



Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



KIB Volunteers March Into Spring

KIB started March with a great project that will have a big impact. On March 2, Abbott Laboratories partnered with KIB and the City of Irving's Urban Forestry Team to plant 21 trees along O'Connor Road north of Highway 183. These cedar elm, red oak, bur oak and pecan trees replaced ash trees that had been damaged from last year's winter storm and prolonged freezing temperatures. ICTN produced a story on the event which can be viewed on the city website or YouTube channel.



Abbott Labs employee volunteers

CHRIST Church's '516 Students' youth ministry partnered with KIB for two service projects in one weekend. They conducted a neighborhood cleanup where they collected 80 pounds of trash and recyclables. They also built 15 birdhouses that were given to the Georgia Farrow after-school program for the children to paint. A total of 25 youth and adult volunteers gave 55 hours of service in these two projects.

We have really enjoyed our partnership with the Lively Pointe Adult Day Therapeutic Program and the Irving Archives and Museum. We met again at the Spark!Lab on March 3 where the young adults made model sailboats that they decorated using art supplies.

On March 9, we attended the Mardi Gras parade and celebration at the Heritage Senior Center (HSC), where we had a table with KIB information along with items like reusable shopping bags and keychain lights to give to the attendees.

March 12 was the Girl Scouts of the USA's 110th anniversary, and as one of the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas' community partners, KIB hosted 22 youth and 20 adult volunteers for a cleanup project along the Rock Island Road Bike and Pedestrian Trail. Scouts and families came from Argyle, Dallas, Frisco and Coppell to be of service, combining for 126 hours and collecting 105 pounds of trash and recyclables.

A highlight of this month was certainly the High Spirited Citizen luncheon at the Irving Convention Center, where two long-time KIB volunteers were honored for their many years of service. Congratulations to Elouise McMillian and Sammy Romero!

Irving Girl Scout Troops 6458 and 1810 had plans for a spring break cleanup with KIB, but weather moved our plans indoors on March 21, where the scouts enjoyed making model sailboats.

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Adult Day Therapeutic Program at the Irving Archive and Museum



Ocho the Clown and HSC's Pat Davenport enjoying Mardi Gras



Scouts and family celebrating the Girl Scouts' 110th Birthday

Coming Up at KIB

The big event of the spring is the Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off on April 2 at Trinity View Park from 9 a.m. to noon. We hope to see many KIB volunteers there! This is also a canned food drive, with donations going to Crisis Ministries.

The rest of the month will be full of Earth Day activities, including a paint project at the Fritz Petting Farm with Abbott Labs, a cleanup with the Adult Day Therapeutic Program where we

will also learn about recycling, and an Earth Day project at the West Library where we will construct birdhouses.

EarthX returns to an in-person event this year, from April 20-24 at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas.

KIB wraps up March with the City's Arbor Day event on April 30, the annual celebration of trees and Irving as a Tree City USA.



KIB volunteers and High Spirited Citizens—Elouise and Sammy

