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Electronics Collection Aim: Raise Awareness of Year-Round Options

Recycling and reuse is about more than improving our environment: it is also about monetary savings to yourself and local governments, as well as an opportunity to support small businesses and nonprofit recyclers. For several years TCB has partnered to host special electronics recycling events, helping to collect unwanted electronics in-

cluding computers and monitors, televisions, cell phones and much more.

TCB electronics collection: Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., El Pueblo Neighborhood Center, 101 W. Irvington Rd. Volunteers also needed!

For information about electronics recycling, call (520) 791-5000 or visit www.tuccsoncleanandbeautiful.org



Above: Electronics found needlessly dumped in a Tucson waterway.

Trees for Tucson Survey—Your Input Needed!

Whether you have participated in the Trees for Tucson program many times in the past, just once, or not at all—please take our Trees for Tucson program survey! Let us know how this program serves our community, so we may maintain and continue to improve one of our most



popular programs that serves thousands of Tucsonans annually. A periodic drawing is held for a Trees for Tucson t-shirt from those who participate in the survey! Visit to participate:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XRSMJBJ>

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Mission Statement:

The purpose of Tucson Clean & Beautiful, Inc., a non-profit organization, is to preserve and improve our environment, conserve natural resources, and enhance the quality of life in the City of Tucson & eastern Pima County. These goals will be achieved through initiating educational & participatory programs implemented with broad-citizen, multi-culture support.

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Your Membership Counts! TCB Programs and volunteer partnerships have an immense impact on the environment and quality of life across the Tucson/Pima County metropolitan area. These programs are strengthened by TCB membership donations from Tucson area individuals and businesses. Visit the TCB website at <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/tcb> to view an updated list of available member discounts. **Already a member? Give a gift membership to family and friends!**

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Buffelgrass: Tucson's GROWING Problem

Tucson Clean and Beautiful, in collaboration with the Southern Arizona Buffelgrass Coordination Center and Saguaro National Park, has put together a community-based initiative to remove this hazardous invasive species from our parks, streets, and neighborhoods. Beginning Fall 2011 we will be holding informational meetings followed by days out in the community where you will get hands-on experience and training in removing buffelgrass (as well as fountain grass) and keeping it from spreading to other parts of the city and county.

What is buffelgrass?

Buffelgrass (Pennisetum ciliare), an invasive, highly-flammable African grass, is spreading rapidly and creating fire risks in urban, suburban and natural desert areas of Southern Arizona that previously were not fire prone. Unlike most wildland or urban fires, local firefighters face greater challenges due to high temperatures and speed with which buffelgrass fires travel.

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2011-2012 Event Schedule

| Date/Purpose | Time (refreshments and check-in begins 30 min. before event) | Location |
|--|--|--|
| Thurs. Oct. 6, 2011 Information Workshop | 6-8 pm | City of Tucson Ward 1 Council Office 940 W. Alameda St. <i>East side of Grande Ave. between Congress St. and St. Marys Rd.</i> |
| Sat. Oct. 29, 2011 Buffelgrass removal hands-on training | 8-10:30 am | A Mountain/Sentinel Peak Park 1000 S. Sentinel Peak Rd. <i>Cuesta Ave. south of Congress St., top parking lot</i> |
| Wed. Nov 16, 2011 Information Workshop | 5:30-7:30 pm | Wheeler Taft Abbott, Sr. Library 7800 N. Schisler Dr. <i>Between Cortaro Rd. and Ina Rd. on the east side of Silverbell Rd.</i> |
| Sat. Dec. 3, 2011 Buffelgrass removal hands-on training | 8-10:30 am | Silverbell/Cortaro Area 7250 N. Cortaro Rd. <i>Lord of Grace Lutheran Church, Cortaro and Ina</i> |
| Mon. Jan 9, 2012 Information Workshop | 5:30-7:30 pm | Clements Center 8155 E. Poinciana Dr. <i>South of Lincoln Park, on the east side of Pantano Rd. between Escalante Rd. and Irvington Rd.</i> |
| Sat. Jan. 28, 2012 Beat Back Buffelgrass Day | 8-10:30 am | Harrison/Irvington Area 8200 E. Irvington Rd. <i>Irvington Rd. ½ mile east of Pantano Rd</i> |
| Wed. Feb. 8, 2012 Information Workshop | 6-8 pm | Mount Zion Lutheran Church 4520 W. Ajo Hwy. <i>East of stoplight at Camino de Oeste</i> |
| Sat. Feb. 18, 2012 Buffelgrass removal hands-on training | 8-10:30 am | Snyder Hill (BLM property) 7200 W. Old Ajo Hwy. <i>At San Joaquin Rd. just north of Ajo Way</i> |
| Wed. Mar. 7, 2012 Information Workshop | 6-8 pm | City of Tucson Ward 2 Council Office 7575 E. Speedway Blvd. <i>North side Speedway Blvd. between Kolb and Pantano Rd.</i> |
| Sat. Mar. 31, 2012 Buffelgrass removal hands-on training | 8-10:30 am | Broadway/Houghton Area 10380 E. Broadway Blvd. <i>Meet at shopping center on southeast corner of Broadway and Houghton</i> |

