

# Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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## UPCOMING DATES:

- Thru February 23:  
Tucson SoccerFest
- February 16-24—  
Fiesta de los Vaque-  
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- February 18—  
Presidents' Day

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## PAUL'S NOTE

At this week's Mayor and Council meeting, we heard a report about inspection fees for solar installations. A recent study by solar equipment manufacturer Sunrun said that local inspection and permit fees can add as much as \$2,516 to a residential installation, amounting to \$0.50 per watt. A 2010 article published by the website RenewableEnergy-World.com noted that fee structures in many communities discourage residents from switching to solar power.

The city manager's office came to us with a proposal that would have, among other things, set a flat rate of \$150 per water heater or for the first 30 panels in an installation. There were things that I liked about the proposal. First off, it's a fee that includes both plan and inspection. Secondly, it covered both commercial and residential, meaning that the fee, whether on a house or a business, would reflect the costs of inspection.

I wanted it to go a bit further, however. I suggested that the rate be reduced to \$109. That gives us the lowest fees in our region. This will give homeowners and businesses the incentive to switch to solar. None of us need reminders about why this is important, and our community is one of the best suited to make this transition in the world. Councilmember Kozachik made the motion with my second and it passed.

We are in the middle of our "golden month" of soccer in Tucson. The *Tucson Sentinel* talked to me about soccer in

Tucson, but we've also gotten some attention nationally. Major League Soccer has been broadcasting the Desert Diamond Cup matches on their website. The final will be on NBC Sports Network. You combine that attention with the national broadcast of the Accenture Match Play tournament and you have our region showcased as an important sports hub.

Don't forget baseball. Friday morning, I attended a send off for NC Dinos. The Dinos are a new team in the Korean Professional Baseball League after spending a year in their country's equivalent of the minor leagues. Local sports ambassadors George Arias and Joseph Blair attended the event at Hi Corbett Field with me, and I'm proud that they chose Tucson as their first stop off as they start their trip through the Korean big league.

For those of you that have followed Genna's law, I have some good news for you. It has now been filed as a bill. It is HB2631. Democrat Bruce Wheeler and Republican Ethan Orr worked on the initial language with me, and now the bill has ten house cosponsors and one in the senate. The bill has been referred to the judiciary committee. We need all of you to call or e-mail your representatives and senators and urge them to support this bill. You can call the capitol toll free at 1-800-352-8404, and you can e-mail the Judiciary Committee Chairman, Eddie Farnsworth, at [efarnsworth@azleg.gov](mailto:efarnsworth@azleg.gov).

**PAUL'S NOTE  
(CONTINUED)**

Make sure to go down to Hi Corbett field to see our College World Series champion Wildcats take on Coppin State this weekend (details on page 4). We'll have more details soon on the business roundtable, neighborhood legislature and youth sports summit. Have a great weekend.

2013 will mark the 6th year the Pima County Sheriff's Department has provided this valuable service free-of-charge to the community. All confirmed event dates are on Saturdays, and all shredding events will run from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- April 6 at Casas Church- 10801 N. La Canada Blvd.
- September 14 at Kino Sports Complex- 2500 E. Ajo Way

**CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON  
PUBLIC SERVICE AND  
COMPENSATION**

The 2013 City of Tucson's Citizens' Commission on Public Service and Compensation held its first meeting on January 17 with all seven commissioners attending. The commission completed its agenda and elected its officers. The Commission voted to hold its meetings on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. Public involvement with the Commission is encouraged and welcomed by either sending emails to the Commission at [cityclerk@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:cityclerk@tucsonaz.gov) and/or attending subsequent Commission meetings, which are held in the Mayor and Council Conference Room, 255 W. Alameda Street..

This year's Commission will be holding weekly meetings through March 15, 2013. For more information, visit the City's website about the Commission's proceedings and updates on the agenda and decisions at: <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/>

[boards?board=76](#)

For more information or questions on ADA accommodations and accessibility for these meetings, call Yolanda Lozano, City Clerk's Office, at 791-4213.

