

January 2013



May Peace be with you all the days of your life;

Let's start the year new without any strife.

*Let us have the courage to display
random acts of kindness each and every
day!*

~Beki

Tucson Clean & Beautiful,

a nonprofit organization, conducts environmental volunteer programs in waste reduction and recycling, land stewardship, urban forestry, and beautification.

Trees for Tucson is a program of Tucson Clean & Beautiful. If you would like to plant some native trees to help reduce the cost of your TEP bill please call 791-3109 for an application. The trees must be planted within 15 feet of your home on the south west or east side of your home. The cost is \$8.00 and you can receive up to 4 trees per year if your home is older than 1979. If your home was built in 1980 and up then you are allowed 2 trees per year.

Tucson Clean & Beautiful coordinates the Adopt-a-Park & Public Areas volunteer program which includes Adopt-a-Street and Adopt-a-Wash projects in cooperation with the Transportation Department (Streets & Traffic Maintenance Division). Many locations within the City of Tucson are available for community group adoption. Call (520) 791-3109 or email tcb@tucsonaz.gov for more information.

Tip: You may want to plant some trees along the street to help slow traffic down.

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Brush & Bulky Schedule

For residents who live on the west side of 12th Ave. from Los Reales to Ajo your pickup will be the week of January 14th. Please have your items out by 6:00a.m. on Monday



Christmas tree reminder

If you still have your Christmas Tree there is still time to drop off your tree at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds on the northeast corner of 6th Ave./Nogales Hwy. until **January 6th, 2013**. This year, the City of Tucson will again be offering residents the opportunity to take a bit of Christmas home with them. **From January 2nd, through January 6th, 2013**, the City of Tucson will have wood chips available for pick-up at Udall Park and Randolph Golf Course. Bring your own container and take home some free wood chips for your garden.

Please remember **to remove all** ornaments, decorations and tree stands before dropping off at the Tree Cycle sites. Remember to Tree Pool! Bring your neighbor's tree-fewer trips means cleaner air.

Graffiti Paint Out Day A Message from Ward 1

We have scheduled our Ward I Graffiti Abatement Event to Saturday, January 26, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Please save the date to learn more how you can help clean up graffiti, learning techniques from GPC. Wear your painting clothes, hat and sunscreen. We will go into our neighborhoods and clean up our streets and then come back for a delicious lunch, courtesy of BKs Hot Dogs. For more information contact Laura Dent at 791-4040 or Laura.Dent@tucsonaz.gov.

Who/What: Ward I Graffiti Abatement Event

When: Saturday, January 26, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: BKs Hot Dogs, 5118 S. 12th Ave.

~Council Member Regina Romero

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association Newsletter



Peace Garden Work Days

Winter Hours

January 5, 2013

10:00 to 2:00 p.m. garden

Bike Maintenance after gardening

January 19, 2013

10:00 to 2:00 p.m. garden

Art activity after gardening



A Brush with Kindness with Habitat for Humanity

If you would like to help out one of our neighbors with painting or cleaning, please call **Danny** or **Kendra** at: 326-1217 ext. 208 to get on the list.

Have you heard of the dreaded Buffelgrass?

\$3.4 million grant will help prevent



buffelgrass fires

An average of 1,000 brush fires flare up every year within Tucson city limits. While these fires generally are no more than an acre or two in size, with the passage of each year they are growing more dangerous because of the exponential spread of buffelgrass throughout the urban core.

In recognition of the increasing risk from brushfires to public safety and infrastructure, the Federal Emergency Management Agency recently awarded a \$3.4 million grant to mitigate the threat from buffelgrass on **two critical facilities** – **Tucson International Airport and the Pima County Mission Road Complex, which houses the Pima County Jail.**

“Buffelgrass is an equal opportunity invader,” said Lindy Brigham, executive director of the Southern Arizona Buffelgrass Coordination Center (SABCC). “It is important to control buffelgrass in order to ensure everyone’s safety.”

In urban areas, buffelgrass spreads across vacant lots and along alleys, roads and utility right-of ways. As it spreads throughout neighborhoods, buffelgrass increasingly poses a threat to homes and to the safety of residents. Buffelgrass fires spread rapidly, and they are very hot – more than 1,100 degrees. Consequently, they also pose a greater threat to the firefighters who must work to contain them.

“The spread of buffelgrass into our urban core presents a very real community call to action because of the fire risk it presents,” said Cherie Campbell, planning director for Pima Association of Governments. At the airport, humans and critical infrastructure are threatened on a daily basis with the encroachment of buffelgrass.

