

Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter

Green Events Connect KIB, Community

One of Keep Irving Beautiful's most popular programs is called "Green Events." Chances are you have been to an event in Irving where you saw recycling stations set up around the grounds with signs in English and Spanish that encouraged attendees to throw trash and recyclables in their proper containers. Those signs let you know that you were attending an "Official KIB Green Event," or "Evento Verde Oficial." Green Events are a great way for KIB to partner with other groups who want their activities to be environmentally friendly, and who want to leave a location as clean (or cleaner!) than they found it. Some are large-scale city events such as Community Fest, or events with local partners like the Irving YMCA's Fall Festival. We have also provided supplies for fun runs and triathlons, conferences like the recent Heartland Ministries "Collision" youth gathering, as well as smaller events like neighborhood association block parties. Green Event supplies can be borrowed from KIB by calling the office at 972-721-2175.

This month we are focusing on a special partner, the **Irving Animal Care Campus**, which shares a facility with the DFW Humane Society. KIB was there at their Grand Opening in 2010, and has continued to partner with them for numerous green events. The yearly "Pet Pawloosa" in March is always a green event thanks to this partnership. Coming up this month on **August 15** is "**Clear the Shelters**" where the adoption fee is absolutely free for all spayed or neutered animals! This follows last

year's successful "Empty the Shelter" event, which Irving spearheaded, involving shelters all across the Metroplex. You are very likely to find that perfect feline or canine companion, and while you are there, be sure that your recyclable materials go into KIB's green event containers. The event is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 4140 Valley View Lane. For more information, call the Animal Care Campus at 972-721-2256 or go to the website www.cleartheshelters.org.



This year's "Clear the Shelters" event, sponsored by NBC 5 and Telemundo 39, will see more than 50 area shelters participating, in the hopes of finding homes for thousands of animals.

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Did You Know?

Since we're focusing on our four-legged friends in this edition, here are some pet-related facts and tips for reducing their "carbon paw print" from Earth 911:

- Dog waste makes up a large percentage of the waste stream in parks. "Do the right thing" by picking up after your dog, and using bio-degradable waste bags
- Eco-friendly options for cats include litter made from recycled newspaper, hemp or straw
- Consider switching out pet cleaning products with organic, earth-friendly products made from plant-based natural oils.



Above: Green Event supplies that groups may borrow from KIB.

Below: Volunteers at last year's 23rd annual Trash Bash, which drew more than 600 volunteers.

Register for the Trash Bash Online

KIB invites you to join the fun at the **24th Annual Trash Bash** on Saturday, September 26, at T.W. Richardson Grove Park. Volunteers of all ages are welcome as we meet at the Campion Trails and help keep litter out of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. KIB will provide the cleanup supplies (trash and recycle bags, litter pickers and gloves), as well as a hot dog lunch afterwards. We will also have prize giveaways from our great sponsors,

music, and educational tables where you can learn about fossils and reptiles that are found near the Trinity. Please register online by **September 18**. To access the registration page, just scan the QR code at the right, or go to:



www.keepirvingbeautiful.org.

