

Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES:

- April 22: Earth Day
(Be on the lookout
for a free shredding
event that day)

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PAUL'S NOTE

During our "call to the audience" portion of the meeting on Tuesday night, we got to hear from Charles Turner.

Turner is one of many current enrollees in the JobPath program, a partnership between the City, Pima County, Pima Community College and the US Department of Labor that provides workforce training. JobPath trains and places its clients in careers from aviation to nursing to truck driving. 90% of enrollees graduate, and they experience an average increase of \$31,320 to their annual salary.

It's a great example of a little bit of investment by the City going a long way to improve our community. The JobPath program is not only good for the participants, but it provides a trained workforce for local employers. I hope that when we are discussing budget priorities, that my colleagues and I remember how important this program is.

Turner wasn't alone. He spoke on behalf of more than a dozen JobPath participants who stood behind him when he made his testimony. They have a great story to tell, and I'm happy that we on the council were able to hear it.

Unfortunately, call to the audience was not broadcast on Tuesday. I've been assured that this was a technical issue. There are some folks at call to the audience I'm not excited to hear from, but they have the right to speak. We get to hear from people with stories we want to hear, but we also have to

hear from people we disagree with.

One more word on JobPath: the program's success in developing the aviation workforce is one piece of the puzzle of building the aerospace sector in Tucson. You've heard me tout Tucson's potential as an aerospace leader in the past; it is time we take that role seriously.

We had a briefing about public safety pensions. The bottom line is that we will not take something away that was already promised. The conversation has to be all inclusive. Specifically we have to examine how we compute the pensions. By not expanding our public safety workforce, and not granting once promised merit raises and step raises to our younger officers and firefighters, the indirect effect is that the pension viability is compromised. Simply put: we don't have enough police and firefighters paying money into the system right now.

As many of you know, I've been training for a triathlon that will be held in Rocky Point in three weeks. Three weeks ago, my friend Carolyn Campbell, who many of you know through her activism and leadership in our community, completed the Iron Man Triathlon in Cabo San



**PAUL'S NOTE,
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Lucas, Baja California. She swam 2.6 miles, biked for 119 miles and then ran 26 miles, and completed that grueling course in less than 16 hours. Carolyn's drive is an inspiration to me as I continue to train.

All of you have a great weekend.

SAVE A LIFE

The Ward 2 Council office will be hosting the Save a Life Foundation's continuous chest compression CPR courses.

The courses are scheduled for May 2 and June 6, both at 6 pm, over at the Ward 2 Council office at 7575 E Speedway.

Courses are one hour and cost \$10. Please contact Save a Life at 624-8484 or online at savealifefd.com to obtain more information and register.

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.

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In an effort to provide input from a pedestrian perspective on transportation projects in the City of Tucson, the Mayor and Council on February 12, 2013 approved the creation of a 13-member Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Applications are now available for any City resident desiring to become a member of the committee. Applications can be found online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/boards?board=115>

The Mayor and each Council Member will appoint one member each. The City Manager will appoint the remainder of the committee members

representing the categories of seniors, youth/schools, advocacy organization, disabled, landscape/urban forestry, public safety.

Applications are due by Friday, April 26, 2013. Each member of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee shall serve until June 30, 2017. Committee members will provide input on transportation projects such as road plans, bridges, street repaving, as well as Plan Tucson. Applicants will be screened on the basis of interest, leadership role in the community, stakeholder group and geographical representation.

- 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

The Carol West Senior Addition will host a Broadway Proper sponsored luncheon for members of the Eastside Senior Club on Wednesday, April 17 at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon will include entertainment by the MerryMakers. The cost is \$4.00.

The Tucson Parks and Recreation Summer 2013 Program Guide and Class Catalog will be available for pick-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities on Friday, April 12th. The summer issue can also be viewed on-line at www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec The Program Guide contains complete information on leisure classes, swim lessons, summer KIDCO, aquatics, sports program, sports camps, registration, the Discount Program, and much more. For questions or more information on registration or programs contact Registration

AGUA CALIENTE PARK

Seniors will have an opportunity to participate in a picnic at Agua Caliente Park on Thursday, April 18th. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$3.00. Call 791-4121 for additional information.

POOL HOURS

The Spring pool hours for Ft. Lowell Park and Udall Park are now in effect, and beginning April 1st. Call 791-4004 or visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics> for admission fees and pool schedules.

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.

HERSHEY'S TRACK AND FIELD

The City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department and Pima County will host the Hershey's Track and Field games at Flowing Wells on Saturday, April 27. The events will include 50, 100, 200, and 400 meter dash, 4 x 100 meter relay, standing long jump, and softball throw. Contact Adam Bernal at 682-7166 or Alfonso Romero at 791-4870 for any additional information. Here's the link for more information as well: <https://www.hersheystrackandfield.com/track-meet-central/find-a-track-meet.aspx>

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 22nd St
Wednesdays, 12 pm – 4 pm

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.

- September 14 at Kino Sports Complex- 2500 E. Ajo Way
- November 16 at Empire High School- 10701 E. Maryann Cleveland Way

**2 N D A N N U A L
P O K E R R U N**

The Tucson Fire Foundation will be holding Poker Run 2013 on May 18th. All proceeds will benefit greater Tucson firefighters' health and wellness. The registration form is on line at www.tucsonfirefoundation.org. Don't ride? They need volunteers to assist with logistics on the day of the ride.

**W A R D 2
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Shred-it and Ward 2 City Council are helping consumers fight identity theft by organizing a Community Shred campaign in a statewide initiative to raise identity theft awareness. Community Shred events will be held at various locations in Tucson, Gilbert, Phoenix and Flagstaff on April 22nd from 9:00am until 6:00 PM.

Ward 2 will be hosting Tucson's event at Eastside City Hall, 7575 E Speedway.

As in the past, we will shred your first box for free. We will be asking for donations to the local food bank for subsequent boxes.

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

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on April 16. 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

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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