



KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWS

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MAY ACTIVITIES AT KIB

May was a month filled with projects involving all ages, from elementary school to senior citizens, and everything in between. We started the month with the first of three elementary school career days at Hanes on May 2, followed by Barton on May 14, and Gilbert on May 17. Staff brought mascot Kirby along to help tell the KIB story and talk about the importance of volunteering, recycling and litter abatement. There were approximately 350 students in attendance, ranging from kindergarteners to 5th graders.

Cleanups always play a big part in KIB activities, and we started on May 10 with Gartner, Inc. employee volunteers, who had a cleanup at Bird's Fort Trail Park. Next we welcomed new partner Nasdaq, who had their own cleanup at the same location on May 17. These groups combined for a total of 30 volunteers, 60 hours, 38 pounds of trash and 18 pounds of recyclables collected and prevented from reaching the Elm Fork of the Trinity River.

KIB staff paid a visit to the Heritage Senior Center (HSC) on May 22, and brought birdhouses which had been assembled by volunteers, along with paints and supplies. The HSC members showed off their special talents and creativity in painting the birdhouse, which they were able to take home and enjoy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KIB will visit all six Irving Recreation Summer Camp Programs, starting with Lee Park on June 3, with Cimarron, Mustang, Northwest, Georgia Farrow and Senter to follow. In previous years we performed the mascot skit and planted tree seedlings. This year we will focus on litter and recycling, with an educational workbook session followed by cleanups around the centers.

We have two cleanups scheduled, with Wells Fargo Auto on Jun 11 at T.W. Richardson Grove, and Stantec on June 20 at Bird's Fort Trail.

Staff will attend the virtual Keep Texas Beautiful State Conference from June 24-26.

AWARDS

Reminder that the "Mayor and KIB Annual Awards" nominations will close June 7. This is your chance to help us recognize those who go above and beyond in their service to Irving. If you want to honor a group or individual, award categories and full details, including an application form, can be found on the KIB webpage.

In other awards news, KIB Board member Dr. Roy Vu attended the TCEQ conference in Austin on May 15, where he accepted the 2024 Environmental Excellence Award in the Education Category on behalf of Keep Irving Beautiful.



Employee volunteers from Gartner, (above) and Nasdaq (below) both had cleanups at Bird's Fort Trail Park in May



Above: Heritage Senior Center birdhouse activity ; Below: Dr. Roy Vu accepting the TCEQ Award

