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It's April. Springtime has arrived and, along with it, my favorite holiday—Earth Day! On Earth Day, we celebrate the positive environmental actions we can take to make our earth a better place to live. I do this myself by driving positive sustainable change wherever I can, whether in my home, with my family and friends, but especially with the LEAF community. This year I'm very happy to announce that we are going to have an in-person Earth Day celebration. Along with the City of Fremont and Washington Healthcare Foundation, LEAF will be hosting a day of sharing and learning about simple changes each of us can make "to invest in our planet". This Earth Day Celebration is going to take place on Saturday, April 23rd from 11 am to 3 pm at the new Fremont Event Center at 3500 Capitol Avenue in downtown Fremont.

Here is this year's theme followed by a video from EarthDay.org.

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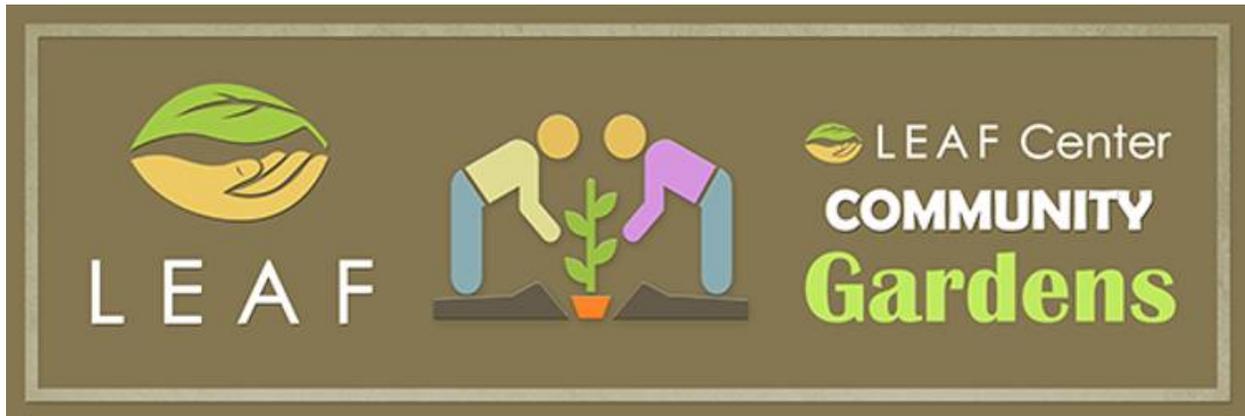
INVEST IN OUR PLANET

**IT'S THE ONLY HOME WE HAVE. WE NEED EVERYONE,
WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME**

*“Every moment is an organizing opportunity,
every person a potential activist, every minute a
chance to change the world.” – Dolores Huerta*



Once again, we invite you to come see us at our LEAF Circle area at the **Fremont Event Center** in downtown Fremont on **Saturday, April 23** from **11am to 3pm** as we share the many ways we all can invest in our planet. Here are the banners you'll see and a bit about the information that we're excited to share with you.



Big changes are coming for the LEAF Center! The California Nursery Historical Park in Niles, LEAF Center's current location, is undergoing a major redesign. We are moving to the northeastern side of the park with new planters and facilities. Come to the LEAF Center booth to meet members of the LEAF Board and to learn more about renting a planter.



LEAF C.R. Stone Garden and Bee Sanctuary are our two gardens that provide produce for the food banks. Our regenerative agricultural practices and all our

volunteers have increased the output of the gardens from 1000 pounds in 2014 to over 6000 pounds in 2021. Stone Gardeners will be at hand to answer your questions about volunteering at the garden and sharing your fruit by participating in our new Fruit Tree Gleaning Program.



Bees, Glorious Bees. Our honeybees are a major focus of our gardens. Not only do they pollinate our fruits but they also provide some mighty good tasting local honey that we will have for sale at the booth. We will be bringing our observation hive so you can see them live buzzing around. Our beekeepers will be on hand to answer your questions and tell you about upcoming beekeeping classes at LEAF.





Many of us have composting worm bins at home. We will be bringing one of our worm bins so you can see our worms wiggling and say "ewww". Did you know that worms have gizzards like chickens and also have 5 hearts? These and other fun facts will be presented by our worm keeper who'll tell you how to start your own worm bin.



Sustainable living is a BIG focus for LEAF. We want to share some really simple ways to reduce waste and our consumption of plastics from excess packaging. Our sustainability gurus will be present to share all sorts of helpful tips that they have stored up for this occasion.



Last year, local non-profit Eevie and LEAF collaborated to have a very successful 2021 Earth Day Recycling Event. We collected your goods and found new homes by reusing, reworking, recycling, or reselling them so they did not wind up in our landfills. This year, Sara from Eevie will be collecting denims, bras and socks for the 2022 Earth Day Recycling Event. Come meet Sara and she will tell you where all your donated items will be going.



Code Hobbits is an educational program where kids learn a variety of interdisciplinary skills, such as leadership, critical thinking, and problem solving

using their knowledge of mathematics, science, and technology. At this booth, Code Hobbits will be presenting their Electi-Cycle; a special bike that converts kinetic energy to electrical energy. Come try it out!



Ever wonder how to properly prune your fruit tree? Maybe you're interested in planting one at home. If so, come to the Fruit Tree Pruning booth where a local expert will show you how to plant and take care of the fruit trees that thrive during our local growing seasons.



Want to know how to care for your maple, birch, redbud, or crepe myrtle? Visit our local expert for helpful tips on choosing tree varieties, where to plant them, how often you may need to water them, and how to keep your trees looking beautiful all year long.



The hosts of Talkin' Dirt, an online gathering of gardeners, will be at Earth Day to answer your gardening questions—this time in person! You can join Alameda County Master Gardener Volunteers, Guy and Michele along with Rebecca from LEAF online the first Wednesday of every month from 7PM to 8PM PST for our Talkin' Dirt, our online gardening community. Our next Talkin' Dirt program is Wednesday, April 6th from 7 to 9.



The following organizations will also be present to share their contributions toward investing in our planet. We hope you will come and take part in this wonderful Earth Day celebration on April 23 from 11 to 3 in downtown Fremont.

Dominican Sisters' Garden of Blessing Community Garden

Alameda County Master Gardeners

Urban Forest Friends

(Formerly TUFA, TriCity Urban Forest Alliance)

TCV Food Bank

Daily Bowl

Stop Waste

Boy Scouts of America



Where every day is Earth Day