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

Learn More and Get Involved to Improve Our Environment and Quality of Life!

Join Tucson Clean & Beautiful at these upcoming community events:

- ◆ **Saturday, September 24, 2011, 7:30-11:30 a.m.—National Public Lands Day, Buffelgrass Removal Project at A Mountain—City of Tucson Ward 1 Council Office and Southwest Conservation Corps.** Learn how to remove buffelgrass, and make a difference in beautifying and improving the natural environment at Tucson's own landmark! For more information call 884-5550 ext. 8.
- ◆ **Thursday, October 6, 2011, 11:00 a.m.—Pantano Wash Linear Park Dedication,** Michael Perry Park, 8800 E. Arbor St. on Pantano Parkway just south of Golf Links Rd. Celebrate the opening of this special park, which will soon have opportunities for commemorative tree planting and a second Children's Memorial.
- ◆ **Saturday, October 8, 2011, 8:00-11:00 a.m.—Southern Arizona Environmental Management Society Community Cleanup.** North of Snyder Hill, approximately 7 miles west of I-19 on Ajo Way. Volunteers needed, help to clean up illegal dumping, litter and buffelgrass at this public land site. For more information, directions and to sign up call 837-6832 or email bj.cordova@tucsonaz.gov
- ◆ **Saturday, October 8, 2011, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.—Electronics Recycling,** El Pueblo Neighborhood Center, 101 W. Irvington Rd. Entrance on Nogales Hwy. just south of 6th Ave. and Irvington. No fee for recycling most consumer electronics. \$10 fee for television recycling (fee waiver available for Sony brand televisions). \$5 fee for computer monitors, or no fee if accompanied by a computer tower. **First 100 families recycling electronics receive a \$5 Bookmans gift card!** Volunteers needed. Call 791-5000 or email recycle@tucsonaz.gov for more information.
- ◆ **Thursday, October 13, 2011, 5:30-7:30 p.m.—29th Street Coalition Community Celebration and Crime Prevention Fair.** Freedom Park, 5000 E. 29th St. Visit the Tucson Clean & Beautiful booth, and enter to win a free tree and t-shirt compliments of the Trees for Tucson program!
- ◆ **Saturday, October 15, 2011, 8:00 a.m.-12 noon—Tree planting and maintenance workshop, in partnership with the Arizona Community Tree Council.** Free workshop for those who want to learn how to properly plant and care for trees at their home, takes place at Pima County Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation, 3500 W. River Rd. Register at www.aztrees.org
- ◆ **Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 5:30 p.m.—Tucson Clean & Beautiful Annual Meeting.** Z Mansion, 288 N. Church Ave. \$45, RSVP before October 14, 2011.
- ◆ **ONGOING: Low-cost shade trees available for \$8 each, for planting on the west, east, and south sides of homes. Must be a Tucson Electric Power customer to qualify, visit www.treesfortucson.org or call 791-3109 for more information.**