

# KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWSLETTER



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## 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TRASH BASH A RAINY SUCCESS

KIB continued a tradition that started in our very first year – the annual Trash Bash. This year marked the 27<sup>th</sup> year for the community cleanup, and was held at T.W. Richardson Grove Park on Saturday, September 29. Despite an early downpour, 312 volunteers (161 adults and 151 youth) gathered at the park to help keep litter from reaching the Elm Fork of the Trinity River, collecting 2,840 pounds of trash. Not only was this a cleanup, it was a food drive to benefit Crisis Ministries of Irving’s food pantry. Those who brought canned food items received a T-Shirt, resulting in a total of 360 cans donated. It was also an educational event, where volunteers learned about reptiles, fossils, and artifacts, as well as water conservation and pollution prevention. Volunteers also received reusable shopping bags and earbuds provided by Verizon, and enjoyed a hot dog lunch prepared by members of Calvary Church, with chips provided by Frito-Lay.

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September was a perfect example of the diverse activities of KIB. We had two opportunities to speak with North Lake College students when staff visited Dr. Vu’s class at the South Campus on the 6<sup>th</sup>, and at the Central Campus Service Learning Fair on the 12<sup>th</sup>. We helped our friends at All Things Made New make their open house on the 8<sup>th</sup> a “green event” by supplying recycling stations and signage. Volunteers from Cistercian Preparatory School made four no-sew blankets, which KIB delivered to Irving Cares. Best Buy Store 205 employee volunteers completed a service project at the Irving Fire Department Administration Building on September 20, where they stained a weathered enclosure in the parking lot, and finished with enough time to also stain the dumpster enclosure at City Hall. Throughout the month, we distributed supplies to our Adopt-a-Spot volunteers, thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the Lowe’s Foundation through Keep America Beautiful, and we also awarded four Target gift cards to “green team” teachers in the IISD.

### Upcoming dates of note:

- Oct 6:** Irving Lake Association’s semi-annual cleanup of Lake Vilbig
- Oct 12:** Annual Litter Index Survey
- Oct 16:** Vizient’s Annual Community Day – this year we will be painting at the Trinity View Baseball Fields
- Oct 17:** Monthly KIB Board Meeting. 11 a.m.
- Oct 26:** Irving Family YMCA Fall Festival – KIB will have an information table, spinning wheel, and prizes of recycled books.



*(top-bottom) Trash Bash volunteers; Mayor Stopfer stopped by to thank Best Buy volunteers; MacArthur Student Council with their new adopt-a-spot supplies; Joyce from Irving Cares displays a blanket made by Cistercian volunteers.*

