

KIB Newsletter



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Phi Theta Kappa officers were up bright and early on June 1 to make the PlayTri Festival a green event.



Microsoft employee volunteers finished their work week on June 9 by painting rooms at Senter Park



Nimitz FFA members began their summer vacation by volunteering with KIB at a cleanup of Trinity View Park on June 13.

Irving Wins Big in Austin!

The 47th Annual Keep Texas Beautiful State Conference was held in Austin on June 23-25, and Keep Irving Beautiful was well represented. Coordinator Rick Hose and staff member Julie Schmitt attended a variety of educational sessions and networked with affiliates from across the state. The highlight of the event was the Tuesday dinner, where they accepted the 1st Place Governor's Community Achievement Award in the population 10 category. This came with a \$310,000 landscaping grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). This prestigious award recognizes Texas communities for their outstanding grassroots environmental efforts in seven different areas, such as litter abatement and beautification, and it is an honor that KIB shares with all of Irving.

KIB Board member and Vice President Jim Scrivner was also honored at the conference with a 1st Place Sadie Ray Graff Educator Award in the School Administrator category. KIB nominated Jim for his efforts in promoting school recycling and energy conservation in his role as Energy Manager for the Irving ISD, as well as for his volunteer service. The City of Irving Housing and Human Services Department was also recognized with an Honorable Mention in the City Government Category for their work with the Tudor Lane Project.



TxDOT's Margo Richards presents the GCAA check to Rick and Julie (above), and Jim Scrivner poses with his Sadie Ray Graff Educator Award (below).



What's Ahead for KIB and Irving:

The Keep Irving Beautiful office will be closed on July 4th in honor of the Independence Day Holiday. We hope you enjoy the city's parade through the Heritage District in the morning, as well as the evening's fireworks display in Las Colinas, and that you have a safe and happy 4th!



Before the holiday gets started, KIB will participate in a paint project with the Phi Theta Kappa officer team from North Lake College on July 3. We will be painting the metal handrails at the football fields at Trinity View Park. KIB staff always enjoys working with this group of enthusiastic students as well as with the staff of the Parks Department, who help make these projects run smoothly.

Winners of the Mayor and Keep Irving Beautiful Proud Partner Awards have been chosen by the committee, and will be posted online soon. The awards ceremony will be held on August 11 at the First Baptist Church of Irving, which has been the location for the past five years. They always do a great job in helping us recognize our city's "environmental stars."