



Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



Awards Ceremony Honors Irving's Stars

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Keep Irving Beautiful hosts an annual awards ceremony and reception each August to honor individuals and organizations who have gone above and beyond to make our community a better place to live work and play. This year's event was held on Monday, August 7, at the First Baptist Church of Irving, where 151 in attendance enjoyed the beautiful harp music of Becky Scherschell while they dined at an appetizer buffet catered by Glory House. Mayor Rick Stopfer served as the honorary chair, and ICTN's Cathy Whiteman returned for her seventh time as the emcee. Awards presented were:

- Youth Leadership: **Boy Scout Troop 508**
- Educator: **Kelly Giddens, Principal, Barton Elementary, and Brandon Morton, North Lake College**
- Faith Groups: **Baptist Benevolent Ministries of Irving (BBMOI)**
- Business and Industry: **FASTSIGNS Irving / Las Colinas, and Verizon**
- Media: **Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce**
- Civic Organization: **DFW Humane Society**
- Lifetime Achievement: **Shareen Altum**
- Green Government: **City of Irving Water Utilities Department**
- Civil Servant: **Detective John Schingle, Irving Police Department**
- KIB Hometown: **Barry Allen and David Palmer**

In addition to these awards, the **City of Irving Code Enforcement Department** was recognized for winning both a 1st Place Keep America



The 2017 Mayor and KIB Annual Award winners gathered for pictures after the ceremony, held at First Baptist Church of Irving on August 7.

Beautiful National Award and a 2nd Place Keep Texas Beautiful State Award in the Government Categories. KIB was also acknowledged for the awards they have received as an affiliate at the state and national level. These include the Gold Star from Keep Texas Beautiful, and the President's Circle from Keep America Beautiful, both the highest levels an affiliate can achieve, as well as the Sustained Excellence Award from both KTB and KAB.

Keeping with the award theme, KIB received another honor this month from the State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR) North Texas—1st Place for Excellence in Environmental Public Education and Outreach. Staff attended their awards luncheon on August 23, and their winning application will now be submitted to the state STAR organization for consideration.

Did You Know?

Here are ways to save energy that you might not have thought about, courtesy of Earth 911:

- Placing things that heat up, like lamps or TVs, near your thermostat sensor can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary because the thermostat senses heat from the appliances. Rearrange those items to save energy.
- Plugging electronics into a power strip makes it more convenient to switch everything off at once, saving up to 12% on your energy bill.
- Don't close heat registers in rooms you aren't using if you have a forced-air furnace. The furnace can't sense this, and still works as hard, plus cold air from those rooms escapes into other areas, decreasing the effectiveness of your insulation and weatherizing efforts.



KIB staff accepting the STAR North Texas Excellence in Environmental Public Education and Outreach Program award from STAR North Texas Chair Bharati Maskey (center) at the awards luncheon on August 23.

North Texas Giving Day, Trash Bash Ahead

September is typically a very busy month for KIB - the hot summer weather starts to fade away, schools begin, and activities abound. This month is no exception. Our biggest volunteer event of the year, the 26th annual Trash Bash, is scheduled for September 30 at T.W. Richardson Grove Park, along the north Champion Trails. Please register online by September 22 for this fun way to give back to your community and meet other like-minded individuals. And remember to bring a canned food item to donate to the BBMOI food pantry. Volunteers who bring a donation item will receive a T-shirt (while supplies last!), and we think you will love the new design.

September also brings North Texas Giving Day, an "18-hour online giving extravaganza" for North Texas non-profits. This event starts at 6 a.m. on Thursday, September 14, and lasts until midnight. This year donors can schedule their gifts early, starting at 8 a.m. on September 7 through September 13 at midnight.

Click on the QR code below or go to the link to check out KIB's page on the website: <https://northtexasgivingday.org/np/keep-irving-beautiful>, and please consider a donation to help support KIB programs.



Mark your calendars for September 14, which is North Texas Giving Day. Your donation to Keep Irving Beautiful during this 18-hour period will be even more valuable due to bonus funds and special giveaways throughout the day.

