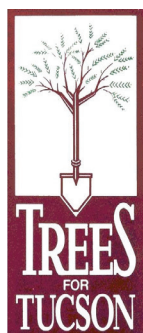




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TEP and TRICO 2015 Home Shade Tree Programs are now open!



Anytime is a great time to plant trees in Tucson!

We have a great supply of quality trees to shade your home. For best selection order your trees early. Customers may choose from Velvet Mesquite, Blue Palo Verde, Foothills Palo Verde, Desert Willow, Red Push Pistache, and Pomegranate. Stay cool, plant trees!

To order your tree call us at 520-791-3109 or from our website: www.treesfortucson.org

Upcoming Events

- Jan 19th - Electronic Recycling at Desert Metals - 9 AM to 2 PM - 3119 E. Pennsylvania. Info: 520-791-5000
- Jan 19th & 24th- Wildfire Prevention & Buffelgrass Removal Day - 8 AM to Noon. Info: 520-837-6836
- Jan 31st - Recycling Fashion Festival - 10 AM to 2 PM. Info: 520-404-5805
- Jan. 30th - Due date for School Mini Grant. Info: 520-837-6832
- Feb. 14th - YARDS first day of class. Info: 520-791-3109

Visit our Calendar
for a list of all
upcoming events:

www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org



Become a Citizen Forester!

Tucson Botanical Garden's Urban Forestry Certificate Program begins March 3 through April 14, with classes held Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Join an active corps of trained citizen foresters working to make our neighborhoods greener and healthier! Students will learn about tree biology, tree care, pruning, and community engagement from experts in each field.

For more information and to apply contact Ashley Pedersen at 520-326-9686 ext. 39 or email: education1@tucsonbotanical.org.



Trees for Schools

We're are building the next generation of environmental stewards thanks to generous support from Sierrita Gas Pipeline and Hamstra Heating & Cooling. Over the last months we've planted 76 trees at 5 schools with over 1,000 enthusiastic young tree stewards who've turned out to help dig, plant and celebrate trees. If you want to plant trees at your school, call us at 520-837-6833, We'll help you plan your school tree project and grow future environment stewards.



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**Members like you keep Tucson
Clean & Beautiful!**

Invest in keeping Tucson Clean & Beautiful year-round! You can support TCB programs as part of year-end giving - whether through membership, by donating funds to plant more trees, or many other ways that you can invest in a cleaner and more beautiful community - supporting volunteer efforts, tree planting, special recycling events and much more!

Call us today to contribute:
520-837-6830

Tucson Clean & Beautiful Mission:

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 and eastern Pima County. These goals will be achieved through initiating educational and participatory programs implemented with broad-citizen, multi-culture support.

**REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE**

Green Pathways 1st Annual Festival

Explore the excitement of recycling, reusing and repurposing.

You can learn to be a Fashionista on \$25 or less; we'll have a fashion show to demonstrate how to strut your recycled wares. We welcome the participation of recycling businesses including clothing goods, sports equipment, furniture, arts, crafts, construction, remodeling, and other reused articles.

To participate contact:

Beki Quintero - Rebecca.Quintero@tucsonaz.gov, 520-404-5805

or Kathy Cooper - Kathy@beaessentialnews.com, 520-792-9930

DATE: January 31, 2015

VENUE: Northeast Corner of Broadway and Tucson Blvd.

TIME: 10 AM to 2 PM

Free to the Public

This is an Arizona Sci-Tech event sponsored by
Tucson Clean and Beautiful and Bear Essential News.



Adopt-a-Park and Public Areas!

Community Volunteer Clean Up & Beautification Program

Adoptions are growing by leaps and bounds. This past October was an especially busy month for community-wide cleanups and new adoptions! As always we are grateful for those who step up to help improve Tucson. Tucson Clean & Beautiful is always in need of more volunteer groups so please review the map of sites on the website to see what is available for long-term adoption.

New Group Signs on to Help

One of the groups started on their first cleanup within a couple of days of sending in the Interest form. Richard Franco contacted us in mid-November and took his students out on November 21st to the Pantano River Park (from Tanque Verde to Speedway Boulevard). This is a segment of "The Loop" hiking and biking trail. They collected ten large bags of litter on their first cleanup! Richard was kind enough to share thoughts on this first cleanup with us: "My name is Richard Franco and I am a middle school teacher at Calvary Chapel Christian School. My 8th grade class was talking about giving back to the community in some way, not only talking about what Jesus did, but serving as He did as well. Talking through ideas we came across the Adopt-a-



(pictured: Cottonwood Elementary tortoise habitat)

TCB environmental mini-grants for schools- apply today!

Tucson Clean & Beautiful, in partnership with the Southern Arizona Environmental Management Society and Arizona Native Plant Society are proud to offer another school environmental minigrant round! Schools may apply for a cash grant of up to \$500, in addition to being eligible for a grant of up to 30 trees for their campus along with additional project planning assistance, tool loan, and other resources.

