



Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



31st Annual Trash Bash a Big Success

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Keep Irving Beautiful hosted the 31st Annual Trash Bash on Saturday, Sept. 24, at T.W. Richardson Grove Park. It was a beautiful morning for a cleanup, and 409 volunteers turned out for the event. When all the bags were weighed (thank you, Solid Waste Services), they collected 860 pounds of trash and 410 pounds of recyclables. But this event is much more than picking up litter, and we had a great variety of fun and educational activities. These included:

Irving Public Library, who presented three puppet shows; City of Irving Urban Forestry Team, who distributed tree seedlings and helped volunteers pot them; Barry Allen, with his collection of reptiles; Randy Mecca of DiscGames who provided disc golf activities; City of Irving Water Utilities who had their popular table and supplied water; Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas, who had a STEM activity; Arca Continental Southwest Beverages, who provided Coca-Cola products; Level Pathways and Irving Flood Control District III, who both had information tables.

We send special thanks to: members of Nueva Vida Church who prepared and served the hot dog lunch, which included chips donated by the Frito-Lay Irving facility; Young Men's Service League Irving Hawks, who distributed supplies; and the Singley Police Explorers, who directed traffic and assisted with parking.

Here at KIB, we believe that taking care of the environment also means taking care of the people in it, so we partnered once again with Crisis Ministries for a food drive. Volunteers

Coming this Fall

October holds a variety of events, starting with the annual Litter Index Survey on Oct. 7. This is a survey of visible litter, and is conducted along the same routes each year. This is one of the Keep America Beautiful requirements for maintaining our President's Circle status.

Longtime partner Vizient will hold its annual "Community Day" on Oct. 10. The KIB team will be beautifying Trinity View Park with a paint project. ConnecTrac employee volunteers will also meet at Trinity View for a paint



Members of Ben Washington Baptist Church volunteered at the 31st Annual Trash Bash



Lady Bird Johnson Middle School Girls Leadership Group

who brought a canned food donation received a Trash Bash T-shirt. A total of 376 pounds of food was collected to benefit the downtown food pantry.

We also offered a remote/virtual option for those who couldn't attend in person. Thanks to Nichols Park Neighborhood Association and two Irving Rec Centers - Lee and Northwest - for conducting their own cleanups and reporting to us.

There was more than just the Trash Bash going on this past month. On Sept. 9, KIB visited the Children's Discovery Center (CDC) at First Baptist Church. We brought mascot Kirby along to teach about recycling and the importance of keeping our environment clean, and distributed backpacks and activity books to the 23 children in attendance.

KIB staff visited T.J. Lee Elementary on Sept. 28 to present on the Adopt-a-Spot Program, and we are planning more school visits in the future.



Lee Park Rec Center after-school program Trash Bash cleanup



Northwest Park Rec Center children also joined the remote Trash Bash

project the following week on Oct. 18. That park is going to look fantastic, thanks to KIB volunteers!

Other events to look forward to later this fall are the return of the Christmas Card campaign, where we will be partnering with the Irving Public Library, and America Recycles Day, which we will conduct virtually via social media. All are welcome to participate in these activities, so be on the lookout for more information!



"Kirby" at the First Irving Children's Discovery Center

