

Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES:

- June 14: Flag Day
- June 16: Father's Day
- June 21: First day of Summer
- July 29: Last day to register to vote for the city primary
- August 8: Day ballots will be mailed for the city primary

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PAUL'S NOTE

I want to start off by telling you a little bit about a friend of mine that passed this week, Anna Greenberg.

Her death wasn't sudden or unexpected; she had been diagnosed with cancer two years ago.

I think we all know people who have faced a diagnosis like that and take their last few months to spend time with family or friends. I think we'd all understand that decision.

Anna, on the other hand, decided she had something to contribute. She was already working for the American Cancer Society. She made herself a sort of ambassador, travelling the country to talk to people about her diagnosis.

Maybe we throw around the word "brave" too much when we talk about people dealing with cancer, but I had never met anyone who faced her disease with more grace and humor than Anna.

Thank you for showing us how to live, Anna.

We had a full council meeting this week. My colleague Karin Uhlich spearheaded some changes to Tucson's domestic partnership ordinance. She gave an emotional talk about being able to have some rather simple things that many of us take for granted: being able to visit her partner if she's in the hospital, knowing that her adopted child will be taken care of by her partner should any-

thing happen to her.

This isn't marriage rights, and it isn't even civil unions. Until our state or country chooses to recognize those rights for gays and lesbians, this is at least a way for couples to register their wishes and have Tucson respect them. I was proud to vote for it.

We couldn't get Genna's Law to even be heard by a committee at the state legislature this year. We did, however, pass a mini-Genna's Law. I'd like to emphasize that this is not about gun control, but instead it's about giving local law enforcement another tool when a gun crime has been committed. The police will now be empowered to breathalyze people when there has been a gun incident to find out if they are legally drunk, and charge them if someone was hurt or killed because of their actions. I'd like to thank council member Steve Kozachik for helping me bring this to the council, and city attorney Mike Rankin for his help in crafting a law that follows both the state and federal constitutions.

Finally, we passed the Green Streets Initiative. It's not a new ordinance, but guidelines for landscaping for new road projects. An important part of this is curb cuts and catchment basins that would use storm runoff to water the plants that would be grown. The guidelines call for the capture of half an inch of storm water in these designs, water that would normally be flooding our parking lots and yards. This will give us flood control, a greener city all while not wasting our water.

**PAUL'S NOTE
(CONTINUED)**

On a lighter and non-policy note, I'd like to talk about FC Tucson. Unfortunately, they lost their third round Open Cup match. However, they lost to one of the best teams in the country. They did not get blown out, and the team Houston fielded, which included members of the US national team, did not have an easy time of it. I am proud of what they accomplished.

Later this month, I'll be presenting the "Golden Saguaro" trophy to the team to commemorate their win over Phoenix FC this year. I hope to make it a tradition to present this trophy to whoever wins the match between Tucson and Phoenix.

This, by the way, is the third year in

a row that FC Tucson has exerted their superiority over Phoenix FC. We've won matches over the Arizona Sahuaros and Phoenix Monsoon over the last three years...all with less population and lower water usage.

Everyone, keep yourselves hydrated and have a great weekend.

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.

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

**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 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.



The Golden Saguaro Trophy to be presented to FC Tucson.

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:

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.

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.

SUMMER
TRACK AND
FIELD

Summer Track and Field for youth will begin soon.

The events include: Long Jump, Turbo Javelin (ages 18 & under), Shot Put, High Jump, 50 Meter Dash (ages 5 and under), 100, 200, 400 Meter Dashes, 800, 1600, 3200 Meter Runs, 4 X 100 Relay, and 4 X 400 Relay. The cost is \$3 for youths 17 and under, \$4 for adults 18 and over. On-site registration at 5:45 p.m. and events begin at 6:30 p.m.

Events take place every Tuesday from June 4 through July 16; June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9 and 16. The events are held at the University of Arizona, Roy P. Drachman Stadium (Plummer & 15th Street). Ribbons will be given to top finishers at each Track Meet.

For further information, call the City Sports Office at 791-4870.

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 U S T A I N A B L E
T U C S O N**

Sustainable Tucson has been hosting a series of public conversations with your elected officials to discuss various sustainability issues. The venue offers a unique opportunity to converse with our public officials in a supportive atmosphere designed to build understanding and establish relationships.

On June 10, from 6 – 8pm at the Joel Valdez Main Library at 101 N Stone Avenue, community members will have the opportunity to converse with City of Tucson Ward 2 Council Member Paul Cunningham, Pima County District 5 Supervisor Richard Elías and Pima County Sustainability Coordinator Alex Odin will join us for our third “Conversations with our Public Officials.”

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.

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

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on June 4. 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>.

Keep in mind that there will be only one meeting each in the months of July and August.

**S A G U A R O
J U N I O R
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.

We're on the web!
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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