Previous 2014 winners of school minigrants where projects are completed or in progress include Cottonwood Elementary in the Vail School District, Canyon del Oro High School and Rio Vista Elementary School in the Amphi School District, Borton Magnet Primary School in the Tucson Unified School District, and Sky Islands Public High School, a local charter school.

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Park program. The kids wanted to get started right away and had a great time. We adopted Pantano River Park and spent about three hours on our first cleanup. It was a great time for fellowship with each other and get to know each other in a context outside of school. At first the kids were a bit wary about going out and cleaning, but after about an hour, one of the kids told me, "this is so much fun, I can't believe the time is going by so fast." Another student told me that they wished we had more time to clean since there was so much to do. We are so excited to continue going back to our park and helping to make it beautiful for the people here in Tucson. Thank you Tucson Clean and Beautiful for this opportunity."

Thank you, Calvary Chapel Christian School, for taking on this site and making an important and positive impact!

Special appreciation as well to FedEx for donating more than 1,000 bags that will be used for cleanup projects!



YARDS Program

Youth Achieving Resource Development Skills 2015

In November, six youth on probation graduated from the YARDS program receiving Certificates of Achievement from Pima County Juvenile Court presiding Judge Kathleen Quigley and Pima County Board of Supervisor Richard Elias. Family and friends shared in the celebration. The youth landscape and life skill training program began in January of 2010 and to date 72 youth have finished the program. Classes include tool use and care, water harvesting, desert soils, pruning and landscape design, and job and personal development skills.

Are YOU on Juvenile Probation?

There may be an opportunity for you to develop job training skills that qualify you for local landscape jobs. Classes begin in February and run for nine Saturdays from 8:30am-12:30. Participants will earn community restitution hours and RAP credits or JIPS 34 hours as needed. Youth completing the program will receive a Certificate of Achievement, a stipend and a letter of recommendation from the court and Tucson Clean & Beautiful. All classes are taught by certified professionals in landscape and education. The next class starts on February 14, 2015.

For further information, contact your Probation Officer or call Tucson Clean & Beautiful at 520-791-3109.

Have you visited the TCB website lately?-www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org

See our Adopt-a-Park interactive map, bilingual Recycling Directory & more! Web improvements were funded by City of Tucson Environmental Services and Toyota via the National Environmental Education Foundation.



Tucson Clean & Beautiful was recently featured in "Profiles in Environmentalism" a recurring segment on Budget Dumpster's blog where they shine a light on the dedicated people who are working to preserve the world around them. Big or small, local or national, every environmental organization works towards the same goal: providing a greener world for future generations.

For full article go to:
www.budgetdumpster.com/blog/profiles-environmentalism-tucson-clean-beautiful/

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COMMEMORATIVE TREE DEDICATION

TCB held a Commemorative Tree Dedication on Dec. 5, 2014 at the Pantano River Park, on the west side of Pantano Parkway just north of Golf Links Rd. More than 50 tree donors, city and county dignitaries were in attendance to dedicate 30 trees in remembrance of loved ones. The children whose names are engraved at nearby Children's Memorial Garden were also commemorated.

Each tree has a personal story behind it - whether of love, friendship, family, tragedy, hope, or appreciation - these trees are a special way to thank, honor, and remember those who are special to us.

Another planting will take place in April 2015, with a dedication ceremony to follow in May. To dedicate a tree, call (520) 837-6832 - or download form at: www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org/other-programs/commemorative-tree-parks/

Special appreciation to Council member Shirley Scott, Supervisor Ray Carroll, the City of Tucson & Pima County Parks staff, Civano Nursery, Sowers Memorials, volunteers & contributors to the continued success of this project - and to the friends & family who supported tree dedications to help shade & beautify this special park in honor of their loved ones!

Beating back Buffelgrass Join Us!

Monday, January 19th, 8am-12noon Wildfire Prevention and Buffelgrass Removal Day

Tucson Clean and Beautiful and the Southern Arizona Buffelgrass Coordination Center have teamed up with the Red Cross to host this project in the Tucson Park West Neighborhood. We'll be digging out buffelgrass (a noxious weed) and other invasives. Buffelgrass poses a high fire risk - when dry it is highly flammable. By removing buffelgrass

we will not only beautify the area but we will also be preventing dangerous brushfires. Must wear closed-toe shoes and long pants. Long-sleeved shirts suggested. Bring gloves and a shovel if possible (if not, loaner gloves and tools will be available). Please bring hat, sunscreen, and refillable water bottle. No children under 12.

Saturday, January 24th, Beat Back Buffelgrass Day

The Southern Arizona Buffelgrass Coordination Center, Tucson Clean and Beautiful, and other groups are hosting buffelgrass removal events at sites all across the Tucson valley (there's even a site up in Phoenix). North, South, East or West we have a location near you!

To volunteer call us at 520-837-6836 or email: outreach@buffelgrass.org

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