

# The KIB NEWSLETTER



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## VOLUNTEERS BRAVE THE WEATHER TO MAKE 21ST ANNUAL TRINITY TRASH BASH A SUCCESS



North Lake College and Phi Theta Kappa were well represented

KIB held its 21st annual Trinity Trash Bash on Saturday, September 29 at Trinity View Park, in conjunction with National Public Lands Day. After last year's rain-free event, the rains returned, although they were much gentler than in previous years. The 300 volunteers were undaunted in their quest to make Irving cleaner and greener, collecting over 5,100 pounds of trash and recyclables. 40 of the volunteers were able to clean the river in kayaks supplied by Kayak Power. Thanks to the City of Irving and all our sponsors for a great event. Check out the pictures on the KIB Facebook page.

### SEPTEMBER RECAP

September is the beginning of a busy time for KIB, and here are some of the activities that occurred last month:

- 9/11-12: North Lake College Service Learning Fair. New SL coordinator Katherine Villarreal hosted organizations who will be participating in the program. KIB signed up 25 new and returning students. Thanks to Phi Theta Kappa members who manned the table on the 12th for us, and shared volunteer experiences.
- 9/20 and 24: KIB held Service Learning orientations at North Lake, and provided a pizza lunch for the students
- 9/22: KIB helped the Irving Lake Association with their fall cleanup of Lake Vilbig. The 34 volunteers collected over 2,270 pounds of material from the lake and shore.
- 9/29: Trinity Trash Bash/National Public Lands Day

## UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS

- 10/2: National Night Out—many neighborhoods in Irving and around the state will have block parties or other activities on this date
- 10/9: KIB will partner with VHA, Inc. for their annual day of service. They will complete a paint project at Running Bear Park. This will be the fourth year that a VHA team will work with KIB.
- 10/12: Community Appearance Index. This survey of litter in the community is one of the requirements to maintain President's Circle status with Keep America Beautiful. The same routes are driven each year, scored and compared with previous years to determine trends in littering behavior.
- 10/12: COI Shredding event in KIB parking lot
- 10/13 and 10/27: Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Days in KIB parking lot
- 10/17: Monthly KIB Board meeting
- 10/26: YMCA Fall Festival. KIB will provide green event materials, keep the event litter-free and have a booth and prize wheel.



## THOUGHTS FROM THE KIB BOARD

This month's contributor is Board President Scott Wilson.

"The Trinity Trash Bash is KIB's biggest annual cleanup, which helps make Irving a cleaner, safer place to live and work. Our 300 volunteers showed great determination in coming out to Trinity View Park on a rainy Saturday morning to help out, and we thank all of them very much."



A scout troop receives safety instructions prior to the cleanup (L), while Nimitz HS teacher Bernard Manale keeps a good attitude in the rain (R)

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