



Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



June Beautification Projects

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Keep Irving Beautiful welcomed its first group of volunteers in two months, when members of Girl Scout Troop 6458 came to the KIB office on May 27 to participate in a beautification project. The two scouts and their parents made a big impact by applying a fresh coat of safety yellow paint to bollards which surround the building. They returned on June 11 to paint metal railings, giving a total of 27 hours of service.



KIB and city staff at one of the project sites - Senter Park Pool.

We continued to partner with the city's Recreation team, working with Heritage Senior Center staffers for six different paint projects during May and June at Parks facilities. These included the pavilion at Lively Park, both indoors and outdoors at Senter Park Recreation Center, and our ongoing work at the Senter East Building.

On June 11, KIB staff once again had the opportunity to assist the North Texas Food Bank. Working alongside other city staff members and Christ Church volunteers, we helped distribute boxes of food - including dry goods, fresh produce and dairy - at the drive-through food pantry held at North Lake College.

Home Project Ideas

A few ideas for keeping busy while you spend more time at home:

- Organize a family neighborhood cleanup. KIB will be happy to loan the volunteer vests, litter grabbers, gloves, trash and recycle bags. Be sure to wear your masks and observe social distancing guidelines, and report back with the results. You might find you enjoy this activity so much that you will want to become part of our longest-running program, "Adopt-a-Spot."
- Join KIB's "No-Sew Blanket Project" by making baby blankets to be donated to a worthy organization in the Irving area. The kits can be purchased online from numerous vendors, and KIB can loan fabric scissors and supply instructions.

Congratulation to the winners of the 2020 "Mayor and KIB Awards." They are:

- Youth: Girl Scout Troop 6458
- Educator: Bernardo Frias, Infinity Prep, and Amanda Mello, North Lake College
- Faith: BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir
- Business: Pernod Ricard USA
- Civic Organization: Elks Lodge 2334
- Nonprofit : All Things Made New
- Lifetime Achievement: Anna Walther
- Government : Irving Public Libraries
- Civil Servant: Irving Fire Dept Station 2
- KIB Hometown : Jo Ann Goin, Kyle Taylor

- Making crafts from repurposed items (think reduce-reuse-recycle-repurpose). Bird feeders are always a welcome addition to your yard, and we found lots of different ideas. A favorite is made from a recycled 2-liter soda bottle, two wooden spoons and string. Cut two holes directly across from each other (two more on the opposite sides if you want), insert the spoons, which serve as a perch for the birds. Fill with bird seed, place the cap on and tie a string around the neck of the bottle. Tie the string to a branch or railing, and watch the birds enjoy their treat. Research "recycled crafts" online and see how many ideas you can find to make use of items you have around the house!



Heritage staffer TJ Friedel at Senter Park Recreation Center



Family members also volunteered with KIB beautification projects



KIB Staff loaded boxes for the North Texas Food Bank



Irving Sunrise Rotary Adopt-a-Spot team members haven't missed a cleanup yet!

