

Councilman Paul Cunningham's

WARD 2 WEEKLY

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Here is what is happening around the City of Tucson



UPCOMING WARD 2 EVENTS

PADRES V. TAC (JULY 28)

Come enjoy fireworks at the game at Kino Stadium at 7:05 PM.

PADRES V. TAC (JULY 29)

At Kino Stadium at 6:05 PM.

PADRES V. TAC (JULY 30)

At Kino Stadium at 7:05 PM.

PADRES V. TAC (JULY 31)

At Kino Stadium at 7:05 PM.

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A Note From Your Councilman

Day in and day out, I read article after article about the horrible things being done by the Legislature, Pima County, and more often than others, the City of Tucson. Sometimes it feels like it is the mission of certain folks to disparage our community. I am writing this note to try and report some of the things that are considered good.

In the last 6 months, Tucson has received some accolades that have been unexpected but we can wear with pride. Forbes rated us the number one place to buy a house for 2012. The Daily Beast rated us one of the top 20 creative cities. This is very significant in that a strong creative class is considered directly related to a high quality of life and economic development. We placed 5th on the list for top cities for outdoor activities. The source has some reasonable authority on the subject, Outside Magazine. That same publication rated us number one in the country for bicycling. We are also rated in the top 10 for being pet friendly by petside.com. We are ranked number one in air-quality for cities of our size by the American Lung



The City of Tucson



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Association. We are in the top ten for the number of energy efficient homes. We also use less water per household and recycle a higher amount of refuse per capita than other cities. We are consistently in the top ten of best places to retire. Our success, however, is not limited to generic top ten lists.

Different business in different sectors continue to draw positive news to our community. The following restaurants, bars, and clubs have recently been recognized nationally: El Charro, Barrio Brewing, 1702, the Buffet, Anthony's in the Foothills, the Hub, Downtown Kitchen, the Playground, and the Perennial Club Congress.

Sports Commerce:

Tucson now hosts the largest major soccer training event in the country. The University of Arizona Baseball team brought home a World Championship and we had the highest attendance in College Baseball in the entire conference. This was partly related to moving games to the tradition-filled hometown municipal

managed ballpark, High Corbett Field. On top of that, we host the largest bicycle event in Arizona, El Tour de Tucson. It is one of the premier events in the United States. We host Golf Match Play, we have a triple A baseball team, and we host a college all-star football game.

Hotels and Tourism:

Ventana Canyon Resort, the Sheraton Omni, our two casinos, La Paloma and the Westward Look are consistently touted as top resort destinations. Despite their excellence; none of them compete with the prestige, tradition and quaint elegance of the Arizona Inn. Resorts aren't all we offer; what about the Midtown Cluster, The Doubletree, Lodge on the Desert, the Viscount, Hilton East, and Radison Suites? Who says you can't get a decent room in Midtown?

Health and Wellness:

The University Medical Center (UMC) has at this point won every award in every category offered in the State of Arizona. It is the number one medical facility in the Southwest and no one can argue against that. The nearest facility that even remotely

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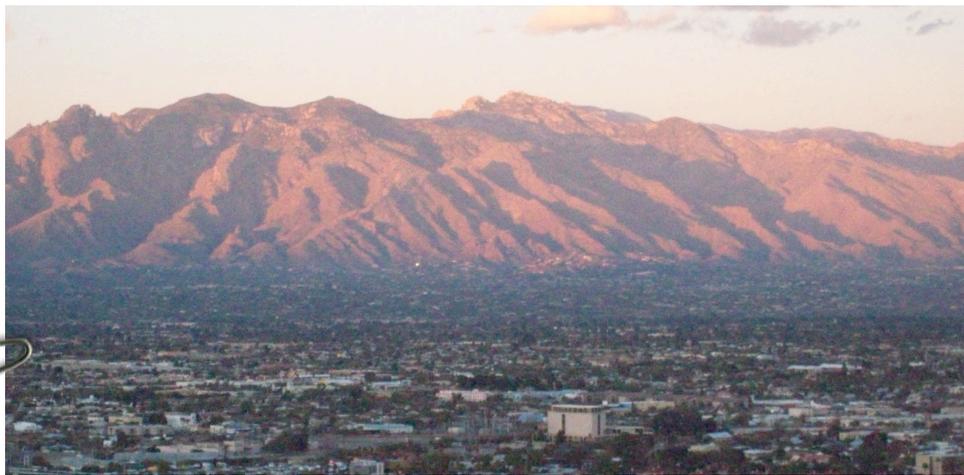
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competes with it is located in Los Angeles. However, UMC offers the services and research of the Mayo Clinic, UCLA Medical and Cedar Sinai combined. In terms of preventive health, Tucson is cutting edge. Canyon Ranch is the best place in the country - possibly the world - to recharge one's batteries. Not to limit health to physical ailment but Tucson is also prominent with mental health and wellness. The nationally respected Providence Corporation is headquartered in Tucson, and provides human services in over 20 states. Sierra Tucson is a destination rehabilitation facility and has been considered top in its field for almost a quarter century.

