

The KIB NEWSLETTER



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T. Haley 3rd graders, VHA volunteers and KIB's Kirby celebrate Earth Day

“EARTH MONTH” IN IRVING

April was anticipated to be eventful month, and it certainly was, with many celebrations of Earth Day going on throughout the month. We painted, planted, performed, and picked up a whole lot of trash! Among the activities in which KIB participated were:

- Earth Day Fairs at Nissan North America (including a tree planting on the playground), and at North Lake College's Central and South Campuses
- Service Projects with Contech at Lively Pointe Youth Center and River Hills Park, and with the Chamber of Commerce's "Leadership Irving" class at Trinity View Park and Mountain Creek Preserve
- School events, including performing the environmental skit at Clifton Early Childhood School, and joining the VHA, Inc., family of companies in planting 22 trees at Thomas Haley Elementary School
- The Irving Lake Association's Lake Vilbig Spring Clean-up, which also included planting 8 trees at Cypress Cove Park.



Left: Members of the Leadership Irving Class of 2012 and their families removed over 3,300 pounds of litter, including 16 illegally dumped tires, from Mountain Creek Preserve on 4/28.



Right: North Lake College Service Learning students helped the ILA remove over 4,400 pounds of material from Lake Vilbig on 4/21.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Look for KIB staff, board members, volunteers and partners at the following events coming up in May:

- 5/5: Cinco de Mayo Festival at Senter Park. KIB will make this a green event again this year by supplying recycling stations throughout the event. We will also have an information table and the prize wheel. Just answer a question about recycling and win one of many books which have been donated by the Friends of the Irving Public Library. Event runs from 9 to 3.
- 5/16: Monthly KIB Board Meeting
- 5/19: Irving Bicycle Fest, to be held in the City Hall Parking Lot, from 10 a.m. to noon. This free event promotes bicycling in Irving, and will include a bike safety rodeo, bike checks and several exhibitors, including KIB.
- School Career Days: Many Irving ISD schools host career days in May for their students, and so far, KIB is scheduled to present at T.J. Lee and Thomas Haley on 5/11 and John R. Good on 5/24.



Left: Contech employees cleaned River Hills Park on 4/11, removing over 3,700 pounds of litter and debris. Right: KIB's Julie Schmitt, Margie Stipes and Kirby met the Nissan Bear at Earth Day, 4/05.



Notes from the KIB Board:

This month's contributor is KIB Treasurer, Jan Schriefer:

"While KIB, its partners and volunteers were busy with Earth Day events in April, we need to remember to celebrate Earth Day every day of the year, not just one day, week or month. Please think about how you can do something daily that helps us in our mission to educate the community in the areas of litter abatement, beautification and recycling. Let's make Irving an even better place to live, work and play all year long."

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