

# Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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## UPCOMING DATES:

- 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

The biggest issue to come before us on Tuesday night was Plan Tucson. Plan Tucson is what in many cities is referred to as a comprehensive plan, but here in Arizona, state statutes call it a general plan. According to Arizona's Growing Smarter laws that were passed in 1998 and 2000, Tucson must write a general plan and refer it to the voters every ten years.

The city began to write Plan Tucson in 2011 in a lengthy public process that involved intensive meetings and written comments from the public. The final meeting was five hours long. City staff and the Planning Commission both deserve high praise for getting this done.

In addition, I'd like to thank those who testified at Tuesday's Mayor and Council meeting. The Plan Tucson meetings leading up to Tuesday were at times contentious, but Tuesday's commentary was civil and respectful.

Interestingly, there was both support and objections from a wide spectrum of the community. I feel that we can work through most of the objections.

Then the question now before the council is whether to refer the document. After all of the hours of time that has been put into this by both city staff and members of the public, giving the voters the chance to review it and decide is the best course of action.

The University of Arizona baseball team made Hi Corbett Field, a City of Tucson facility, their permanent home in 2012. We all know how it worked out for them on the field last year with their national championship season.



2013 is the second year in a row where they ranked among national leaders in attendance among Division I programs with 103,877 fans coming to a game. That puts them at 14th in attendance nationwide with an average of 2,733 for each home game. It's a great success story for both the City Parks and Recreation Department and Wildcat athletics.

And speaking of Wildcat athletics, our own silver medalist Brigetta Barrett earned two big honors since I sent out my last news letter. First of all, she won her sixth NCAA championship (she's won indoor and outdoor titles) this weekend in Eugene, Ore. On Tuesday, she was named National Field Athlete of the Year by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches' Association. Congratulations, Brigetta, you have been a credit to the University and our community.

## 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.

## HOME WATER AUDIT

Whether temps soar to 106° or plunge to 23°, being water efficient is important every day of the year. Tucson Water offers free expert advice to help you conserve water, stop leaks and reduce utility bills.

A water efficiency expert from the Tucson Water Zanjero Program will visit your home, review water-use habits, check water fixtures and irrigation systems and install free faucet aerators and showerheads, if needed. Customers also receive a survey of their water use. You must be at home during the two hour Zanjero visit.

For nearly 17 years, Zanjeros have helped Tucson Water customers use water more efficiently inside and outside the home. Schedule your free Zanjero visit today via e-mail [TW\\_web@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:TW_web@tucsonaz.gov) or phone 520 791-3242

**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:

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

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

The Parks and Recreation pool season runs through 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

**S E N I O R  
P R O G R A M**

Seniors will have an opportunity to enjoy a trip to Mt.Lemmon on Thursday, June 27. The cost is \$6.50 per person. Lunch will be provided. Sign up at the front desk, 7200 E. Tanque Verde. Space is limited. Call 791-4121 for more information.

**L I T T L E  
L E A G U E**

The All Stars program will be taking place at Jesse Owens Park (Sahuaro Baja) and Udall Park (Sabino Little League and Tanque Verde Baja) on June 24-July 13. Come out to the park, enjoy a game, and support the players!

**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.

**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.

**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 through July 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

### FOURTH OF JULY

All Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2013 for the Fourth of July holiday.

In addition, the Ward 2 office will be closed July 4 and 5.



### 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.

### MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on June 18. 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.

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