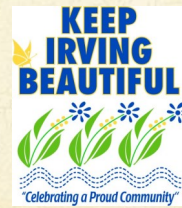


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COME GROW WITH THE BEAR CREEK CHURCH COMMUNITY GARDEN AND KIB

KIB is proud to partner with the Bear Creek Community Church in their efforts to create and maintain a thriving community garden at 2700 Finley Road. From the initial ground-breaking in December to the grand opening on May 11, we have seen the garden built from the ground up, with the support of so many volunteers. We encourage you to visit and see all the great things that are going on!



KIB Coordinator Rick Hose at KIB's plot #10 at the community garden (L), and our first harvest of the spring! (R)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 31 - June 2: PlayTri Festival.** KIB will partner with PlayTri Triathlons for a fifth consecutive year to make this a green event. Hundreds of athletes from all over the country are expected over the course of the three days of events, which will be based at the Marriott Las Colinas. KIB will be providing and monitoring the recycling for the triathlon races, which also includes the Pan Am Cup on Saturday.
- **June 17-20:** KIB staff Rick Hose and Julie Schmitt will be attending the 46th Annual Keep Texas Beautiful State Conference in San Antonio, where we will receive our fifth Sustained Excellence Award and the 2nd place GCAA Award. Also attending on the 20th to accept her 3rd place award in the senior citizen category will be Margie Stipes. (Due to the dates conflicting, there will be no monthly Board meeting in May).
- **June 19: Deadline to submit nominations for the Proud Partner Awards.** Please go to www.rockthegreen.org to nominate online. The awards reception will be on Monday, August 12, at First Baptist Church of Irving.

MAY RECAP

The month of May was highlighted by visits to many of our Irving ISD elementary schools for career days. Julie Schmitt attended Keyes and Thomas Haley, where she was joined by Margie Stipes, but the career day star was KIB Board VP Jim Scrivner, who attended four - at Keyes, Brown, Gilbert and Lee. Here are a few of our other May activities:

- **May 4: Verizon Service Project.** Seven Verizon employees and family painted the fence and handrails at Northwest Park and Recreation Center, giving 28 hours of service.
- **May 5: Girl Scout Troop 2871 Paint Project** at Running Bear Park. What a fun Sunday afternoon we had painting the metal safety hand rails near the south pavilions, then doing a trash sweep. There were eleven scouts and three leaders, who gave a total of 35 hours. Thanks, ladies!
- **May 11: Irving Bicycle Fest.** KIB attended the 3rd annual festival at the Lively Pointe Youth Center and Skate Park.
- **May 11: Opening of the Bear Creek Community Garden.**
- **May 15: Monthly KIB Board Meeting**
- **May 18: Board Member Dr. Yolanda Romero** represented KIB at the Nichols Park Neighborhood Day Out, a KIB Green Event.



Girl Scout Troop 2871 in front of their paint project at Running Bear Park.

THOUGHTS FROM THE KIB BOARD

This month's contributor is KIB Board Member Kelly Horn:

Spring is always such a busy and exciting time for KIB, with so many different groups looking for ways to help the community. We are happy to partner with all who have that volunteer spirit. Along with our cleanups, beautification and recycling events, we have added a new activity that will bring new challenges and rewards, that of community gardening. We hope the Bear Creek Community Garden will be a model for others to create similar gardens in neighborhoods all across the city.