



The GREENLEAF

Green Team Newsletter



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Green Team Day @ the Ballpark in Arlington



The Texas Rangers will be selling reduced price seats to Green Team members for the Thursday, July 30th game,

Seattle Mariners v. the Rangers 7:05pm

Section 39, \$16.50 each. To order reduced tickets please email Courtney West: CWest@TexasRangers.com

The first 30 Member organization representatives will receive an Arlington Green Team t-shirt.



Members in attendance will also

- Be recognized on the Center Field big screen!
- Witness the Recycling Mascot throw out the first pitch
- See the launch of the new Public service announcement starring left-fielder, David Murphy
- Get recognition in the August newsletter

Dear Team,

Some big news this month: The Texas Rangers are inviting Green Team members out to the Thursday, July 30th game to be recognized for their efforts.

The Minimizer, our residential recycling mascot, will be throwing out the first pitch, and the center field big screen will be showing our new public service announcement starring left fielder, David Murphy.



Sincerely,
Tim Yatko
Commercial Recycling Coordinator, City of Arlington

First Green Team Breakfast



Thanks to Wal-mart Stores for hosting. Next breakfast : September

Others in attendance include: AISD, UTA, The Pinnacle Corporation, KP Monaco & Associates, ASC Industries, Special Occasion Chocolates, Rooms to Go, Pete Robinson Insurance, The Small Business Development Center



Welcome Newest Members!

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

www.ArlingtonGreenTeam.com

Click on "Our Members"

- ★ Special Occasion Chocolates
- ★ Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau
- ★ Safe Haven of Tarrant County
- ★ First United Methodist Church

Eco Fest Arlington 2009

Saturday, September 19th 2009

Levitt Pavilion, Downtown
Arlington, 2pm – 10:30pm



Brought to you by the
Parks and Recreation
Department

Eco Fest Arlington is an outdoor festival / trade show with the goal of connecting Arlington residents with vendors that provide practical, cost-effective ways to go green at home.

There will be several hands-on how-to workshops for attendees as well as activities for kids, live music, a movie, and food!

If you are a vendor interested in sponsoring a table, please contact Tim Yatko for pricing information: 817/459-6152 or via email: tim.yatko@arlingtontx.gov

Got a story to tell?

Submit a **Spotlight Story** w/pictures for the newsletter, or a **press release** for the webpage. This option is for upcoming environmental events that need to go to press!



Checking Into Better Environmental Stewardship, Giving Trash a Rest

The Hampton Inn & Suites in South Arlington opened in November of 2007. The property did not have a recycling dumpster at first, but after a few casual glimpses in the dumpster, management noticed that a lot of the trash was actually recyclable. "Instead of just carrying on *business as usual* we decided to do something about it," said General Manager, April Dalton.



Ms. Dalton visited the City of Arlington's website to investigate what the City had to offer and found the Green Team website. "I noticed the logo and called Tim to get some practical advice on starting a recycling program. It was a lot easier than I thought it would be. I downloaded the waste assessment worksheet and confirmed my suspicions: we could save room in the landfill -- and money on our trash bill -- by setting up a recycling program."

Hampton Inn & Suites – South Arlington promptly reduced their trash service and added a recycling dumpster. According to Dalton, the hotel was able to change from one 8 yard dumpster to two - 4 yard dumpsters. Over half of the refuse is recycled now.

The hotel recycles phone books, plastic, cardboard, paper, glass, batteries, ink cartridges, eye glasses, cell phone chargers and linen. The Hampton Inn is even getting the guests in on the recycling action by placing special trash cans in rooms for trash and recycling. The housekeepers keep dividers on their carts to properly dispose the guest's recyclables and the maintenance staff continues to track the percentages of recycled materials. "This will help us keep on top of things and hopefully make an already great program better," says Dalton.



They look forward to increasing their efforts as occupancy continues to grow, creating even more opportunity to recycle. For more information about the recycling program at Hampton Inn & Suites – South Arlington, please contact April Dalton at april.dalton@hilton.com or 817-419-3700.