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The new gateway sign and native landscaping at the west end of Irving Boulevard welcomes everyone to Irving.

GCAA LANDSCAPE AWARD PROJECTS COMPLETED

Irving won the 2010 Governor's Community Achievement Award from Keep Texas Beautiful, and received the largest prize amount ever awarded, a \$310,000 landscaping grant from the Texas Department of Transportation. This recognized our community as having one of the best grassroots environmental programs in the state. Through the partnership of the City of Irving, TXDoT, and KIB, the results of that award can now be seen as you enter the city from both the east and west ends of Irving Boulevard. Two mustang gateway signs, complete with native trees, grasses and flowers, have been completed. The sign below acknowledges that partnership that should make all Irving residents very proud of their accomplishments.



JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- January 13: The Volunteer Recognition Committee met to begin planning for this year's "Mayor and KIB Proud Partners Awards" reception, which will be held on Monday, August 6, at the First Baptist Church of Irving. Community members are invited to submit nominations for groups or individuals in any of ten categories. See www.rockthegreen.org to submit.
- January 18: First monthly Board meeting of 2012.
- January 19: KIB Mascot Kirby visited Senter Park for the Special Olympics basketball tournament.
- January 23-24: Rick Hose and Julie Schmitt attended the Service Learning Fair at North Lake College. For the past four years, KIB has partnered with North Lake in this program, and over 300 students have given 4,500 hours of service in KIB activities and programs.

North Lake students stopped by the KIB table at the Service Learning Fair to learn more about volunteering.



SAVE THE DATE, MARCH 31:

**"Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off/
Great American Cleanup"**

KIB's Spring Cleanup event is on Saturday, March 31 and will be a waterway cleanup on the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. Participants will meet at T.W. Richardson Grove Park (site of last year's Trinity Trash Bash), and be shuttled to a location further north. They will then kayak back to the park, collecting any litter they find along the way. Spaces are limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. So if you are at least 18 years old, know how to swim, have basic kayaking skills and love keeping our waterways clean, sign up online at www.rockthegreen.org!

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