

# The KIB NEWSLETTER



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**Contech Employees help Keep Irving Beautiful at Jackie Townsell Center.**

## **KIB ACTIVITIES IN APRIL:**

**Earth Month was a busy one for KIB.**

**Here is a recap of some of our activities:**

- April 5 and 7: Contech Employees helped to make one of the most historic sites in Irving a little more beautiful by painting the picket fence at the Jackie Townsell Heritage Center. Also partnering with KIB were the Parks and Code Enforcement Departments.
- April 9: North Lake Service Learning students performed a recycle survey in the KIB neighborhood. Students went door-to-door asking residents some questions about their recycling habits, and distributed magnets and blue bags provided by Solid Waste Services.
- Earth Week, April 18-22: KIB participated in celebrations at VHA, Nissan, North Lake College, and Clifton Early Childhood School
- April 30: KIB provided supplies for both the Irving Lake Association's Lake Vilbig Cleanup, and the First Baptist Church's Day of Service. The 22 ILA members were joined by 25 additional volunteers from Best Buy store 205 and North Lake College at Lake Vilbig, while 35 First Baptist volunteers worked with Code Enforcement cleaning three sites during their event. All together, these groups collected over 4,200 pounds of trash and recyclables!

## **MAY TO BRING MANY SPRING ACTIVITIES TO KIB, IRVING**

After a very busy April, Keep Irving Beautiful is not taking it easy during May. Here are some of the events we have planned with our partners:

- Nokia's Irving office will participate in the "Helping Hands" program and partner with KIB and North Lake College's South Campus for a cleanup.
- Irving ISD: KIB will be represented at both Gilbert and Thomas Haley Elementary Schools' Career Days.
- Nimitz High School "Parents Step Ahead" on May 12.
- City of Irving Bicycle Fest at Centennial Park on May 14.
- Ranchview High School Volunteer Fair, May 21: KIB will have a table at this event, which is part of a Girl Scout Gold Award project.
- Planning continues for the PlayTri Triathlon, June 4-5. This is our third year to partner with PlayTri to make this a Green Event. Home base is the Las Colinas Marriott.

## **KIB STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER NEWS:**

- KIB Board President Rachel Moon and Board members Kaye Whitehead and Scott Wilson represented KIB at the City of Irving's Cinco de Mayo Event at Senter Park on April 30.
- You can follow us on Twitter @KIB\_Irving, or "like" us on our Facebook page, Keep Irving Beautiful. Thanks to Code Enforcement Supervisor Mike Edwards for doubling our Facebook friends!
- The KIB Board is asking for nominations for the annual "Mayor and KIB Proud Partner Awards," which will be held August 1. Nominations can be submitted online at [www.rockthegreen.org](http://www.rockthegreen.org). If you know of a deserving individual, organization or company, please nominate them for an award. Complete descriptions of each category can be found on the website. Nominations are due by June 15.

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