

# Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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## UPCOMING DATES:

- November 2–4: All Souls weekend
- November 6: Election Day
- November 12: Veteran's Day
- November 17: Family Festival in the Park

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## PAUL'S NOTE

Those of you that have visited Fred Enke Golf Course may notice it shut down. This is only temporary while they are reseeding it. It will reopen on Nov. 2.

And while we are on the subject, I'm glad to see that no one has been shy to share their opinions and suggestions about Fred Enke Golf Course. Not all of you agree with me, but I am happy to hear from you. It's good to see so many well thought out suggestions about the future of that course, and public recreation in our community in general. Keep those e-mails coming.

As I said before, I have pledged to play on the course once a week as a way to show support. Anyone who wants to join me is welcome to. Call my office.

The other issue that I have been championing is reducing the use plastic bags in Tucson. As I've said in a previous newsletter, this is not about forcing stores to stop using plastic bags. There are plenty of cases where they are convenient for customers. My office put together a committee of business people and concerned citizens to look for ways to educate the public on this issue. Reducing the use of these bags can save wear and tear on our recycling equipment and make our landfills easier to manage.

This isn't just an environmental issue. Back in December, Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce President Mike Varney told the *Arizona Daily Star* that litter on our roads, such as plastic bags, [is an economic](#)

[development issue](#).

On a global level, there is also the issue of how much we are adding to the global waste stream. Some of you have heard of the so-called "Great Pacific Garbage Patch." It's a gigantic island of plastic garbage in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The lowest estimates put its mass at 100 million tons and its size at 270,000 square miles, about the size of Texas. How much has a community of our size contributed to it? The Pima Association of Governments estimates that our region uses 182 million plastic bags a year. I think there is something our community can do to reduce that.

Last weekend was a successful one for Downtown, with the Chili Cook Off, The Party to benefit the Boys and Girls Club and events at the Tucson Museum of Art. Here on the East Side, we also had our share of events too, with both the Farmers' Market and youth sports season in full swing. Tucson is in the midst of resurgence of both Downtown and on the East Side. Let's keep this momentum going.



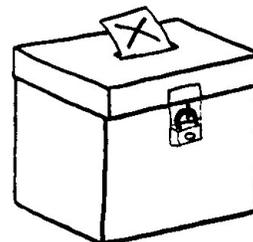
## ELECTIONS INFORMATION

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.](#)

The early voting deadline is Friday. Early voting on the East Side can be done at the Pima County Recorder's East Side Annex, 6920 E Broadway Blvd, Suite D, 8 am to 5 pm.



## FAMILY FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

It's time for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Festival in the Park. This free festival will be held at Reid Park at 22<sup>nd</sup> and Country Club on November 17 between 10 am and 2 pm. 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.

The event is sponsored by Tucson

Parks and Recreation, Tucson Lifestyle 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.



## 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 3.

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

vember 15 which is America Recycles Day.

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

**UDALL PARK**

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.

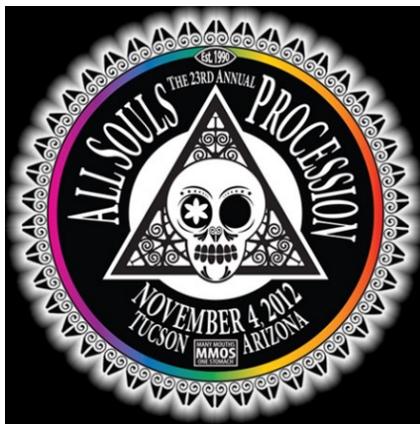
In observance of Veteran's Day, all Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Monday, November 12, 2012. All City Center's and Administration Buildings will be closed on Thursday, November 22, 2012 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**SMASHBURGER  
COMING TO THE  
EAST SIDE**

On November 14, a new dining option will be available to people living near Swan and Grant. Smashburger will be opening up its first Tucson location at Crossroads Festival. Southern Arizona Restaurant Company plans on opening four locations in Tucson over the next two years.

They plan on offering burgers with "burger soul," along with crispy chicken sandwiches, black bean burgers and scrumptious salads, along with Häagen-Dazs shakes.

**ALL SOULS PROCESSION**



Remember that the All Souls Procession is this weekend. The Procession is a tradition in this region of the country and a chance for all of us to commemorate those we lost and celebrate their lives. Tucson's Procession is known as one of the larger such celebrations in the country. There are activities from November 2 until the Procession Downtown on November 4. For more information, visit [the All Souls Procession website](#).

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

The next Mayor and Council meeting would normally fall on November 6, but will be moved to November 7 to accommodate for election day. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm. 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