

# KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWSLETTER



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## KIB BEGINS 2019 WITH SERVICE

Keep Irving Beautiful started the new year by resuming our regular monthly board meetings, where the board was given an overview of the many events and accomplishments the organization had in 2018, and began planning for an equally successful 2019. Our first visit of the year was to the Heritage Senior Center on Jan 21, Martin Luther King Day. KIB staff talked to seniors about clean public spaces, recycling and other environmentally-friendly practices, and distributed reusable shopping bags, books donated by the Friends of the Library, and 2019 “Don’t Mess with Texas” calendars. Our first volunteer project of the year was with some familiar faces, those of Best Buy Store 205 employees. In their third project in the past few months, this enthusiastic group gave a fresh coat of paint to the interior of the Georgia Farrow Recreation Center on Jan 23. Previously they had completed projects at two Irving Fire Department facilities, and this last effort brought their volunteer total to 68.5 hours of service. Thank you, Best Buy!

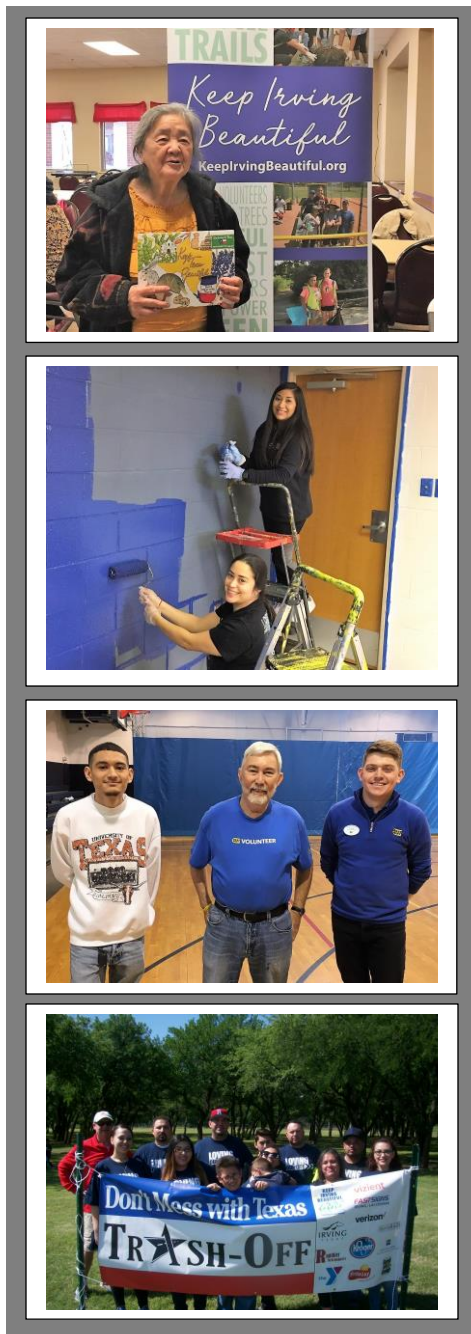
January is also the month where we concentrate on award applications for Keep Texas Beautiful. Staff was busy preparing and submitting nominations for several of our community partners, as well as the Governor’s Community Achievement Award on behalf of the entire city. We did receive some good news from Keep America Beautiful, that KIB will be honored with the Sustained Excellence Award for the fourth consecutive year, as well as the President’s Circle designation. Staff will accept these awards this month at the National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

## SAVE THE DATE – APRIL 6 – THE TRASH-OFF!

KIB hosts the “Don’t Mess with Texas Trash-Off” every year as our part of our state’s signature event of the “Great American Cleanup.” This year’s event will be held at Trinity View Park on April 6. Volunteers will meet at the pavilion by the soccer fields, sign in and be ready to go by 9 a.m., as they spread out across the park and pick up litter before it reaches the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. Registration opens soon at [www.keepirvingbeautiful.org](http://www.keepirvingbeautiful.org).

### Upcoming Dates of Note:

- Feb 2: Christ Church Youth Group “516 Students” cleanup
- Feb 5: North Lake College Service Learning Fair, Central Campus
- Feb 6-8: Keep America Beautiful National Conference, Baltimore.
- Feb 15: GCAA Applications due to Keep Texas Beautiful
- Feb 20: KIB Monthly Board Meeting, 11:00 a.m.
- Feb 22: KTB State Awards Applications due



*Top: One of the Heritage Seniors with a Don't Mess with Texas calendar; Middle two: Best Buy volunteers at the Georgia Farrow Recreation Center; Bottom: "Save the Date" of April 6 for the annual Trash-Off/Great American Cleanup.*

