#### Memorandum



DATE March 4, 2024

CITY OF DALLAS

 $_{_{\rm TO}}$  Honorable Chair Stewart and Members of the Parks, Trails, and the Environment Committee

#### **SUBJECT Upcoming Earth Day Events**

Earth Day, observed annually on April 22, is a global event dedicated to environmental protection and raising awareness about issues such as climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss. The Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability (OEQS) and the Environmental Commission look forward to participating in various Earth Day events throughout the month of April. It's our Earth Month!

As more information or additional events become available, details will be posted on the City Calendar and the Green Dallas webpage.

South Central Climate Resilience Forum (SCCRF) & 7<sup>th</sup> Annual North Texas Climate Symposium (NTCS) - April 2 - 4, 2024

Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center

The SCCRF is a 3-day event uniting stakeholders from non-profits, government, community groups, private sector, and academia. The event will feature presentations by climate scientist, Dr. Katharine Hayhoe and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator, Dr. Earthea Nance, followed by workshops and networking opportunities. There is a registration fee for the first two days, however, the 7<sup>th</sup> NTCS, hosted by the City of Dallas, will be integrated into this event with free admission on April 4 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The symposium will center around business sustainability initiatives related to building energy efficiency and electric vehicle infrastructure.

### Totality 2024 - The Eclipse - April 6 - 8, 2024

Samuell Farm

A total solar eclipse occurs this year on April 8, 2024 in North America, and it will be highly visible from the Dallas area. Samuell Farm, City of Dallas Parks and Recreation, Code Compliance, and other departments are hosting a weekend event with the actual eclipse viewing on Monday. OEQS staff will be participating on Saturday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Monday, April 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. An admission fee is required.

### Earth Kids - April 13, 2024, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

J. Erik Jonsson Central Library

Join OEQS staff for Earth Kids Heros as children learn about Earth Day and how to help save the planet. This program is free.

#### **Upcoming Earth Day Events**

## Oak Cliff Earth Day - April 21, 2024, time TBD (all day) Lake Cliff Park

Oak Cliff Earth Day is an annual community celebration of nature and the environment. The event offers dance and musical performances, lunch from various food trucks, and informational tables hosted by non-profits, organizations, and local small businesses. OEQS staff will participate alongside the Environmental Commission.

## EarthX Congress of Conferences - April 22 – 26, 2024 Hilton Anatole Hotel

EarthX is an international non-profit environmental organization dedicated to educating and inspiring people and organizations to act toward a more sustainable future. EarthX convenes the EarthX Expo, as well as the EarthX Congress of Conferences. The Expo is on hold this year and will resume in 2025, however, the Congress of Conferences will still be taking place in 2024 and is anticipated to attract some of the world's foremost leaders in the environmental space. OEQS will participate in panels during the event and will have informational tables displayed in the Hilton Anatole lobby.

# Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden - April 27 – 28, 2024, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dallas Arboretum

OEQS staff will continue to reach hundreds of residents promoting the Earth Day Every Day theme and round out Earth Month. The team will showcase environmental messages and activities both days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An admission fee is required.

If you have any questions, please contact Carlos Evans at <a href="mailto:carlos.evans@dallas.gov">carlos.evans@dallas.gov</a>.

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