

# KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWSLETTER



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## VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES FILL KIB'S CALENDAR

Keep Irving Beautiful continued its busy fall season with a variety of activities ranging from lake cleanups to family festivals, and corporate days of service to charity fun runs. All in a month's work for KIB! We started with the semi-annual Lake Vilbig Cleanup on October 6 where KIB provided the cleanup supplies as well as four volunteers from the North Lake Service Learning program who helped the residents remove litter from the lake. That same day Family Promise of Irving held its annual "Steps and Strides" fun run, which KIB made a "green event" by supplying the recycling and trash stations with green event signage. We also had another green event later in the month, the annual YMCA Fall Festival on October 26.

Each October, KIB board and staff perform the "Litter Index," a survey of the visible litter in the city. The same routes are driven and scored each time, and this year's results showed a decrease of 36% from the original baseline data in 2001. This survey is one of the requirements for KIB to maintain its President's Circle status with Keep America Beautiful.

Another perennial October event is the Vizient Community Day, which was held on October 16. This company has been partnering with KIB and other non-profit organizations for many years. This time the group painted interior rooms at the Lively Pointe Youth Center, with 24 volunteers giving 96 hours. A new corporate partner joined us for their own Community Day, Grand Prairie-based American Standard, at Georgia Farrow Recreation Center on October 24. The group of 18 painted two multi-purpose rooms during their 54 hours of volunteer service. We wrapped up the month with our friends from Best Buy Store 205 on October 30. This group had previously worked with us at the Irving Fire Department Administration Building, and this time it was another project with the IFD, at Fire Station 2, where seven volunteers stained a wooden fence and painted the metal entry gate, for 21 hours of service. The firefighters graciously gave the group a tour of the station afterwards and posed for pictures in front of a fire truck.

### Upcoming dates of note:

- Nov 10: Unite for Troops Veterans Day Event, Porter's Army Navy**
- Nov 12: Maxam employee volunteer cleanup, Bird's Fort Trail**
- Nov 14: KIB monthly board meeting, 11 a.m.**
- Nov 16: Arbor Day Celebration, John R. Good Elementary**
- Nov 16: Thomas Haley Elementary Career Day**
- Nov 22-23: KIB office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday**



*(top-bottom) NLC Service Learning students helped at Lake Vilbig, Vizient Community Day volunteers at Lively Pointe, American Standard volunteer with Parks staff at Georgia Farrow, and Best Buy volunteers with firefighters at Fire Station 2.*

