



TURTLE CREEK GOES “CRAZE-Y” WITH TWO SPRING CELEBRATIONS

Two dates and several events are added to this year’s “Creek Craze” AND “Easter in the Park”

DALLAS – April 6, 2011 – Turtle Creek Association and Lee Park/Arlington Hall Conservancy are joining forces this year to present eggstra special Easter “hop-penings” for their 26th annual spring-time celebration along the banks and boulevards of Turtle Creek. Lee Park welcomes Easter week with two weekends of free and open-to-the public festivities. **Sunday, April 17, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.** the new **Creek Craze event** offers a full afternoon of free activities and entertainment. **On Sunday, April 24 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**, the **Kroger Pooch Parade** will feature costumed pets and the **Dallas Symphony Orchestra** will provide its annual free **Concert in the Park** playing in its outdoor band shell. Food and beverages will be available for purchase and guests are encouraged to bring blankets and enjoy both events.

Creek Craze

The banks and boulevards of Turtle Creek will spring to life **April 17th** from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. with more than 4,000 expected attendees to participate in this year’s expanded Creek Craze event. Radio personality **Jody Dean** will emcee all activities during the day. This spring celebration will include an Easter Egg Roll, musical performances by children’s entertainer **Eddie Coker**, photographs with a live bunny, face painting and balloon animals for children. Award-winning **deejay Jennifer Miller** and local **band Alebrije** will be spinning and playing tunes during the afternoon. Local restaurants will be on-site offering **specialty fare**, including beer, wine and margaritas.

Dallas non-profit group **Paws in the City** will host **Pet Costume Contests** for the Best Dressed Small Dog, Best Dressed Big Dog and Best Dressed Easter-Themed Dog. *Dallas Morning News* columnist **Tatia Woldt** along with her four-legged best friend, **B.K.** and local personality **Greg Haynes Johnson** will award prizes to the winners in each category. **Pet “Glamour Shots”** will also be available for a fee to provide lasting memories for the owners.

This new, egg-citing and fun celebration is sponsored by the Turtle Creek Association (TCA) and Lee Park/Arlington Hall Conservancy (LPAHC). Both non-profit organizations work to preserve and enhance the natural beauty and quality of life in the Turtle Creek Corridor.

“Creek Craze allows those who have other obligations on the Easter holiday to join our celebration in the park. The purpose of our events is to appeal to as many people as possible, to raise awareness of the beautiful natural resources of Turtle Creek and build support for the work of the Turtle Creek Association and Lee Park Conservancy,” said Cathy Golden, Turtle Creek Association president and CEO. “It’s our hope these two weekends become a springtime tradition for families and individuals and inspire a habit of returning to spend afternoons at Lee Park or along the banks of Turtle Creek.”

Easter in the Park

Easter in the Park is slated for **April 24**, Easter Sunday, at Lee Park from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Registration for the **Kroger Pooch Parade** begins at 1 p.m. with furry friends (and sometimes their owners) adorned in tutus, boas, character costumes and more pouncing down Turtle Creek Boulevard at 1:30 p.m. The **Dallas Symphony Orchestra** will perform light classical favorites from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. to a backdrop of picnics on the lawn, food and frivolity.

The Dallas Symphony's program offers 12 selections which will include a waltz and polka from Johann Strauss, Jr.; Promenade from *Shall We Dance* by George Gershwin; *Easter Parade* by Irving Berlin and Tchaikovsky's well-known "*Waltz of the Flowers*" from The Nutcracker.

"Easter in the Park is one of our favorite outdoor traditions at Lee Park and Arlington Hall," said John Williams, president and CEO of Lee Park & Arlington Hall Conservancy. "We celebrate Easter during a relaxing afternoon with beautiful music playing throughout the park."

Turtle Creek is designated by the Dallas Park and Recreation Board as one of the city's six signature parks and encompasses Lee, William B. Dean and Turtle Creek parks, the Katy Trail recreational footpath and numerous other green spaces. It is a beautiful Dallas urban oasis and the hope is to draw more people in to enjoy what is theirs.

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