



# The BROWN LEAF

Arlington Master Composters

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## 2012

### Master Composter Workshop

The annual Arlington Master Composter class will be held February 24-25<sup>th</sup> at the UTA SWEET Center, 406 Summit Avenue. Once again, the class is free for Arlington residents, \$20 for all others. Those interested may register on line at [www.arlingtontx.gov/environment](http://www.arlingtontx.gov/environment).



## 2011 Volunteer(s) of the Year

Jay and Sandy Hertzler are the 2011 Arlington Master Composter volunteers of the year. The Hertzlers joined our program in February of 2009. Both Jay and Sandy “hit the ground running” and haven’t stopped since. They have spent countless hours at the River Legacy compost demonstration site and at many events and other activities. Most recently, they designed and built a garden at the River Legacy site (more about that on reverse).

Jay was unable to attend the luncheon so picture below with Sandy are comrades Larry Norris and Ginny Buckingham.



In recognition of their accomplishments, Jay & Sandy each received a gift card to Home Depot at the annual appreciation luncheon.

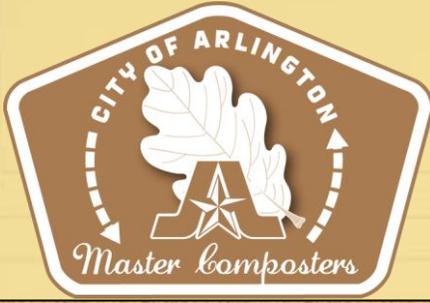
Speaking of the luncheon, 48 folks attended our annual volunteer appreciation luncheon at the SW Branch Library on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was a great party. Thank you very much to all who attended and to all who helped out. And as always, the desserts were remarkable!

### Recycling pilot program begins February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Nearly 3,000 Arlington residents received notification this week that their neighborhood has been selected to participate in a pilot program to test the automated collection of curbside recycling.

As many of you know, last year’s proposal to implement a city wide automated collection program was met with some opposition, mainly because of the carts (storage, maneuverability, etc).

Con’t. reverse



**Computer Roundup** - Over 200 residents dropped off old electronics at the annual event on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Once again, several Arlington Master Composters were there to help. Unlike some of our past events, the weather was nice and the crowd was small. Overall, it was a successful event.



### Pilot cont'd.

During February and March, Republic Services will conduct a pilot program in seven neighborhoods throughout the city.

Residents in the pilot areas will be issued 65-gallon carts to use for recycling instead of bins. After the two-month pilot, surveys will be sent to participants to help determine whether or not to implement the program city wide.

Details about the program including a map of the pilot areas can be found at [www.arlingtontx.gov/environment/pilot](http://www.arlingtontx.gov/environment/pilot).

## New Garden at River Legacy Compost Site



Jay Hertzler: "On December 10<sup>th</sup> the River Legacy Master Composters and the Arlington Men's Garden Club installed three of the four beds. The fourth bed has also been built and ready to install but is not going in until the irrigation lines are in place, which should be done any time now. Living Earth Technologies has agreed to donate the material that we need to finish the beds. We are looking for a group of Boy Scouts or similar (aka strong backs and lots of energy) to help fill the beds with the 15 yards of material. We hope to have that group committed to a work day by Feb 15<sup>th</sup> so that we will be ready for February/March planting."

If you or someone you know is interested in helping with this project, please contact Jay at [jay.hertzler@emc.com](mailto:jay.hertzler@emc.com).

### Volunteer Opportunity

The Water Department's annual Learn n Grow Fair is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the SW Branch Library. Master Composter volunteers will be needed to help at the compost education table. Please contact Lorrie at 817-459-6778 or [lorrie.anderle@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:lorrie.anderle@arlingtontx.gov) if you'd like to help out. Thank you.