

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

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PAUL'S NOTE

It probably will not make the local news, but we scored a bit of a victory Tuesday night. And, surprise, it is good for both jobs and the environment.

Jason Tankersley is a local businessman who runs the Fairfax Companies. He owns a small landfill off of East Speedway and he's been hoping to develop it into a recycling facility. It took a while to get through our process, but Tuesday night he was given permission to redevelop the area. His previous permit to operate the facility is in perpetuity. The idea that his landfill was ever closing was unlikely.

Neighbors were skeptical. I get it. Who wants to live next door to a landfill? Mr. Tankersley did the right thing. He took time to meet with the neighbors, as well as city and state officials, to let everyone know what his plans were. In the end, his case before mayor and council included written support by residents of the area.

Mr. Tankersley's project will provide a convenient place to dispose of green waste as well as construction materials. The city has no dedicated place to dump green waste, and Tankersley's facility will be a shorter drive from many parts of town than taking it to Los Reales; moreover, it will be one of the largest green waste and construction waste recycling facilities on the West coast.

Mr. Tankersley has already shown a commitment to sustainability. He provides compost to many of the community gardens in

Tucson. He'll be able to expand that operation to include bailing and processing recyclables. All of that, by the way, means both jobs and sales taxes. Folks often talk of the new economy and green collar jobs, Mr. Tankersley's operation is a shining of example of green commerce. A thanks to my colleagues for supporting Fairfax. This action boosts sustainability, enhances quality of life, creates jobs and saves the city money.

This wasn't the only item on Tuesday. In all, we went over thirty-three topics in the study and regular sessions. It was the busiest meeting of the year.

We received an update from Andy Squire, who is managing the upgrade of the Tucson Community Center.

Between the City of Tucson and Rio Nuevo, we will be spending just over \$8 million to improve the facilities at the TCC arena. Squire and his team have done a good job putting this together and I'm happy to see the place spruced up. Still, I think that even with that amount of money and work planned, it's only half of what we need. I'd like to see some improvements such as more seating, luxury boxes, improvements in the concourse and further work on the façade. These improvements, particularly dealing with luxury seating, will allow us to go to promoters for large tours and let them know that a Tucson show will be profitable for them. We had a discussion about our relationship with the Metropolitan Tucson Convention and Visitors Bureau. I like a lot of what I've seen from them lately. Brent DeRaad has done an

PAUL'S NOTE, CONTINUED

excellent job with their recent re-branding effort (if you haven't gotten a chance to see their "Visit Tucson Anthem" video, I'd highly recommend it). They also have been leaders in promoting sports tourism, spending money on events like the Desert Diamond Cup and El Tour de Tucson.

I've long been an advocate for sports tourism, and spending the comparatively small amounts on home grown events like El Tour and the FC Tucson-led DDC can go a long way to attracting visitors to our community. What I brought up in my comments to the mayor and council is the danger of spending large amounts of money to placate

an out of state organization in the hopes of bringing in or keeping an event without evaluating what the community is getting out of the event. I brought up the rather extreme example of what is going on in Brazil now, where international soccer authorities mandated billions in local spending, but little of the television or ticket revenue will stay in Brazil. We won't be hosting a World Cup any time soon, but there are plenty of sports events that would love to get a hold of Tucson tax money without bringing much economic benefit to Tucsonans. We need to keep an eye on what's good for Tucson, no matter what glitzy names are paraded before us. The nation of Greece experienced a near financial collapse due to debt service from the

2004 Olympics.

And speaking of local sports giving back, FC Tucson is hosting an exhibition match with the Yucaipa All-Stars at Kino Field #5 on Tuesday at 7:00. Proceeds from the match go to support the Tucson Parks Foundation and local soccer projects. If you come by for the 5:15 match, you'll see the Chapman Tucson Champions League Women's Championship.

It's time to sign off for the weekend. If you decide to travel to cooler climes, remember that it is monsoon season and the dust storms can be treacherous. Take care of your family when driving.

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 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 or phone 520 791-3242

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

El Rio Community Health Center, Cox Communications, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson, Pima County Health Department and Century Link are joining forces to provide back to school immunizations.

Children ages 5-18 are eligible. Please bring current immunization records. Parent or guardian must be present. Please bring an AHCCCS, KidsCare or insurance card. If you don't have insurance, there is no cost.

