Earth Day, Every Day!

As springtime approaches, Earth Day will be upon us before we know it! At this time of year, and throughout the year, have you taken time to review what sustainability means?

Sustainability is the buzzword of the day, but Tucson Clean & Beautiful has been working with our community to put sustainability in action since our very first community-driven Adopt-a-Park volunteer cleanup project in 1984. There is a concept called three pillars of sustainability, which in addition to environmental considerations requires two other critical characteristics: economics and human quality of life (our health, safety, and enjoyment). These are all part of what our lives are based on and we must maintain a balance among all three of these things. If any one of these is ignored, it unnecessarily drags down the other two; and likewise if one pillar of these is our only consideration, its disproportionate rise will eventually outpace the others, collapse back...
In Appreciation: Adopt-a-Park, Street & Wash Groups

TCB staff are fortunate to work with great volunteer groups throughout the area. These ongoing groups were recently recognized:

- 6th Ave. from the Railroad Tracks to Speedway Blvd.—U of A “PAIN” (Professional Achievements in Nursing)
- Euclid Ave. (Grant to Speedway) - U of A Arizona Assurance Club
- Euclid Ave. (Speedway to Broadway) - U of A Theta Chi Fraternity
- Frost Dr. at Valencia Rd.—Rita Verde Homeowners Association
- Himmel Park—U of A Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity
- Keeling Desert Park—Keeling Neighborhood Association
- Kolb Rd. (Irvington to Valencia) - DMAFB 355 LRS
- Pueblo Gardens Park—Rising Star Baptist Church
- Santa Cruz River Park & Frisbee Golf: U of A Honors Student Council

IN MEMORIAM: DAVID FELIX

Also known for the past few years as “Mark Parker” in TCB’s E Pluribus Recycles! Play, David recently passed away. On behalf of TCB’s Board of Directors and Staff, our condolences to David’s family and friends. EP Packrat and all of us at TCB miss your friendly smile!! TCB will plant a tree in David’s honor at the Pantano Commemorative Tree Park.

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 for all residents of the greater Tucson area.

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ARIZONA GIVES DAY: Please support TCB with an online donation March 20th!

TCB Programs have an immense impact on improving the environment and quality of life across Tucson/Pima County, and are supported by your membership donations. Members get great discounts too! Call (520) 837-6832 for a list of benefits.

Arizona Gives Day is on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, in support of AZ charities.

Help raise funds for Tucson Clean & Beautiful programs, make a contribution and become a TCB member—on that day, or sooner if you like! Support cleaner parks, streets and washes, more trees, better recycling options and many more TCB efforts to improve our environment and quality of life—today! BONUS: TCB may also be eligible for prizes through this campaign based on the number of new donors and funds raised! New and current donors participating through this program will also be entered to win a free tree.

Suggested contribution minimums: Student & Senior $15; Individual $20; Family $30 Additional recognition for contribution for Business $100-$500; Corporate $500-$2,000; Benefactor $2,000 or more; Organization Sponsor $5,000 or more

Or mail your contribution via check to: Tucson Clean & Beautiful, P.O. Box 27210, Tucson, AZ 85726. Donations are accepted year-round, but note “Arizona Gives Day” & postmark by March 20, 2013 for prize entry!
TCB E-waste collections April 6 and 27, 2013

This year Tucson Clean & Beautiful has partnered with Westtech Recyclers and other companies and organizations for electronics recycling collections:

- Saturday, April 6, 2013, 8 am-1pm: Whole Foods—3360 E. Speedway Blvd., east of Country Club Rd.
- Saturday, April 6, 2013, 8 am-1pm: Whole Foods—5555 E. River Rd. at Craycroft
- Saturday, April 27, 2013 8 am-noon: Casas Church, 10801 N. La Cholla (Oro Valley)

Most computers and other electronics (except large appliances) accepted, free of charge! Cell phones will be collected and given to Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse. Printer cartridges are recycled through Cartridge World Tucson, to benefit TCB! For more info: call 791-5000 or email recycle@tucsonaz.gov

RUMBA: Re-Used Materials Becoming Art @ SAHBA Home Show

Join TCB for the annual “RUMBA” Recycled Art Competition: There is still time to register a project for display April 5-7, 2013. Youth K-12 items are judged, with ribbons awarded. Community professional and amateur artworks are also displayed (though not judged) as an inspiration to the youth and visitors. Consider what you can do with recycled art today! Call 791-5000 or email recycle@tucsonaz.gov for info.