**SHRED-A-THON**

- November 16 at Empire High School- 10701 E. Maryann Cleveland Way

**DISPOSE-A-MED**

The Pima County Sheriff's Department will be hosting Dispose-A-Med events intermittently throughout the year. These events are offered free of charge thanks to a grant provided by the Department of Justice.

Tablets, capsules, liquids, and creams will be collected. Metal or glass inhalation aerosol bottles, syringes, and epi-pens will not be accepted. For safety and confidentiality reasons, any items turned over for collection cannot be returned. We do not accept drugs from commercial organizations. For information about the disposal of needles and syringes, please visit the Pima County Health Department ( <http://www.pimahealth.org/news/needle.asp> ) website.

Our total collected weight for 2012 was 1553 pounds! 2012 was a very successful year and we wish to thank all those who participated in getting these unused or expired drugs off the street.

- April 27, 2013, 10am - 2pm, 4040 N. Oracle Road, (in front of Target)
- May 4, 2013, 8am - 12pm, 7575 E. Speedway Blvd., (down Prudence past fire station)

*Note: Do not bring medicines or other medical waste to either location until the date.*

### FIRST BOOK BOOK SALE

First Book of Tucson will be having a book fair on Saturday, March 2 at 10 am at Barnes and Noble on Broadway. Bring your children and enjoy a fun time! Hudlow and Henry schools have wish lists and you can purchase a voucher for the school to receive a "wish book." This is a wonderful way to help a local school and help the students learn the love of reading.

First Book provides new books to children in need, addressing one of the most important factors affecting literacy access to books. An innovative leader in social enterprise, each year First Book distributes millions of free and low-cost books to disad-

vantaged children and the programs that serve them. If your Title I school would like to participate in the program, call CJ at the Ward 2 office, 791-4687.



### AARP TAX PREPARATION HELP

The AARP will be available to help out with tax preparation at several Eastside locations. Walk-ins are welcome at all three locations.

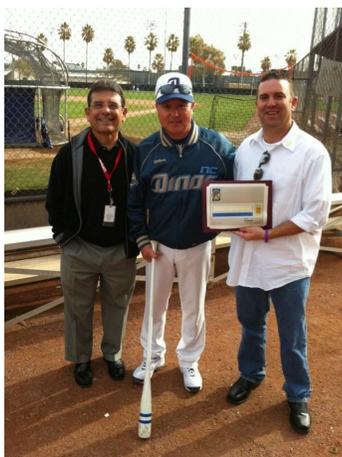
Udall Recreation Center, 7200 E Tanque Verde  
520-791-4931  
Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 am – 1 pm (except Feb. 18)

Murphy-Wilmot Library, 530 N Wilmot Rd  
Mondays and Thursdays, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 9252 E 22<sup>nd</sup> St  
Wednesdays, 12 pm – 4 pm



*Above: Councilmember Cunningham with George Arias, City Manager Richard Miranda, Joseph Blair and members of the NC Dinos.*



*Left: City Manager Miranda, NC Dinos manager Kim Kyung-Moon and Councilmember Cunningham.*

## UDALL PARK

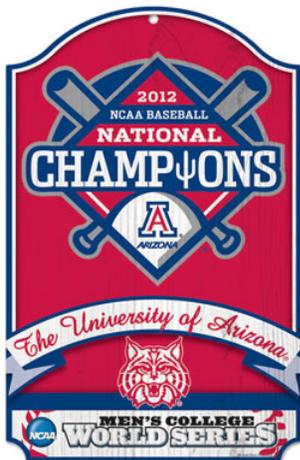
A square dancing program will be offered at the Udall Senior Addition on February 13, 20 and 27 from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. The cost is \$3.00 per class. For more information contact the Carol West Senior Addition at 791-4121.

AARP will be offering tax assistance at Udall Center on Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning February 4-April 15 from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. First come, first serve basis. Contact 571-9884 for more information.

