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MEDIA ALERT

“I Recycle Phoenix Festival” Comes to Desert Ridge Marketplace, Helps Valley Residents Recycle Unwanted Items for FREE!

What: Ever wonder what to do with that box of old magazines being saved for the epic decoupage project, the pile of broken costume jewelry you’ve vowed to fix, or the heap of random household items, including gently-loved toys, rechargeable batteries and the shoebox of computer cords and keyboards?

If they seem too good to throw out, they are. That’s why Keep Phoenix Beautiful is holding a **FREE** “I Recycle Phoenix Festival” at Desert Ridge Marketplace on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

As part of its partnership with the City of Phoenix’s Public Works Department and dozens of other local organizations, Keep Phoenix Beautiful will be accepting items taking up space in homes, offices, closets, drawers and garages. Items collected will be recycled or donated to local nonprofits.

While electronics, batteries and paper will be recycled, books, toys, clothing, cell phones, magazines, art supplies and sports equipment will be donated to local nonprofits, including Treasures 4 Teachers, Goodwill and St. Vincent de Paul. A complete list of items accepted at the “I Recycle Phoenix Festival” is available by visiting www.phoenixrecycles.org.

In addition to dropping off articles for the “recycle-palooza” event, Keep Phoenix Beautiful will also provide on-site document shredding, where residents can bring up to five banker boxes of documents to shred for FREE. Shredding will be available from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., or until the truck is full. Documents can also be dropped off for off-site shredding at any time during the event.

Items that will not be accepted at the event include CRT TVs and monitors, single-use batteries (AA/AAA/C/D), fluorescent tubes, and light bulbs. Household hazardous waste (HHW) such as paint, tires and chemicals will also not be accepted at this event.

For a list of HHW collection events around the City of Phoenix, call 602-262-7251 or visit www.phoenix.gov/publicworks/garbage/hazwaste/collection-events.

For more information on items that will be accepted, visit www.phoenixrecycles.org or call 602-262-4820.

When: **Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Where: Desert Ridge Marketplace – near the AMC Theatres
21001 N. Tatum Blvd., Phoenix (Located at the Loop 101 & Tatum Blvd.)

About Desert Ridge Marketplace

As Arizona’s premier shopping, dining and entertainment destination, Desert Ridge Marketplace delivers the ultimate shopping experience in a distinctive outdoor setting. Immerse your shopping senses in a unique blend of specialty retailers, restaurants and entertainment venues spread over 110 acres. The center’s 1.2 million square feet of retail space – home to over 100 retailers and restaurants – bursts with color, energy and fun, creating a one-of-a-kind lifestyle destination you’ll want to come back to again and again. Desert Ridge Marketplace is located in Phoenix, Arizona, just north of the Loop 101 on Tatum Boulevard. For more information, visit the website at www.shopdesertridge.com.

About Keep Phoenix Beautiful

Keep Phoenix Beautiful is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization. The organization has been working in Phoenix since 1982 to promote the preservation and protection of our environment. With the help of thousands of volunteers annually and financial support from the City of Phoenix Public Works Department and many corporate partners, Keep Phoenix Beautiful dedicates its efforts to recycling initiatives and education, litter reduction, beautification, and community improvement activities including the recently launched PHXRenews. For more information, visit www.KeepPhxBeautiful.org or call 602-262-4820.

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