

KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL



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Photos (clockwise from upper left): Vizient Community Day at Trinity View Park; Verizon volunteers at Bird's Fort Trail Park; Adult Day Therapeutic Program at the Criminal Justice Center; Children's Discovery Center and their tree seedlings.

KIB began the month on Oct 4 with an event that we have done for the past 22 years – the annual Litter Index Survey. KIB Board and staff members drove specific routes across the city and scored the amount of visible litter. Results were an overall decrease of 31% from the 2021 baseline score.

Vizient Inc. partnered with KIB for their annual "Community Day" event on Oct 10. This was a beautification project at Trinity View Park where they painted structures at the recently installed playscape area. Another corporate partner, Verizon, held a cleanup at Bird's Fort Trail Park on Oct 17, where they helped keep litter from reaching the Elm Fork of the Trinity River.

It's always a great time when we can get together with the Lively Adult Day Therapeutic Program, and we did just that on Oct 19. We all met at the Criminal Justice Center for a tour. Special thanks to the Irving Police Department and Sergeant Laura Craft for coordinating this visit, and to all the staff who were so welcoming and informative.

The Urban Forestry Team and KIB visited the Children's Discovery Center on Oct 25, where we helped 14 children plant their own tree seedlings to take home and care for.

October ended with a visit to the Heritage Senior Center for their Halloween themed "Monster Mash" on Oct 31. KIB staff cooked and served a hot dog lunch for the seniors.

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

Get ready to recycle, Irving! America (and Texas) Recycles Day is Nov 15. KIB will conduct its virtual event from Nov 1 through Nov 15. Post photos on social media showing how you recycle and use the #IrvingRecycles2023 hashtag. Include the number of volunteers, hours and bags of recyclables collected. Or show items you made from recycled materials! Details can be found on the KIB Facebook page!

UPCOMING EVENTS

KIB will start the month with a presentation at the Irving Sunrise Rotary Club meeting on Nov 2.

The Irving Lake Association (ILA) will hold its fall cleanup of Lake Vilbig on Nov 4. KIB will supply the group – as we have done for more than 20 years – with vests, litter grabbers, gloves and bags.

We will welcome Dallas-based Connectrac to Irving (Trinity View Park) where employee volunteers will beautify the park with a cleanup.

Our first Career Day of this school year will be at Thomas Haley Elementary on Nov 17. The children always enjoy meeting KIB mascot Kirby and learning about what KIB does.

Gartner employee volunteers will meet KIB at Bird's Fort Trail Park on Nov 30 to end the month with a cleanup.

The KIB office will be closed on Nov 23 and 24 in observance of the holiday. We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.