

October 19, 2010

Fellow Tucsonans,

I would like to share a few events that I participated in over the last few weeks:

FIRE 101

The Tucson Fire Training Division, along with the Tucson Firefighters Association Local 479) and the Tucson Fire Chiefs Association invited the Mayor and Council Offices to participate in a "hands on training" that is similar to that which firefighters in TFD experience during their initial academy education, as well as the continuing education they receive once they complete their probationary year.

I received first hand knowledge on how to respond to fires, learned about the really heavy "jaws of life", and the amount of re-coil on a fire hose was more than I ever experienced with any artillery I used while serving in the U.S. Army.

We are truly lucky here in Tucson to have such a great Fire Department. They have an average 8- minute response time at a cost of about \$123 per citizen, one of the lowest in the State

1st Tee event

As one of the few members of the City Council who truly enjoys the sport of golf, I was pleased to attend a First Tee event.

The mission of The First Tee of Tucson is to impact the lives of young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf.

The First Tee of Tucson is designed to identify children not being served by existing programs, particularly at-risk and disabled young people.

The First Tee of Tucson provides a golf component to programs for the Boys & Girls Clubs, Special Olympics, Tucson and Pima County Parks & Recreation, El Rio Neighborhood Center, and Tucson Unified School District.

I hope as this worth while program expands, there will be a First Tee program here in Ward 2.

8th ANNUAL WOMENS CONFERENCE

On Thursday, Oct 14, my office, Pima Council on Aging, Tucson Medical Center Senior Services and St. Paul's United Methodist Church hosted the Positive Aging for Women Rhythm for Change Conference. We had over 150 attendees and

received very positive feedback about the workshops and entertainment. I want to publicly thank the event sponsors: Allegra Print & Imaging, Atria Senior Living Group, Hundred Palms Tucson and Encore Senior Village. We couldn't have done it without them.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD COMMISSIONERS!

I am in need of commissioners for the following commissions: Independent Audit and Performance Commission, Planning Commission (At-large) and Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Business Commission (At-large). If you are interested in any of these, please email your resume to paul.cunningham@tucsonaz.gov or call Mary Fimbres at 791-4687.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA

Two items; the proposed Convention Center Hotel and the Gadsen Development agreement have been scheduled for Executive Session, meaning behind closed doors. I agree with my colleague Councilmember Kozachik that these items should be discussed in public as much as possible.

We will also be asked to look at and discuss Jail Board Alternatives. City Court and TPD have developed alternatives to minimize jail board expenditures.

EASTSIDE PARKS NEWS

The fields at Ft. Lowell Park are closed through Oct. 24 for an over seeding project, and soccer fields A and B of Udall Park are closed for over seeding as well from Oct. 18 through Oct. 28.

The Grand Opening of the new Udall Soccer fields C, D, and E will be held on Oct. 30 at 10 a.m. Please join us!

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward2/Udall%20Soccer%20Grand%20Opening%20flyer%2010-2010.pdf>

The Tucson Farmers' Market East is back at a new location! Opening day of The Tucson Farmers' Market East was Friday, Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Jesse Owens Park, 400 S. Sarnoff Rd. Between Broadway and E. 22nd St., just follow the signs to a large variety of fresh produce, organic food and cooking demonstrations. The Market will continue each Friday morning through fall.

WE NEED SPRING INTERNS FOR THE WARD 2 COUNCIL OFFICE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

If you or someone you know are interested in learning more about City government, gaining great office experience and customer service skills, and likes meeting new people, then think about applying for our internship program. Interns have the opportunity to shadow Councilmember Cunningham and participate in projects that pertain to the future of the City of Tucson. It's also a

fun way to network with City officials, business people, neighbors and community advocates. We offer volunteer experience and college credit. Email your résumé and cover letter to mary.fimbres@tucsonaz.gov or email to ask for additional information. Though we do not have funds to pay our interns, both The University of Arizona and Pima Community College offer the opportunity for students to earn course credit for their participation. We are currently accepting applications for spring of 2011.

WE ARE A DROP OFF POINT FOR ITEMS FOR DONATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:

- * THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK - Non-perishable foods
- * 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. Please feel free to drop off prom dresses and accessories to any of the following sites:
 - Ward 2 Council Office (7575 E. Speedway)
 - State Farm Insurance Agency (6801 E. Camino Principal, Suite 103)
 - YWCA (525 N. Bonita Avenue)
 - Sahuaro Girl Scout Council Office (4300 E. Broadway)
 - Bookman's (3733 W. Ina Road)
- * DANCING IN THE STREETS AZ www.ditsaz.org (<http://www.ditsaz.org/>) - The power of dance to transform lives, to enrich community! DITSAZ is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that uses the excitement and discipline of ballet to guide children in achieving life skills. Please 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.

Respectfully,
Councilman Paul Cunningham