

Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES:

- May 5: Cinco de Mayo
- May 7: Mayor and Council Meeting

PAUL'S NOTE

If you are curious: yes, I finished the triathlon. The swim nearly got me, but I finished.

This triathlon marks a year of a great deal of change in my life. As tired and sore as I was when I finished, I was happy to be able to celebrate the end of that year.

Enough of the personal, let's talk about my favorite city.

The city is doing milling and paving work along East Broadway. This comes as welcome news to all of us who have had trouble with the roads in Ward 2.

The work will cover Broadway between Wilmot and Pantano, and includes milling, paving, lowering existing utility covers and restriping. The work is expected to go through June.

The first phase of the project will be done during the day, but the milling and paving work will happen at night to minimize the impact on the public. Make sure to read the electronic message boards to navigate the area safely during the work.

Once again, full credit goes to Daryl Cole and his team at the Transportation Department for getting the job done.

Without a council meeting to go to on Tuesday, I went on the Metropolitan Pima Alliance's Wildride. We toured several venues that support local sports tourism and amateur sports. As you know, Tucson has been

the site of some good sports events in the past couple of months with both the Desert Diamond Cup and the Casino del Sol All Star game. I hope that we can bring in Olympic Trials, the Pan Am Games as well as a US Soccer game in 2015.



And don't forget about youth sports. I have been meeting with local youth sports organizers working on ways to keep these important activities inexpensive and accessible to any child in our community.

I also got a chance to participate in the Western Regional Rally of the African American RV Association. Thank you to my good friend Carl Bedford for his great introduction.

A few weeks back, my office was contacted by Jeremy Hilderbrand. Hilderbrand and his business partners, all firefighters, run Sentinel Peak Brewing. They plan to open a location on the East side at 4746 E Grant Road, pending approval of a liquor license. I am glad to welcome a new small business to our side of town.

A few words about what they will be doing. They prefer to use the term "nanobrewery" as opposed to "microbrewery." A microbrewery

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**PAUL'S NOTE,
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can make as much as 20 brewers barrels, or 600 gallons. Sentinel Peak Brewing limits itself to 90 gallons at a time. Fitting in with the small theme, the Grant Road location will have a limited kitchen and light fare.

They are looking to open in mid to late August. For more information on Sentinel Peak Brewing, you can check their website. They are also doing a Kickstarter if you'd like to support what they are doing.

I'm keeping the update short this week since we didn't have a council meeting. We will be meeting next Tuesday. In the mean time, have a great weekend and remember your sunscreen.

SUNGO

Starting Sunday, June 30, the new SunGO fare payment system will go in to effect. SunGO utilizes smart card technology to provide a convenient way to pay a fare and transfer throughout the region on Sun Tran, Sun Express, Sun Shuttle and eventually on the Sun Link modern streetcar.

A smart card resembles a credit card, but inside it has a computer chip. The SunGO smart card will serve as your fare payment card that can store cash value or passes for your convenience and boarding ease.

You can purchase your SunGO card starting on May 20.

To find out more, you can check the web at http://suntran.com/sungo_information13.php

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. They 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.

The 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.

- 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.

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.

We are still accepting applications 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.

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.

**FRIENDS OF FT
LOWELL**

Friends of Fort Lowell Park has embarked 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, and the group has raised \$700. 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 greatly appreciated. The Friends of Fort Lowell Park is an all volunteer non-profit (501c3) organization, so any contribution is tax deductible.

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

**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.

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.

**MUSIC IN THE
PARK**

For the past 24 years the Arizona Symphonic Winds has continuously been presenting free concerts at Udall Park for the Tucson community. This year's opening concert on May 18 will mark their 184th free concert there.

The concerts are held on Saturdays at 7pm at the Udall Park László Veres Amphitheater.

May 18 - "Stars of the Future" Outstanding high school musicians will display their talents on their instruments. Tucson has many fine young artists and we are proud to present eight of them to the public.

May 25 - "Magical Sound of the Horn"

Prof. Daniel Katzen, UofA School of Music faculty member and former horn player with the Boston Symphony, is the featured soloists. Mr. Katzen will also play a composition by Leopold Mozart that calls for an Alphorn. This should be a very exciting evening.

June 1 - "Sweet Sound of Cello" Tucson Symphony and Pima College faculty member Theodore Buchholz will perform the popular Saint-Saens' Cello Concerto with the band.

June 8 - "Stars from the Winds" - We are blessed with many outstanding musicians in this group. Winds' principal trumpeter Carl Fetkenhour is the soloist.

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.

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 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 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>.



The Arizona Symphonic Winds with conductor László Veres. Page 3 has a schedule for performances at Udall Park.

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
TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need
LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses
DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—
Ballet/Dance Equipment
CASA MARIA—Plastic bags