

# KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWSLETTER



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## KIB WELCOMES EARTH MONTH

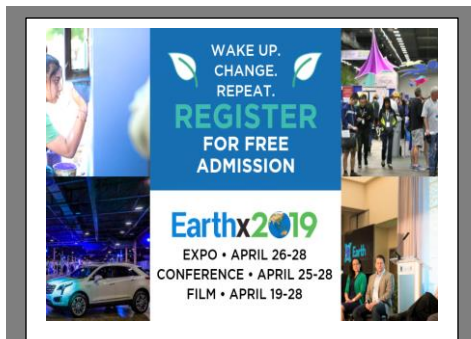
Earth Day began on April 22, 1970, and over the years the one-day event has grown into “Earth Month,” celebrated all April. Here at KIB, we encourage everyone to think of every day as Earth Day, and make environmentally sound practices part of daily life. April will be full of activities, many of them corporate days of service, including Javelin, Pioneer and Acosta/Mosaic employee volunteers, with tree plantings, cleanups and paint projects. KIB will attend the Microsoft Earth Day celebration on April 22, as well as the largest Earth Day event in the world, EarthX at Fair Park on April 26, and also the city’s Arbor Day celebration at Heritage Park on April 27. We close the month by bringing our mascot skit to the children’s group at the East Library. The big event that always kicks off Earth Month for KIB is the “Don’t Mess with Texas Trash-Off,” one of many similar cleanups taking place in communities all across the state on April 6. This is Texas’s contribution to a nationwide Keep America Beautiful initiative, the Great American Cleanup. Please register online at [www.KEEPirvingbeautiful.org](http://www.KEEPirvingbeautiful.org). This is also a canned food drive benefiting Crisis Ministries Food Pantry.

## MARCH EVENTS

KIB Coordinator Rick Hose presented to the Parks Board at their March 11 meeting to familiarize the members with the KIB mission, programs and results. Staff attended Otis Brown Elementary on March 7, along with mascot Kirby to speak with two classes of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders about recycling, caring for the environment and volunteerism. We ended March by helping to make the Nimitz High School Plant Sale/Agriculture and Pet Days a “green event” by providing recycling stations, and supporting the Las Brisas Neighborhood cleanup by providing supplies.

KIB volunteers were busy making more “no-sew” blankets in March. The All Things Made New youth and mentors made four blankets which were donated to the IISD “TAPPS” program for teen parents, and North Lake Student Government Association students made eight blankets which will also be donated to a local organization. Over the past few years, KIB volunteers have made dozens of blankets in this ongoing project. If you’d like to do the same, you can purchase your own fleece material or the pre-cut blanket kits. Below is an easy-to-follow link that will guide you through the process, and you’ll have a blanket in no time. If you need suggestions as to where to donate the blankets, please contact the KIB office and we will be happy to help.

<https://snapguide.com/guides/make-a-no-sew-fleece-blanket-wout-bulky-knots/>



*Top to Bottom: KIB will attend EarthX 2019 at Fair Park April 26-28; Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is scheduled for April 6 at Trinity View Park; Kirby with Otis Brown students at Career Day; North Lake SGA students with blankets they made.*

