

KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWSLETTER



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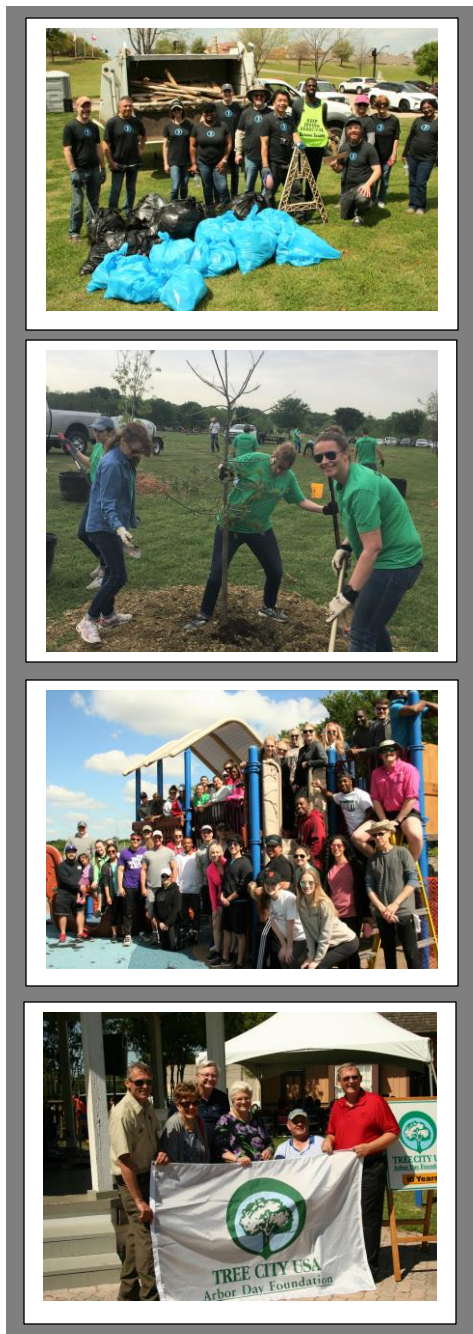
KIB PLANNING AN EVENTFUL MONTH OF MAY

Springtime always means an increase in activities and projects for KIB, and 2019 is shaping up to be one of the busiest ever. May will pick up where April left off, with a plethora of events that show the range of KIB's impact in the community. We will be working with some new partners this month, and it is always good to welcome groups into the KIB family. We will have a cleanup with Drug Enforcement Administration employee volunteers on May 10 at Bird's Fort Trail, and another cleanup with ConnectTrac on May 24 at Trinity View Park. The BAPS Charities chose KIB as one of the beneficiaries of their annual "Walk Green" walkathon event, which will take place on Saturday, May 18 at Ranchview High School. Other nonprofits include Brighter Tomorrows, the Police Athletic League and the Nature Conservancy of Texas. Come join us at Ranchview to walk or make a pledge supporting a walker to benefit these great organizations!

APRIL EVENTS – EARTH MONTH

A very rainy April did not stop KIB from hosting or participating in a variety of activities during "Earth Month." The first was "International Bash" on April 2 at Barbara Bush Middle School, an event for the CFBISD schools located in Irving, and we ended the month with another youth activity on April 30 by bringing our mascot skit to the East Library. In between those events, we had: a **cleanup** – our second year with the Javelin Agency at Bird's Fort Trail on April 4; a **tree planting** – partnering with the Texas Trees Foundation, Pioneer Natural Resources, Verizon and the City of Irving, volunteers planted 50 trees at Towne Lake Park on April 11 to commemorate 50 years of Earth Day; a **paint project** – the annual "Acosta Cares" service day with Mosaic and Acosta employee volunteers who painted pavilions and fences at Running Bear Park on April 19. And you can't have Earth Month without **Earth Day** events, and KIB attended three of them: April 22 at Microsoft, April 25 at North Lake College, and the biggest one in the world – EarthX at Fair Park on April 26. The North Lake event also included the dedication and renaming of the community garden for our good friend and KIB Board Member, the late Dr. Yolanda Romero.

April also is Arbor Day month, and at the City of Irving Arbor Day celebration, KIB had a table where they were assisted by North Lake students who demonstrated solar ovens. You can learn to make your own solar oven, using materials you may already have at home by going to one of these links: <https://www.instructables.com/id/Best-Solar-Oven/> <https://www.scienceprojectideas.org/how-to-make-a-solar-oven.htm>



Top to Bottom: Javelin employees at Bird's Fort Trail; Pioneer employees planting trees at Towne Lake; The Acosta Cares group after their paint project at Running Bear; Arbor Day at Heritage Park, celebrating 10 years of Irving as a "Tree City USA."

