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THE WARD 2 WEEKLY

Update: Councilman Cunningham's Community Cleanup Set for 5 May!



Paul Cunningham,
Councilman, Ward 2

The date for my Ward-Wide cleanup is now Set for May 5!

As Tucsonans on the east side, we take pride in the community that we share. We can't help noticing litter on the side of the road, weeds growing in the medians and the graffiti that pops up on walls and buildings. Financially, the City remains in a tight spot, and the cleanup crews who have taken care of these problems in the past no longer have the resources to maintain service at the same level.

In times like these, it is upon us to come together and improve our situation. With that in mind, I am happy to announce the first ever Community Cleanup—a Ward-wide event to beautify our eastside.

Individuals, community organizations, neighborhood associations, businesses,

Ward 2 staff and the City of Tucson will all take part in a single day of community wide beautification. Roadside cleanup, median cleanup, landscaping and graffiti abatement will all be on the agenda. In one day, we will come together as a community and give our Ward 2 a facelift that it has needed for quite a while.

I can't wait to see all of you there with us. There is huge power in the willingness of people to donate their time to a cause. Our cause is our community, and we're all in it together.

Check out the back page of this newsletter with details on how to sign up!

Upcoming Events:

- April 23: Shred-It, location TBD
- April 28: Science Fair at Eastside City Hall
- May 5: Community Cleanup Hosted at Ward 2 Office
- May 5: Dispose-a-Med at Eastside City Hall

SHRED-IT Event Returns April 23! By: Staff

The Ward 2 office at Eastside City Hall continues to take calls regarding the scheduling of our next "Shred-It" document shredding event. We are happy to announce that another event now scheduled for April 23! Save your tax returns and any other unwanted or sensitive documentation and dispose of them in

one stop at this popular event. We look forward to helping you secure your identity and sensitive material with TWO SHREDDING TRUCKS!

We will be asking all who bring more than one average sized box to also contribute a \$10 donation to the community

food bank or its equivalent in canned goods.

Tune in to our next Ward 2 Weekly for details on the time and location!



Spring Training Tickets On Sale at Kino Stadium By: Brandon Patrick



March has begun in the Old Pueblo and with its arrival comes the return of Spring Training to the City of Tucson!

A whole season of games is planned and tickets are already on sale! Major League teams like the L.A. Dodgers, the Chicago White Socks, the Colorado Rockies, the San Diego Padres and many more

will all descend on Tucson this month, giving us all another great opportunity to get outside and enjoy this beautiful time of year in the Old Pueblo.

Tickets range from \$6 to \$20, and games will be played throughout the month. Visit tucsonpadres.com to find out more and order your tickets! Play Ball!

Community Food Bank Needs Peanut Butter By: Staff



As Tucsonans, charity and giving are central tenants in our daily lives and the Ward 2 office is no different. As many of you know, our east side city hall is a drop-off point for various household essentials and donations are accepted every day. In fact, we receive more items for the southern Arizona Community food bank than any other local organization. Despite the enthusiastic level of giving, extreme weather around

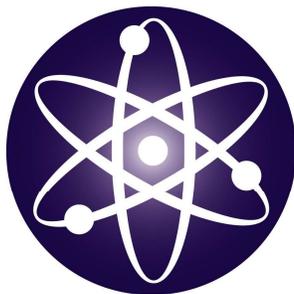
the nation has resulted in shortages of certain items, such as peanut butter, which has seen an average price increase of nearly 50% in only a few short months.

With this in mind, we here at Ward 2 are asking that you donate peanut butter to our Community Food Bank. Next time you are at the super market, pick up an extra jar and drop it off here at our office in

the east side city hall.

Tucson is famous for its generous spirit and with your help, the food bank will continue serving the people of Southern Arizona at a high level.

Science Fair at Eastside City Hall! By: Staff



Science

Many of you who visit our Ward 2 office have noticed that our building doubles as a showcase for community projects.

