

# Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



## Irving Police Department

This month's spotlight shines on the members of the Irving Police Department, all 542 of them! Under the leadership of Chief Larry Boyd, the IPD is committed to the philosophy of community-based policing and providing the best possible service to the citizens of Irving. The department recently reported a record 10th consecutive year of crime reduction in 2015. Here are some other accomplishment from last year:

- Received and responded to 368,501 calls for service
- Held 54 community outreach events, including the implementation of the *Juntos con Irving and Coffee with a Cop* programs, and partnering with the NAACP for the *Law Enforcement and You* program
- Trained 282 women and girls in personal defense strategies
- Piloted body-worn camera products to be implemented in 2016.

The IPD has many successful programs that have been in place for years, which are built on effective community partnerships. These include the Citizens Police Academy, an educational program designed to provide residents with a working knowledge of the IPD's personnel and policies, and the Irving Citizens on Patrol, which educates interested individuals about problems unique to their neighborhoods and the City of Irving and helps develop community patrol groups. There are also numerous youth-oriented programs, which include:



From the Police Department's city website, these officers are representatives of Irving's finest.

- *Police Athletic League (PAL)*: Since 1992, the PAL program has helped at-risk youth develop self-esteem and discipline through physical fitness and exposure to positive role models. The PAL Urban Outdoors Program builds on that with the addition of activities in the great outdoors, like kayaking and rock climbing
- *Positive Role Models in Drug Education (PRIDE)*: an anti-drug program started in 1989, currently in 21 Irving schools
- *Law Enforcement Explorers*: Post 252 was chartered in 1974, and gives youth aged 14-20 the opportunity to explore law enforcement as a career. They receive training and work with officers in different divisions, including patrol, where they can ride with an officer on the street.

## Celebrate Earth Month with KIB

April 22 has been designated "Earth Day" since 1970, but at KIB, the whole month of April is our "Earth Month," and it really extends to the surrounding months as well. It's our busiest time of the year, and 2016 is no exception. Our big spring cleanup, the "Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off," is the state's signature event for the nationwide "Great American Cleanup," and communities all across Texas will be holding similar events on April 9. KIB's will be at Trinity View Park. We will also participate in one of the biggest Earth Day events in the country, Earth Day Texas, at Fair Park. The three-day event draws thousands of visitors, and KIB staff will be manning the City of Irving table on Friday, April 22. Come by

and see us! We'll also be attending the North Lake College Earth Day event on the 21st, and partnering with the Irving Lake Association for the Lake Vilbig cleanup on the 23rd. Check the calendar on our website for additional activities.

**\*\*Reminder: KIB's Go Fund Me page is up and running! Help us raise \$25,000 by our 25th anniversary in 2017!**

Scan the QR code below, or go to:  
<https://www.gofundme.com/kibturns25>



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### Did You Know?

Our friends at Earth 911 (which is based right here in North Texas) share these facts on electronics recycling, or "e-waste"

- The U.S. throws away 9.4 million tons of e-waste yearly, but only 12.5% is recycled
- One ton of circuit boards is estimated to contain 40-800 times more gold and 30-40 times more copper than in one metric ton of ore.
- Recycling one million laptops saves the energy equivalent of electricity used by 3,657 U.S. homes in a year.



"High-Five Irving 5-0" was started by Mayor Van Duyn in 2015 to acknowledge the police for "all the heart and effort they put into making our community safer and for the many volunteer hours they give our children." Please give an officer a high-5 or a big thank you for all they do!

Don't mess with Texas

TRASH-OFF

APRIL 9, 2016

The Trash-Off is coming! Please register online by April 4th! [www.KeepIrvingBeautiful.org](http://www.KeepIrvingBeautiful.org), or scan the QR code below.

