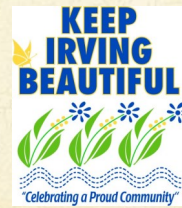


# The KIB NEWSLETTER



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## VHA COMMUNITY DAY



Check out the bridge and handrails at Northwest Park, which are now a vibrant “dynamic blue,” thanks to the efforts of VHA, Novation and Provista employee volunteers during their 11th annual “Community Day” on October 8. KIB’s team of 15 (pictured above) gave a total of 52.5 hours in painting the handrails on the bridge and along the pathway. The VHA family of companies has been a fantastic corporate partner for many years. Thanks for all you do for our community, VHA!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 2—The JFK Groves Project. Irving is one of 10 Metroplex cities chosen for this event, which involves the planting of 2,000 trees. We will be planting our trees at Thomas Jefferson Park, 1201 Hidden Ridge, from 9 to 11 a.m. Sign up at [www.rockthegreen.org](http://www.rockthegreen.org).
- Nov 8—Arbor Day Celebration at Lively Elementary at 9:30 a.m. This annual partnership of KIB, Irving ISD and the City of Irving recognizes the IISD school which recycled the most paper per student in the previous school year. Lively averaged 51.44 lbs. of paper per student, over 54,000 total lbs. total.
- Nov 9—Porters’ Unite For Troops, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 600 E. Irving Blvd. KIB supports this Veterans Day celebration, which honors military, past and present. We will make this a Green Event by supplying and monitoring the recycling stations and will also have our KIB table and keep the grounds litter-free.
- Nov 15—America Recycles Day. KIB will be partnering with the Irving Family YMCA again this year.
- Nov 20—Final KIB Board Meeting of 2013, 11 a.m.
- Nov 28-29—KIB Office will be closed for the holiday. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

## OCTOBER RECAP

- Oct 4—The final shredding event of 2013 was held in the KIB parking lot, with another huge crowd participating.
- Oct 11—Community Appearance Index: KIB board and staff members conducted an annual litter survey, which involves driving specific routes throughout the city and assessing the amount of litter seen. This year’s results show that Irving’s litter has decreased by 38.6%
- Oct 16—Monthly KIB Board Meeting.
- Oct 19—Canal Fest: KIB provided the recycling collection supplies for the return of this popular event, which drew over 8,000 people to Las Colinas.
- Oct 21—KIB visited North Lake to say “thank you” to the Phi Theta Kappa students for their help at the Trinity Trash Bash. KIB provided a pizza lunch and prizes to these very deserving students.
- Oct 25—Irving Family YMCA Fall Festival: KIB helped to make this a green event by supplying recycling stations. Seven student volunteers gave over 24 hours of service by working the KIB table and keeping the grounds litter-free. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for donating books which were given away as prizes.



Left: YMCA Fall Festival volunteers with KIB’s mascot, Kirby.

## THOUGHTS FROM THE KIB BOARD

KIB Treasurer Jan Schriefer was one of four scorers for this year’s Community Appearance Index and commented on the event: “Participating in the litter survey really opened our eyes to the progress that Irving has made in addressing litter. Our initial impression while we were driving was that several areas looked much better than in previous years, and when we compiled the final scores, the numbers backed us up. The combined efforts of the city, our residents and KIB programs are paying off in a more beautiful community. That is encouraging as we begin our new fiscal year and plan upcoming activities for 2013-2014. It’s going to be another great year for KIB and all our partners.”