

# 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

This week, mayor and council considered the future of the Downtown Tucson Partnership. The Partnership serves many functions, from marketing downtown, helping businesses navigate the complications of getting started and even provides security and clean up services. All of this is done for less than a cost of \$400,000 a year to the city.

The Partnership has had a troubled history and could have disappeared entirely three years ago. Under the leadership of Michael Keith, it's done some remarkable things and Downtown generates three quarters of a billion dollars in business every year, a number that will only grow with new startups and student housing opening in the area.

Councilmember Steve Kozachik and I supported giving the Partnership a bit more money than the city manager did. One reason was that the number one demand from Downtown businesses, according to a survey commissioned by the city, was more security, especially on Friday and Saturday nights, and better clean-up, especially on Saturday and Sunday mornings. These are best accomplished by hiring more workers. The other reason is that more demands will be placed on the Partnership as Downtown grows.

Unfortunately, my colleagues did not go along with our proposal. My hope is that we can figure out another way to increase funding. The DTP has done a lot of good work promoting and improving our community and done it with less than many city agen-

cies. It is a great example of a public-private partnership that works.

Did you know the largest user of gasoline in your City of Tucson government is the Department of Environmental Services? The typical city garbage truck gets an astonishingly low three miles per gallon. We went a long way to fixing that this week by moving to run our trucks on compressed natural gas. In all, 28 trucks will run on CNG. Now we pay \$4 to get that truck three miles, now we'll be doing the same for \$1.10. Good for the environment, good for the taxpayer.

The U of A's Brigetta Barrett earned a silver medal last year at the Olympics and she made all of us in Tucson proud. This weekend she earned another honor: PAC-12 Woman of the Year. If that honor isn't enough, she is going for a third NCAA national championship in Eugene, Oregon this week. Good luck, Brigetta.

In one last local sports note, I'll be presenting FC Tucson with the Golden Saguaro trophy on Saturday just before their match with the Fresno Fuego. The trophy will be presented to the winner of the highest level game between teams from Tucson and Phoenix, which for the foreseeable future will be FC Tucson and Phoenix FC. I hope to make this an annual presentation.

Keep the supportive calls coming, and yes, feel free to gripe if you want. I need a little of both. Have a good weekend.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Starting in July, the Tucson/Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program is changing the 2nd Saturday Outreach Collection to a “mobile” event. Every month, the collection event will be in a different neighborhood so that more Tucsonans will have easy access to the program. The 1st Saturday collection at the Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway, will still continue. The collections run from 8 am to noon. For more information, visit [www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw) or call 888-6947

**IMPORTANT:** Do not drop off household hazardous waste at the Ward 2 council office. We have no way of storing it. Please wait until a scheduled monthly drop off.

*1st Saturday:* Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway. Enter site by turning north on Prudence.

*2nd Saturday:*  
 July: TOPSC Lower Lot, 4004 S Park Ave  
 August: El Rio Neighborhood Center, 1390 W Speedway Blvd  
 September: Himmel Park, 1000 N Tucson Blvd  
 October: TOPSC Lower Lot, 4004 S Park Ave  
 November: Mansfield Park, 2000 N 4th Ave  
 December: Purple Heart Park, 100050 E Rita Ranch Rd

## 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](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.*

**R O A D R A C E S**

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

**F R I E N D S O F F T  
L O W E L L**

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.

**P O O L H O U R S**

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

**R E C R E A T I O N  
G U I D E**

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.

**M U S I C I N T H E  
P A R K**

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 final concert will be this weekend. It will be on Saturday at 7pm at the Udall Park László Veres Amphitheater.

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 U M M E R  
T R A C K A N D  
F I E L D**

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.

## SHRED-A-THON

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



## SUSTAINABLE TUCSON

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.”

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on June 11. 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.

## SAGUARO JUNIOR RANGERS

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](http://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!  
[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  
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