



Tucson Clean & Beautiful now has raffle tickets available for the 2015 50th Anniversary Ford Mustang raffle sponsored by Jim Click Automotive. Purchase your tickets today for \$25 each or \$100 for five - 100% of the purchase of the tickets directly supports our community environmental improvement programs! Tickets may be purchased in the TCB Store or call (520) 837-6832!



Support Tucson Clean & Beautiful as well as your other favorite non-profit organizations by contributing anytime on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 (or in advance!). With your contribution Tucson Clean & Beautiful can be eligible for great prizes in support of our programs.

For more information and to contribute, visit Arizona Gives Day online or call (520) 837-6832.



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Tips to Celebrate Earth Day Every Day

Stay Cool, Save Money

Plant trees for shade

A good landscape plan can do wonders. For instance, properly placed trees around the house can save between \$100 to \$250 annually. Get your shade tree now at www.treesfortucson.org or call us at 520-791-3109.

Draw your drapes

Keep your blinds, shades and curtain closed on south and west-facing windows during the day to block heat of direct sunlight.

Maintain air filters and HVAC equipment

Well-maintained equipment runs more efficiently, so replace or clean filters as needed and have your air conditioner unit serviced annually.

Install ceiling fans

A ceiling fan can make a room feel 6 or 7 degrees cooler while using less energy than a 100 watt light bulb. Run fans only when people are in the room.

Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs)

Lighting makes about 10% of home energy costs, and CFLs can save up to 75% of that energy. They also last longer, saving money on replacements

Re-Vamp Old Garden Hose

Make a soaker hose

Drill a few holes in that old hose. Attach it to a regular hose with a brass or plastic coupler that has two female receptors. Seal off the end of your soaker hose with a plastic end cap. Place the hose next to plants, or bury it in a shallow trench. Adjust the water flow to a trickle.

Siphons

Hoses of course are great to use as siphons. Short lengths can be used to empty aquarium tanks. A handful of 10 foot lengths can be placed in a kid's pool to speed up draining time.

Bucket handle

Carry heavy buckets more comfortably. Cut a short length of hose and slit down one side.

Slide over the handle of the bucket to make a solid gripping handle.

Corner Protector

If you have a narrow driveway and find yourself constantly scraping the side of the garage, try nailing lengths of slit hose to the corners for a home-made "bumper".

YOU Can Keep Tucson Clean & Beautiful

Start with your home

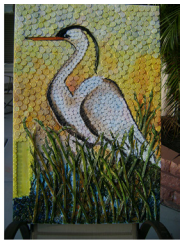
Start outside your front door or in your alley. Remove weeds and debris. Tucson City ordinance requires that home owner be responsible for your alley & sidewalk.

Build value to your community

A pleasant community appearance adds to home values, help attract business investment, and just improves the neighborhood reputation. Research shows that beauty is one of the top three factors in creating community attachment or loyalty to your city.

Be the eye, ear and hands of our city

Adopting and taking part in cleanups is a way to help our environment and appearance. Sustaining the integrity of our environment now helps to ensure a healthier tomorrow. Here are some phone numbers that you can use to report illegal dumping, graffiti or other issues in the city: **Graffiti report: 792-2489** **Illegal dumping: 791-5843**



R.U.M.B.A.

Re Used Material Becoming Art

Tucson Clean & Beautiful recently held the RUMBA showcase and competition at the 2015 SAHBA Spring Home & Patio Show. Students in grade K-12 as well as professional or aspiring recy-

cles artists displayed their art pieces, made from any previously used materials. Scraps of plastic, paper, wood, metal, old toys and parts of broken things are foundation for this type of art.

Individuals of all ages and artistic abilities, school classroom/clubs and organizations are invited each year to enter recycled art for display. K-12 students' entries were selected to receive special prizes and certificates.

To receive information on future RUMBA displays, please visit tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org or call (520) 791-5000.



Celebrate Earth Day Every Day

Newsletter Topics:

- Featured trees
- How to plant trees properly
- Tips to celebrate Earth Day
- C2E Projects
- Commemorative tree dedication
- Y.A.R.D.S
- Spring clean up on invasive plants
- School minigrants
- R.U.M.B.A
- Recycled Fashion Show
- Arizona Gives Day
- Spring semester interns

Upcoming Events

April 11, 10am

Adopt-a-Park ceremony: Vail Vikings @ Purple Heart Park - 10050 E. Rita Rd.

