



# The GREENLEAF

Green Team Newsletter



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### Lake Arlington Cleanup

Please come out to show your support in a coordinated effort to clean up Lake Arlington. The staging area for the event will begin at the pavilion in Richard Simpson Park - 6300 West Arkansas Lane, and Eugene McCray Park at Lake Arlington, 3449 Quail Road, 76119.

Individuals and groups may sign up for the event by contacting **Laura Ionita** at 817-459-5889 or by email at [laura.ionita@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:laura.ionita@arlingtontx.gov).

- ▶ [Lake Arlington Cleanup Poster \(pdf\)](#)
- ▶ [Registration Form \(pdf\)](#)

## Dear Team,

March 28<sup>th</sup> is going to be a big day for the environment. There are two events that I would like to draw your attention to.

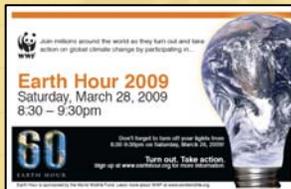
The first is **Earth Hour**. This edition's story puts a focus on the upcoming Earth Hour event and the City's commitment to it. Please check out the City's press release covering Earth Hour and let me know about your company's efforts to participate. In next month's newsletter I will recognize those companies and individuals that take the Earth Hour pledge.

The second event is the **Lake Arlington cleanup**. Two city departments, Water & Utilities and Parks & Recreation, as well as the City of Fort Worth and Excelon energy are teaming up to conduct the cleanup effort. If your company would like to send a team for the cleanup, or you as an individual would like to participate, let's make it happen.

Last but not least...April is almost here. If your company is going to host an **Earth Day / Earth Week event** and would like me to stop by for an hour or so with my camera and some Earth Day cheer, please get in touch. My schedule is filling up fast (Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>).

Sincerely,  
**Tim Yatko**

Commercial Recycling Coordinator, City of Arlington



**What is Earth Hour?** Earth Hour is 8:30 pm – 9:30 pm (local time) Saturday, March 28, 2009. During this hour, people around the globe will turn out their non-essential lighting in what will be the largest climate event in history. From Amman to Warsaw, city skylines will go dark for one hour as individuals, businesses, government buildings, schools and major landmarks turn out the lights.

**Who can participate?** Anyone! Individuals, businesses, schools, organizations...you name it! If you have a light switch—

turn it off for this one hour. Earth Hour's goal is 1 billion participants in 1000 cities around the world. Want to join us? Sign up to participate and be counted! Visit [Earth Hour US](http://www.earthhour.us) and click on the orange "Sign Up Now" button at the top.

**History of Earth Hour:** Earth Hour began in 2007 as 2.2 million people turned out their lights in Sydney, Australia in a stand against climate change. From the famed Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge to skyscrapers and individual homes, Sydney went dark.

During Earth Hour 2008, the event grew as more than 50 million people in 400 cities on all seven continents turned off their lights and major icons also went

dark, including the Coliseum in Rome, Stockholm's Royal Castle, the Empire State Building and the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Google turned its homepage black for an entire day in tribute.

In 2009, Arlington will officially support Earth Hour as tens of millions of people from all corners of the world unite in a call for global action on climate change.

Arlington residents and businesses throughout the city are encouraged to turn off their non-essential lights.





## Website Updates

### ★ New Look

Easier access to key info as you “surf in”

### ★ Newsletter Sign Up

People can sign up for the newsletter and other announcements through the main page

### ★ Member Logos

We are upgrading our “Members Page” to include corporate logos



Do you or your company plan on participating in Earth Hour?

If you and/or your company commits to Earth Hour through

<http://www.earthhourus.org/>

The Green Team program will recognize you in our April newsletter. All you have to do is sign up and forward a copy of the confirmation email to [Tim.Yatko@ArlingtonTX.gov](mailto:Tim.Yatko@ArlingtonTX.gov) Got pictures of your blacked out building the night of March 28th? *Even Better...*

## Richter Animal Hospital



At Richter Animal Hospital they not only care about the health and well being of their patients but they care about the health of the environment as well. The Hospital is part of the Sublett Crossing shopping center at 287 and Sublett Rd in southwest Arlington. Dr. Richter and his staff joined the Green Team in October 2008. At first, the recycling was taken home by the veterinary staff and recycled in curbside bins. As the amount of recycling continued to grow, everyone realized they had enough recycling to warrant a recycling dumpster.

Soon after they got the dumpster, Chelsi Bednarik, the Hospital’s recycling coordinator, began writing a newsletter that she distributed to the neighboring tenants. Sublett Crossing tenants were invited to contribute their recycling to the dumpster and according to Chelsi, “the other businesses were quick to respond and eager to participate in the recycling program. I never thought we would go from recycling just paper to a full single stream recycling program so fast.”



(left) Roxie is into recycling in a big way (despite her pint size).