Stop by the RUMBA display and TCB’s booth space at the SAHBA Home Show—bring your cell phones and printer cartridges for recycling, and enter to win a free tree!

Special Thanks to these TCB Benefactors for recent grants in support of our programs:
- Terracon Foundation
- Union Pacific Foundation

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down. Let’s keep those pillars level, and rising, together!

What do you plan to do on this Earth Day, and Every Day, to contribute toward improving our environment, quality of life, AND economy? Consuming less and enjoying more? Contributing your time, money and resources learning to make a difference in our community? Spending time with family and friends? Plan for all of these: make or revive your own commitment to sustainability.

Join TCB and many other great organizations at the Tucson Children’s Earth Day Festival, being held this year on SUNDAY April 21, 2013 from 9 am-2pm at Reid Park (Country Club Rd. north of 22nd St.). Stop by the Tucson Clean & Beautiful booth and enter to win a free tree, courtesy of the Trees for Tucson program! Happy Earth Day, from your friends at Tucson Clean and Beautiful!

YARDS Graduation and Celebration: Saturday March 30, 2013, 11:00 a.m. Congratulations to TCB’s 4th year (9th class) of students! Help us celebrate their achievements: U of A Agricultural Extension Service, 4210 N. Campbell. RSVP: 837-6830. Congratulations to our current and former students, with over 58 graduates we are making a difference for youth, and for improving community landscape!
Upcoming Volunteer Events & Community Projects

For all listed projects, please contact the project coordinator for more information and to volunteer!

- **Sat. 3/9/2013: 10 a.m.—Case Garden Friends** volunteers: More info on [Facebook](#)!
- **Sat. 3/9/2013: 1-4 p.m.—Amphi High School** cleanup. Contact: 461-4741 or [mbir@juno.com](mailto:mbir@juno.com)
- **Sat.. 3/9/2013: 9-11 a.m.—Navajo Wash Cleanup** (NW corner Hedrick and Mountain, just south of Fort Lowell Rd.) Contact: 327-7587.
- **SUN. 3/10/2013: 1-4 p.m.—Henry Elementary School Neighbors**: neighborhood street and alley cleanup/buffelgrass removal: 650 N. Igo Way, at 5th St. 1/2 mile east of Camino Seco. Contact: 481-3223 or [wildcatbeej@hotmail.com](mailto:wildcatbeej@hotmail.com)
- **Sat. 3/16/2013: 10am-4pm—2nd Annual Youth and Peace Conference**, Doolen Middle School, 2400 N. Country Club. [Free with registration](#), focuses on non-violent behavior through workshops, speakers and performances. More info: [youthandpeaceconference@gmail.com](mailto:youthandpeaceconference@gmail.com)
- **Sat. 3/16/2013: 9 a.m.-noon —4th Ave. area cleanup**. Contact: 461-4741 or [mbir@juno.com](mailto:mbir@juno.com)
- **Sat. 3/16/2013: 10am-2pm—Tucson Sunset Rotary/Crutches 4 Africa** at Tucson Appliance, 4229 E. Speedway. Collecting donations of medical adaptive mobility devices- crutches, canes, arm braces, walkers, wheelchairs, elevated toilet seats, shower benches, and more. 270-8555.
- **Sat. 3/23/2013: 8-11 a.m.—Pima Community College West Campus** Buffelgrass removal volunteer project with Imagine Greater Tucson: 2202 W. Anklam Rd. Contact: 209-2448 ext. 7003 or [chelsey.belmer@imaginegreatertucson.org](mailto:chelsey.belmer@imaginegreatertucson.org) Sat. 3/23/2013: 8-11 a.m.—**U of A area cleanup** Contact: 461-4741 or [mbir@juno.com](mailto:mbir@juno.com)
- **Sat. 4/6/2013: 8 a.m.—Pima County “Wash Up” on the Santa Cruz River**: SE corner of Silverlake and Cottonwood Ln.—Contact: 243-1800 or [suzie.bohnet@pima.gov](mailto:suzie.bohnet@pima.gov)
- **SUN. 4/21/2013: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.—Tucson Children’s Earth Day Festival & Parade, and Water Festival**—Reid Park: Volunteers needed! Exhibitors still being accepted! Parade, alternative fuel vehicles, solar car competition, live music, food, animal adoptions, farmer’s market, and more!
- **Sat. 4/20/2013: 8 a.m.-noon—Earth Day 2013 celebration at the 4H High Ropes Course Greenlot**: 1985 W. Fort Lowell Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705. Great workshops, make a wallet out of recycled bike tubes, mud pit, nature photography, mountain bikes, orienteering, climbing and more! Stop by and enter to win a tree! More info: [jean.hickman@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:jean.hickman@tucsonaz.gov) or 837-6834.
- **Saturday 4/27/2013: Cooper Center** parking lot and grounds revegetation: Contact: (757) 256-9170 or [jeffreylipin@email.arizona.edu](mailto:jeffreylipin@email.arizona.edu)
- **ONGOING/weekly: Midvale Park Neighborhood Association**—Adopt-a-Park/Wash projects: Raul Grijalva Park, Oaktree Park, Mid-Section Channel, and Santa Cruz River Park. Contact: 419-8814 or [josephtuacs@aol.com](mailto:josephtuacs@aol.com), or 661-7283 or [miketaylor2@cox.net](mailto:miketaylor2@cox.net)
- **ONGOING/1st & 3rd Sat.: Sunnyside Peace Garden**. Contact: 404-5805 or [gapitgirl@msn.com](mailto:gapitgirl@msn.com)
- **ONGOING: Groves-Lincoln Park/Atterbury Wash**: Contact 748-2725 or [mickmrf1@msn.com](mailto:mickmrf1@msn.com)
- **ONGOING: Tucson Arts Brigade**—Contact: 623-2119 or [info@tucsonartsbrigade.org](mailto:info@tucsonartsbrigade.org)