City of Tucson Staff Award:

The City of Tucson staff has had its hiccups, we obviously had some serious management issues in Transportation, but most cities have those issues. The following City Departments have received national awards, recognition, or accommodations versus other cities in the past year: Finance, Procurement, Budget, Police, Fire, and

Parks. Mark Neihart in Procurement won an award for his achievement of excellence in procurement. This award was presented to the City's Procurement Department by the National Procurement Institute.

For all of the bad things that get reported, I sometimes feel it is important to remind people that Tucson is a wonderful place. I can't tell you to take pride in our City, but I can tell you how proud I am to be here. I left out all of the things that only true Tucsonans celebrate with pride, such as our multi-ethnic culture, Native American traditions and our unique weather patterns. In the end, I am just grateful to recognize how truly blessed I am to live here. Happy Monsoon everybody!

By: Councilman Cunningham

Plastic Bag Survey

Please take the following survey about plastic bags and personal use. The information goes to Kathrine Kent (Solar Store) for use on the Plastic Bags Group. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/plasticbagsurvey>

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Summer Burglary Reminders

Summer is a great season. The kids are out of school and it is the best possible time to take a vacation. Even with all of the fun, taking proper care of locking your house while away is a necessity. The Tucson Police Department has come up with a list of “must do” to keep your belongings safe and secure.

1. Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened.
2. Doors should have a deadbolt lock with a one-inch throw and reinforced strike plate with three inch screws. All windows should have locks. Sliding glass doors should have a metal rod or piece of wood in the track, and vertical bolts to prevent lifting the door.
3. If you have an attached garage, always lock the door that leads into the house. Don't rely on your automatic garage door security. In addition, consider updating your automatic opener to include one with enhanced security features. Don't get in the habit of leaving your garage vehicle-bay door open when you are home and only closing it at night. Thieves need just seconds to take
4. Dog and cat doors and flaps are frequently used by burglars for gaining entry. If you must have a pet-access door, invest in one with security features, and secure it if you will be away from home for an extended period.
5. Keep the perimeter of your home well lit.
6. Create the illusion that you are home through the use of timers on lights, radios, and TVs.
7. Keep shrubbery trimmed away from entrances and sidewalks. They provide concealment to burglars.
8. Never leave clues that you are traveling. Have a trusted neighbor collect the mail and newspapers.
9. Call 9-1-1 as soon as you believe something suspicious is happening.

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SUMMER!**

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THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK - Non-Perishable Food

DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA - Infant/Child/Adult Diapers

SAAF (SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION) - Personal hygiene products and household cleaning products

TIHAN (TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK - Personal care items for individuals and families in need

ICU - Eyeglass donations to a student-led organization that sends them to war-torn countries

CINDERELLA'S CLOSET - Prom dress donations so that all young ladies can have a beautiful gown for their prom

DANCING IN THE STREETS AZ - Feel free to drop off gently used or new ballet attire i.e pink tights, pink ballet slippers and pink or black leotards, as well as, gently used ballet costumes.

CASA MARIA - Plastic Shopping Bags

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