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## Paul Cunningham's Weekly Update



### Paul's Note

Tucson City Council, Ward 2

Thank you Ward 2 family!

On Saturday, we were able to give 200 food boxes and 300 half gallons of milk away. Thank you to the volunteers that donated food, helped us pack the boxes, and then give them out. Also, thank you to our community partners: Ray Flores and El Charro Restaurants, Denni Shields and Finley Distributing, Grant Kreuger and the Maverick, U-Haul, Saguaro Christian Church, Steele Elementary School, the Palo Verde Resource Center, Penske Truck Rental, the Tucson Police Officers Association, and the Tucson Firefighters Association.

With Governor Hobbs restoring SNAP benefits for Arizona recipients and the re-opening of the federal government, it's still worth remembering that we have many people in our community still needing help. Give my office a call if you need to find resources, 520 791-4687. Additionally, we still have 15 boxes at our office if you need one early next week, just come on by and ask.

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I am pleased to announce that Disability Pride Day is back for a fourth year and is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th from 11 am – 4 pm.

This year, the planning committee selected a new venue, Donna R. Liggins Recreation Center at 2160 N. 6th Avenue. There are lots of great live performances planned again for this year, along with a session on advocacy training, adaptive sports, an art exhibition, the opportunity to help create a community mural and a small resource fair that will run from noon – 2 pm.

I'll be writing more about this great event as we get nearer to December 6th but I just wanted to let you all know ahead of time so you can put it on your calendars.

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I got to participate in this year's Veteran's Day Parade. I'm glad to see this event is back and it was a tremendous honor to march with so many sisters and brothers.

Your city government employs 430 veterans. For Veterans Day this year, Military Veteran Coordinator Matt Langseth and ERG President Ross Adelman put together a video honoring our veteran employees. You can view it here: <https://f.io/gQLmIRhc>

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There are two important community engagement events scheduled for this coming Monday, November 17th.

**Ward 2 and 4 Housing Town Hall:** The City of Tucson is seeking feedback from residents regarding the budget for fiscal year 2027. The City is hosting a series of in-person deliberative forums called The Housing Equation. This series serves as a bridge between government and the community, offering a transparent space for city leadership to connect, share, and collaborate with Tucson residents on the topic of housing, homelessness, and public safety. This will be at our office, 7820 E Broadway, from 6 - 8 pm. Registration is requested, more information on time and location is at this link which also includes a form to register: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/c79f5632ebd84d4ab0e8a98c4339a99e>


**East side Pima Animal Care Center Adoption Center neighborhood meeting:** PACC will be opening an east side satellite adoption location and is inviting nearby residents to take a look at the new site and provide any feedback they may have. This is an exciting development for PACC and the east side because it will be much more convenient for residents on this side of town to adopt a new furry friend. Drop in and take a look at the space and say hi from 5:30 - 7pm. The address is 7225 E Broadway. Take a look at more information here: <https://www.pima.gov/2233/Pima-Animal-Care-Center-PACC?contentId=5ab53512-2e23-4edc-b2ba-362fd0eb88fb>

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I usually put in an announcement of our upcoming council meeting in the "community" section, but I want to highlight a special meeting we are having on Tuesday.

This will be a special joint meeting with the Pima County Board of Supervisors to discuss the twin crises of homelessness and fentanyl.

I have been critical of the County on these issues, but I don't think our differences are insurmountable. Their willingness to have this meeting is a positive step and will start an ongoing collaboration.









## PACC Pet of the Week



### **Mavis**

Pima Animal Care Center

female, black, approximately 55.00 lbs, about 8 years old.

Mavis' frosty smoochy face is irresistible. Volunteers call her friendly, happy, intelligent, playful, and just a little bit of a goof. She's just what you need.

Intelligent, playful, lovable, and just a little bit goopy. She's instantly social and eager to be your best friend.

