



Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



#IrvingTrashBash is the Place to Be!

The Trash Bash is KIB's biggest event of the year, typically drawing around 600 volunteers to one location to help pick up litter. This year, the 29th Annual Trash Bash will still go on, but will be modified due to COVID-19 restrictions. The event officially runs from Monday, September 14 through September 26, National Public Lands Day. Volunteers are asked to work in small groups (10 or less) at a safe location of their choice in Irving. To report, they will post pictures of themselves at their cleanup to social media (Facebook, Instagram or Twitter) with the hashtag #IrvingTrashBash. Complete details are on the Trash Bash Facebook event page:

www.facebook.com/events/1440101072847443

No registration needed this time, just choose your location and be sure to post those pics! Posting with #IrvingTrashBash and the number of volunteers, hours and bags collected will put you in the drawing for some fabulous prizes! Though we can't be together, we can make this the biggest Trash Bash ever with your help.

In keeping with our tradition of combining the Trash Bash with a canned food donation, we ask that volunteers make a monetary contribution to Crisis Ministries of Irving or the food pantry of their choice.

KIB Volunteers Stay Involved

Take a walk along the Campion Trail at Bird's Fort Trail Park, and you will be sure to notice big changes happening. Some very ambitious and enthusiastic volunteers have been putting in many hours in revitalizing the butterfly garden by clearing the weeds and overgrowth, and now they are preparing the soil for planting. KIB staff and Parks Department staff members met with the group on August 13 to view the progress and discuss future plans for the garden. We can't wait to see how beautiful the garden will be, along with all the butterflies and other pollinators that will be attracted there. We also hope that this will inspire our residents to become butterfly gardeners themselves at their own homes by planting bushes and flowers that attract the pollinators that are so important to our environment.



The Trash Bash welcomes volunteers of all ages

We hope everyone got the chance to view ICTN's fantastic video of our virtual awards ceremony that premiered on YouTube on August 3. Thank you to Mayor Stopfer, Cathy Whiteman and all our award winners who made the event special. On August 13, KIB was honored by STAR-North Texas with an Honorable Mention Award for Outstanding Public Outreach Program.

KIB staff attended the Keep Texas Beautiful State Conference, held virtually on August 25-26. Congratulations to the Elise Walker Outdoor Learning Center on receiving the First Place Sadie Ray Graff Educator Award in the Educational Institution category.

"Adopt-a-Spot" continues to be an active program through the pandemic. These volunteers are dedicated to keeping their locations clean by picking up litter on a regular basis. KIB currently has 85 locations adopted throughout the city, but there is always room for more. Call KIB at (972) 721-2175 to find out more.

Looking for unique ways to be of service? The Irving Public Library is encouraging volunteers to make origami cranes in honor of International Peace Day, and KIB is proud to partner with them in this effort. The goal is to have 1,000 cranes created from August 15 - September 15, which will be installed in an art exhibit. Volunteers can pick up paper from the West, South or Valley Ranch branches.

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KIB Treasurer Jim Scrivner with the STAR-North Texas Award



Parks and KIB staff met with Butterfly Garden Volunteers



Adopt-a-Spot prize winners Sharon and Samuel Sweat



The Origami Crane Project will run through September 15

