

A monthlong celebration of Earth Day

Earth Day is great, but why not celebrate for a whole month? To mark Earth Day's 55th anniversary, the Sustainability Committee sponsored a variety of events in March and April to highlight the history and importance of environmental advocacy.

"Many of us chose to live at White Horse Village because of its rural location and its natural environment," says resident Mary Hankins, who helped organize the series of events.

She notes that the campus is surrounded by managed public areas, so representatives of these areas were invited to share about the work they are doing.



On **March 19th**, speakers from Tyler Arboretum spoke on the importance of native plants as habitat and food for native pollinators.

On **April 16th**, Gary Stolz, ranger and naturalist from Ridley Creek State Park, brought live animals to illustrate a program on amphibians and reptiles, while also sharing how residents can experience the park and join in activities.

On **April 23rd**, Mike Coll, the manager of Natural Lands' Hildacy Reserve off Palmers Mill Road, shared his 10-year journey to help a family of screech owls nest successfully, and also explained some of the reserve's work with meadow management.

On **Saturday, April 26th**, an Earth Day luncheon celebrated the glory of springtime.

While it's educational to take a month to highlight the environment that sustains all of us, the Sustainability Committee works throughout the year to help White Horse Village be mindful of its environmental impact. They suggest ways to make a difference on campus, like increased recycling, use of healthier cleaning products, and landscaping with an eye toward pollinators.