

# KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWSLETTER



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## EARTH MONTH A BIG SUCCESS

April started on a rainy note, and our annual spring cleanup, the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, had to be rescheduled due to wet conditions at the park and the threat of more rains. That did not deter us from continuing on and celebrating Earth Month in style by promoting recycling and clean public spaces at a variety of events throughout the month. Our first event was a visit to the Heritage Senior Center on April 5, where we always enjoy speaking with our seniors. A new event for KIB was the Verizon Green Expo on April 19, where their Hidden Ridge campus was filled with vendors and exhibitors offering green technologies and products. For the third straight year, KIB represented the City of Irving at their table at "EarthX (formerly Earth Day Texas), the largest environmental forum of its kind, which ran from April 20-22 at Fair Park in Dallas. KIB followed this with North Lake College's Earth Day, which has been a tradition for years. A unique feature of this year's celebration was the sealing of a time capsule to be opened in 2058, in commemoration of North Lake's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We wrapped up the month by getting a cleanup in, this one with a group of Geocachers, who looked for hidden "caches" while collecting trash and recyclables at Spring Trails Park on April 29. In addition to KIB's busy April, the city offered several environmental themed activities, like Arbor Day at Heritage Park, and Bicycle Fest at North Lake, and KIB provided supplies to our friend from the Irving Lake Association for their Spring cleanup of Lake Vilbig on April 28.

## KIB IN THE NEWS

KIB received some great news from Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation – Irving was declared the winner of the 2018 Governor's Community Achievement Award for the largest population category. This is the fourth time Irving has won this prestigious honor, and it comes with a \$310,000 landscape grant to be used along a TxDOT-maintained highway. This will be presented at the Keep Texas Beautiful Conference in Georgetown on June 12. In addition, the City of Irving Water Utilities Department won First Place in the Government Program category.

### Upcoming dates of note:

- May 4: Acosta Cares Day of Service, Trinity View Park**
- May 5: City of Irving Cinco de Mayo event, Senter Park**
- May 9: Crown Castle "Connected by Good" project, Trinity View**
- May 19: SLPS Youth Cleanup, Sam Houston Trail Park**
- May 23: Wells Fargo Tree Planting, Sam Houston Trail Park**
- June 11-13: Keep Texas Beautiful Conference, Georgetown**



*Among the many April events were (top to bottom) a Heritage Senior Center visit, working at the City of Irving table at EarthX, North Lake Earth Day and the Geocachers cleanup.*

