Tucson Clean & Beautiful now has raffle tickets available for the 2015 50th Anniversary Ford Mustang raffle sponsored by Jim Click Automotive. Purchase you 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.

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Tucson Clean & Beautiful Spring 2015 Newsletter

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 drones
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 require 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. Sustain the integrity of our environment now helps to ensure a healthier tomorrow. Here are some phone number that you can use to report illegal dumping, graffiti or other issues in the city: Graftiti report 792-2489 Illegal dumping 791-5843.

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Ebenopsis ebony; evergreen; moderate growth up to 25’. Generally multi-trunked. Thomed branches. Very heat and drought tolerant, although may lose its leaves if too hot or dry. Has small yellow flowers and produces edible seedpods. Shrubs of years.

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Re-Used Material Becoming Art
Tucson Clean & Beautiful recently held the BUMBA showcase and competition at the 2015 SAHBA Spring Home & Patio Show. Students in grades K-12 as well as professional or aspiring recycled artists displayed their art pieces, made from anything previously used materials. Scraps of plastic, paper, wood, metal, old toys and parts of broken things are found 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 BUMBA displays, please visit tucsoncleancleanandbeautiful.org or call (520) 791-5000.

Celebrate Earth Day Every Day

Newsletters Topics:
- Featured trees
- How to plant trees properly
- Tips to celebrate Earth Day
- CE2 Projects
- Commemorative tree dedication
- Y.A.R.D.S
- Spring clean up on invasive plants
- School migrant
- R.U.M.B.A.
- Recycled Fashion Show
- Tucson Earth Day Festival
- Spring semester interns

Upcoming Events
April 11, 10am
Adopt-a-Park ceremony: Vail Vikings @ Purple Heart Park. 10000 S. 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, 9-2p
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 Quisco Park, 600 W. St. Mary Rd.

April 19, 10am
Adopt A-Park ceremony: Brands Fenton Park, 3482 E. River Rd.

May 8, 10a
commemorative tree dedication. Pantano Parkway north of Golf Links Rd.

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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 program. 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.

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THE PERFECT Fashion STORM…. already planning the event next year.

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. Students were able to apply for a cash grant of up to $500 for environmental improvement assistance with tools and up to 10 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 Academy
- 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.

Spring Cleanup of Invasive Plants

Buffelgrass

Fountain Grass

Sahara Mustard

To learn more or schedule a presentation or removal project in your neighborhood! Contact Erin Willett, Buffelgrass Outreach Coordinator outreach@buffelgrass.org 520-837-6836.

For detailed buffelgrass information check out the Southern Arizona Buffelgrass Coordination Center’s website, buffelgrass.org

The event inspired a new consumer market for 2nd hand clothing, and have planted 47 trees in their neighborhood this Spring.

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 than 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 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.

Tucson Clean & Beautiful’s Recycling Coordinating Director, Beli Quinto 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.

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