

Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES:

- November 20:
Mayor and Council meeting
- November 22:
Thanksgiving
- November 22-23
Office closed

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PAUL'S NOTE

Many of us have a short work week this week. I hope all of you get some time to spend with your families.

The council had a short agenda at Tuesday night's meeting. One of the things I was happy to announce is that we have had 11 new businesses cut ribbons on the Eastside in the past two months. Moreover, B/E Aerospace and The American Tire Company took advantage of the Primary Jobs Incentive and will be adding 600 surplus-primary jobs to Tucson in the next year. These surplus-primary jobs are jobs where the money accrued comes from outside of Tucson's economy. We also discussed the importance of responsible landscaping in Tucson and its importance to preserving the ecological balance of our desert and conserving water and energy.

An interesting item that wasn't on the agenda was [a move to get rid of our city's requirement for new home construction to be gray water ready](#). It initially appeared on the council agenda with little notice. I have moved it to the December 5 meeting.

The gray water ordinance was written after a nine month public process that included a public hearing. This move to gut the ordinance came after a meeting of the city and county's joint code committee, and council members weren't given a heads up about what was being done.

This ordinance came out of a public process that included representatives of environmen-

talists, architects and homebuilders. The very least we can ask is that any changes the regulations come out of a similar process that includes many of the same stakeholders.

There has been resistance to the requirements from the development community. One argument they have made is that few home buyers have gone ahead and set up gray water systems.

This isn't about today, though. It's about the future, and it's about investment. I think all of us who live here in the desert understand that water is finite. Using what is estimated to be 40% of our potable water outside is not sustainable. If the time comes for restrictions on potable water use, the first thing that will be restricted, as it has in many communities, will be outdoor water use. It's better to spend a little more when a house is first built (\$800 is the highest estimate I've seen, a bit more than half a percent of the cost of a \$150,000 house) than the thousands that will be required for conversion later.

And by the way, one of the groups that was not only supportive of but helped write the gray wa-



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ter requirement was Habitat for Humanity. Habitat is probably the least likely group to want something that would make housing unaffordable.

FRED ENKE GOLF TIP OF THE WEEK

I am maintaining my promise to play Fred Enke once a week. I also want to tell folks about the course. Every week I will have a tidbit about Fred Enke with as much golf jargon as possible so non-golfers beware. The first hole has a ludi-

crous dog leg. If you don't lay up and try to carry the water; be very very careful. If you have a slice, don't even bother, you'll be taking a drop and lucky to save double bogey. Trust me, I know this from personal experience

Happy Thanksgiving!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



At one time, your Ward 2 office would do collection of household hazardous waste. We don't do this at this time, and we'd like to remind our constituents that we do not accept household hazardous waste at the ward office.

On the first Saturday of each month, the Department of Environmental Services does a collection near the Ward office at 7575 E Speedway (turn on Prudence to enter the drop

off line) from 8 am until noon. We ask that you only drop items off at that time. You can bring in items like pesticides, pool chemicals and fluorescent lamps. For a complete list of items and other drop off locations, you can visit <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw>.

PARADE OF LIGHTS

The Downtown Tucson Partnership is presenting the the 18th Annual Downtown Parade of Lights. The 2012 Parade will take place on Saturday, December 15th, 6:30pm. The parade is one of Tucson's most beloved holiday events. Each year thousands of spectators line the streets of downtown Tucson to watch entries wind their way through Downtown streets.

The 2012 official entry form is available for [download here](#). You will find

all information regarding entry into the parade including times, locations and general rules.

The parade route has changed to the lovely El Presidio neighborhood. [Please download the new route](#) and enjoy all the businesses along the route that evening.

The [Tucson Museum of Art](#) and [Lohse Family YMCA](#) will be providing pre-parade entertainment that evening. Visit [El Charro](#)

[Cafe](#) and [Old Town Artisans](#) before the parade and end the evening with dancing at [La Cocina](#).

If you'd like to sponsor or volunteer, call Brandi Haga at the Downtown Tucson Partnership, 837-6501.

UDALL PARK

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CALLING

Udall Center will host a Wii Bowling Tournament on Monday, November 26 at 11:45 a.m. Refreshments will be served and the cost is \$2.00 per person. Sign up at the Udall front desk. Limited space is available.

The Eastside Senior Club (ESC) Holiday party will be held at the Hilton East Hotel on Thursday, December 15 at 11:30 a.m. Tickets available at the Udall front desk. The event is \$25.00 per person.

The Spring 2013 Program Guide and Class Catalog has been published and is now available. Pick up a free guide at any City of Tucson Parks and Recreation facility or visit www.ezeereg.com. Registration for City of Tucson residents

begins Saturday, November 17 at 6 a.m. using the EZEereg online only. City residents will be able to register for Therapeutic Recreation programs on Monday, November 19 at 6 a.m. Registration for non-city Residents begins Monday, November 19 at 6 a.m. For additional information, contact Class Registration at 791-4877.

It's that time again! The Tucson Parks and Recreation Department and the North Pole presents "Santa's Calling." This wonderful program allows children ages 4-10 years to have an opportunity speak with Santa and listen to his elves hard at work. To participate, a Santa's Calling form must be completed and mailed to: Santa's Calling 2012, 900 S.Randolph Way Tucson AZ 85716. The entries must be post-marked by Saturday, December 1st. Forms can be picked up from any Parks and Recreation Administration Offices and Recreation Centers. For additional information, contact 791-2507.

SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK

Saguaro National Park is inviting the Tucson community to out to the Tucson Mountain District (west) and discover the beauty of the desert under the moonlight. Naturalist-guided hikes among the majestic saguaro cactus will be held near the time of the full moon in November, and a patio program on the night of the full moon itself features its rise over the peaks of the Tucson Mountains.

The "Twilight Glow to Moon Shadows" hike is an easy 2½ mile, 3 to 3½ hour stroll that allows you to experience the desert in the twilight glow and then discover the mystic moon shadows that will accompany the group to the hike's end. This hike will be held on Saturday, November 24, beginning at 3:45 p.m. (Reservations required)

The "Sunset Hike" takes participants on a 3½ mile, 3½ to 4 hour hike that climbs 700 feet to a beautiful ridge for viewing the setting sun, then returns under the light of the moon. The program begins at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 25. (Reservations required)

The "Moon Take Night, Make Day" program is a gentle, relatively flat 2½ mile, 3 hour walk up a desert wash during the transition of day to night. Enjoy the sunset and return in the moonlit desert. This program begins at 3:45 p.m. on Monday, November 26. (Reservations required)

"Moonrise Over the Mountains" is a patio talk held at the Red Hills Visitor Center. Accompanied by stories and

legends of moon lore, this 45 minute campfire program allows a relaxing view of the full moon as it rises above the cactus forest. Bring a lawn chair and warm clothing. Everyone is welcome! This program begins at 6:00p.m. on Wednesday, November 28. (No reservations necessary, Wheelchair accessible)

For more information or reservations for any of the listed programs, call (520) 733-5158.

THANKSGIVING CLOSURES

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All City Center's and Administration Buildings will be closed on Thursday, November 22, 2012 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Also, the Ward 2 office will be closed on November 23rd.



Happy Thanksgiving

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The November 27 meeting has been cancelled The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on December 4. 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](#)



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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