E N I O R
O L Y M P I C S**

The Tucson 29th Annual Senior Olympics Festival will take place January 18-27. The 10-day program promotes health, fitness and an active lifestyle among seniors. Registration is in progress and can be done online through www.ezeereg.com. There is a \$3 late fee for registrations received after January 1, 2013. No registrations will be accepted after January 11, 2013 and/or post-marked by January 11th. For complete information visit www.TucsonSeniorGames.org or contact 791-3244.

The Senior Olympics dinner and dance event, "Giddy-Up" will be held on January 26 from 6 p.m.-10 p.m., and at the Hilton East, 7600 E. Broadway Blvd. The event will include dinner, entertainment and dancing. The cost is \$20 per ticket. For any questions, contact 791-3244.

**F T L O W E L L
S H O O T O U T**

It's that time again! The Annual Ft. Lowell Shootout is the weekend of January 18-20. The opening ceremonies, Parade of Athletes and Soccer Olympics will take place at Ft. Lowell Park (2900 N Craycroft, Glenn/Craycroft) on Friday night, January 18th. The tournament takes place all across the city. Come out to the park and support the players!

P L A N T U C S O N O P E N H O U S E S

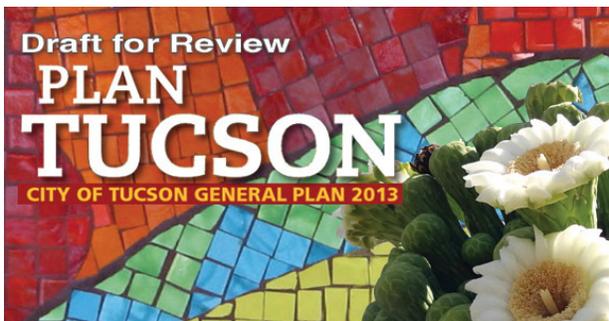
Now that the Plan Tucson Draft is available for public review, Public Open Houses have been scheduled, at which you may see a presentation on Plan Tucson, share comments, and talk one-on-one with staff. Please note the presentation will take place during the first half-hour of each Open House. Comments received at these Open Houses, along with comments received by other means, will be shared at Planning Commission and Mayor and Council public hearings in early 2013.

Saturday, January 12, 2013, 9:00 - 10:30 AM
TPD Hardesty Multi-Service Center, Meeting Room, 1100 S. Alvernon Way

Thursday, January 31, 2013, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Ward 2 Council Office - Conference Room, 7575 E. Speedway Blvd.

The Plan Tucson Draft is now available for review and comment. Hard copies of the Draft are available for viewing at the Housing and Community Development Department and the Mayor's and each Council office.



**L A R E U N I O N
D E L F U E R T E**

The 32nd Annual Fort Lowell Day Celebration, La Reunion de el Fuerte will be held on February 9, 2013 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Ft. Lowell Park. The event will include historic sites walking tours, calvary drills, music, and youth activities. The event is sponsored by the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association, Inc., and the event is open to the public. Free admission. The park is located at 2900 N. Craycroft Rd. For more information contact 318-0219.

TUCSON SOCCER FEST

From January 28 until February 23rd, Tucson will be treated to high level soccer. The games will be at Kino Stadium, as well as the newly improved Kino Sports Complex. Contact FC Tucson for ticket information at 334-1115 or visit <https://fctucson.ticketsocket.com/>

January 26
Canada v Denmark, 1 pm, Kino Stadium

Desert Friendlies
All games at Kino Sports Complex, Field 5

January 29
Portland Timbers FC v Colorado Rapids, 11 am

San Jose Earthquakes v Houston Dynamo, 3 pm

FC Tucson v Sporting Kansas City, 6 pm
January 31
Houston Dynamo v Colorado Rapids, 6 pm, Kino Sports Complex

February 1
Sporting Kansas City v Portland Timbers, 6 pm

February 2
Houston Dynamo v Vancouver Whitecaps FC, 4 pm

February 5
Seattle Sounders FC v Portland Timbers FC, 11 am

February 8
FC Tucson v Portland Timbers, 11 am

Desert Diamond Cup
All games at Kino Stadium

February 13
New England Revolution v Seattle Sounders FC, 5 pm

New York Red Bulls v Real Salt Lake, 7 pm

February 16
Seattle Sounders FC v Real Salt Lake, 5 pm

New York Red Bulls v New England Revolution, 7 pm

February 20
Real Salt Lake v New England Revolution, 5 pm

New York Red Bulls v Seattle Sounders FC, 7 pm

February 23
Consolation match, 4 pm
Championship match, 6 pm

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meetings will be on January 15 and 23. 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>.



We're on the web!
Cms3.tucsonaz.gov/ward2

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Please bring these items to the Ward
2 Office for the following charities:
THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perish-
able Items
DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers
SAAF—Personal Hygiene Products and Per-
sonal Care Products
TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need
ICU—Eye Glasses
DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—
Ballet/Dance Equipment