

Fellow Tucsonans,

In my desire to be more knowledgeable of the many services the City is responsible for, I recently spent 4 hours at Tucson City Court. I was actually able to sit behind the counter and interact with people who, for one reason or another, found themselves at City Court. I received a better understanding of the complexities and dilemmas faced by residents dealing with fines, payment plans and navigating the system in general.

My hat is off to Judge Riojas and his team, who do more with less every year. In their constant quest to improve services, they are working to upgrade the on-line system in order to save people time and energy when dealing with City court. Again, a sincere thank you to Judge Riojas for facilitating my hands-on education with the local court system

### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO) – AUGUST 3, 2010**

National Night Out is America's *night out* against crime! This year, Tuesday, August 3, we cordially invite you and your neighbors to take part. It can be as simple as turning on your porch lights and reacquainting yourselves with old friends and neighbors. For more info, please contact Community Resource Officer's Corina Chavez 791-5700 (Ward 2 residents East of Craycroft) and Becky Knoll 791-4253 (Ward 2 residents west of Craycroft). Or, call the Ward 2 Council Office 791-4687.

### **SECOND ANNUAL TUCSON BIRTHDAY CAKE CONTEST - AUGUST 20, 2010**

Come celebrate Tucson's 235th birthday by participating in the Ward 2 birthday cake contest. Tucson's Birthday month is sponsored by Tucson's Birthday Planners, a 501(c)3 corporation, and loosely assembled by an all volunteer organization dedicated to celebrating Tucson's unique history, cultural diversity, natural wonders and special place in the universe. Check out the link <http://www.tucsonsbirthday.org> for more information.

Councilman Paul Cunningham and the Ward 2 staff are doing their part by sponsoring our 2nd Annual Birthday Cake Contest on Friday, Aug. 20. Celebrity judges include Mayor Bob Walkup and former U of A basketball player Joseph Blair. The contest is open to the public. After the winners are declared, join Councilman Cunningham for the serving of the cakes! Cakes must be dropped off at the Ward 2 Council no later than 9 a.m. on August 20. Please contact Justin Searle @ [Justin.Searle@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Justin.Searle@tucsonaz.gov) or 791-4687 for more information. The flyer and registration forms may be found in the following links:

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward2/2010Cakeoffflyer.pdf>

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward2/2010CakeoffRegistrationForm.pdf>

### **WARD 2 NEIGHBORHOOD LEGISLATURE MEET & GREET – SEPTEMBER 9, 2010**

Councilman Paul Cunningham will be hosting a neighborhood leaders meet and greet. This is a good opportunity to voice your opinion, or on behalf of your neighborhood, as well as express other issues concerning the city. Officials from other city departments are invited to be on hand to help answer questions and provide additional information. For more information email [justin.searle@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:justin.searle@tucsonaz.gov) or call the Ward 2 Office at 791-4687. To RSVP call Amanda Colon at the Ward 2 Council Office or email [Amanda.Colon@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Amanda.Colon@tucsonaz.gov).

## **EASTSIDE PARKS AND RECREATION**

Registration for the fall programs continues. The fall session runs September 12 through November 20. KIDCO registration also continues with vacancies in the East District sites. TUSD KIDCO sites begin August 16. For registration information, contact Registration Services at 791-4877.

Currently, Club Udall has vacancies in the last session which runs August 2-12. The program is filled with fun and structured activities such as arts and crafts, sports, cooking, movies, and swimming. For registration, contact Class Registration at 791-4877.

Udall Center will be closed for cleaning beginning August 23 - 29. Passes and weight room certifications will be accepted at all other open Centers. Some programs at centers may not be affected by the closures. For more information patrons are urged to call the Center directly.

## **DANCING IN THE STREETS – AUGUST 8, 2010**

Please come and show your support for Dancing in the Streets AZ, and don't forget to spread the word! On Sunday, August 8, at 2 pm, Dancing in the Streets summer dance program students will once again have an opportunity to experience the magic of the theatre in a performance on the stage of the Vail Theatre of the Arts, located at 10701 E. Mary Ann Cleveland Way. Tickets are \$8 each. Seating is reserved, and tickets may be purchased online at [www.vtota.org/publicevents](http://www.vtota.org/publicevents). Or call Bonnie at the theatre office 879-3925 to make arrangements to purchase advance tickets by cash or check. Tickets will be \$10 cash or check at the door on the day of the show.

## **JOIN THE TUCSON GIRLS CHORUS!**

The Tucson Girls Chorus will be holding an Open House on Saturday, August 14 from 10 am to noon at the TGC Rehearsal Hall. This is a great opportunity prior to open enrollment auditions for girls to experience the choir firsthand and discover if Tucson Girls Chorus might be of interest to them. If you attend the Open House, and decide to join during Open Enrollment, the \$30 fee will be waived.

Open Enrollment will be held on the following dates:

Friday, Aug. 21 from 4 pm to 6:30 pm

Saturday, Aug. 22 from 9 am to 12 pm

Friday, August 27th from 4 pm to 6:30 pm

Saturday, Aug. 28 from 9 am to 12 pm

A \$30 non-refundable enrollment fee is required. A parent or guardian must be present to go over information. For more information, please call 577-6064.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

- Saturday, Aug. 7, 8 a.m. – noon, **Hazardous Household Waste Program** at the Ward 2 parking lot. The HHW Program, a joint project between the City of Tucson and Pima County, is designed to collect household hazardous waste from residents of our community. The HHW Program is operated by the City of Tucson. Common household and automotive products become a hazard to the environment when disposed of improperly. Leftover quantities of these products should **never** be poured down the drain,

put in trash, or stored for excessive periods of time. Bring them to the household waste collection sites for safe disposal at **no charge**.

- Thursday, Sep. 23, 6pm – 8pm Ward 2 Town Hall. Come learn more about the November ballot initiatives. Please RSVP with Amanda Colon at 791-4687 or [Amanda.Colon@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Amanda.Colon@tucsonaz.gov).

**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) (<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