



WARD 2 COUNCIL OFFICE
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COUNCILMAN

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Fellow Tucsonans,

One of the biggest responsibilities I have as a City Council member is to be a good steward of your tax dollars. The second is to be a good steward of our most valuable resource: our water supply.

I was thrilled to learn last Tuesday that the City of Tucson prevailed in a lawsuit concerning water extension to the Painted Hills just west of Tucson. My third week on the Council, I led the vote to reconsider granting water to this beautiful 284 acres of lush Sonoran desert. The Painted Hills were voted on twice by City and County voters to remain as open space.

I am proud of my vote, and that the subsequent lawsuit actually strengthens the position of the City of Tucson to decide where we will extend water service. There is no municipality that serves water outside its boundaries. In 2008, the former City staff stopped this practice, and in 2010, the Mayor and Council formally adopted this historic policy.

Because the stakes are high, I expect an appeal to be filed. As long as I serve the citizens of Tucson, I will fight to protect our most valuable shared resource.

THIS WEEK'S COUNCIL AGENDA

NAVAJO GENERATING STATION

Speaking of Water...The CAP canal travels 336 miles , with 14 pumping stations to lift the water over 3000 feet in it's journey across Arizona.

To get that water to your tap, the CAP uses 2.8 million mega watt hours of energy each year. It is the biggest end user of electricity in the State of Arizona. 95% of this energy needed by CAP comes from the coal fired Navajo Generating Station near Page, AZ. Currently, the Environmental Protection Agency is evaluating whether to impose new nitrogen oxide regulations on the Navajo Generating Station. The concern from David Modeer, General Manager of the CAP, is how much these new regulations will affect the price of CAP delivery.

LAY OFF PROCESS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Mayor and Council will get a presentation on how the City Manager plans to eliminate positions in the City due to the budget deficit. Although I am aware of the perception that there is a lot of "fat" to cut in the City budget, this will no doubt be a stressful time for a lot of our employees and their families. Please keep them in your thoughts during this difficult time.

RIO NUEVO AUDIT

The audit has been public for 2 weeks now, and as I did when it first came out, I will again **encourage everyone to read it for themselves**

http://www.azauditor.gov/Reports/Other/FAD/Rio_Nuevo_Multipurpose_Facilities_District.pdf. There has been a lot of finger pointing and blaming since its release, and I fear it is only for political expedience, and not as a way to truly understand what went wrong.

CONSERVE WATER, SAVE ATTURBURY WASH!

Conserve to Enhance, a local conservation program, works to ensure that individual water conservation translates into direct benefits for the environment. With subsidies available for up to 45 participants, this is the perfect opportunity to jump start your personal water conservation goals. As a participant in this program, you will install your desired water conservation technologies, track your monthly water savings on your water bill, and make four donations to the C2E program. Your donation will be invested into two local river enhancement projects: Swan Wetlands (along the Rillito Wash) and Atturbury

Wash. This is a great opportunity to start saving water on your property and to ensure that the environment receives the benefit!

If you have any questions about the pilot, you may contact christine@watershedmg.org or Lisa at lisa@watershedmg.org.

NEEDED: LEADERS WHO WANT TO CONSERVE WATER AND BEAUTIFY NEIGHBORHOODS

Are you interested in using stormwater from streets and parking lots to grow -

- neighborhood-beautifying rain gardens?
- creating tree-shaded pedestrian walkways?
- turning neglected streets and public areas into community green spaces?
- building community in your neighborhood around positive projects?

Watershed Management Group is offering a unique training opportunity for individuals from neighborhood groups, businesses, or organizations to learn about urban green infrastructure strategies that address these issues while implementing them in their own neighborhoods.

Green infrastructure (GI) refers to constructed features that use natural processes to provide environmental services like cleaning air and stormwater, calming traffic, shading and cooling streets and sidewalks.

To learn more about this great program, visit <http://watershedmg.org/green-streets>

EL TOUR DE TUCSON

Come experience America's largest Perimeter Bicycling event for cyclists of all ages and abilities for the benefit of 13 different charities including: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, American Parkinson Disease Association, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Tu Nidito Children and Family Services and 9 others. Ride 109-80-66-40 miles or Fun Ride of 6, 3 or ¼-miles on Saturday, Nov 20; or if you're out of town, ride any day between Saturday, Nov 13 and Saturday, Nov 20 in the [LeMond Fitness Indoor El Tour](#). For information on El Tour, go to: [El Tour Info & Registration](#). To register go to www.perimeterbicycling.com You may register online or download an El Tour application.

EASTSIDE PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

Udall Park Soccer Fields A and B continue to be closed for over seeding through Nov 28. Beginning Nov 29, all 5 soccer fields will be available for use as the grand opening of two additional lit fields took place on Saturday, Oct 30. The grand opening event included an activity to guess how many tiles were used to create the mosaic soccer ball which was designed on the concrete walk in front of the new concession building. There were 45,216 tiles used to create this piece of art. Conor Jacobs had the closest guess of 20,003 tiles. Conor's prize was an athletic bag and soccer ball.

The Spring 2010 Program Guide was published on Monday, Nov 8.

Registration for City Residents began on Sunday, Nov 14.

Registration for Non-City Residents will begin on Wednesday, Nov 17.

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