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Councilman Paul Cunningham's

Ward 2 Newsletter

Upcoming Dates:

- * October 1-5: TUSD Fall Break
- * October 4-7: Vamos a Tucson Mexican Baseball Fiesta
- * October 9: Mayor and Council Meeting
- * October 13: Shred It
- * October 20: Fall Fiesta Health and Safety Fair

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Yom Kippur just passed and I hope that those of you that observed it had a *Tzom Kal* and I'd like to wish everyone *L'Shana Tovah* or Happy New Year.

First of all, I'd like to welcome a few people on board in the Ward 2 Office.

Ted Prezelski has joined the staff as a council aide. Ted is a native Tucsonan that I've known for years; we even played on a soccer team together. We worked together before when I was a probation

officer and he worked with youth for Pima County's Las Artes program. He brings a depth of knowledge of local policy and politics and I'm very happy to have him on my team. His writing on political issues has earned him recognition from the *Washington Post* and the *Arizona Capitol Times*, and you may have seen his byline on articles about local soccer in the *Tucson Sentinel*.

Rachel Rivera has joined us as an intern. *(continued on page 2)*



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Shred It

Do you have a pile of sensitive documents at home that you wish to destroy securely? If so, gather them up and head over to the Eastside City Hall on Saturday, October 13 between 8 AM and 11:30 AM (or until the truck is full) to dispose of them at our "Shred It" event hosted by Councilman Cunningham and the Ward 2 staff.

Back by popular demand,

"Shred It" is our effort at combating identity theft by offering Tucson a way to dispose of their sensitive and private documents in a fast and secure way.

Your first carton of documents will be complimentary. For additional service, we are asking for a \$10 donation for the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona or its equivalent in canned food.



Paul's Note (continued)

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She is a graduate student working on her Masters of Social Work through Arizona State University. She's working on education and youth issues for our office. She's already demonstrated that she has tremendous understanding of how to develop public policy.

Vanessa Olivas is nearing the end of her term with us. Many of you that stopped by the office will recognize her since she's been at the front desk.

The professionalism and skill that she's demonstrated are a tribute to the Fred Acosta Job Corps program that assigned her to us.

Secondly, now that monsoon season is over, I know that many of you are concerned with the mosquitoes that are living in the ponds and puddles along our washes. I received a letter from the Pima County Flood Control District about one particular such pool that some of you were worried about on the Pantano Wash just south of Speedway.

The actions they are taking are listed in the sidebar. If you are concerned about standing water in your area, please call the Pima County Flood Control district at 243-1800. Also, make sure that you and your neighbors are mindful of possible mosquito breeding areas in your own yards. It's a responsibility we all share.

On September 13, my office received a letter from Paul Wassmuth of the Pima County Flood Control District's Infrastructure Management Division regarding a complaint about standing water in the Pantano Wash just South of Speedway Boulevard. The District conducted research and came up with the following determinations:

-The District has been, and will continue to treat the standing water in this area on a weekly basis with mosquito larvacide to help prevent the standing water from becoming a mosquito breeding are. The treatment will continue until the water has evaporated or it is drained by some other means.

-The District is currently working on a solution to eliminate the standing water problem at this location in the future.

Vamos a Tucson Mexican Baseball Fiesta



Last year, Tucson baseball fans were in for a treat when some of the top teams from Mexican Baseball's *Liga Pacifico* competed in last year's Mexican Baseball Fiesta at Kino Sports Park.

Last year's Fiesta drew 11,000 fans from both sides of the border, and contributed greatly to the local economy.

This year, the event has gotten even bigger. This year's games will take place over four days from **October 4 through 7**. The tournament

will feature four teams from Mexico: the Naranjeros de Hermosillo (our Sonoran sister city), current champions Yaquis de Ciudad Obregon, the Venados de Mazatlan and the Tomateros de Culican.

You may have not heard of these teams, but keep in mind how many Major League ball players came up by playing in Mexico and also play there to keep up their skills during the off season.

In addition, this year's tournament will also feature the San

Diego Padres Future Stars and the Los Angeles Dodgers Future Stars. These two teams feature top draft picks and are a must see for any Major League Baseball fan.

The Tucson Padres, our local Pacific Coast League team, are organizing the tournament. Congratulations to Padres General Manager and long time fixture in our local sports community Mike Feder for bringing back this fantastic event.

For more information or for tickets, you can visit www.tucsonpadres.com or call 520-434-1367.

Fall Fiesta Health and Safety Fair

Councilmember Cunningham is co-sponsoring this year's Fall Fiesta Health and Safety Fair.

We are working with Councilmembers Regina Romero and Richard Fimbres, along with the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Ocotillo Learning Center to offer free car seats, booster seats and bike helmets for families that need them.

The event will take place at the Ocotillo Learning Center at 5702 S Campbell Avenue

on October 20 and runs from 9 AM to 1 PM.

The event will also feature safety classes, kids' activities as well as displays of fire and police vehicles. Organizers promise food, fun and music for the whole family while you learn a thing or two about staying safe.



The requirements to serve on the Small, Minority and Women-owned Business Commission are as follows:

An at-large member must be:
 (i) business owners or managers from companies located within the City of Tucson. Having no more than 100 full-time employees; or (ii) representatives from an organization located within the City of Tucson that represents the interests of small business (e.g., chambers of commerce, trade associations, economic & business development organizations).

Members appointed by ward must be business owners or managers from companies with no more than 100 full-time employees, where either (i) the company is located within the geographical boundaries of the ward, or (ii) the members reside in the ward.

Small Business Commission



We'd like to welcome Barney Murray as one of Councilmember Cunningham's appointments to the Small, Minority and Women-owned Business Commission. Murray owns the Barney Hilton Murray Media Arts Group, a Tucson based company that offers photography, videography and graphic arts services.

We are still on the hunt for a second person to appoint to the commission. Check the sidebar for the qualifications. If you meet those requirements and have time to attend a meeting every month, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Mary Fimbres at mary.fimbres@tucsonaz.gov to apply.

No Mayor and Council Meeting This Week



There will be no Mayor and Council meeting this week due to National Night Out. The Council will be meeting next Tuesday, however.

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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

SAAF—Personal Hygiene Products and Personal Care Products

TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals and Families in Need

ICU—Eye Glasses

CINDERELLA'S CLOSET—Prom and Formal Dress Donations

DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/Dance Equipment