

Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES:

- May 27: Memorial Day
- June 14: Flag Day
- June 16: Father's Day
- June 21: First day of Summer

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PAUL'S NOTE

You have probably all heard too much from me on the budget. It's the number one issue before us, though. We voted this week for a modified compensation package that we can reconsider in October when we find out a little more about the direction our revenues will be taking. We need to cut costs, but we also have many hard working employees that haven't seen a raise in years. I am still not confident that we have found the balance between those two needs and I'm fearful about some changes the state is about to make the ability for local governments to collect revenue. Expect us to have to revisit this issue.

Have we broken the ice on the Santa Cruz yet? We will soon enough.

The beginning of summer marks a tough time for many of our small businesses here in town. Our snowbirds have flown north, and a lot of us just like to take it easy at home. When you are in a mood to go out, I ask all of you to visit one of our locally owned restaurants. They'll appreciate your business.

Tuesday night was a milestone in local sports. Our three year old soccer franchise, FC Tucson, won their second-round match in the US Open Cup against a higher ranked team, San Antonio Scorpions. With their win, they move to the third round against the Houston Dynamo, a Major League Soccer team with an impressive record. It will be a tough match, but whatever the result, what coach Rick Schantz, Jonathan Pearlman,

Chris Keeney and Greg Foster have put together is something we can all be proud of.

I haven't given you a reminder to come down to the Fred Enke Golf Course in a long time. We've actually seen an increase in visitors to the facility in recent months. I know in the hot summer months, golf isn't up front in people's minds but remember that in those early hours, it's a great way to get some light exercise before it gets too hot.

It's a three day weekend, so I hope all of you get to spend time with your families. It is also important to remember why we have this three day weekend.

If you have some time to pick up a book, I'd like to recommend one that was written a few years ago by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, of all people. It's called *Brothers in Arms* and it's the story of the heroism and sacrifice of the 761st Tank Battalion, the "Black Panthers." Despite being ill equipped, they fought through the Rhineland and collectively earned 11 Silver Stars. One Black Panther was a young lieutenant named Jackie Robinson. With the movie about him out now, it's worth remembering that he was a hero long before he joined the Dodgers.

Whether you take some time to read the stories of our heroes, visit a cemetery or however you choose to remember, make sure you take some quiet time out this weekend.

**P E D E S T R I A N A D V I S O R Y
C O M M I T T E E**

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 on-line 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.

S U N G O

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

**M E M O R I A L
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C L O S U R E S**

The Ward 2 Office, including the payment window for water bills and bus passes, will be closed for the Memorial Day Holiday on May 27.

Parks and Recreation Facilities will also be closed.



The Arizona Symphonic Winds takes to the stage at Udall Park on May 18. Check Page 4 for more information.

ROAD RACES

The events include: 1-mile predict, 2K and 5K (distance may vary depending on location). Costs: Adults \$4.00 and Children \$3.00. Registration is on-site and at 5:45 p.m. The events begin at 6:30 p.m. Ribbons will be given to top finishers at each Track/Field meet and Road Race. The locations and dates are:

Reid Park, 22nd Street/Country Club, SW Corner, May 30
 Ft. Lowell Park, 2900 N. Craycroft, NW Corner, June 6
 Lower Lincoln, 8280 E. Escalante, Off Escalante, June 13
 Udall Park, 7200 E. Tanque Verde, Main Entrance, June 20
 Lakeside Park, 8300 E. Stella, East of Lake, June 27
 Jesse Owens Park, 400 S. Sarnoff Drive, West Side, July 11
 Freedom Park, 5000 E. 29th Street, South end, July 18

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 marked their 184th free concert there.

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

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 Alphonse. 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

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 G U A R O
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R A N G E R S**

Saguaro National Park will offer its traditional Junior Ranger Camps at the Rincon Mountain District (Saguaro East) again this summer.

The camps, open to children ages 6 to 11, offer a variety of fun and exciting opportunities to learn about our national parks and the plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert. Campers will participate in a variety of fun activities including hikes, games and crafts, presented by National Park Service rangers and volunteers.

Each camp meets for three days, Monday through Wednesday, beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m. A fee of \$25 will be charged per child, per camp. Two of this year's camps have filled, but with some spaces still available, the application deadline has been extended for two camps for first-time campers:

- June 17, 18, and 19
- June 24, 25, and 26

Space is limited and advance registration is required. For more information, or to get an application, visit online at www.nps.gov/sagu, stop by the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center, located at 3693 S. South Old Spanish Trail, or call (520) 733-5153.

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

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, the next Mayor and Council meeting will be on May 29. 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
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