

Irving Wins Governor's 2014 Community Achievement Award

We are very proud to announce that Irving was named the winner of the **2014 Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA)**, a program created by the partnership of Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

One of the most celebrated annual environmental and community improvement awards in Texas, the GCAA recognizes Irving as having one of the best grassroots environmental programs in the state. As the winner in the largest population category, Irving received **\$310,000** for a landscaping project along a local state right-of-way.

Communities from all across the state submitted written summaries and supplemental notebooks documenting their efforts in supporting the mission of Keep Texas Beautiful, "to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment." Judges chose winners based on their achievements in seven areas:

- community leadership and coordination
- public awareness
- education
- beautification and community improvement
- litter prevention and cleanups
- solid waste management
- litter law and illegal dumping enforcement

Irving's application was prepared and submitted by Keep Irving Beautiful (KIB), but this award honors the entire community, and is truly an award for all of Irving to share and be proud of. Irving last won this award in 2010, which funded two new mustang entry signs and native landscaping at the east and west ends of Highway 356 (Irving Boulevard).

Keep Irving Beautiful accepted the award on behalf of the community at the Keep Texas Beautiful State Conference in Austin during the awards dinner and ceremony on June 24.



TxDOT's Margo Richards presents the check to KIB Coordinator Rick Hose and staff member Julie Schmitt at the GCAA ceremony in Austin