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City of El Paso Celebrates Earth Month Community Events Planned Throughout April

EL PASO, Texas - April is Earth Month, and the City of El Paso invites the community to celebrate the Earth all month long with a wide variety of activities for families, businesses, and visitors on how to reduce the environmental footprint and create a sustainable and resilient future.

Earth Month takes place during April every year and April 22 marks Earth Day. Earth Month is a time to raise environmental awareness and create consciousness around the issues that affect mother nature.

More El Paso residents are driving electric vehicles, conserving energy and water, and being thoughtful about reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting. The City has a variety of events, workshops, children's activities, and ways to take action as we celebrate our Earth all month long.

"El Paso has such a diverse ecosystem, and we believe that Earth Day deserves to be celebrated not just one day, but all month long," said Quality of Life Deputy City Manager Dionne Mack. "Earth month provides an opportunity to celebrate environmental progress, learn about ecosystems and explore the outdoors."

The City has created an Earth Month logo and launched a webpage with information that includes a list of events - www.EIPasoTexas.gov/Earth-Month. City Departments celebrating include Environmental Services, El Paso Zoo, Museums and Cultural Affairs Department (MCAD), Downtown Art & Farmer's Market, Parks and Recreation, Public Library, and the El Paso Streetcar.

Event highlights include:

- The El Paso Public Library is launching an Earth Month Reading Challenge for all ages. The challenge is broken into 3 categories with different reading lists: PreK-Grade 2, Grade 3-Grade 7, and Grade 8-Adult. The challenge runs April 1-30. Visit www.EIPasoLibrary.org to sign up.
- The Environmental Services Department (ESD) has joined together with the El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens to offer a large Earth Day event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday April 22 at the Zoo. ESD will have booths and activities outside of the Zoo, while the Party for the Plant will be happening inside.
- The Downtown Art and Farmers Market will hold an Earth Day market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 22 at Art's Festival Plaza next to the El Paso Museum of Art. The event will feature activities, community partners, and giveaways.

For more information on Earth month and events across the city, visit www.EIPasoTexas.gov/Earth-Month.

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