

# Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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## UPCOMING DATES:

- April 27: Hershey's Track and Field (page 3)
- May 2: Special Halcyon Acres meeting (see page 2)
- May 5: Cinco de Mayo
- May 7: Mayor and Council Meeting

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## PAUL'S NOTE

A month or so ago, my office heard from Mike McCulloch from Shred-It. Shred-It was hosting free shreddings for people on Earth Day and asked us to be a partner. We happily agreed.

The event served a couple of purposes. It allowed residents to destroy their old documents and prevent identity theft. It also was important for our environment; the shredded paper gets recycled. We asked for donations for the Food Bank for the service.

Despite one hiccup (the *Star* printed the wrong date for the event) we got a much bigger response than we had to previous events. By 11:30, we already had raised over \$1200, more than we had done at our last event in October.

In all, we, and by that I mean all of you too, raised \$1,888 and collected 630 lbs. of food for the Community Food Bank. Every dollar that the Food Bank raises can buy nine dollars worth of food. That means nearly \$17,000 worth of food for needy Southern Arizonans.

A big thank you to Shred-It staff (Mike McCulloch, Kevin Heal, Joseph Encinas, Juan Barreras and Trent Kidney) and all of you in Ward 2 for making this event such a huge success and helping our community.

Part of our council meeting this week was a public hearing on public safety salaries. Our police and fire fighters have gone through the same furloughs and lack of salary in-

creases that all city employees have. They deserve something, and not just for the obvious reason of the sacrifices they make for our community.

These are the best trained employees we have. Our fire department is nationally recognized as the best trained in the country. It can cost up to \$100,000 to train a public safety employee. It is a waste of our money to train people that will find work for departments elsewhere within a few years.

It's a particularly acute problem for our police, and we heard from members of both the Tucson Police Officers Association (TPOA) and the Fraternal Order of Police yesterday. There are reports that up to 30 officers may leave to go to other jurisdictions.

There were some misunderstandings in the local media about what TPOA was requesting. They were asking that their merit increases, promised but suspended a few years ago, be reinstated.

If we are going to fund the \$.55/hour raise for all employees, we need to compare the cost to merit and step raises, specifically to police. If



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the costs are in the same ballpark, why not fund the merits?

I have advised TPOA to meet with city management. With that \$100,000 training investment for each officer, it would be irresponsible not to explore any way to boost retention.

I'd like to note that US News and World Report this week ranked the top 50 high schools in the state, and our own Sahuaro High School made the list.

I'm off to Rocky Point this weekend to participate in my first triathlon. I hope not to be too worn out when you all see me next week.

**HALCYON  
ACRES  
MEETING**

The Ward 2 office will be hosting a special meeting on Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 pm to address neighbors' concerns about the project at the Halcyon Acres site near Gollob and 21st. All are welcome to attend.

**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**

Seniors will have an opportunity to attend the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta at the Carol West Senior Addition on Thursday, May 9 at 1 p.m. The event is sponsored by Sunrise Senior Living and there will be food, and Mariachi entertainment. The cost is \$3.00. Sign up at the front desk and call 79-4121 for more information.

The Carol West Senior Addition will host the Eastside Senior Club Silent Auction on Thursday, May 16 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Donated items will be auctioned and the CareMore bus will be available for blood pressure checks. The event will include lunch (optional) and the cost is \$3.00. The raffle tickets are 3 for \$5.00, and there is a chance to win a bus trip to the Music Museum on May 21st, a beautiful afghan, or \$100 cash. Call 791-4121 for additional information.

**POOL HOURS**

The Parks and Recreation pool season begins May 30-July 30. There will be 17 City pools open across the town. Daily admission for adults is \$2.00 and \$1.00 for youths under age 17. Call 791-4245 or visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics> for pool locations and hours.

The Tucson Parks and Recreation has partnered with the YMCA of Southern Arizona to open three additional City pools, Jesse Owens, Escalante, and Kennedy. Public swim time for the three pools are Saturdays only from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Lighthouse/City YMCA 795-9725

**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>

**RECREATION GUIDE**

The Tucson Parks and Recreation Summer 2013 Program Guide and Class Catalog has been published and is available for pick-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. 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.

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. 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 course.

The course is scheduled for June 6 at 6 pm, over at the Ward 2 Council office at 7575 E Speedway.

The course is for one hour and cost \$10.

Please contact Save a Life at 624-8484 or online at [savealifetfd.com](http://savealifetfd.com) to obtain more information and register.

**S A V E O U R  
H O M E**

The Administration of Resources and Choices, in partnership with the Arizona Foreclosure Prevention Task Force and the Arizona Department of Housing is putting on two Save Our Home Arizona Events.

Register for an appointment to sit with a housing counselor to find out what Save Our Home Arizona can do to help you.

Wednesday, May 1, 7 am—9pm  
Thursday, May 2, 7 am—5 pm

Both sessions are at the Pima County Housing Center, 801 W Congress St.

Please bring:

- Current Mortgage Statements (2 months)
- Current Bank Statements (2 months)
- Tax Returns (2 years)
- Current Income Statements

To make an appointment, go to [www.azhousing.gov/events](http://www.azhousing.gov/events) or call (623) 282-2720

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

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on May 7. 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  
CASA MARIA—Plastic bags