



KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWS

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MARCH ACTIVITIES

As spring arrives, things get pretty busy at KIB. We started the month with a cleanup on March 5 at T.W. Richardson Grove Park with employee volunteers from Verizon. The group of 12 combined for 24 hours of service and collected 54 pounds of trash and 17 pounds of recyclables. We had two more cleanups during the month, including a Spring Break project with Irving Girl Scout Troops and family members. They met at the KIB office on March 11, then had a cleanup at the Rock Island Bike and Pedestrian Trail. The final cleanup was with Greystar on March 27, where the 15 employee volunteers picked up litter at Bird's Fort Trail, collecting 51 pounds of trash and recyclables.

KIB staff reached out to all age groups this month. We visited the VIP Living Center Nursing Home on March 7 and brought birdhouses for the residents to paint. On March 15, we had another art project with the kindergartners at Miss Bloomingdale's Academy. The 14 children painted toy boats which had been donated by Home Depot and assembled by their employees. In between, we had a visit to the Heritage Senior Center on March 8, where we always enjoy talking with the seniors and promoting recycling and clean public spaces.

We wrapped up March with our Quarterly Litter Survey on March 29, where we drive a route and score the levels of visible litter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KIB's biggest spring event, the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off will take place on April 6 at Trinity View Park, from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is full, but you can participate remotely by conducting a cleanup at a safe location of your choice, and posting pictures on social media – Facebook, Twitter (X) or Instagram. Include the total number of volunteers, hours, bags of trash and recyclables collected, and you will be part of this event, too!

The total solar eclipse is coming on April 8, and there will be two Irving events, one at Levy Plaza and one at Heritage Park. Check the City webpage for details.

KIB will have two tree planting events in April. The first is with Abbott Laboratories employee volunteers, who will be planting trees at the City of Irving Tree Farm on April 15. Abbott has participated in several plantings in the past, and will be guided by our Urban Forestry Team. Our Earth Day event on April 22 will be with the Dallas Everest Lions Club at Thomas Jefferson Park. These Lions have made a tradition of funding and planting trees with KIB each year, and we appreciate their dedication.

The celebration of trees, Arbor Day, will be held on Friday evening, April 26, at Heritage Park in conjunction with the Concerts on Main Series.



Above: Verizon employee volunteers at T.W. Richardson Grove Park; Below: Girl Scouts before their cleanup at the Rock Island Trail



Above: Greystar employee volunteers at Bird's Fort Trail Park; Below: Seniors visit the KIB table at Heritage Senior Center

