

# Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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## UPCOMING DATES:

- April 22: Earth Day

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## PAUL'S NOTE

Yes, I am starting this newsletter with another talk about the budget.

First off, I want to make clear that this is a difficult process for all of my colleagues. While I've been on the opposite side of many of these votes, you need to know that all of us on the council want to do what's best for the city.

This week's discussion focused on pay raises. This is important because so many employees, especially those at the bottom of the ladder, have endured furloughs and hikes in pension contributions yet have never seen a pay increase.

However, I feel that restructuring our debt at the same time we have an across the board pay increase is not fiscally responsible. I am for doing what we can for lower salaried employees hired after 2006, but I can't support pushing forward our debt while increasing the salaries of employees who already make six figure incomes and receive benefits like car allowances.

It is hard to justify to the tax payer.

In the end, I think it may be hard to justify to our employees. If projections don't turn out so rosy for the next fiscal year or we experience another decrease in state shared revenues, our hard working employees will be paying for these raises in the form of furlough days or, even worse, layoffs.

In a bit of good news, Forbes magazine re-

leased its Spring list of Best Cities for Jobs. Tucson was tied for third with Salt Lake City in a survey conducted by Manpower-Group. ManpowerGroup and Forbes expect a net employment increase of 22% in our region.



We are having a Ward 2 Shred-It event at my office, 7575 E Speedway on Monday from 9 – 6. Unfortunately, there was an error in the morning paper and they gave the wrong day. Just make sure to come with your documents for shredding and a donation to the community food bank on **Monday**.

One last note for the week is that my thoughts and prayers, and all of ours, are with the people of Boston. There is something very special about Patriots Day and the Boston Marathon, which I understand a little of as my father was raised in Lowell, Massachusetts. If my father is any indication, Boston will get through this and our country will endure.

Have a wonderful weekend.



**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.

**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.*

**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](http://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

**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.



**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>

**AGUA CALIENTE PARK**

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City residents can begin registering for In-Betweeners, Sports Camps, Junior Staff in Training, and KIDCO on Saturday, April 20 at 6 a.m.; Leisure classes, Learn-to-Swim Lesson/Aquatics, and Adaptive Aquatics on Sunday, April 21 at 6 a.m.; Therapeutic Recreation Programs on Wednesday, April 24 at 8 a.m.

Non-city residents may register for all offerings beginning Wednesday, April 24 at 6 a.m. Review the program guide for registration information and details. For questions or more information on registration or programs contact Registration Services at 791-4877. Registration is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**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.

**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](http://www.tucsonfirefoundation.org). Don't ride? They need volunteers to assist with logistics on the day of the ride.

**S A V E A L I F E**

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](http://savealifefd.com) to obtain more information and register.

**W A R D 2  
S H R E D - I T**

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 **Monday**, 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 23. 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