April 11, 11am

YARDS graduation ceremony at El Pueblo recreation center, 101 W. Irvington Rd.

April 12, 7:30a

Tucson Subaru-Trim & Spruce Event. 4901 N. Oracle Rd.

April 18, 9a-2p

Tucson Earth Day Festival. Reid Park, north of 22nd St. off Country Club Rd.

April 18, 10am

Adopt A Park ceremony: David G Herrera & Ramon Quinoz Park, 600 W. St. Mary Rd.

April 19, 10am

Adopt A Park ceremony: Brandi Fenton Park, 3482 E. River Rd.

May 8, 10a

Commemorative Tree Dedication. Pantano Parkway north of Golf Links Rd.



Members like you keep Tucson Clean & Beautiful!

To contribute contact us at (520) 791-3109

Trees for Tucson

Be desert smart, shade your home with trees! Order today: Plenty of trees are still available through the TEP & TRICO sponsored shade tree programs. To get the order form call us at 520-791-3109.

Featured Trees

Need a tree for a small yard or tight space? These two trees are smaller shade trees and are currently available through our TEP-sponsored shade tree program. To order your shade tree call us at 520-791-3109 or go to www.treesfortucson.org



produces curved, hairy pods

Texas Ebony

Ebonopsis ebony; evergreen; moderate growth up to 25' tall; multi-trunked and shrub-like; dense canopy, drought tolerant; fluffy white flowers;

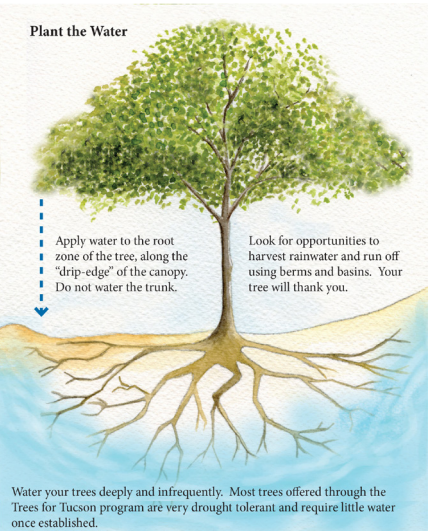
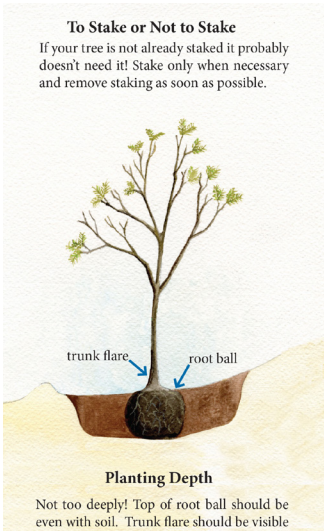


edible seedpods. Has potential to live hundreds of years.

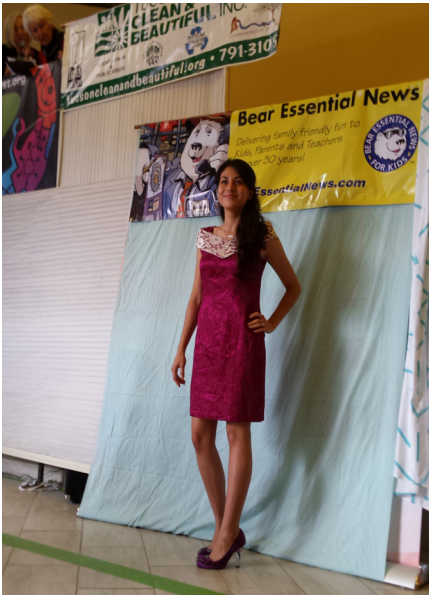
Foothills Palo Verde

Parkinsonia microphylla; slow to moderate growth up to 25'. Generally multi-trunked. Thorned branches. Very heat and drought tolerant, although may lose its leaves if too hot or dry. Has small yellow flowers and produces

How to Plant Your Shade Tree



THE PERFECT Fashion STORM....



Stormy weather on January 31, 2015 did not dampen the enthusiasm and fun at the recent Green Pathways Fashion Show and Environmental Exhibits.

