



Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



Irving Wins 2022 GCAA

Keep Irving Beautiful staff brought back some great ideas and new connections from the annual Keep Texas Beautiful State Conference in Austin, as well as several awards. KIB received both the Gold Star Affiliate and Sustained Excellence Awards, and we were honored to represent Irving by accepting the Governor's Community Achievement Award. This award is sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation, and is indicative of all the great work done by so many here in Irving.

July brought some fun indoor activities, including our birdhouse project. Three youth volunteers from Mustang Recreation Center who helped us this month by making birdhouses. Great job!

We introduced a new activity in July with two river rock painting projects. The first was with our friends from the Adult Day Therapeutic Program, who joined us at the Irving Archives and Museum's Spark!Lab on July 7. While their rocks were drying, the clients had the opportunity to explore the lab's different STEM stations. Our other rock-painting group consisted of members of Girls Scout Troops 1810 and 6458, who came to the KIB office on July 11. While they painted, the girls brainstormed ideas on how the rocks could be incorporated into activities.

KIB has a long history of working with the Best Buy Store 205 on Airport Freeway here in Irving, and we were happy to welcome them back for another project. Employee

Coming Up Soon!

August at Keep Irving Beautiful means that it's time for the Annual Mayor and KIB Awards. This year we are honoring 11 winners in nine categories, all of them worthy of recognition for what they do to make our community a better place. Our new location is the Jack Huffman Community Building, and the event will be Monday, August 1. Cathy Whiteman will join us once again as our emcee, and we are always honored to have Mayor Stopfer there to present the awards.



KIB staff joined by Keep Texas Beautiful and TxDOT for the GCAA check presentation

volunteers joined us on July 15 for a paint project at Southwest Park. They prepped and painted the metal fencing at the soccer field, with seven volunteers giving 21 hours of service.

KIB brought the environmental mascot skit to two Recreation Centers - Mustang Park on July 14, and Senter Park on July 18. The skit features toucan mascot Kirby, Buddy the Blue Recycling Bag, and the Litterbug, who transforms into the Recyclebug after being taught why it is important to not litter and to recycle. The performances always end with the crowd favorite, a dance-off between the mascots.

We reported last month that the Irving Hawks Chapter of the Young Men's Service League (YMSL) made and delivered no-sew blankets and blessing bags. These young men and their mothers continued this in July, delivering more blankets and blessing bags to the KIB office on July 21.

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Youth from Mustang Recreation Center made birdhouses



Girl Scout Troops 1810 and 6458 with their river rocks



Best Buy Store 205 volunteers at Southwest Park



Kirby, Buddy and the RecycleBug end the skit with a dance-off

