

KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL



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Photos (clockwise from upper left): Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off; Irving High Students' virtual Trash-Off; Dallas Everest Lions; Adult Day Therapeutic Program at the Butterfly Garden

"Earth Month" began with two events on April 1st – the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off and the 30th annual Irving Lake Association Spring Cleanup of Lake Vilbig. 215 volunteers gathered at Trinity View Park for the Trash-Off, where they collected 1,200 pounds of trash and 1,120 pounds of recyclables. They also donated 315 pounds of food to Crisis Ministries food pantry. KIB also offered a virtual option that added another 56 hours of service. The ILA collected 6,710 pounds of trash from the lake and shoreline. KIB has provided supplies for this cleanup for many years.

The Dallas Everest Lions Club Tree participated in their third tree planting with KIB and the Urban Forestry Team on April 11. They planted 10 trees at the city's Tree Farm at Mountain Creek Preserve, and also funded the project with a generous donation.

KIB staff made visits to Thomas Haley Elementary for Career Day on April 6, and the Heritage Senior Center on April 13, delivering the KIB message to residents of all ages.

The Adult Day Therapeutic Program had their Earth Day event on April 20 at the Bird's Fort Trail Butterfly Garden. Not only did they learn about plants and pollinators from the Friends of Irving Gardens, they also got their hands dirty and helped with garden maintenance.

CAREER DAYS

May is a popular month for schools in the Irving ISD to hold Career Days, and KIB will attend three - at Gilbert, Barton and Brandenburg on May 12, 19 and 26 – to talk about KIB programs, and focus on why it is important to volunteer, recycle, and take care of the environment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Verizon employee volunteers will join KIB at T.W. Richardson Grove Park for a cleanup on May 2, working to keep litter from reaching the Elm Fork of the Trinity River.

Later that same week, the employee volunteers from Avande will also be at the Champion Trails to conduct a cleanup. Theirs will be at Bird's Fort Trail Park on May 5.

KIB will be back at the Heritage Senior Center on May 12 to celebrate "Older Americans Month" with our great group of seniors.

Look for KIB staff at "Water Safety Day" at the North Lake Aquatic Center on May 20. In addition to the KIB information table, staff will prepare and serve a hot dog lunch for those attending.