



# The GREENLEAF

Green Team Newsletter



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## Ecofest 2010



The date of Ecofest 2010 has been announced as **September 18<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Ecofest (Eee-co Fest) is Arlington's outdoor environmental festival that connects area residents with vendors of do-it-yourself (DIY) products. The festival is located at the Levitt Pavilion in downtown Arlington. Live music plays from the stage throughout the day as DIY classes are taught and attendees visit the various vendor booths.

Join us for Ecofest 2010 at Levitt Pavilion. Visit the [Ecofest 2010 webpage](#). You can find out more about visiting the fest, but also about signing up as a vendor.

## May is National Bike Month

How many times have you *biked to work*? Do you plan on hosting a bike to work event? If you do have a bike to work event, take pictures and I'll post them next newsletter.



Bike to work week is May 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

Bike to work Day is Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

For more information visit the [NCTCOG bike site](#).

*Dear Team, Eco Enthusiasts, Environmental Friends,*

The Arlington [Green Team 2.0 program](#) description is now available through the Green Team [website](#). The program's intent is to take the focus of current & future members beyond solid waste reduction and recycling. *Your [feedback on the program Menu/Choices/Benefits](#) is appreciated.*

I am working with IT to make the online portion of the program available for review by early June. In early January 2011 Green Team members will be able to report their recycling and energy through a secure webpage, thus eliminating the juggling of excel spreadsheets.

Additionally, there will be two Green Breakfasts at City Hall to go over the program, and discuss changes, answer questions. See page two for more details.

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**Earth Day 2010** was a blast  
Saving the Date with flowers, April 22<sup>nd</sup>



Green Team member, [SafeHaven](#) of Tarrant County threw an Earth Day celebration to raise awareness about the environment, but also to plant some spring flowers around their offices.





## Welcome Newest Members!

You can find a full list of our members and links to their websites at:

[www.ArlingtonGreenTeam.com](http://www.ArlingtonGreenTeam.com)

Click on "Our Members"

- ★ **Texans Can! Cars**
- ★ **The Hilton – Arlington**
- ★ **Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church**

## E-Waste Recycling Event

The City of Arlington's Economic Development Department in partnership with the Great Southwest Industrial District Association and GEEP e-recyclers are proud to present a free Electronics Recycling Week for commercial properties.

This FREE event is open to Commercial properties only  
**Residents may not drop off their household materials.**

To review the details of this event, please [click here](#).



On April 10<sup>th</sup> over 200 volunteers at the *Lake Arlington Clean Up* on April 10<sup>th</sup> removed enough trash to fill a 40 yd roll-off container.

The Cody Racamontes Skate Park group won the prize for most trash collected.



And a Special Thanks to Green Team Member [Frito Lay](#) for sending volunteers to the event.



## Green Team Upgrade Update #3 - Workshops



The Green Team program is currently being upgraded and tested for a re-launch in early June 2010. There are two scheduled Green Breakfasts at City Hall so that existing members and potential members can view the new program, but also ask questions and give feedback.

Join me for breakfast on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of City Hall in the City Council Briefing Room. 101 W. Abram St. ([map](#)). Parking is on the north side of the building.

**Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

**Thursday, May, 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

We will go over the program and I will answer questions, take feedback. I am interested in your thoughts and ideas about making the expansion the best it can be.

A draft copy of the Green Team 2.0 program is available for viewing on the home page of [www.ArlingtonGreenTeam.com](http://www.ArlingtonGreenTeam.com)

To RSVP for a Green Breakfast, please e-mail Tim Yatko @ [Tim.Yatko@ArlingtonTX.gov](mailto:Tim.Yatko@ArlingtonTX.gov)

## Mayor's Green Youth Awards

Six environmental champion teams received the Mayor's Green Youth awards on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Winners included:

**Fitzgerald Elementary, Nichols Jr. High, Park Row Christian Academy, Atherton Elementary School, Arlington Classics Academy**

