



# The BROWN LEAF

Arlington Master Composters

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Welcome Jennifer Shaver



### Environmental Programs Coordinator

Jennifer started with the City 15 years ago where she served as the Volunteer and Keep Arlington Beautiful Coordinator and Assistant to the Director of Parks. Jennifer is married and has a 10 year old son, two cats and an English Mastiff named Hitchens. Her favorite past-times include camping, knitting and going on long walks with her family. She is anxious to learn all about composting and the Master Composter Program!



## Do you know anyone interested in becoming a Master Composter?

Registration is now open for the annual Master Composter Workshop. The class will be held at UTA's SWEET Center located at 406 Summit Avenue.

March 4<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 to 9:00 PM

March 5<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 to 4:00 PM

Help us spread the word about this year's class!

For further information, please visit the [Master Composter webpage](#) or contact Jennifer Shaver, Environmental Programs Coordinator at 817-459-6778 or [Jennifer.Shaver@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Shaver@arlingtontx.gov)

Lorrie has kindly volunteered to help out with the class and is looking forward to her new role as an Arlington Master Composter volunteer!



Please join us in wishing Lorrie Anderle farewell at a going-away celebration on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at J. Gilligans -400 E. Abram St.

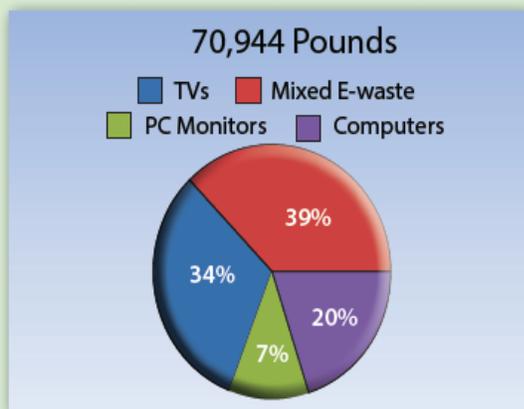
## Computer Roundup Results

Approximately **765 vehicles** were served during the event which was held from 8:00 am until noon at the UT Arlington parking lot located at the SE corner of Mitchell and Cooper.



**Five volunteers, 9 paid Public Works employees and six ECS Refining employees** managed the event.

**Costs** associated with the event include employee overtime at \$2,200, equipment at \$200, and advertising at about \$3,400 for a total of \$5800.



The **City of Arlington** was **compensated** .05 per pound of material collected; over \$3,500.

ECS Refining of Mesquite, TX was hired to recycle all electronic waste collected at the event. **Over 35 tons** of electronics were collected, the majority being mixed electronics such as VCRs and DVD players, printers, fax machines and phones.



None of the **computers** are refurbished. According to the TCEQ legislation, it's an end-of-life program. Hard drives collected under this program are shred into tiny pieces. **Precious metals and plastics are separated and recycled.**



**CRTs and TVs** are taken apart by hand and then recycled.



# 2015 Volunteer Appreciation Brunch



## 2015 Volunteer of the Year

Karen Atfield attended the 2009 Master Composter Workshop and never looked back. A “behind the scenes” worker bee, most of her volunteer time is spent on Saturday mornings at the River Legacy Living Science Center; but she volunteers regularly every chance she gets. With the hard work and dedication of volunteers like Karen, the Arlington Master Composter Program is one of the best in the country. It was an honor to recognize Karen at our brunch in December with a golden name badge and gift card to Home Depot.

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