“Tucson Airport Authority has been working for several years to prevent buffelgrass fires at the airport,” said Bonnie Allin, president and CEO of the airport authority. “This grant allows for a comprehensive eradication plan that will ensure continued safety at the airport and in adjacent areas.” The project will include buffelgrass mitigation within the boundaries of the airport as well as **community outreach** to surrounding neighborhoods.

For more information visit: <http://www.buffelgrass.org> or contact Brigham (520)-626-8307 or Lindy.Brigham@buffelgrass.org

There are 2 opportunities to fight Buffelgrass in your neighborhood.

January 26th there will be a city wide day to fight buffelgrass.

This is your chance to join in with your neighbors to clean your alleys, your easements or along the roadway with a group to eradicate the dreaded buffelgrass.

On February 16th we will be meeting at Drexel/ Missiondale on the northwest corner to start at 8:30a.m. and work until 11:00a.m. digging out the buffelgrass along Drexel. Contact Beki @404-5805 for more information or if you want to organize a group.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association Meetings for 2013

January 28

February 25

March 18

April 15

May 10

All American Awards Banquet

No meeting

Summer Break-No meetings

In June, July & August

Resume in September

September 16

October 21

November 18

December 9- Christmas Party

All meetings will be located at

The Valencia Library

202 W Valencia

7:00p.m

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the Christmas Party this year such a success.

The Valencia Library and staff are always key to making sure things are great. Thank you Sol Gomez. We had a visit from the Police Chief Roberto Villasenor, Captain Batista and Ofc. Wilfert and from Santa.



What is C.A.R.G.O.?

Communities Addressing Responsible Gun Ownership is an initiative of the Pima County Attorney's Office to eliminate accidental shootings in Pima County. CARGO distributes FREE GUN LOCKS to the community in hopes of increasing the number of properly stored firearms.

Please contact Nancy Lomas at the Pima County Attorney's Office at 740-5529 to receive a free gun lock.

Save the Date
for the 2nd Annual
Peace Conference

March 16th at
Doolen Middle School

Located at 2400 N Country Club

Look for more information in the February newsletter.



Neighbor of the Month

Sponsored by Dynamite carwash

To Be Announced at our meeting

El Pueblo Farmers Market Events & Announcements

The El Pueblo Market is CLOSED for January. The market will re-open in February 2013 (official date TBD) see you then!

Day and Time: Mondays, 3-5 PM

Located at the El Pueblo Community Center complex at Irvington and 6th, in the El Rio Health Center parking lot.



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Sunnyside Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Hello UCAB and interested community,

As you may already know, we will be conducting a 5 year review of the Tucson International Airport Area Superfund Site in the coming months. The review evaluates data for all of the different areas of the site from the last 5 years, and determines whether the cleanup being performed at the site is effective and is protective of human health and the environment. This is an important time for you to give us your feedback about the cleanup and tell us any concerns you may have. It is very valuable to for the review to include information from the local community. We will be scheduling interviews with community members in the next week or so for the month of January. The interviews are completely confidential -- no names will be listed in the report-- unless you would like your name to be disclosed in the report.

If any of you have access to local neighborhood newsletters or other avenues that people receive information, it would be great if you could share this announcement.

If you would like to be interviewed, or know anyone who would, please contact Rick Edwards.

Rick.Edwards@CH2M.com, 480-295-3922. He will be scheduling the interviews.

Below is a link to the fact sheet describing the 5 year review. Also, check out our facebook page where there is a short video describing the 5 year review process at federal facilities.

[http://yosemite.epa.gov/r9/sfund/r9sfdocw.nsf/3dc283e6c5d6056f88257426007417a2/2ce4ff999ce80da788257ac600036455/\\$FILE/TIAA%2011_12%20552kb.pdf](http://yosemite.epa.gov/r9/sfund/r9sfdocw.nsf/3dc283e6c5d6056f88257426007417a2/2ce4ff999ce80da788257ac600036455/$FILE/TIAA%2011_12%20552kb.pdf)

<http://www.facebook.com/epa.tucsonairport>

Direct video link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VguoeVT4FjI>

Cheers,

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UCAB 2013 Meeting dates

Jan. 16, April 17

July 17, Oct. 16

5:45 - 7:45 p.m.

El Pueblo Activity Center 101 W. Irvington

Questions or additional information please call:

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