

# KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL



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Photos (clockwise from upper left): Summer Campers from Senter Park and Georgia Farrow with their tree seedlings; Dallas College North Lake SGA at their cleanup; KIB volunteer Louis Gonzalez displays the no-sew blanket he made.

July was a month filled with trees – learning about different species and their benefits, followed by planting activities. KIB and the City of Irving Parks and Recreation Urban Forestry and Horticulture Teams visited three Recreation Centers' Summer Camp Programs - Senter Park on July 10, Northwest Park on July 12 and Georgia Farrow on July 17. With these three visits and one to Mustang in June, KIB was able to provide tree seedlings for 140 children to plant, take home and care for, as well as several of the staff members, who enjoyed planting their own trees.

Dallas College – North Lake Student Government Association (SGA) joined KIB for a cleanup of the Rock Island Bike and Pedestrian Trail on July 13, conveniently located right across the street from the KIB office. The six volunteers gave 12 hours of service and collected 35 pounds of trash and recyclables from the tree line near the trail. This was followed by a cleanup with new partner - Goldman Sachs, whose employee volunteers held their cleanup at T.W. Richardson Grove Park on July 21. The 35 volunteers gave 87.5 hours of service and collected 58 pounds of trash and recyclables. Through their efforts, they kept litter from reaching the Elm Fork of the Trinity River – always an important task for this vital waterway.

What a fun event on Saturday, July 22 at Heritage Park in honor of National Recreation and Parks Month – “Where Irving Grows.” You could find KIB staff on the birdfeeder team, where we helped attendees construct and paint small birdfeeders.

## LOCAL RESOURCES

Our friends at the Irving Flood Control District 3 (IFCD3) have launched a new program called “IFCD3 for Kids.” The self-guided course teaches about weather patterns and flood control methods through a variety of fun-filled activities. Check it out at [IFCD3.org](http://IFCD3.org), and be sure to pass this information on to any young weather watchers!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

August is the month where we honor our local stars at the Mayor and KIB Annual Awards event. This year's event will be held at the Jack D. Huffman Community Building Monday, August 7. Attendees will be treated to an appetizer buffet and will have the chance to visit the Irving Museum prior to the awards ceremony. A full list of winners can be found on the KIB website. Look for pictures in next month's newsletter and on social media.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in volunteering with KIB but don't know where to start? You may be interested in the no-sew blanket project, Call the KIB office at 972-721-2175 to arrange to pick up a blanket kit (while supplies last) you can make at home and we will donate it to a worthy cause.

“Adopt-a-Spot” is another way to help. Contact KIB to find out more information, and you could be like Irving Intensity Cheer and Dance – our latest adopters!