

KIB Newsletter



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Thanks to all our volunteers and partners for making 2013 the best year ever!

2013 - Another Great Year for KIB and Our Partners

January means reflecting on the accomplishments of the year gone by, and KIB has a lot to think about! 2013 brought us many projects in our 3 main focus areas of litter abatement, beautification and recycling, with volunteers of all ages and backgrounds giving their time to make Irving a better place to live, work and play.

In the area of litter abatement, KIB sponsored ten cleanups, involving 759 volunteers who gave 2,418 hours and collected over 12,700 pounds of trash and recyclables from both land and water. These included our signature event, the Trinity Trash Bash, which attracted over 500 volunteers, as well as days of service from companies like Mattress Firm and Mosaic Sales Solutions, both new partners for KIB. Our Adopt-a-Spot Program volunteers were also very dedicated to keeping our neighborhoods clean. There are now 77 locations across the city, which accounted for over 4,500 volunteer hours and a collection of an estimated 3,000 bags of litter.

KIB and the City of Irving Parks Department partnered with a wide variety of groups for 16 beautification projects during 2013. Along with the ADT Security Company and the Volunteer Center of North Texas, we kicked off Phase One of the city's new tree farm at Mountain Creek Preserve by planting 185 trees. The planting of 50 trees at Thomas Jefferson Park during the "JFK Groves Project" was part of a Metroplex-wide partnership with the Texas Trees Foundation to honor President Kennedy's legacy. In addition to planting trees, KIB's volunteers were busy with their paint brushes and rollers giving a fresh new look to several of



Kayakers at the Great American Cleanup, March 2

Irving's parks and recreation centers, including Running Bear, Northwest, Rodeo, Lively Pointe, Fritz and T.W. Richardson Grove.

KIB's Green Events Program provided recycling at 28 events, and diverted over 1,500 pounds of material from the landfill. Our North Lake student volunteers helped attendees learn about recycling with the KIB spinning wheel at community events. Education was at the heart of all activities, with the goal of making environmental stewardship a way of life.

Coming Up in 2014:

The KIB office will be closed January 1st for New Year's Day. We would like to wish everyone a prosperous and happy new year in 2014.

KIB board and staff are busy planning our activities for 2014. In addition to annual events like the Trinity Trash Bash and Great American Cleanup, we are sure to have new and unique opportunities for our volunteers.

Monthly KIB Board Meetings will resume on January 15. Meetings are always the third Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. in the KIB office

On February 3 through 6, Rick and Julie will attend the Keep America Beautiful National Conference in Charlotte, NC, where KIB will be honored with the 2nd Place National Affiliate Award in the 200,000+ population category.

We have also been working hard to prepare our award applications for Keep Texas Beautiful, which includes the Governor's Community Achievement Award. Thanks to our many partners and city departments for providing us with the information needed to prepare what we think is an excellent, and award-winning (we hope!) summary of the great things that happened in Irving in 2013.