

KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWSLETTER



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JULY HAPPENINGS AT KIB

Faith, youth and charitable organizations were predominant in KIB's July. This was our second year to be a part of Calvary Church Irving's "SERVE Day," where members volunteer with area nonprofit organizations. At this year's SERVE Day on July 13, KIB had two teams who worked at Irving city parks which are located on the grounds of two Irving ISD schools. The groups painted pavilions at A.S. Johnston and at Lively Elementary School Parks, with 17 adults and 13 youth giving 99 hours of service. On July 16, KIB staff made their annual visit to Emma's House along with Buddy the Blue Bag to talk about the importance of recycling and not littering. The 516 Student Ministry of Christ Church spent part of their summer service week with KIB at Trinity View Park, where they painted the bases of four light poles at one of the football fields, as well as safety railings in the spectator area. The 10 youth and 3 adults gave 45 hours in the project. KIB brought our environmental skit to Senter Park Recreation Center on July 29 to entertain and teach the summer campers about recycling. Senter staff members wore the costumes of Kirby, Buddy and the Litterbug and performed the skit for the children. On July 30, KIB welcomed members of the BAPS Charities to the KIB office for the official presentation of a \$2,500 check from their Walk Dallas fundraiser. Mayor Stopfer and his wife Melanie also attended. Thank you, BAPS for your generous donation! We ended the month on a very positive note – we received notification that KIB had been awarded a \$5,000 Keep America Beautiful/UPS Foundation Tree Planting Grant. These funds will be used to plant trees along the riverbank at Sam Houston Trail Park, replacing those lost in flooding.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 5 - Mayor and KIB Awards Reception, First Baptist Church. Full list of award winners can be found on website.
- August 15 - STAR North Texas Luncheon, where KIB will be recognized with Honorable Mention in Public Education and Environmental Outreach.
- September 28, "Save the Date" - 28th Annual Trash Bash at TW Richardson Grove Park. Registration is open now on KIB website.

Speaking of the Trash Bash, we will once again partner with Crisis Ministries to include a canned food drive to help those in the community who can benefit from the kindness of others. Over the past few years, KIB volunteers have brought in hundreds of items to donate. At KIB, we feel that taking care of our residents is also part of keeping Irving beautiful, and organizations like Crisis Ministries and Irving Cares provide great services to those in need.



Top to Bottom: Calvary SERVE Day team at A.S. Johnston Park; Christ Church 516 Student Ministry at Trinity View Park; Senter Park Mascot Skit; BAPS Charities members present check to KIB.

