

# Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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## UPCOMING DATES:

- March 17: St Patrick's day. See page 3 for parade information
- March 23: Little League opening day (page 4)

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## PAUL'S NOTE

I met an interesting local hero on a flight last week: Brigetta Barrett.

For those of you who don't know, Brigetta is a member of the University of Arizona's track and field team. She represented both the U of A and the United States at the World University Games in Shenzhen in 2011 and earned a gold medal with an amazing 1.96 meter high jump. She went on to represent our country in last year's Olympics and earned a silver medal with an even more amazing 2.03 meter jump.

She was on her way back from winning the women's high jump competition at the NCAA Indoor Championship for the third year in a row. No woman has claimed the high jump title that many times in a row in NCAA competition.

While we are recognizing local heroes, I'd like to mention Nic Clement. Nic recently announced that he's stepping aside as Superintendent of the Flowing Wells School District effective this June. He has been superintendent since 2004, but has worked in the district as a teacher and principal for thirty years.

I worked with Nic for a short time when I was a substance abuse counselor for the Flowing Wells area for a program called Amistades. I am proud to call him a friend, and I hope he continues with his involvement in our community.

We had no Mayor and Council meeting this week, but we are still working on budget issues. I have been talking to experts in the field of finance to get a better feel for how our pension system works. Many of you have written me with suggestions, please continue to do so.

The decisions we are going to make are not going to please everyone, some aren't going to please anyone, but we need you in the public to be part of the process.

Our U of A Wildcat basketball team is beginning the PAC-12 tournament begins on Thursday, and the softball team begins their run in the Judi Garman Classic on the same day. It goes without saying, but I'll say it anyway...Go Cats!



**P U T T - I N G   K I D S   F I R S T**

The Blair Charity Group is staging its first Putt-ing Kids First Mini Golf Tournament & Family Fun Night. It will be hosted at Golf N' Stuff, 6503 E Tanque Verde Rd, on April 6th from 6pm-10pm. Registration begins at 4:30pm for golfers.

Each foursome of players will play 36 holes of miniature golf with different food and drink opportunities on the course. The top finishers will receive awards and prizes. All of the attractions of the venue will also be open to the atten-



dees at no additional charge, including the use of the go-carts, bumper boats, laser tag, batting cages, and all of the video games. The event will also consist of a silent auction, raffle, face painting, food, games, and even a beer garden for the adults.

**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.*

**W A R D   2   B U S I N E S S  
R O U N D T A B L E**

Councilmember Paul Cunningham is holding a Ward 2 business roundtable and you are invited. The Ward 2 office holds these events to keep local business owners up to date on issues about the business climate in Tucson and Southern Arizona.

The next roundtable is on March 26th at 11:30 at the Ward 2 Council office, 7575 E Speedway. The topic will be sports tourism and its impact on the local economy.

The program will include remarks by Felipe García of the Metropolitan Tucson Convention and Visitors Bureau and Greg Foster, managing partner of FC Tucson.

We will be providing lunch, so we'd like you to RSVP to our office.

Lunch will be free, but we are requesting a \$5 donation for the Community Food Bank.

Thank you. Feel free to call Ted at the Ward 2 office if you have any questions, 791-4687.

**UDALL PARK**

The Carol West Senior Addition will host a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on Thursday, March 14 at 1 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person and the event will include delicious Irish food and music. Call 791-4121 to sign up.

The Carol West Senior addition is hosting a 'March Madness' event on Monday, April 8th. The event will include food, games and viewing of the NCAA Championship Basketball Game. The cost is \$3.00 per person and the deadline to sign up is March 25.

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

**ARIZONA  
BASEBALL**

U of A vs Oregon State  
Friday, March 15 at 6 p.m.  
Saturday, March 16 at 6 p.m.  
Sunday, March 17 at noon

U of A vs Utah  
Friday, March 29 at 6 p.m.  
Saturday, March 30 at 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 availability information.

**FRIENDS OF  
FT LOWELL**

Friends of Fort Lowell Park is embarking on fund raising for beautifying and securing the Wildlife Oasis at the pond in the park. The goal is to overlay the existing chain link fence with ocotillo fencing which is beautifully natural, adding to the nice scenery and the security of the wildlife refuge created along the pond's edge.



This fencing will cost approximately \$2500. Funds raised to date: \$150. Please help us to further beautify and secure the Wildlife Oasis by sending your donations for the ocotillo fencing to Friends of Fort Lowell Park at P.O. Box 31474, Tucson, AZ 85751. Your donation of any amount is great appreciated. The Friends of Fort Lowell Park is an all volunteer non-profit (501c3) organization, so any contribution is tax deductible.

**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

## KIDCO STAFF IN TRAINING

The Junior Staff in Training is a program for teens, ages 14-17, and teens are placed at various KIDCO sites throughout the city. The teens work closely with staff and learn what it takes to be a future parks and recreation professional. The Junior Staff in training are required to interview and attend an orientation. Interviews will be held March 25-29. The cost is \$70 for City Residents and \$88 for Non-city Residents. For more information or to set up an interview contact 837-8137.



## CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND COM- PENSATION

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.

## PROCUREMENT FAIR

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Pima County Procurement and City of Tucson Housing and Community Development are hosting a procurement fair at Kino Sports Complex, 2500 East Ajo Way, Friday, April 5 9am – 2pm.

This year's fair features over 175 representatives from Federal, State and local procurement agencies. It also features-Construction Zone plus other businesses wishing to make new connections.

Various workshops will also be provided.

No cost to attend Nominal fee for booth holders. No fee for government or non-profit entities.

For more information contact Monica Dennis at 520-724-3807 or [monica.dennis@pima.gov](mailto:monica.dennis@pima.gov)

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

**K O M E N  
S O U T H E R N A R I Z O N A**

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.

**M A Y O R A N D C O U N C I L**

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on March 19. 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