July 18: Steve Daru Clubhouse, 1375 N El Rio Dr, 3-6 pm

July 25: Jim & Vicki Click Clubhouse, 1935 S Columbus Blvd, 3-6 pm

July 27: Holmes Tuttle Clubhouse, 2585 E 36th St, 10 am - 2 pm

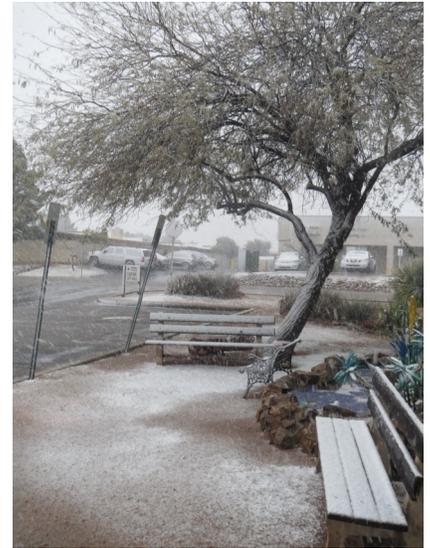
August 3: Roy Drachman Clubhouse, 5901 S Santa Clara Rd, 10 am - 2 pm

For more information, call Robert Baca at 243-7736 or e-mail at Robert.baca@pima.gov

VIRTUAL STUFF THE BUS

It's stuff the bus time again, only this time there is no bus.

The Educational Enrichment Foundation is taking donations on Saturday, July 20. Please drop your donations of school supplies and new clothing in the collection boxes available now at St. Marks Presbyterian Church, Tucson Fallas and Factory-2-U locations as well as at Office Depot, Shoe Carnival and Chick-Fil-A at El Con. Or, please join us in person and enjoy the festivities from 9am to 1pm at the EEF office at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E 3rd St.



*Seems like so long ago,
doesn't it?*

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RACEWAY

The public is invited to an informational meeting about the proposed Southern Arizona Raceway on Tuesday, July 23, at the Pima County Fairgrounds.

The meeting, organized by the Pima County Economic Development and Tourism Department from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Sunset Cantina, will also be an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposal.

The Pima County Board of Supervisors has approved seeking bids conditioned upon comments from the public, to lease 400 acres of County land south of the fairgrounds – at 11900 S. Harrison Road – to build and operate a professional racetrack.

The track being proposed is a Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) Grade 2 Complex. It would accommodate multiple types of racing vehicles including Indy-type cars, sports cars,

motorcycles, and NASCAR.

Formula One racing is not being considered because it is very expensive to build all of the unique amenities required specifically for Formula One racing and the possibility of securing a Grade 1 license from the FIA is limited.

A minimum investment of \$15 million is expected from a successful Grade 2 Complex bidder.

Four racetracks or motorsports attractions now operate near the fairgrounds: Tucson Speedway at Tucson Raceway Park, Merle's SIR Dragway, Musselman Honda Circuit, and M.C. Motorsports Park at PMP.

The Sunset Cantina, where the meeting is being held, is located at the Pima County Fairgrounds, one mile south of I-10 off of Houghton Road Exit #275.

Directions to the Cantina:

From I-10: Exit 275, Houghton Road. One

mile south to Brekke Road. West on Brekke approximately 1/16 of a mile to gate on the left. Follow the signs. From Corona and Sahuarita: Houghton Road, north to Brekke Road. West on Brekke 1/16 of a mile to gate on the left. Follow the signs. From Rita Ranch: Houghton Road south to Brekke Road. West on Brekke 1/16 of a mile to gate on the left. Follow the signs.

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 final road race of the season will be at Freedom Park, 5000 E. 29th Street, South end, July 18

P O O L H O U R S

It's hot outside! Come take a swim at one of our City pools and cool off; The Summer pool season ends soon and July 31. The Fall schedule will begin August 1, and will be published in the Parks and Recreation Fall Program Guide and Class Catalog.

The Tucson Parks and Recreation has partnered with the YMCA of Southern Arizona to open three additional City pools, Jesse Owens, and Kennedy. Public swim time for the three pools are Saturdays only from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Lighthouse/City YMCA 795-9725

Note that Escalante and Freedom park pools are open due to support from local businesses and our Summer Splash program. These are open five days a week.

**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!

**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

**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.

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 Dash-es, 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



T.E.P. PARTNERS

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 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.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor and Council meetings are still on their summer schedule, so the next meeting will be on August 6. 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!
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Please bring these items to the Ward
2 Office for the following charities:
THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable 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