Next month, we are glad to be hosting the INCOSE and SCITECH Science Fair on Saturday April 28th at 10 AM. This collaborative effort between three of our local high schools (Palo Verde, Sa-huaro, and St. Gregory) exhibits

some of the best scientific work and research of our Tucson student body.

Visitors will see entries which range between robotics and digestive systems, automotive mechanics and human physiology. There will even be Interactive Activities for the more "hands on" patron.

This event is free and open to the public.

Please join us at Ward 2 to learn from and celebrate the work of Tucson's young scientists!

Trees for Tucson Provides Shade and Savings! By: Staff

The Trees for Tucson program is a great opportunity for residents to beautify their home and improve our community's environment with low-cost shade trees!

A program of the non-profit organization Tucson Clean & Beautiful, Trees for Tucson provides low-cost trees for

planting at homes throughout much of the Tucson metropolitan area.

Tucson Electric Power customers may receive desert-adapted shade trees delivered to their home for \$8.00 each, if they agree to plant the trees within 15 feet of the west, east, or south

side of the home. Customers gain long term savings by reducing air conditioning usage through increased shade around the residence!

To obtain an application form, visit www.treesfortucson.org or call (520) 791-3109.



Dispose-a-Med Hosted by Pima County Sheriff's Office

The Pima County Sheriff's Department will be hosting Dispose-A-Med events intermittently throughout the year.

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. They will

not accept drugs from commercial organizations.

If you have unused medicines or prescriptions filling up your medicine cabinet or bathroom counter, feel free to take advantage of this great service, hosted right here at the east side city hall!

WHEN AND WHERE:

May 5 and September 1, 2012

7575 E. Speedway Blvd.

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Fate of Van Horne Campus to be Determined

The fate of the Van Horne Elementary School campus is still pending. TUSD issued a second solicitation for the purchase, lease, partnership or real estate exchange of three properties, including Van Horne, in November, 2011. Abundant Communities Trust (ACT) is one of two groups who submitted proposals. Their intended use of the property is to develop a Sustainability Resource Center that teaches and implements sustainability and envi-

ronmental stewardship as a basic life principle. Anticipated key programs are: education and training; community food systems (urban agriculture); resource conservation, efficiency and production; renewable energy development; building energy efficiency remediation and renewal; leadership development; and home-based and small business resources. You can learn more about ACT and their proposal at www.tinyurl.com/ACT-org. ACT

would like to expand the dialog with area residents and has scheduled a community meeting at Murphy-Wilmot Branch Library, 530 N Wilmot Rd, on Tuesday, April 3, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Seating is limited to 100 people.



March 9, 2012

Councilman Cunningham's Community Cleanup

Sign up Instructions:

To sign your group or organization up for Councilman Cunningham's Community Cleanup, click on the link below and follow the easy steps!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dEdMaV9MY01sbGYwbTRzaFRFYjd5Rmc6MQ&theme=0AX42CRMsmRFbUy1mMzg1MmQ4Yi0zZDQ0LTQxMzktOGI5My1kMzBkNjZlZjRkZWm&ifq>

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TCC Needs Overhaul and Arena By: Councilman Cunningham

Word seems to have spread throughout the community that my Ward 2 staff and I are exploring the possibility of completely refitting the TCC and even constructing a new arena.

Using arena and convention center plans from 2009, my staff and I have begun researching the viability of partnering with the State's Rio Nuevo board to create an arena and convention space which is both attractive to outside organizations and financially viable. For my part, I am confident that this can be achieved and that the exploration of potential finance and sustainability plans for this project have real merit.

This project remains in its exploratory stages and much would need to occur in order for this idea to be realized. We must ensure that any eventual plan does not place our city's general fund at risk. We must bring all sides to the table – the Rio Nuevo board, the City

and others – to press forward with a clear vision of what we want.

This project is forward thinking by nature – not an attempt to fix or undo the long standing issues that downtown redevelopment has faced. I am looking forward to speaking with people on all sides and hearing their views on how we can continue to improve our city with specific, actionable steps toward that goal. In my view, a robust and financially viable arena and convention center facility presents exactly this kind of improvement.