

Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



Capital Improvement Program - CIP

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Our featured group this month is the City of Irving's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which is involved in various aspects of all new construction taking place in the city. Under the direction of Casey Tate, this hard-working department is responsible for project design, construction administration, and infrastructure inspection of all the city's newly constructed facilities, and park planning and development. CIP oversees the construction of city streets, water, wastewater, drainage, and facilities such as libraries, aquatic centers, fire stations, and parks. The evidence of CIP's ongoing work can be seen all throughout the city, such as the South Irving Library, which is a Silver LEED Certified building, the Net-Zero West Library, the Convention Center, solar lighting along Irving Boulevard, and the extension of the Campion Trails at both the north and south ends. Many streets are getting their outdated water and waste water mains replaced by using the "pipe bursting" technology, where work is completed in an environmentally friendly and much less invasive manner to the homeowners' properties.

Keep Irving Beautiful worked closely with CIP after Irving won the 2010 Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA),



The 2010 GCAA project gateway signs with native landscaping, made possible through the partnership with CIP, KIB and TxDOT, welcome visitors to Irving.

which came with a \$310,000 landscaping grant from the Texas Department of Transportation through Keep Texas Beautiful. Thousands of people who have entered Irving via Highway 356 from the east or west have been welcomed by the two mustang gateway signs with native landscaping that were the result of the 2010 prize. They are currently busy working on the project which will use the funds from Irving's 2014 GCAA award. This one will be the planting of trees on both sides of Irving Boulevard from Story to MacArthur. CIP staff designed the project which will be enjoyed by residents and visitors for many years to come.

KIB Seeks Nominations for Annual Awards

Each August, KIB honors groups and individuals who have gone above and beyond in their service to Irving at our annual awards ceremony. We are seeking nominations from community members for awards in ten different categories: Youth Leadership, Educator, Faith Groups, Business and Industry, Civil Servant, Civic Organization, Lifetime Achievement, Government, Media, and KIB Hometown. A full description is available on our website, along with lists of winners from previous years. Our city is fortunate to have so many people

who care about it, and we love recognizing them for their efforts. If you know someone who is deserving of this award, please go online and submit a nomination. To do this, either go to www.keepirvingbeautiful.org and click on the "Proud Partners" link on the right, or scan the QR code below. All nominations must be received by **Wednesday, June 15**.



Did You Know?

This month we share tips from our friends at Earth 911 about creating a "Zero-Waste" home when it comes to cleaning and laundry.

- Minimize packaging waste by reusing spray bottles and jars.
- Use ingredients like baking soda, vinegar, borax, lemon juice, citric acid, hydrogen peroxide, castile soap, and essential oils.
- Microfiber antibacterial cloths and mop pads remove up to 99% of bacteria without cleaning solution due to tiny amounts of silver woven into the fabric.



KIB continued its partnership with Mosaic Sales Solutions, now part of Acosta Marketing Group, with a paint project at Lively Pointe Pool on May 6. There were 88 members of the "Acosta Cares" team who did a great job painting the pool building and fencing.



KIB award winners from 2015 pose for pictures after the ceremony, which was held at the First Baptist Church of Irving.