

Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES:

- Ongoing through November 3: Know Where to Throw
- October 20: Fall Fiesta Health and Safety Fair
- October 23: Mayor and Council Meeting
- November 2: Veterans Day
- November 6: Election Day
- November 17: Family Festival in the Park

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PAUL'S NOTE

The Shred-It event was a great success this weekend. While I'm glad for the "thank yous" gave to me and my staff, I'd like to give you a thank you for the tremendous support you gave the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. All told, you gave \$860 dollars and over 100 pounds of food to the Food Bank.

I'd also, of course, like to thank Shred-It for making their equipment and personnel available on a weekend. And yes, I've already gotten questions about when the next event will be. We are hoping to do it again in January. My office will keep you posted.

The Shred-It marked the final hurrah for Maddy Bynes, who left my office this week. Maddy organized this weekend's event and also handled constituent calls and case work in my office. She has decided to take on a bigger class load at the University of Arizona in pursuit of her undergraduate degree. It's a loss for my office, but I know that she will be successful in her academic career.

There are three issues that came up at this week's council meeting worth noting.

First, it's time for our decennial redistricting. Just like the state, our city has to reconfigure its wards every ten years to reflect changes in population. Because of growth patterns, both Ward 3 and Ward 6 were under-populated with respect to the other wards. This means that some neighborhoods will be moved out of Ward 2. There were two proposals from the Redistricting Com-

mittee, both of which would move neighborhoods the panhandle of the ward west of Craycroft into either Ward 3 or Ward 6. I will continue to work with the San Carlos, Vista del Monte, Ft. Lowell, Glenn Heights and Rillito neighborhoods until the final decision is made.

The council voted to move forward with a proposal that would keep some of the area in my ward, but the final decision will be made later. Keep in mind that no matter which councilmember is in your ward, all the city's residents elect each of us. I will continue to stay connected to all of you and we continue to work together after the new lines come into effect.

We also discussed Nogales's two ports of entry. I'd like to thank Ward 6 Councilmember Steve Kozachik for bringing this issue forward. I made a motion to endorse HR 3049, the Border Infrastructure and Jobs Act, which would provide funding for border security and full staffing at the Nogales port of entry to facilitate trade with Arizona. I have often made mention of the developments at Guaymas, a historic trading partner with Tucson. Rolls Royce has recently expanded its aerospace parts business there, and that gives us an opportunity to reclaim our place as a hub for the international aerospace industry.



ELECTION INFORMATION

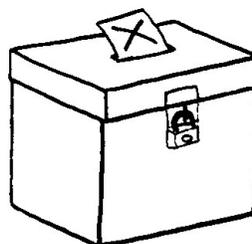
PAUL'S NOTE (CONTINUED)

The second was an open government initiative to make it very user friendly for citizens to inquire and process public information online. There are several companies in the United States who specialize in assisting various municipalities in distilling information and having it available to the public. San Francisco, Chicago and New York are among the first cities to develop initiatives like this. I made the motion to begin that process here in Tucson.

This week, I met with transportation officials; we talked about road maintenance, long term transit goals, bike paths, and median and shoulder beautification. It will be challenging to fully fund all these things in the upcoming budget cycle, but we are hoping we can bring a package that makes sense for all.

This year's ballot features a dizzying array of propositions. The League of Women Voters has, like they have every year, published a guide to help you figure out how to vote on them. The guide is available at the Ward 2 council office, as well [as available as a download from their website.](#)

The Citizens' Clean Elections Commission publishes statements by all of the candidates for state office. These were mailed to voters, but if you missed it, [the guide is available online.](#)



STUFF THE BUS FOR EMERGE!

It takes courage to escape from abuse. In the coming year hundreds of local families will leave their abuser in search of a better life. However, many more will suffer in silence. These families need your help. Please invite all of your family and friends to join us in our efforts to Stuff the Bus for the Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse on October 19th.

Our 2012 Stuff the Bus sponsor, the Arizona Lottery, will match all monetary donations up to \$10,000. This means that every dollar you give will double!

