



Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



KIB Volunteers in Action

KIB closed April by attending the City of Irving's annual Arbor Day in the beautiful new Heritage Park on April 30. Approximately 350 people attended the event, which included live music, tree giveaways, photo booths and tree climbing. Many stopped by the KIB table to learn about recycling and solar ovens.

The end of the Irving ISD school year always includes "Career Days." KIB staff was honored to present at both Brandenburg and Gilbert Elementary Schools on May 17 and 20. Accompanied by mascot "Kirby," staff talked about the importance of volunteers and how they can help keep our community clean and beautiful by not littering. The students, who ranged from first to fifth grade, also learned about items that can be made from recycled materials.

KIB teamed with two corporate partners for cleanups at Bird's Fort Trail Park. The first was Manhattan Construction, with eight volunteers working eight hours and collecting 20 pounds of litter in their first project with KIB. Nine employee volunteers from longtime KIB partner Verizon gathered at Bird's Fort Trail on May 17 for their cleanup. This group from Verizon's financial department collected 55 pounds of trash and recyclables in their 18 hours of service, helping to keep litter from reaching the Elm Fork of the Trinity River.



Amazon DAL-3 Warriors Team at Southwest Park

On May 26, volunteers from the Amazon DAL-3 Fulfillment Center "Warriors" group partnered with KIB for their Memorial Day service project. The group of eight veterans and supporters gave 24 hours of service by painting the fencing surrounding the Southwest Park soccer field.

The youth from the City of Irving recreation centers have been enjoying helping KIB with several projects. At Northwest Park they constructed birdhouses from kits, and also made a no-sew blanket. We are looking forward to a tree planting project with them in the summer camp program.

Nominations for the annual "Mayor and KIB Awards" will be open through June 10. If you know of an individual or group who has gone above and beyond to better our city, please nominate them for an award! The form can be found on the KIB website.

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Manhattan Construction Volunteers at Bird's Fort Trail



Verizon team members also had a cleanup at Bird's Fort Trail



Northwest Recreation Center volunteer with birdhouse

Coming Up in June

KIB continues to schedule new projects for the summer season. Nexstar will partner with KIB for a second year for the "Founder's Day of Caring" event on June 17. Employee volunteers will conduct a cleanup of Bird's Fort Trail Park and will also hold a canned food drive to benefit Irving Cares.

We will welcome a new partner to Trinity View Park on June 10 - Arca Continental Coca-Cola Southwest Bottling. Volunteers will participate in a combination paint project and cleanup.

KIB staff will be in Austin June 27-29 for the annual Keep Texas Beautiful State Conference. In addition to attending a variety of educational sessions, networking with other affiliates and learning new ideas for enhancing KIB programs, they will have the honor of accepting the Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA). This marks the fifth time that Irving has won this prestigious award shared by the entire community.



Northwest youth also made a no-sew blanket to be donated

