The Town of Marana is Sponsoring a Buffelgrass Removal Day Saturday, March 7, 9 - 12 p.m. Meet at the end of Twin Peaks Road, East of Silverbell Rd. (Turn east at the Safeway on the corner of Silverbell and Twin Peaks Roads)

The Town of Marana has identified an area of thick buffelgrass within the Marana Town limits along the Santa Cruz River. The river is an area where this rapidly-spreading species can easily seed upstream and downstream.

Buffelgrass is an invasive species that was introduced from Africa in the 1930's as a forage grass. The dense growth supports hot fires that can kill saguaros and key plants of the Sonoran Desert, as well as threatening homes and businesses. Unfortunately, this weed grows and spreads even more rapidly after a fire. It has no natural enemies in the Sonoran Desert; it spreads aggressively and displaces native plants by out-competing them for water, nutrients, and space. Animals that depend on native plant species are also threatened by the spread of this species.

So please join the Marana effort to remove buffelgrass on **March 7**. Trash bags and digging bars will be supplied by the Town. Meet at **9 a.m.** at the end of Twin Peaks Rd on the west side of the Santa Cruz River.

Sign up by Email!

Contact Rebecca Kunsberg at <u>rkunsberg@marana.com</u> or call at 382-1984. We need to know how many tools and bags to bring. Marana Rotary is sponsoring water and granola bars.