

# KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWSLETTER



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## IRVING HONORED AT STATE CONFERENCE

Keep Texas Beautiful celebrated its 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary at the annual state conference, held in Georgetown from June 11 to 13. The conference included educational sessions and networking opportunities, but another big part of it was the awards, and Irving came up big in that department! KIB won the Gold Star and Sustained Excellence Awards, while two of the community partners we nominated received First Place Awards – the City of Irving Water Utilities in the Government Category, and North Lake professor Dr. Roy Vu in the Sadie Ray Graff Educator Category. The entire community was honored at the Governor’s Community Achievement Awards, with Irving winning in the Population 10 Category, which includes a \$310,000 landscape grant to be used along a state-maintained road. Congratulations to everyone!

## KIB DOESN'T SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER

In addition to the state conference, KIB had a busy June. We started the month with an event we always look forward to – the annual “Acosta Cares” service project. KIB started working with Mosaic Sales Solutions several years ago, and now that they are part of the Acosta family, it is an even stronger partnership. Fifty spirited volunteers showed up in force to Trinity View Park on a hot first day of June, and began painting at the baseball complex. Safety railings, dugouts, entry gates and foul poles – they all got a vibrant coat of paint, thanks to 200 hours of service given by this group. Later in the month, we had a service project with another familiar friend – Calvary Church’s “Loving Our City” group, who painted at the Jackie Townsell Bear Creek Heritage Center, completing both a pavilion and the front porch area of the historic Green House.

KIB is always active in community outreach, and we love to meet the people who live, work, play and worship here. Staff member Julie Schmitt presented a PowerPoint on KIB initiatives at the Church of Scientology’s Open House on June 5, focusing on caring for our environment. Coordinator Rick Hose represented KIB at the annual Nissan Health Fair on June 27, reaching approximately 800 employees with the KIB message. And we added another group to the popular “no-sew blanket project” as the women’s group from Blueprint Church volunteered with KIB to complete two baby blankets, which were donated to Brighter Tomorrows.

### Upcoming dates of note:

- July 14:** Calvary Church paint project at Hurwitz Park
- July 16:** Environmental Skit at Georgia Farrow Rec Center, 1 p.m.
- July 19:** First Baptist of Irving/Christ Church Youth Groups Cleanup at Trinity View Park
- July 23:** Environmental Skit at Senter Park, 10 a.m.
- July 25:** KIB visits Emma’s House, 1 p.m
- July 31:** KTB Regional Training, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Innovation Room



*KIB’s June included (top to bottom): accepting the GCAA Award for Irving at the state conference, the Acosta Cares and Calvary Church “Loving Our City” paint projects, and the Nissan Health Fair.*

