



# PAUL CUNNINGHAM

WARD 2

November 9, 2017

**WARD 2 COUNCIL OFFICE**  
**7575 E SPEEDWAY**  
**791-4687**  
**WARD2@TUCSONAZ.GOV**

## PAUL'S NOTE

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Citizen Scientist	2
All Souls Procession	3
Festival in the Park	3
Parks Information	4
What to drop off	5

This weekend is Veterans' Day. Many of you know I served as a reservist, and I never saw combat or an overseas posting.

Still, that time in the reserves showed me what honorable service to our country and our constitution means. As a council member and in my previous career as a probation officer, I have gotten a chance to meet other veterans and I feel blessed to have had that experience.

The words "Thank you for your service" has crossed most of our lips. I have mixed feelings about it. Sometimes I wonder if it's enough. I don't want to get down on folks that say it.

Many of us don't have a day-to-day connection with our vets, and that's the first thing we can reach for.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, 20.8 million men and women are veterans. Of those, 7 million are Vietnam-era veterans (a little less than half of all living vets who served in wartime). That means that our veteran population represents only six percent of Americans, and it skews a bit older. That means that most of us can go through our work and family life without encountering a veteran.

That's why it is so important to go out of our way to find veterans in our community and learn their stories. My colleague, Richard Fimbres (an Army veteran) reaches out to local elementary schools and has students make handmade cards to hand out at our local Veterans Hospital. This year, 30 schools participated. Richard along with Councilmember Regina Romero, Rep. Todd Clodfelter, Clerk of the Court Toni Helton, School Superintendent Dustin Williams and members of the American Legion and the Marine

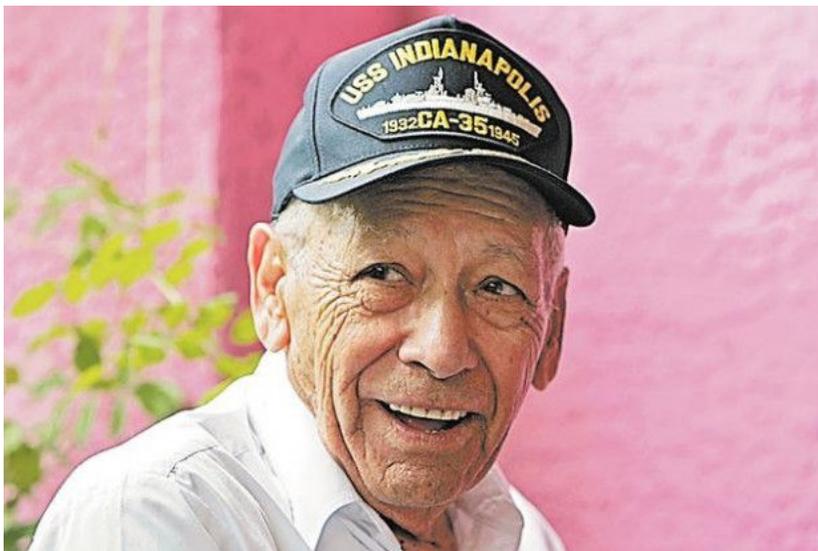
## PAUL'S NOTE, CONTINUED

Corps League handed out those cards at the VA hospital to vets, many of whom are there for long term treatment.

As a vet and someone who has worked with vets, I appreciate Richard doing this, and I'm glad that he gave my staff an opportunity to participate.

-  
This year's Veterans Day Parade will have a special Grand Marshall: Adolfo "Harpo" Celaya.

Celaya grew up in Florence not speaking a word of English until elementary school. He endured a tough childhood suffering abuse and abandonment by his mother. He enlisted in the US Navy and served aboard the USS Indianapolis. The ship was sunk by a Japanese torpedo on July 30, 1945. He was one of only 317 survivors of the nearly



1200 man crew. Because of the nature of the ship's mission (they were delivering parts for the bombs to be dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki), their location was undisclosed and it was difficult for rescuers to locate the ship. He survived clinging to wreckage for three days before he was found.