Tucson Clean & Beautiful's Recycling Coordinator, Beki Quintero and Kathy Cooper of Bear Essential News coordinated the event as part of the AzSciTech Festival.

The fashion show featured fashions, accessories and models from a variety of second hand stores in our community: Goodwill Stores, Butterfly Boutique (Teen Challenge), ReStore, 2nd Time Around, Does n Eggs and Round Up Resale.

Models chose their outfits which featured sportswear, work, school, business wear, and "out on the town" evening wear.

Exhibitors and community partners included: Goodwill Industries, ReStore, Deco Art for Living, Mikey Block, Fairfax Co., COT Environmental Services, The Solar Store, ASU Walton Institute on Global Sustainability, TREX, Academy of Math and Science, Living Streets Alliance and U of A Students for Sustainability.

The event inspired a new consumer market for 2nd Hand is BETTER! The committee is already planning the event next year.

CHEERS and THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS!

Y.A.R.D.S Graduation
Youth Achieving Resources Development Skills

The 13th YARDS class will graduate with Certicates of Achievement on April 11, 2015 (11:00 a.m at El Pueblo Recreation Center, 101 W. Irvington Rd.) following completion of 9 weeks of landscape maintenance and personal & employment development life skills training.

A partnership of TC&B with Pima County Juvenile Court, students are selected by their probation officers to participate. All classes are taught by professionals in landscape and related disdciplines and personal development training. The program first began in 2010 with funded by the Wolslager Foundation. The program has received the prestigious Gold Leaf Award from the International Society of Arboriculture.

For more information and to RSVP to the graduation, call (520) 837-6830 or email tcb@tucsonaz.gov



Desert Soil Identification with Dr. Thomas Wilson, Department of Soil, Water and Environmental Science, U of A, at Pima County Extension.



Landscape Design with Chris Jefferey of Wheat Design at Pima County Extension.



Education/Show Me the Money with Council Member Paul Cunningham, at Pima County Extension.



Sonoran Desert Plant/ Tree with Dr. Margaret Livingston, College of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture, U of A at Tucson Botanical Garden



Conserve2Enhance Program is now accepting grant applications for small projects to enhance washes and riparian areas throughout the Tucson area. Neighborhoods and local organizations may apply for project dollars in the range of \$2,500-\$7,500. Applications are due

Monday, April 13th, 2015.

This funding comes from Tucson Water customer bill donations and C2E participants. Nearly 900 individuals donated to C2E in 2014 to make this grant program possible! For grant details including the application and info packet, please visit: <http://www.conserve2enhance.org/node/79>



Silverlake Park

At Silverlake Park (Silverlake & Kino) in partnership with Tucson Audobon, City of Tucson Park & Recreation, and the C2E grant program, we've been improving bird habitat together with Holladay Magnet School's after school ecology club.

Esmond Station K-8

With the generous support of Kinder Morgan we planted 46 trees with the kdis of Esmond Station K-8 and the help of 8 amazing Citi volunteers who gave an entire fun-filled hard-working Friday morning to dig, plant, and celebrate trees with every child in every classroom. Such a great investment in a shade-filled, more beautiful school yard for all future Esmond Iron Horses to learn from and enjoy.



Feldman's Neighborhood

Never doubt that a small group of people can do amazing, transformative things in their neighborhood! Feldman's Neighborhood (located north Speedway between Stone & Park Avenue) is small but mighty. They raised over \$400 and have planted 47 trees in their neighborhood this Spring. These new trees grace the homes and streetsides of 4th Avenue bike boulevard making it even more walkable, bikeable and enjoyable!



School Minigrants



Tucson Clean & Beautiful, in cooperation with the Southern Arizona Environmental Management Society and the Arizona Native Plant Society-Tucson Chapter, recently awarded \$4,000 in minigrants, in addition to more than 130 trees, tools, and additional technical assistance to 11 Tucson area schools. Applicants were able to apply for a cash grant of up to \$500 for environmental improvements plus assistance with tools and up to 30 trees and related technical assistance for a school site planting project from Trees for Tucson, a program of Tucson Clean & Beautiful. 2015 grant winners included:

- Tucson Unified School District: Borton Magnet School; Davis Bilingual Elementary; Mary Belle McCorkle K-8 (tools only); and Henry Elementary (trees only)
- Sunnyside Unified School District: STAR Academic Center
- Vail Unified School District: Cienega High School
- Marana School District: Tortolita Middle School
- Sahuarita Unified School District: Sahuarita Middle School (trees only)
- Private/charter schools: International School of Tucson; Western Institute for Leadership Development; and St. John the Evangelist School.

