

The KIB NEWSLETTER



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ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 31

KIB's Spring Cleanup event on Saturday, March 31 will be a waterway cleanup only on the Elm Fork of the Trinity River, thanks to our partnership with Kayak Power and REI. This is a combination of two events, the national "Great American Cleanup" and the statewide "Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off." Spaces are limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Wed, March 21: Monthly Board meeting at KIB Office
- Sat, March 24: Community Fest at Senter Park. KIB will have a table with spinning wheel and prizes and also make this a green event. Event runs from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Left to Right: Krystal and Dustin King, Carrie and Matt Spohn, and Randy Hicks, members of the Ignite Group at First Baptist, pose in front of their completed paint project, the Heritage Park gazebo.

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Feb 14: Staff member Julie Schmitt conducted an orientation session for the Spring Semester Service Learning class at North Lake College.
- Feb 15: Monthly Board meeting at KIB office
- Feb 15: North Lake College and KIB began weekly planning meetings for NLC Earth Day Celebrations, which will be April 19 at the Central Campus and April 21 at the South Campus.
- Feb 22: Coordinator Rick Hose made a PowerPoint presentation on KIB Initiatives at the City Council Work Session.
- Feb 24: Five of KIB's Service Learning students gave 17 volunteer hours by painting the pavilion at Luzon Park.
- Feb 25: Five members of the First Baptist Church of Irving's "Ignite" Bible Study Group painted the gazebo at Heritage Park, giving a total of 20 hours. Thank you to John Page and Parks staff for prepping and providing all paint and supplies for this and the Luzon Park project.



NOTES FROM THE BOARD:

This month's board comments come from Faith Groups co-chairs Rachel Torrez-Moon and Arnold Martin on the importance of reaching out to the faith community:

"KIB has made it a priority to continue its outreach to the faith community this year, and we are off to a good start. With this most recent partnership with the First Baptist Church, we hope that when our residents drive or walk by and see how vibrant the gazebo looks, they will think of the good things that can be accomplished by working together, and will be inspired to do a project of their own. We encourage groups of any faith who want to improve their community environment to contact KIB to find out how they can make a difference."

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