

KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWSLETTER



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KEEPING LITTER FROM REACHING WATERWAYS

The “Don’t Mess with Texas Trash-Off,” our state’s signature event of the “Great American Cleanup,” will be held at Trinity View Park on April 6. We welcome volunteers of all ages to this event, which is much more than just a cleanup. It is a commitment to keep litter from reaching the Elm Fork of the Trinity River, part of an important waterway that serves millions of Texans’ water needs. The Trinity watershed is also a natural habitat for a great variety of wildlife, including mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians, encompassing at least five of the ten Texas eco-systems as the river courses from North Texas to the Gulf of Mexico. Trinity View Park is part of Irving’s Champion Trails system, which follows the Elm Fork along the east border, and the West Fork along the south border. It offers visitors the chance to explore and gain a new appreciation of this natural resource as they run, walk, skate, cycle, or even pick up litter along the miles of trails.

To help do your part in this important effort, please register online at www.keepirvingbeautiful.org through March 29, and we will see you at Trinity View Park on April 6!

FEBRUARY EVENTS

The Christ Church “516 Students” youth group joined KIB on February 2 for a neighborhood cleanup south of the church. A total of 46 youth and adults combined for 92 hours of service and collected 132 pounds of trash and recyclables. KIB continued its partnership with the North Lake College Service Learning Program by attending the SL Fair on February 5 and speaking with students. KIB staff attended the Keep America Beautiful National Conference in Baltimore February 6-8. In addition to networking with other affiliates from across the nation and receiving training at educational sessions, they also accepted two awards. One was the President’s Circle, the highest affiliate level, and the other was the Sustained Excellence Award, with KIB being one of only 7 affiliates in the 620+ member network to achieve that distinction.

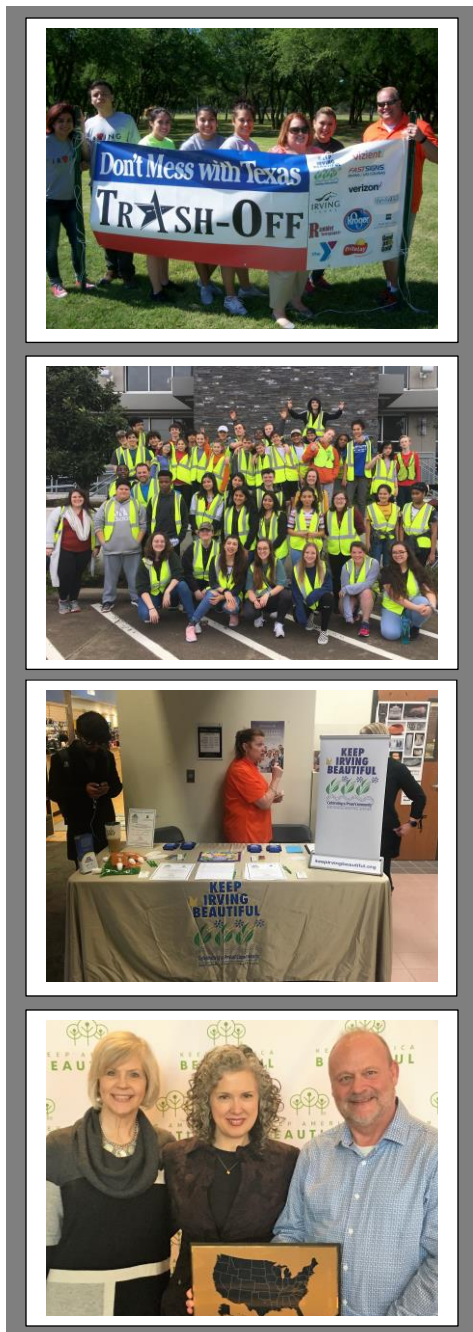
Upcoming Dates of Note:

Mar 7: Otis Brown Elementary Career Day

Mar 20: KIB Monthly Board Meeting, 11:00 a.m.

April 4: Javelin Employee Volunteer Cleanup, Bird’s Fort Trail

April 6: Don’t Mess with Texas Trash-Off, Trinity View Park



Top to Bottom: Trash-Off registration is open through March 29; Christ Church 516 Students at cleanup Feb 2; KIB Board member Candace Eldridge at North Lake Service Learning Fair; KIB staff with KAB CEO Helen Lowman at National Conference.

