

# Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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## UPCOMING DATES:

- July 29: Last day to register to vote for the city primary
- August 8: Day ballots will be mailed for the city primary

## PAUL'S NOTE

I was very happy to read the news this week that Alaska Airlines will be having nonstop flights from Tucson to Portland.

The only bad news in this is that they won't start until November. This means any of you hoping to escape this weekend's one hundred and umpteen temperatures with a direct flight to the Rose City are out of luck.

I hope it starts a trend. One of the cases I and many others have made for years is how hard it is for business to grow in Tucson with our current lack of direct flights. This is especially acute given how much of our economy depends on tourism.

We have great service to Phoenix. In fact, US Airways flies from Tucson into Phoenix's Sky Harbor fifteen times a day. Could they fly a few of those times into somewhere other than Phoenix? Probably, but they also know that Tucsonans have gotten used to connecting in Phoenix when they fly.

It's a problem for us. It discourages tourism and money is being plowed into Phoenix's economy and not ours. We need to get flights to a more diverse list of destinations. Direct flights to Washington and a few Mid-western cities would be a big boost for us.

The City is in the midst of planning for a bond package to present to voters. My appointment is Earl Causbie. Causbie heads up Little League District 12 here in Tucson and I appointed him because he's someone that

understands how important parks and recreation facilities are for our community. Tucson has fallen down in recent decades in the availability of parks facilities.

According to the Trust for Public Lands, Tucson has 7.2 acres of park lands per 1000 residents. That puts us at the bottom of the table. By comparison, Phoenix is at 29.5, Albuquerque is at 32.7 and Scottsdale is at 72.2.

We can do better than that.

While we probably can't catch up on acres of park lands, we can improve parks we already have. I'd like to see funding for an expansion of fields at Udall Park, something that's long been promised. This isn't only about Ward 2. I know that neighbors at Freedom Park, for example, have been asking for improvements for years. This needs to be about our whole city, because everyone will be asked to vote on it and more importantly, pay for it.

That's my soap box for this week. Remember to be sensible with the heat this weekend and plan your day so that you don't exert yourself during the hottest hours outside. And, as always, watch out for yours and your neighbor's



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SUNGO

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*Councilman Cunningham featured in Korean Arizona News for his work bringing Korean Baseball to Tucson.*

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)

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

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:

Jesse Owens Park, 400 S. Sarnoff Drive, West Side, July 11  
Freedom Park, 5000 E. 29th Street, South end, July 18

**C E N T E R  
C L O S U R E S**

The following East District Recreation Centers will be closed for annual maintenance on the dates listed below:

Clements Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive  
July 29-August 2

Freedom Center, 5000 E. 29th Street  
July 29- August 1

Randolph Center, 200 S. Alvernon Way  
August 5-10

Udall Center, 7200 E. Tanque Verde  
August 12-17

**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

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

Seniors will have an opportunity to enjoy a presentation of animals from the Sonoran Desert Museum on Thursday, July 18 at 1 p.m. The activity will take place in the Carol West Senior Addition, 7200 E. Tanque Verde Rd. Space is limited and sign ups are taken at the front desk. Call 791-4121 for additional information. No cost.

**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) thru July 13. Come out to the park, enjoy a game, and support the players!

**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.

**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



**F O U R T H O F  
J U L Y**

Residential and commercial trash and recycling will not be collected on Thursday. All City of Tucson residential and commercial customers who have Thursday or Friday service will have their trash and recycling service delayed by one day during the holiday week.

The HHW Facility will be closed and the Los Reales Landfill will be open from 6:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for commercial and self-haulers.

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.

**T . E . P .  
P A R T N E R S**

Lower your electricity bill by tracking your power use! TEP is enrolling participants on a first come first serve basis to join an energy monitoring project to help you save on your electricity bill.

Enroll now by visiting [enroll.teppowerpartners.com](http://enroll.teppowerpartners.com) and sign up to while spaces last. You will be contacted by a representative to schedule your installation. A technician will set up and install equipment at your home and show you how to track your use and see your energy savings online.

This program is a free-of-cost pilot program to help TEP customers save electricity and money, so sign up while there's still time! Learn more and sign up by visiting [enroll.teppowerpartners.com](http://enroll.teppowerpartners.com).

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

The next Mayor and Council meeting for June 25 has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on July 9. 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