

Friday, April 23, Dallas EarthFest 2004

**SBC Stage, 12:40 p.m.**

**Administrator Richard E. Greene:**

Thank you, Dave, and welcome to EarthFest 2004. Mayor Miller and I are glad you're here with us to celebrate Earth Day in Dallas. The Environmental Protection Agency is proud to be a part of this celebration, proud to have the City of Dallas alongside, as we celebrate EarthFest 2004. It's great to be outdoors and celebrating our natural world, and the progress we as a nation and as a city have made toward environmental protection.

Today's celebration of Earth Day is the result of hard work from the City of Dallas, EPA, Downtown Improvement District, Keep Dallas Beautiful, DFW Green Alliance. These groups, all sharing a common vision, came together to plan an event for the Dallas area that is significantly larger than Earth Day celebrations we've had in the past. They've worked many months to make today a reality.

And we'd like to recognize the City of Dallas for work they've accomplished in brownfields. The City of Dallas has won a premier award for achievement of excellence in brownfields redevelopment for the Jack Evans Police Headquarters building. The prestigious Phoenix Award, first created in 1997, honors individuals and groups who are working to solve the critical environmental problem of transforming abandoned industrial areas into productive new uses.

The Jack Evans building is an excellent example of how the City of Dallas has worked with EPA and other agencies to clean up old abandoned and contaminated properties, put them back in productive use and revitalize the Cedars neighborhood.

Dallas really adopted a leadership role by using green building techniques throughout the

whole process, as well as adopting a resolution implementing the Dallas Green Building Program to continue this good work in future municipal buildings.

Mayor Miller, I'd like to present the Phoenix Award to you today, in honor of the city's accomplishments with the Jack Evans Police headquarters building.

**Mayor Miller:**

Thank you Administrator Greene. We are very pleased to accept this here today. We are very proud of the Jack Evans Police Headquarters building, and if you haven't seen it, please do go by. It's at 1400 South Lamar. And you can see a mock-up of the building at the Dallas Police exhibit, booth number 19, here on SBC Plaza.

**MC:**

Thank you Mayor Miller and Administrator Greene. Your escorts have arrived (Vocal Trash band), if you would like to accompany them to Pegasus Plaza.

**Pegasus Stage - Richard E. Greene**

(Introduction by Mike Bira, EPA Water Quality Protection Division)

Thank you Mike, and thank you to everyone for coming to EarthFest 2004. Thank you to our sponsors, who have provided dollars and in-kind donations to help make this event happen.

Mayor Miller and I have a special gift poster, which we have both signed, that we would like to present to our sponsors.

First, to The Dallas Morning News. Mayor Miller if you'll lend a hand here, we will

present everyone with their beautiful souvenir poster, then move offstage and take photographs in just a few minutes. Ms. Kristy Badgley, if you'd like to join us on stage. Ms. Badgley, we appreciate the Dallas Morning News supporting EarthFest 2004. We're excited to be able to work with the Dallas Morning News. For their sponsorship at the Tree of Life level, the Dallas Morning News provided a wrapper for Sunday newspapers this past weekend, helping us to advertise EarthFest 2004 to more than 55,000 readers. Ms. Badgley, thank you.

(Ms. Badgley accepts poster from Mayor Miller. Ms. Badgley steps to the side of the stage holding poster.)

And SBC has donated the beautiful space we're in here today. Thank you SBC for offering us the use of this beautiful park. Mr. Fred Guerra, executive director of External Affairs is here to accept our gift on behalf of SBC. Thank you Mr. Guerra for helping to make EarthFest 2004 a reality. (Mr. Guerra accepts poster from Mayor Miller. Mr. Guerra steps to side of the stage holding poster.)

Mr. Kevin Cox, Mr. Dan Bergman, and Mr. James Crites (rhymes with rights), from DFW International Airport, we would like to say thank you for your support of EarthFest 2004. And we appreciate you bringing your vehicle to display here today. It's a compressed natural gas passenger bus that's used to shuttle airline passengers between terminals. Some of you in the audience may have ridden on it. Gentlemen, again, thank you. (Mr. Kevin Cox, Mr. Dan Bergman, and Mr. James Crites accept one poster from Mayor Miller. Three gentlemen step to side of the stage holding poster.)

And we would also like to recognize Community Waste Disposal. Mr. Medigovich (med-i-go-vich) and CWD helped us with our recycling efforts today, and also have provided the port-o-lets for today's event. (Mr. Medigovich accepts poster from Mayor

Miller. Mr. Medigovich steps to side of the stage holding poster.)

DART has been carrying advertisements for EarthFest on their light rail trains and busses for several days now, at no cost to us. Mr. Gary Thomas, Executive Director of DART, we'd like you to know we really appreciate DART's support today and your willingness to help us publicize our event and carry our volunteers to their clean up sites. (Mr. Thomas accepts poster from Mayor Miller. Mr. Thomas steps to side of stage holding poster.)

And, last but not least, Lysol. Thank you. The blue "Germ-Mobile" just to my left, belongs to Lysol. Lysol is a national sponsor for Keep America Beautiful's Great American Clean-Up, which is happening nationwide this spring. In fact, Dallas' contribution to the Great American Clean-Up, is also part of today's EarthFest. This afternoon, more than 700 people, on 80 corporate teams, will be out planting trees and flowers, washing windows, and picking up litter. And Lysol has donated many of the cleaning products that will be used today.