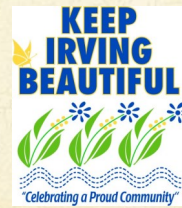


# The KIB NEWSLETTER



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## IT'S EARTH MONTH IN IRVING!

April 22nd has been Earth Day since 1970, but the entire month has come to be known as "Earth Month." We hope you will join KIB and the city of Irving in one or more of the many events occurring in the next few weeks to help us celebrate our environment.



Pictures from two of last month's events: (Left): Dirk and Amy Dalhauser paddle down the Trinity during the Great American Cleanup on March 2. (Right): Emma's House gave a warm welcome to KIB and Kirby March 14

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April offers great examples of our diverse partners. We work with Fortune 500 companies and local businesses, students from pre-K through college, neighborhood associations, faith groups and city departments.

- Apr 5: "Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off" - KIB will partner with North Hills Preparatory for a cleanup at T.W. Richardson Grove Park
- Apr 6: Googly Eyes Environmental Fair - at Story and 183, will include e-cycling, shredding and vendors.
- Apr 12-13, 19-20: Great Days of Service
- Apr 13: Canon USA Paint Project at Running Bear Park
- Apr 17: North Lake College Earth Day, Central Campus
- Apr 18-20: Eco-Film Fest
- Apr 18: City Council Meeting - The mayor will issue a Proclamation on Volunteerism
- Apr 19: 6565 MacArthur Earth Day
- Apr 20: Irving Lake Association's Lake Vilbig Cleanup
- Apr 25: Clifton Early Childhood School Earth Day Skit
- Apr 27: City of Irving Arbor Day at Heritage Park

## MARCH RECAP

- Mar 2: Great American Cleanup - Chilly weather did not stop kayakers from paddling down the Elm Fork of the Trinity, removing litter along the way. Combined with our land crew, we had a total of 30 volunteers who collected 800 pounds of litter. Special thanks to Kayak Power, Parks and Solid Waste Services Departments.
- Mar 8: KIB staff toured the Hunter Ferrell Landfill and the Waste Management MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) in Garland. Thanks to the Chamber's Green Business Council and Fran Witte for organizing the event, and to Solid Waste Services Director Brenda Haney for her informative session. A great reminder for everyone that 85% of what goes into the landfill could be recycled!
- Mar 14: Staff and mascot Kirby visited Emma's House during their spring break, showed a DVD about littering and distributed backpacks and flower seed packets.
- Mar 20: Monthly KIB Board meeting
- Mar 21: Community Garden Planting Day - KIB's first day to work in our plot at the Bear Creek Community Garden.
- Mar 23: Community Fest — Three KIB Board members and seven Service Learning students promoted recycling, gave away recycled books and kept the grounds litter-free at this annual city event which was held at Senter Park.



Our volunteers in action at Community Fest—Board member Rachel Moon is joined by North Lake students Daniela, Shashi and Kayla

## THOUGHTS FROM THE KIB BOARD

This month's contributor is Julie Schmitt:

Attending Community Fest on March 23 and working alongside board members and college students, I was reminded that KIB is truly a volunteer-driven organization. Our staff of two depends so much on the spirit of volunteerism that is present throughout our community to achieve the results that we do each year. This month the Mayor and City Council will acknowledge that spirit with an official proclamation to recognize those who donate their time to make Irving a better place. Thank you, volunteers!