The bus will be located at Sam Levitz at 100 N Pantano Rd from 6am to 6pm. Emerge! Is asking for donations of diapers, baby wipes, used cell phones, grocery store gift cards and new towels.



FAMILY FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

It's time for the 7th Annual Family Festival in the Park. This free festival will be held at Reid Park at 22nd and Country Club on November 17th between 10am and 2pm. There will be free admission to Reid Park Zoo, free rides on the Zoo Express train, 10 minute golf lessons on the driving range, swimming, entertainment, demonstrations, displays, games, arts and crafts and face painting.

style Magazine, Wendy's, Carondelet, Bear Essential News and the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.

Even though the event is free, please show your support for the Community Food Bank by bringing a can of food.

The event is sponsored by Tucson Parks and Recreation, Tucson Life-



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 Health and Safety Fair 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.



KNOW WHERE TO THROW



There is still time left to bring in your old garden hoses, bicycle tires and inner tubes, blue jeans and plastic grocery bags to the Ward 2 office. You can also bring them in to any other ward office or check KnowWhereToThrow.com for other collection locations. The collection will continue until November 3rd.

November 15th which is America Recycles Day.

Know Where To Throw is a project of City of Tucson Environmental Services and Tucson Clean and Beautiful, Inc.

If you want to see how much we've collected in Tucson, you can check KnowWhereToThrow.com on No-

ADULT CARE HOMES

Our office has been working with residents, particularly those in the San Carlos Neighborhood, who are concerned about the proliferation of adult care homes in their area. We all want these services to be available to people, and many of us welcome such facilities in our neighborhoods. Our office is, however, concerned about the number of homes being concentrated in certain areas and that the homes follow state and local regulations. If you are concerned about these homes in your area, feel free to contact our office, 791-4687.

TUCSON MEET YOURSELF

This weekend's Tucson Meet Yourself had approximately 100,000 visitors over three days according to organizers. TMY is a unique Tucson event that would not have been possible without the hundreds of hours of work put in by volunteers. It was one of several things that brought visitors downtown including the AIDS Walk and Tucson Film and Music Festival.



**O P E R A T I O N
C L E A N
S W E E P**

Do you want to help keep your streets clean? Operation Clean Sweep is a one day, self-organized event to kick start cleaning up our community. People all across Tucson and Pima County are being asked to pitch in and participate. For more information, call 299-9471 or e-mail greenthingsaz@gmail.com.

**Z O M B I E S I N T H E
D E S E R T**

The Clements Center, 8155 E Poinciana (just east of Pantano) will host the "Zombies in the Desert" event on Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event will include costume contest, haunted house, carnival games, haunted train ride, face painting, haunted story hay ride, jumping castles, food vendors, music and entertainment. The cost is \$3.00 per person. The event is for all ages and children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. For more information contact 791-5787.



U D A L L P A R K

Senior Program:

Seniors will have an opportunity to participate in a field trip to Sabino Canyon on October 25th. Center departure is at 8:30 a.m. and return is at 2 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 per person and includes the Tram Ride. Space is limited. Call 791-4121 to sign up.

Udall staff will offer van transportation for seniors that attend the Halloween Party hosted at Freedom Center. The event is October 31 from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., and will include a D.J., costume contest, door prizes and refreshments. Van space is limited and will depart from

Udall Center at 1 p.m. To sign up, call 791-4121

Overseeding Projects:

The Udall Park soccer fields and Baseball field #1 and Softball #8 in Ft. Lowell were overseeded this month. The Udall fields will be down through November 26 and the Ft. Lowell fields will be down as well and through October 29. We ask park patrons to help by staying off the fields during this time. Keeping any activity off the fields will help with the overall turf improvement.

Pickleball:

Udall Center is hosting a Pickleball Tournament on Friday, October 19. Sign up at Udall Center, 7200 E Tanque Verde or call 791-4931.

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

The final Mayor and Council meeting of the month will be on October 25th at 5:30. 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](#).



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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
DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—
Ballet/Dance Equipment