

# KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL



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Photos (clockwise from upper left): Scenes from the Trash Bash: Singley Police Explorers; volunteers in action; the very popular face painter; KIB staff at Pioneer's Philanthropy Fair.

## 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TRASH BASH A HUGE SUCCESS!

T.W. Richardson Grove Park was the scene for a busy, work-filled and fun-filled day on Sept 23, for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trash Bash. The event drew 428 volunteers who gave 1,284 hours of service and collected 1,680 pounds of trash and 660 pounds of recyclables. But this event was much more than a cleanup. After their morning of collecting litter (preventing it from reaching the Elm Fork of the Trinity River), volunteers enjoyed a lunch of hot dogs, chips and pizza. They also experienced variety of activities such as potting tree seedlings with the Urban Forestry Team, watching the Irving Public Library's puppet shows, doing a STEM activity at the Girl Scout table, learning about water conservation from Water Utilities, or getting information from Well Med, Level Pathways, Irving Flood Control District III and the Irving Fire Department. Popular additions this year were the face painter and balloon twister. Volunteers also donated a record 810 pounds of canned goods to benefit Crisis Ministries.

Many thanks to all who helped contribute to the success of the Trash Bash, including the Singley Academy Police Explorers, who guided traffic and helped with parking, YMSL – Irving Hawks who helped with supply distribution, sign-in, food service, set up and tear down, and Nueva Vida Church members as the hot dog cook team. City of Irving departments – Parks and Recreation, Solid Waste Services, Water Utilities, and Communications – all played vital roles in making this the best Trash Bash ever.

## KIB OUTREACH

KIB enjoyed several outreach opportunities this month. First was a visit to Heritage Senior Center on Sept 7, to promote planting personal gardens and increasing recycling. Next was the Pioneer Natural Resources Philanthropy Fair Sept 14, where nonprofits shared volunteer opportunities. KIB Coordinator Rick Hose was the guest presenter at the Green Advisory Board Sept 26.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

KIB will start October with the annual Litter Index on Oct 4. Staff and board members will drive a route across the city and assess the visible litter, then compare scores to the baseline data from the original 2001 study. This is a Keep America Beautiful initiative and is one of the requirements for KIB to maintain the President's Circle level in that organization.

Corporate service days will fill much of the rest of the month. Gartner employee volunteers will have a cleanup at Bird's Fort Trail on Oct 5, then Verizon volunteers will follow up at the same location on Oct. 17. KIB will once again be a partner in Vizient's annual "Community Day" event on Oct 10, where volunteers will participate in a beautification project at Trinity View Park.

We are looking forward to Oct 19, when we will join the Adult Day Therapeutic Program group for a tour of the Criminal Justice Center. A big thank you to the Irving Police Department for welcoming us.