

February 2, 2012

## **THE WARD 2 WEEKLY**

### **Celebrating 100 years of Statehood** By: Councilman Cunningham



Paul Cunningham,  
Councilman, Ward 2

Many of you know that the State of Arizona is set to celebrate its 100th birthday this month and as Tucsonans, our city holds a pivotal place in the story of our great state.

While celebrations will take place all over the state, the residents of Ward 2 are fortunate to have our own celebration in the heart of Eastside Tucson!

Ft. Lowell Days— sponsored by the Old Ft.

Lowell Neighborhood Association and the Arizona Historical Society— will showcase historic reenactments, lectures and even a vintage baseball game (in which I will be honored to throw the first pitch at 10:30 am). The good people of Old Ft. Lowell Neighborhood have made great effort to put together an event which will take you back to the early days of Arizona... (see "centennial," P.4)

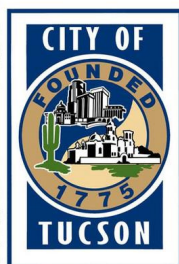
#### UPCOMING WARD 2 EVENTS:

- 11 February—Fort Lowell Days
- 18 February, 10am—FREE "Bag it" screening at the Loft Cinema
- 21 Feb—23 Feb: F-35 public comment ( See page 3)

#### ONGOING:

- Eastside City Hall Food Drive
- Casa Maria Plastic Bag Drive

Look inside for more information or call (520) 791-4687.



### **Transportation Task Force Opening** staff

Are you interested in city government? Are you willing to take some time out of your monthly schedule to make decisions which affect our daily lives as Tucson residents?

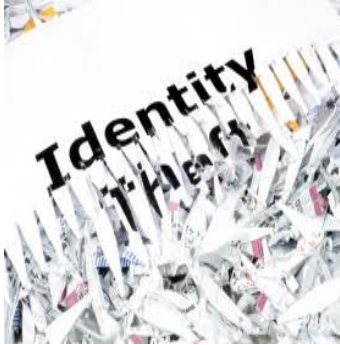
The Ward 2 office is now accepting resumes to fill a vacancy on the City's transportation task force. The work is voluntary, and would require a monthly commitment of time. Your recommendations will guide the mayor and council as they

make decisions regarding our transit system and the future of our city!

Please send a resume and cover letter to Ward 2 Chief of Staff Katie Bolger at

Katie.Bolger@tucsonaz.gov

## SHRED IT EVENT OVERWHELMED BY DEMAND!



Thanks to all who showed up to participate in last Saturday's Shred-It event! Hundreds drove through the Ward 2 parking lot as they unloaded boxes and boxes of sensitive documents for destruction, and raising over \$700 for the community food bank!

Unfortunately, we were unable to service all of the residents that came

through. Due to an unexpectedly high demand, the entire Shred-It vehicle was filled by 11:15, forcing us to shut down early.

Regretfully, some were turned away. We will be hosting another Shred-it event again in April (date to be determined), and we look forward to serving you with 2 TRUCKS at that time!

## FREE SCREENING: BAG IT—IS YOUR LIFE TOO PLASTIC? Staff



On **Saturday, February 18 at 10am**, The Loft Cinema is proudly presenting a **FREE screening** of the movie "Bag It—Is Your Life Too Plastic?"

This award winning documentary investigates the world of plastic and our seemingly unlimited use

of it in our daily lives.

Plastic is everywhere, and we use it every day. From the bottles we drink from, the bags that carry our groceries and the keyboard in front of you, its as abundant as the air we breathe.

Learn about plastic and

its effects on our environment, waterways and even our own bodies at the FREE screening of this award winning film, sponsored by the Sierra Club!

For More information, call the Ward 2 office: 791-4687

## Tucson Gem and Mineral Show Returns! Staff



Its January in the Old Pueblo, and that means the return of the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show!

Thousands of participants and attendees will descend on Tucson beginning on January 28 across more than 40 different sites

around town!

Open to the public, there is something for everybody. Gems and Jewels of every imaginable variety will be bought and sold at this world—renowned event, which culminates in a final blowout event at

the Tucson Convention Center during the final weekend.

Whether you're buying, selling or just admiring, be sure to visit [www.visittucson.org/gemshow](http://www.visittucson.org/gemshow) and check out this jewel of an event!

**F-35 Debate Continues in Tucson, Public Comment to Begin** By: Staff

As many of you are already aware, the City of Tucson is still being considered as a training base for the new F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

Various view points have been expressed on the issue, some in favor and some against.

With the release of the draft environmental im-

pact statement, the U.S. Air Force is accepting public comment in a series of public comment sessions between Feb. 21 and Feb. 23. Times and locations are as follows:

21 Feb, 2012, 5-8pm – Windemere Hotel  
2047 S. Hwy 92

Sierra Vista

22 Feb, 2012, 5-8 pm— Holiday Inn Suites  
4550 S. Palo Verde Rd,  
Tucson

23 Feb, 2012, 5-8pm Jewish Comm. Center  
3800 E. River Road



For or  
Against,  
Make Your  
Voice Heard!

**Adopting Parks, Streets and Washes Keeps Tucson Clean** By: Tucson Clean and Beautiful

Tucson Clean and Beautiful is seeking community volunteers to adopt parks, streets, washes, and other available public areas on an ongoing basis. Volunteer groups are asked to commit to regular monthly cleanups, at least twice a month

for parks and at least once a month for streets and washes. In return, groups are recognized with a sign and a ceremony at their adopted site. Community organizations and businesses with a minimum of 5 interested members are eligible to

apply for adopting a site.

To become a part of Tucson Clean and Beautiful's environmental stewardship efforts and for more information visit [www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org](http://www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org), email [adoptapark@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:adoptapark@tucsonaz.gov) or call 791-3109.



**Tucson Continues to Host Major League Soccer** by: STAFF

Major League Soccer will be returning to the Old Pueblo in February!

On 22 February, 2012, Tucson will host the Desert Diamond Cup at the Kino Sports Complex. Featuring fan-favorite teams from all over the United

states, the Desert Diamond Cup brings the excitement of Major League Soccer to our own backyard. Come see the Los Angeles Galaxy, the New York Red Bulls, the New England Revolution and Real Salt Lake as they

duke it out to see who goes home with the cup! For more information, go to <http://fctucson.com/teams.html>.





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

- \* CASA MARIA—Common Plastic Grocery Bags
- \* 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)
  - 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) ( <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.

Visit our Ward 2 website for more information  
<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/ward2>

## Eastside City Hall Food Drive

Our office continues to receive food donations for the Community Food Bank. Thanks to our community for being so generous and remind you that we are

a year-round drop-off site. Please take time to remember those less fortunate than ourselves and drop off non-perishable food items at the Ward 2 Office.

For more information please contact 791-4687 or [mary.fimbres@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:mary.fimbres@tucsonaz.gov)

## CENTENNIAL

...and produce a fun, authentic experience for all ages. The official event, which will be held on February 11, will be preceded by a 3 pm lecture at the San Pedro Cathedral from local historian Ken Scoville!

Arizona's birthday holds special meaning for all Arizonans. Lets join our neighbors on February 11 to celebrate our own contributions to the history of the Grand Canyon State!

For more details, old-fortlowellneighborhood.org