



Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



KIB Partners with Aquatics for Summer

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Summers for Keep Irving Beautiful (KIB) are usually filled with projects where we work with a variety of volunteers from corporate, faith, civic or youth groups. This year the KIB staff has stayed busy by adjusting their schedules to a new parameter and working with City of Irving staff instead of large volunteer groups. We continued to partner with the city's Recreation team, specifically the Heritage Senior Center Staff, who painted the fencing which leads to the walking trails at Lively Park.



The Aquatics Team will be brightening up the Senter Park Pool with KIB this summer

After the closing of pool facilities, we started partnering with the City of Irving Aquatics Department and were matched with three staff members who typically work as lifeguards. This group has taken on the task of adding a fresh coat of bright white paint to the safety fencing that surrounds Senter Pool. They also have been working on projects at the KIB offices, including making no-sew blankets for donation. We look forward to seeing all we can accomplish together this summer.

KIB was active in the planning for the Keep Texas Beautiful Regional Training, and served as one of the co-hosts for this online event. Affiliates from North Texas cities joined each Wednesday from July 8 to 29 to hear sessions on different topics, including KIB's presentation on the Adopt-a-Spot program.

We made the decision to cancel our in-person Mayor and KIB Awards ceremony, but we had a great time taking videos of our winners accepting their awards. Our friends at ICTN are putting together the complete video, including a message from honorary chair Mayor Stopfer and introductions by emcee Cathy Whiteman. We are disappointed that we can't gather together, but we know that the virtual ceremony will look fantastic. We will post on Facebook and Twitter when it is ready.

And speaking of awards, KIB was notified that we received won Honorable Mention in the STAR North Texas Awards, in the Outstanding Environmental Outreach and Public Education Program Category.



Heritage Senior Center's Ceciele paints at Lively Park



Aquatics Staff members Adrian...



...and Brenda paint at Senter Pool

Looking Ahead with KIB

KIB continues to plan for a fall season full of activities, while adapting as needed during this time. Staff will attend the 53rd annual Keep Texas Beautiful State Conference, to be held virtually on Aug. 25-26. The conference theme is "Building resiliency and community through times of change," quite appropriate as we adjust our programming to comply with guidelines. We anticipate that we will receive many ideas from speakers that we can incorporate into our planning to keep the KIB program vital and active throughout the year.

Our largest volunteer event of the year, the Trash Bash, will take place from Sept. 14 - 26. After 28 years of Trash Bashes, we couldn't stop now! The 29th annual event will be a little different - instead of meeting at TW Richardson Grove Park as originally planned, volunteers will be working in small groups at locations of their choice throughout the city, and posting pictures and results to Facebook, Instagram or Twitter with the hashtag #IrvingTrashBash.

More details coming in September!



Priscila works on a no-sew blanket at the KIB Office

