

# Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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## UPCOMING DATES:

- Thru February 23:  
Tucson SoccerFest
- Thru February 24—  
Fiesta de los Vaque-  
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## PAUL'S NOTE

We had an interesting council meeting on Wednesday night. And by "interesting," I don't mean to invoke that curse that says "may you live in interesting times."

It was a fascinating group from the public that came out and make themselves heard. They included two former council members, Molly McKasson and Fred Ronstadt. We also had other notables, like Bruce Dusenberry from the Chamber of Commerce, Col. Kevin Blanchard from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and Sunnyside School Board Member Daniel Hernandez.

We also received two special gifts. My friend congressman Ron Barber presented the mayor with a certificate that flew on board the last mission of the space shuttle Endeavor. It flew 6.5 million miles at a speed of over 17,000 miles per hour.

We received a plaque that was aboard the USS Tucson, a nuclear submarine. Gary Bartlett from the USS Tucson 770 club made the presentation.

Some of you may remember the story of Ivan, the K-9 officer who was killed during an altercation with a carjacking suspect last December. Last night, my colleagues and I honored Ivan and his sacrifice for the community by naming the dog run at Purple Heart Park after him.

Among other business were resolutions supporting Davis-Monthan Air Force base and endorsing the incorporation of the commu-

nity of Vail.

Wildcat that I am, I still found time to watch the Arizona and Washington game. Did I say who won? Do you have to ask? Go Cats!

It was a nice piece of our state's Golden Week of sports. Although snow (yes, snow!) may have delayed the Accenture tournament and dampened turnout at the Desert Diamond Cup, we can still finish off with a great weekend of sports. The final rounds of Accenture tournament are Friday and Saturday. As of this writing, Wildcat Jim Furyk is still in contention. Also, we've got the Desert Diamond Cup final featuring Seattle Sounders FC and Real Salt Lake. Look for Tucson-born Nat Borchers to suit up for Salt Lake. U of A baseball will be in action against San Jose this weekend too (see page 3 for details). Or course, we also have our rodeo. It's one of our long standing sporting events that makes Tucson unique.

I hope all of you will take the time to support one of these events. As always, have a great weekend.



**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.

**S H R E D - A - T H O N**

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



*One of ward 2's staff members, Mary Fimbres, braved the elements on Wednesday to snap some shots of our rare desert snowstorm.*

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

**D I S P O S E - A -  
M E D**

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.*

**UDALL PARK**

A square dancing program will be offered at the Udall Senior Addition on February 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 2nd and 3rd, 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 team will play against San Jose State on February 22 (6 p.m.), February 23 (4 p.m.) and February 24 (noon). They will also play against San Francisco on March 1(6 p.m.), March 2 (2 p.m.), and March 3 (noon). To purchase tickets, call 621-CATS or visit [www.arizonawildcats.com](http://www.arizonawildcats.com)



**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

**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 disadvantaged 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.

**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](#).



**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

## DESERT DIAMOND CUP

It's your last chance to see top level soccer in Tucson this year. The game will be at Kino Stadium. Contact FC Tucson for ticket information at 334-1115 or visit <https://fctucson.ticketsocket.com/>

February 23

New England Revolution v New York Red Bulls (third place match), 4 pm  
Real Salt Lake v Seattle Sounders FC (championship), 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