

KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWSLETTER



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SERVICE PROJECTS ABOUND IN SPRING

The month of May saw KIB collaborating with a variety of groups who wanted to give back to the community. The first group was from the Irving office of Crown Castle for their “Connected by Good” day on May 9, a company-wide initiative taking place in communities near their offices across the country. The Irving group took on the Trinity View Park Football Complex, applying a vibrant coat of yellow paint to the safety railing, giving 99 hours of service in the process. The next project was with the Surti Leuva Patidar Samaj (SLPS) organization’s youth members, a cleanup at Sam Houston Trails Park on May 19. They were joined by several of their parent sponsors as well as six more youth from Dallas County. Sam Houston Trails Park was also the site of the next project, a tree planting by employee volunteers from Wells Fargo Auto. They planted a mix of 26 native trees – bald cypress, bur oak and cedar elm - along the Campion Trails, a project which was made possible by the generous donation from another corporate sponsor, Verizon. The Parks Department staff members were there with the volunteers every step of the way, instructing them in proper techniques, and guiding the teams as they planted the trees. Be sure to take a look at the results of these volunteers’ efforts as you walk through our beautiful Irving parks.

ADOPT-A-SPOT PROGRAM GROWS IN MAY

One of our most popular programs, which has been in existence since even before KIB was born, is the Adopt-a-Spot program. This month we welcomed several new groups, bringing our current total to 78 adopted active locations. The new groups are Wells Fargo Auto, the Huffington Hall Family, Lady Bird Johnson Middle School, and Calvary Church. We also had a changing of the guard, as long time volunteer Dianna Skuza turned her spot at Thomas Haley over to the school. She had maintained that location for more than 15 years, and there are groups still active who have 25 or more years of service. Thank you, Adopt-a-Spotters, for everything you do to keep our community and neighborhoods clean.

Here are events that are coming up on the KIB calendar, but it’s always a good idea to check the website to see if anything has been added. Our big event in June is the Keep Texas Beautiful Conference, where KIB will be accepting the GCAA award (a \$310,000 landscaping grant) and Water Utilities and North Lake’s Dr. Roy Vu will receive their First Place Awards in the Government and Educator categories, respectively.

Upcoming dates of note:

- June 1:** Acosta Cares Day of Service, Trinity View Baseball Complex
- June 9:** City of Irving Canal Fest, Las Colinas
- June 11-13:** Keep Texas Beautiful Conference, Georgetown
- June 23:** Calvary Church Project, Jackie Townsell Heritage Center
- June 27:** Nissan Fair



KIB partnered with several groups, including (from top) Crown Castle, SLPS Youth, and Wells Fargo Auto volunteers. And one of our longtime Adopt-a-Spot volunteers, Dianna Skuza, retired after 15 plus years!

