

KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWSLETTER



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KIB HONORS AWARD WINNERS AT CEREMONY

Keep Irving Beautiful hosts the “Mayor and KIB Annual Awards” reception and ceremony each August to honor community members who go above and beyond to make Irving a better place to live, work and play. This year’s event was held at First Baptist Church on August 5, with 124 in attendance. We honored 14 individuals and groups in 10 categories. The list of winners can be found on our website, and also be sure to check out the ICTN video of the event: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oc5BpvpINZE>

KIB was also honored in August, by STAR North Texas, receiving the Honorable Mention in Outstanding Environmental Public Education and Outreach. Board member Rachel Moon and KIB staff accepted the award at a luncheon on August 15. We wrapped up the month by attending Girl Scout Troop 6458’s special event at the Brandt Apartments on Saturday, August 24. For their Bronze Award, a group of scouts chose to focus on recycling, and held an event for the Brandt residents which included creating recycled art. In support of the recycling theme, KIB staff distributed blue recycling bags, as well as reusable shopping bags.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 10 – three events, all involving spreading the news about KIB! First is the Vizient Showcase, where KIB staff will be recruiting employee volunteers for their annual Community Day project. That evening is the Irving Arts Center Volunteer Fair, where area nonprofit agencies will gather to meet with potential volunteers and KIB will be promoting the Trash Bash. Staff will be also speaking to the Nichols Park Neighborhood Association that evening.
- Sept 20-21 – City of Irving Main Street Event – two days of fun, food, music and other entertainment at Irving’s hometown event. For more information, visit the city website www.cityofirving.org.
- Sept 28 –28th Annual Trash Bash community cleanup and canned food drive at TW Richardson Grove Park. Registration is open on the KIB website.

Since the Trash Bash is coming up, and one of our main goals is to keep litter from reaching the Elm Fork of the Trinity River, we thought we would share a few facts about this important waterway. Did you know that...

- The Elm Fork is one of four origins of the Trinity in North Texas, along with the East, West and Clear Forks
- The Trinity Watershed drains an area of 11.5 million acres
- Total length of the Trinity is 512 miles, starting near the Texas-Oklahoma border, ending at Galveston Bay.



Top to Bottom: Award winners at the Mayor and KIB reception; KIB board and staff with the STAR North Texas award; GSA Troop 6458’s recycling event at the Brandt Apartments; the Mayor at last year’s Trash Bash, along with Nimitz FFA members.