TCB Environmental Education Minigrant Winners!

Environmental education and improvement minigrants are periodically offered for Tucson area school and youth groups. TCB is pleased to announce 7 grants ($3,300 total—most are $500) to: Rio Vista Elementary ($300), Agua Caliente Elementary, Whitmore Elementary, Drachman Montessori, Borton Magnet PTA, SIATech Tucson HS, and Andrada Poly HS. Grants were funded in part, by TCB volunteers the Southern AZ Environmental Management Society and AZ Native Plant Society. Congratulations to our winning schools, and we look forward to seeing the results of your grants! For more information and to donate to future grant rounds, call (520) 837-6832 or email [tcb@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:tcb@tucsonaz.gov)
The Tucson community has received funding to remove buffelgrass, an invasive plant and extreme fire hazard from the Tucson International Airport and Pima County Adult Detention Center properties and provide education and outreach to surrounding neighborhoods. Funding for this project comes from a grant from the federal agency FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency).

**Why is this issue important to our community?**
- Buffelgrass is highly flammable and burns very hot and very fast.
- Buffelgrass threatens our native vegetation and homes.

**What to expect next:**
Over the next several weeks, you may see people surveying streets looking for buffelgrass. Once the grass is located, we work with volunteers and provide training on buffelgrass removal and monitoring the area so that it does not return. Beginning March of 2013, invasive species specialists will be working along the roadsides and inside the project boundaries to eliminate buffelgrass with a combination of removal techniques which may include digging, mowing and herbicide treatment.

**How to get involved:**
To successfully remove buffelgrass and protect our neighborhoods from this public safety hazard we need everyone's help! We invite you to attend an open house to find out more about this important project and ways to get involved.

### IMPORTANT NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION

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La comunidad de Tucson ha recibido fondos para remover el zacate de buffel en el terreno del Aeropuerto Internacional de Tucson y las propiedades del Centro de Detención para Adultos del Condado de Pima y para proveer educación para la comunidad. El zacate buffel es una planta invasiva que crea un peligro serio de incendios. Los fondos de este proyecto son provienen de La Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias (FEMA).

**¿Por qué es importante este tema para nuestra comunidad?**
- El zacate buffel es muy inflamable y se quema rápido y a temperaturas sumamente altas.
- El zacate buffel amenaza nuestras casas y reemplaza vegetación nativa.

**¿Qué es lo que podemos esperar?**
A partir de marzo de 2013 y durante las próximas semanas, es posible que vayan a ver personal evaluando las calles en su vecindad para presencia o ausencia de zacate buffel. Una vez que hayamos localizado el zacate, especialistas de plantas trabajarán al lado de las calles dentro de los límites del proyecto para eliminar el zacate usando una combinación de técnicas incluso a excavando, cortando y tratando el área con herbicida. También trabajaremos con voluntarios de las vecindades, proporcionando entrenamiento en cómo extraer al zacate y monitorear el área para prevenir que vuelva.

**¿Cómo podemos ayudar?**
Para remover el zacate de buffel y proteger a nuestros barrios de este peligro público, necesitamos la ayuda de todos! Les invitamos a asistir a un taller educativo para aprender más acerca de este proyecto tan importante y la manera en la que pueden involucrarse.