On March 3rd and 4th, Udall Center will host the AZ State Senior Olympic Badminton games. Seniors age 50+ who have qualified at the local games in either singles, doubles or mixed doubles will now compete state-wide. The games start at 9 a.m.

## ARIZONA 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 p.m. and on Sunday, February 17 at noon.



## LEISURE CLASSES

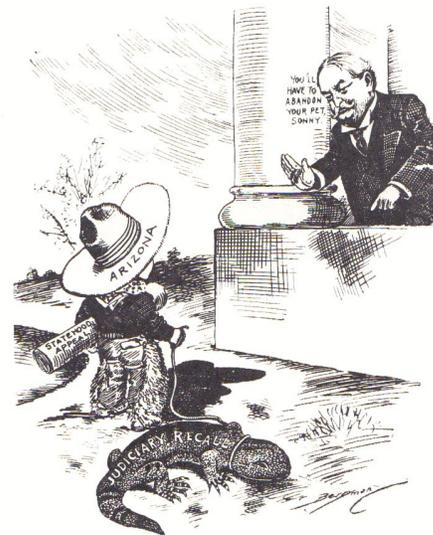
The 2nd session of Leisure Classes will begin on March 17th. The Tucson Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of fun and interesting programs. Visit [www.ezeereg.com](http://www.ezeereg.com) to view the Program Guide and Class Catalog. Contact Registration Services at 791-4877 for any questions and

## 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.

## TUCSON RODEO PARADE

The 2013 Tucson Rodeo Parade will take place on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 9:00 AM. The event is free along most of the route and ticketed grandstand seating is available. The grandstand seating is next to the Rodeo Grounds on Irvington Road and includes pre-parade entertainment. The parade attracts over 150,000 spectators each year. For more information, contact the Tucson Rodeo Parade website at [www.TucsonRodeoParade.org](http://www.TucsonRodeoParade.org)



AN EXECUTIVE ULTIMATUM

*Back when Arizona was being considered for statehood, President Taft opposed our “radical” constitution. This 1911 cartoon depicts Taft telling an Arizonan to get rid of judicial recall (the Gila monster) if he wants statehood.*

*Happy 101st Birthday Arizona!*

## ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Tucson's annual St. Patrick's Day Festival opens at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 17 at El Presidio Park Plaza, 160 W. Alameda Street, with live Irish music, dancers, entertainment, a children's game area, and food and merchandise vendors. Irish organizations, ethnic and cultural tables will be set up in the park as well. The one hour Parade will begin at 11:00 A.M. at Pennington & Stone Avenue. The Downtown Tucson Partnership has [the details](#).



**DESERT  
DIAMOND CUP**

Until February 23rd, Tucson will be treated to high level soccer. The games will be at Kino Stadium. Contact FC Tucson for ticket information at 334-1115 or visit <https://fctucson.ticketsocket.com/>

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

**KOMEN  
SOUTHERN ARIZONA**

One in eight women reading this will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime.

These are your friends, your neighbors, your relatives, the people you brush up against at the grocery store or the car wash.

The mission of Komen Southern Arizona is to spread the word that early detection of breast cancer saves lives.

By taking part in the Race for the Cure on March 17, you'll be saving lives too. The money we raise on Race Day is turned into grants to diagnose, treat and educate women and men. And for every dollar raised, 75 cents net stays right here in our community.

So join us on March 17 for our Race for the Cure, for the first time on the UA campus.

This year's Race for the Cure will be extra special. It's the 15th anniversary race, and Olympic silver medalist and UA undergrad Brigetta Barrett heads up the event as Honorary Race

Chair. Brigetta's mother is a breast cancer survivor.

The 15th anniversary Southern Arizona Race for the Cure will take place on Sunday, March 17th, 2013 at the University of Arizona campus.

Register online at [www.komensaz.org](http://www.komensaz.org), or paper registration forms mailed by request. For more info call 520 319 0155.

**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!  
[Cms3.tucsonaz.gov/ward2](http://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