

## Live Green in Plano Volunteer Training: One Couple's Experience

Cherie and Matthew Ware work to make the City of Plano green in many ways. They write articles, staff the Reuse Center, wrangle worms, label storm drains, post a recycle reminder sign in their yard every other week, and distribute posters about upcoming programs.

Matthew explains how it all got started: *Cherie and I went to the first Live Green Expo and really enjoyed the exhibits. When we saw they were looking for volunteers the next year, we thought how much fun it would be to participate. We volunteered last year and truly enjoyed being around other like-minded people who wanted to improve our community. It was very gratifying being part of our community and reaching out to others.*

Within the year, they registered for the twelve hour Live Green in Plano Volunteer training.

Cherie comments: *I enjoyed attending the volunteer training with my husband. Although we both care about environmental issues, we have different interests -- my husband enjoys learning about energy efficiency and green building techniques and I'm passionate about recycling and (more recently) composting. The weekly classes taught us both much more depth on these topics. I'm already sharing my new discoveries with friends and family!*

Matthew adds: *The Live Green in Plano volunteer training was a great way to learn about all of the programs available in Plano which support the environment. The subjects varied from recycling to composting to learning about where our water resources come from and what we need to do to keep them free of contaminants.*

*We are fortunate to have a city community which is concerned about spreading the news to all of its residence about the wonderful programs they offer.*

*Given the vast variety of work being done by the city to cleanup, maintain and teach the public about what each of us can do, there are volunteer opportunities for everyone's interest. I am looking forward to helping them get the word out to make our city a great place to live.*

The next training series will be held on Thursday, June 3 and Friday, June 4 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, June 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact Deb Bliss at [debb@plano.gov](mailto:debb@plano.gov) or (972) 769-4313 to register.