

KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL



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Photos (clockwise from upper left): Cimarron Homeschoolers art project and tree seedlings; Connectrac volunteers at Trinity View Park; Girl Scouts ready for their cleanup.

November was a month full of a little bit of everything that KIB does. First event was a speaking engagement at the Irving Sunrise Rotary Club meeting on Nov 2. KIB staff member Julie Schmitt gave a presentation on this year's projects, with a special emphasis on the Adopt-a-Spot program. Sunrise Rotary members have participated in Adopt-a-Spot for the past six years.

KIB has supported the Irving Lake Association's cleanups of Lake Vilbig for 20+ years by providing supplies like litter grabbers, gloves, trash and recycle bags. They had their fall cleanup on Nov 4, where 19 volunteers spent 57 hours, and collected 1,600 pounds of trash from the lake and shoreline.

KIB visited Cimarron Recreation Center on Nov. 8, where the homeschool group did an art project, then planted tree seedlings to take home. Another youth-focused event was the Thomas Haley Career Day on Nov. 17, where KIB staff spoke to five classes of 2nd-graders.

Cleanups are a great way to be of service, and we hosted two this month. We welcomed Dallas-based Connectrac back to Trinity View Park for a cleanup on Nov. 16. The group of 22 gave 66 hours of service and collected 182 pounds of trash and 142 pounds of recyclables. Members of Irving Girl Scout Troops 6457, 8372 and 6458 met at the KIB office on Nov. 20 for a cleanup of the Rock Island Road Bike and Pedestrian Trail.



CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SENIORS

Please help KIB and the Irving Public Library put smiles on the faces of local seniors by making Christmas Cards. Bring these to the KIB office or any Irving Public Library by Dec. 10, and we'll be sure to deliver them to nursing home residents in time for Christmas.

LOOKING AHEAD

Upcoming plans include a card-making day with the Adult Day Therapeutic Program on Dec 7, and two cleanups - one with Verizon volunteers at Bird's Fort Trail on Dec. 6, and the other with the City Management Team at Trinity View Park on Dec. 13.

The KIB office will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday. We wish everyone a very happy holiday and look forward to an exciting and eventful 2024.