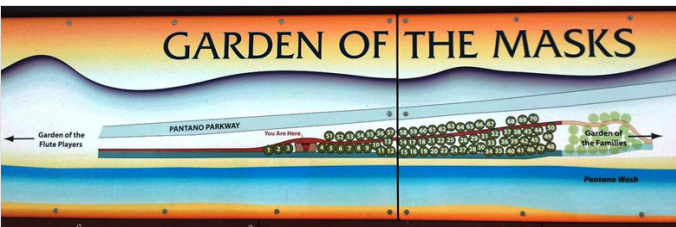
Please call (520) 837-6832 or email tcb-admin@tucsonaz.gov to receive future grant round announcements.



Tucson Clean & Beatiful is a non-profit environmental advocacy, action and stewardship organization dedicated to preserving and improving our environment, conserving natural resources, and enhancing the quality of life within the City of Tucson and eastern Pima County. We accomplish these goals through an array of progrmas that emphize personal action, recycling and waste reduction, land stewardship, urban forestry and beautification.

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This newsletter is sent to our Tucson Clean & Beautiful members, newsletter subscribers, Trees for Tucson program participants, volunteers, raffle/drawing entrants and other partners in the community.
Thank you for your interest and participation in our programs

Tree Dedications Available & Upcoming May 8, 2015 Ceremony



Tucson Clean & Beautiful is once again planning a Commemorative Tree installation later in April 2015 at the Pantano River Park, in the Garden of the Masks section on the west side of Pantano Parkway 1/4 mile north of Golf Links Rd. We will plant at least 25 trees this spring, bringing total tree plantings to more then 215 out of a total of 570 commemorative tree sites available along the Pantano Wash!

Trees may be dedicated honoring friends and family for \$225 each (\$180 tax-deductible). For more information and to dedicate a tree, call (520) 837-6832 or visit: <http://tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org/other-programs/commemorative-tree-parks/>

A dedication ceremony is scheduled for May 8, 2015 starting at 10:00 a.m. All past tree donors at this site, as well as those who have a name engraved at the nearby Children's Memorial Garden at Michael Perry Park will receive an invitation to the dedication ceremony. The public is welcome. Please RSVP to (520) 837-6832 or tcb-admin@tucsonaz.gov.



TCB welcomes two new interns for the Spring 2015 semester: Mohammed Hafiz, University of Arizona graduate student in the Planning program at the College of Architecture, Planning & Landscape Architecture (CAPLA), assisting with the Trees for Tucson program; and Zola Zermeño, also a U of A student and undergraduate in the Sustainable Built Environments program at CAPLA, assisting with the Recycling Education program. Thank you both for your contributions toward improving TCB's programs for our community's environment and quality of life!

Spring Cleanup of Invasive Plants



Buffelgrass



Fountain Grass



Sahara Mustard

Due to our fantastic warm winter weather and timely rain, Spring arrived early in Southern Arizona. The conditions are just right for a wonderful wildflower season! Unfortunately, the conditions are also favorable for invasive plants like buffelgrass, fountain grass, and Sahara mustard.

Removing these nasty plants now before they go to seed means less work next growing season. Mowing is not recommended since the plants will survive and still produce seeds. The best practice is to dig them up, place them in a plastic trash bag, and throw them away. If the plants are green another option is to use herbicide, but be sure to read and comply with all the manufacturer's instructions.

Buffelgrass, fountain grass, and Sahara mustard are vigorous growers that easily outcompete our native plants, destroying beautiful Sonoran Desert habitat. Even worse, they are extreme fire hazards during our dry months, which are just around the corner. Eradicating these invasives is a great way to celebrate Earth Day!

Want to learn more? Schedule a presentation or removal project in your neighborhood! Loaner gloves, tools, and other supplies are available. Check our website for more information, www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org

Contact Erin Willett, Buffelgrass Outreach Coordinator
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For detailed buffelgrass information check out the Southern Arizona Buffelgrass Coordination Center's website, www.buffelgrass.org