He returned to Florence, still needing to finish High School. He joined the Florence High School basketball team and won the state tournament in 1947.

It was years before he could tell the story about those days in the water, but he still visits with students to share his story. A post office in Florence was named for him in 2016.

The parade begins downtown on Saturday, November 11 at 8 am at West Alameda Street and Granada Avenue and heads east on West Alameda Street and turns onto North Stone Avenue, then onto West Franklin Street. From West Franklin Street, participants will continue on North Church Avenue and then to West Sixth Street. From Sixth Street, parade participants will head south on North Granada Avenue and return to the staging point on West Alameda Street. For more information, visit [tucsonveteransdayparade.org](http://tucsonveteransdayparade.org).

---

## CITIZEN SCIENTIST PROJECT

The University of Arizona's College of Agriculture & Life Sciences is looking for volunteers to join its Citizen Science Project ([projectharvest.arizona.edu](http://projectharvest.arizona.edu)). Nearly 60 participants already have been trained to collect harvested water, soil, and vegetable samples for environmental analyses. Volunteers are given traditional lab supplies and do-it-yourself gear. Samples are analyzed by University of Arizona researchers and the volunteers. For more information or to sign up, e-mail Monica Ramirez at [mdramire@email.arizona.edu](mailto:mdramire@email.arizona.edu) or call (520) 621-0091.

## FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

Cigna and Tucson Parks and Recreation present the Family Festival in the Park - Saturday, Nov. 18

Cigna and Tucson Parks and Recreation are proud to present the 12th annual Family Festival in the Park. There will be games, prizes, face painting, crafts, inflatables, tennis, disc golf, and class demonstrations. Reid Park Zoo will have free admission and the Edith Ball Adaptive Recreation Center will host free swimming with an inflatable obstacle course. Volunteers from Friends of the Reid Park Rose Garden will be giving tours of the garden during the event. Entertainment will be presented throughout the day, and a variety of foods will be available for purchase through local vendors.

Please bring donations of canned goods to the festival to benefit the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.

A special thanks to our event sponsors: Cigna, Pyramid Federal Credit Union, Bear Essential News, Tucson Water, Barbizon Southwest Model and Talent Agency, CareMore Health Plan, KVOI and K-LOVE, East Tucson Macaroni Kid, and Whataburger.

Who: Everyone

Cost: FREE, but please bring non-perishable food donations to support the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona

When: Saturday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where: Reid Park, 22nd and Country Club (west of the Zoo)

Contact: Sierra Boyer, Community Promotions and Marketing Manager  
[Sierra.Boyer@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Sierra.Boyer@tucsonaz.gov) 837-8032 for more information

---

## PARKS PROGRAMS

### **Holiday Arts & Craft Fair Registration:**

Vendor registration is open for the Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair in Reid Park. The fair is scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend- Saturday and Sunday, November 25-26, 2017 from 9 am to 4 pm. For more information, visit [tucsonaz.gov/parks](http://tucsonaz.gov/parks) or contact Susan Orrico, Event Coordinator, 791-4877. Attached is an event flier.



### **Swim Fall Schedule:**

The swim fall schedule began on August 3rd. For additional information: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/pools-and-splash-pads>

**Fall Leisure Classes:** Session two of classes will run October 29 through December 16. Visit [EZEereg.com](http://EZEereg.com) for details.

Call 791-4877 for more information or questions.

**PAUL CUNNINGHAM,  
CITY COUNCIL, WARD 2**

Eastside City Hall  
7575 E Speedway  
Tucson AZ 85710

Phone: 520 791 4687  
Fax: 520 791 5380  
E-mail: ward2@tucsonaz.gov

Tucsonaz.gov/  
ward2

Remember to like  
Paul on Facebook!

Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office  
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable  
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—  
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals  
and Families in Need**

**LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses**

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/  
Dance Equipment**

**CASA MARIA—Plastic bags**

**SR. JOSE WOMEN'S SHELTER—Summer items  
and clothing, athletic shoes, back packs, tote**

---

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 21**. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

