

Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES:

- January 26- Beat Back Buffelgrass
- January 28—
February 23: Tucson SoccerFest
- February 9—
Reunion de el Fuerte

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PAUL'S NOTE

There was no city council meeting this week, and there will not be one next week. Of course, there are plenty of things going on in our community.

This Saturday, Tucson is hosting a soccer match between Denmark and Canada at Kino Stadium. This will be the first time a full international soccer match will be hosted in the Old Pueblo. I'm proud to see this happening in our city, and, as I said in last week's newsletter, I'm proud to have been part of making our community into a destination for world class soccer teams.

The game kicks off what FC Tucson is dubbing SoccerFest. Next week, two Major League Soccer teams will hold a preseason friendly at the newly improved Kino SportsPark. The game will be between Portland Timbers FC and 2010 MLS Cup champion Colorado Rapids. The game marks the return to Tucson for Pablo Mastroeni, who played for the Tucson Amigos back in the 1990's.

The game is the start of a series of nine matches, including two where our own FC Tucson will show their skills against MLS opponents.

On February 13, the Desert Diamond Cup will start. The tournament will feature four MLS teams, New England Revolution, New York Red Bulls, Seattle Sounders FC and Real Salt Lake. The Red Bulls feature goalkeeper Luis Robles, who learned his game as a member of the Tucson Soccer Academy

under local coaching legend Wolfgang Weber.

The first Desert Cup (as it was called then) was conceived in my office and featured only two MLS teams. To give you an example of how much this tournament has grown in a short time, the February 23 final will be broadcast nationally on the NBC Sports Network.

I get excited about sports, as you all know, but the tournament has a tangible effect on our economy. Just the four teams that played in last year's tournament used 1592 room nights in local hotels and spent an estimated \$543,000. That doesn't even include fans that came into our community from out of town and ate in our restaurants and enjoyed our local attractions. With the higher profile that Tucson's preseason has this year, we can expect more of an economic impact. I am also happy to report that the Fort Lowell Shoot-Out Youth Soccer Tournament enjoyed its largest field in as much as ten years. Soccer has had a great month in the Old Pueblo.

As January winds down, the "Golden Month" of February begins, aside from Soccer, we have the Rodeo, Accenture Match Play, the Gem Show, and a substantial number of people fleeing cold weather for the sunshine offered here. Let us welcome them with open arms and showcase why Tucson is such an amazing place to live.

Next Friday marks the 10th year of the American



PAUL'S NOTE (CONTINUED)

Heart Association's Go Red for Women Day. Staff in my office will be wearing red to raise awareness of heart disease among women. Heart disease is the number one killer of women, more than all kinds of cancer combined. It causes one in three deaths of women every year, and kills more women than men.

The American Heart Association is asking all of us to wear red and learn more about the risk factors that cause heart disease. My ward office will be having information

available on prevention during the week. Also, it's a good time to learn CPR so that you can help your friends and family. There are several excellent local groups that offer CPR and first aid training. You can attend one of their trainings, or schedule one for your community organization:

- The Sarver Heart Center offers free, compression only CPR trainings, <http://heart.arizona.edu/learn-cpr>.

- Members of the Tucson Fire Department schedule classes through their Save-a-Life Foundation, <http://savealifetfd.com/home.html>

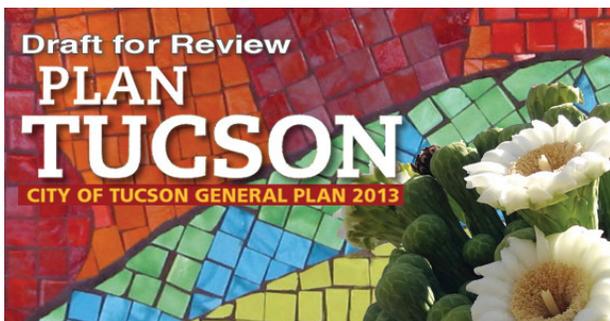
- American Heart Association offers classes and certifications, contact them at their web page or at 795-1403

I hope you and your family have a great weekend.

FINAL PLAN TUCSON OPEN HOUSE

Your last chance to weigh in on Plan Tucson is coming up at the Ward 2 office. This will be the final Public Open House, 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 the Open House. Comments received at all of the Open Houses, along with comments received by other means, will be shared at Planning Commission and Mayor and Council public hearings in early 2013.

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. Also, a series of Open Houses on the Draft will be offered in December 2012 and January 2013.



Thursday, January 31, 2013, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
 Ward 2 Council Office - Conference Room, 7575 E. Speedway Blvd.

BEAT BACK BUFFELGRASS

Let's "pull together" now to remove buffelgrass from our roadways, washes, and parks!

Saturday is "Beat Back Buffelgrass" day. In our area, rapid spread of buffelgrass and conversion of fire-resistant desert to flammable grassland rivals urban growth and water as the region's most pressing environmental issue.

The Southern Arizona Buffelgrass Coordination Center is still looking for volunteers to help pull buffelgrass this weekend. You can check their website, www.buffelgrass.org, for an event in your area.

UDALL PARK

The Carol West Senior Addition will host "Bingo Bash" on Thursday, January 31 at 1:30 pm. Enjoy an afternoon of Bingo with great prizes provided by CareMore! Refreshments and snacks will be served. The cost is \$2.00 per person.

A square dancing program will be offered at the Udall Senior Addition every Wednesday from 1:30 pm-3:30 pm, beginning February 13. Paul Turner, dance instructor and member of Southern Arizona Callers and Cuers Association will be the "caller.". Participants will need to have a current Parks and Recreation Senior Activity card. Donations of \$3.00 will be accepted for the caller. For more information contact the Carol West Senior Addition at 791-4121.

AARP will be offering tax assistance at Udall Center on Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning February 4-April 7 from 9 am -1 pm Contact Udall Center at 791-4931 for additional information.

SENIOR OLYMPICS

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.



FACILITY CLOSURES

In observance of Presidents Day, all City Parks and Recreation facilities to include Recreation Centers and Administration Offices will be closed on Monday, February 18.

WILDCAT BASEBALL

The University of Arizona Baseball will have their opening day at Hi Corbett on Friday, February 15 at 6 p.m. They play against Coppin State. They also play against Coppin State on Saturday, February 16 at 2 pm and on Sunday, February 17 at noon.

LA REUNION DEL FUERTE

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, cavalry 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 meeting will be on February 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>.



We're on the web!
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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