- She knows how to sit for treats and takes them very gently and patiently.
- She's super easy to leash up, handle and walk and she has good pep in her step. She's non-reactive to strangers or other dogs while out and about.
- She has a great attitude and is curious, easy-going and tolerant.
- She's very smart and follows directions well.
- She's well-behaved and mild-mannered – even when being picked up and receiving her vaccinations.

When Mavis attends playgroup she's social and tolerant when meeting other dogs. She approaches others with a wagging tail and is easy-going and appropriate with her greetings. The handlers say she's very people-oriented and has an "old lady" personality. She shares a kennel with a senior male dog her size and gets along well.

For details on how to adopt Mavis or any of Pima County's other adoptable pets, click here:

<https://24petconnect.com/PimaAdoptablePets/Details/PIMA/A882493>

# ROCKIN' IN THE PARK

Classic rock cover band, "**Your Money's Worth**," will be rocking at Palo Verde Park this Saturday.

It's a free event, so bring your groove, grab your crew, and come rock the block with us!

If you like good tunes, Fall weather, food trucks, and a chance to gather with friends, come hang out with us at this free fun and family-friendly event, co-sponsored by Ward 2.



**SATURDAY  
NOV. 15**

**4-6 PM**





**Mayor and Council:** The meeting of Tuesday, November 18th will include a special joint meeting with the Pima County Board of Supervisors. The usual study session will start at 10 am at the City Hall at 255 W Alameda. The meeting will adjourn at 12:30 and will reconvene as a joint special meeting with the Pima County Board of Supervisors at the Pima Association of Governments offices, 1 E Broadway, 4th Floor. The regular meeting will convene at the usual time of 5:30 at

City Hall.

Meetings can be watched live or archived at <https://www.youtube.com/@cityoftucson/live>.

**Parade of Lights:** This year's Downtown Parade of Lights will be Saturday, December 6 at 6:30 pm starting at 17th Street and 4th Avenue. For more information, visit [downtownparadeoflights.com](http://downtownparadeoflights.com).

**Budget Discussion:** The City of Tucson is requesting feedback from residents regarding the budget for fiscal year 2027. The city is hosting a series of in-person forums called The Housing Equation that will provide a space for city leadership to connect, share and collaborate with Tucson residents on the topics of housing, homelessness and public safety.

The event for Wards 2 and 4 will be on Monday, November 17 at 6 pm at the Ward 2 office, 7820 E Broadway. Please show up at 5:30 for sign-in and refreshments. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/News-articles/The-Housing-Equation-Budget-Forums>.

**Mobile Meals:** Do you know someone in your neighborhood who needs nutritious, low-cost meals delivered to their home by friendly volunteers? Call Mobile Meals at 520-622-1600. Mobile Meals serve all ages, including seniors and adults with disabilities. Anyone who has difficulty accessing the grocery store or cooking meals can sign up for Mobile Meals.

Mobile Meals of Southern Arizona is looking for compassionate volunteers to deliver nutritious meals to homebound individuals on Tucson's eastside.

With many of their regular volunteers taking a break from the heat, Mobile Meals urgently needs new drivers to ensure their clients receive the essential meals and friendly check-ins they depend on.

Visit the Mobile Meals of Southern Arizona website or contact Henry Gorton, Program Coordinator, at [henry@mobilemealssoaz.org](mailto:henry@mobilemealssoaz.org) or (520) 622-2593 to learn more and sign up!

**Step Up to Justice:** Step Up to Justice has volunteer attorneys that hold free know-your-rights presentations for those that want to come. They offer several ongoing sessions including The RENT Project (Renter Education for Neighborhoods and Tenants), The MAPP Project (Mobile Home Asset and Property Protection) and WORK (Workers' Outreach, Rights, and Knowledge). You can find out when the sessions are held and how to sign up at <https://www.stepuptojustice.org/>.

**Team Up to Clean Up:** The City of Tucson, along with community partners, is organizing a citywide clean-up effort. Residents, families, students, community groups, and businesses are invited to join forces to clean and enhance our neighborhood. For more details, visit: [Team Up To Clean Up](#).





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