



# Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



## Volunteers Propel Trash Bash to Success

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The 29th Annual Trash Bash had a different look this year, but thanks to our fantastic volunteers, it turned out to be a big success. Instead of the usual big gathering at T.W. Richardson Grove Park, volunteers worked on their own in small groups at locations of their choice. They posted pictures of their cleanups to their own social media pages - Facebook, Twitter or Instagram - and included the hashtag #IrvingTrashBash, as well as reporting how many volunteers, hours and bags of trash and/or recyclables were collected.

We enjoyed seeing the pictures and videos that were posted by our volunteers, who also encouraged their friends and family to do the same. When everything was tallied, this was the result:

- 129 Volunteers (95 adult and 34 youth)
- 188 Hours
- 125 Bags Trash
- 14 Bags Recyclables

We missed seeing everyone in person, but we are very appreciative of all who participated. Thanks also to those who contributed to Crisis Ministries or a food pantry of their choice. And congratulations to all our prize winners!



**MacArthur Student Council reported from their cleanup at Cottonwood Park**

In addition to the Trash Bash, KIB kept busy with beautification projects. Longtime KIB friend and volunteer Sammy Romero helped us paint safety railings at Lively Pointe on September 14. We continued working with the Aquatics Department by painting the fencing at the Senter Park Pool, and also had some activities here at the KIB office. Aquatics staffer Brenda proved to be a skilled "no-sew" blanket maker during her time with us, and made two more blankets in September. Girl Scouts from Troop 6458 also completed two blankets, which were donated to the Main Place



**Irving Girl Scout Troops were well represented at the Trash Bash**



**Everest Lions Club members at their #IrvingTrashBash cleanup**



**KIB Volunteer Sammy Romero painting at Lively Pointe**

## Butterfly Gardening in Irving

You probably know that Texas has an official state tree, bird, and flower, but did you know that Texas also has an official state insect? It is the beautiful Monarch Butterfly, and you may be seeing more of them lately thanks to the ongoing efforts of the butterfly garden group. They have been working diligently to bring life back to the garden, located along the Champion Trail at Bird's Fort. After removing weeds and overgrowth, then prepping the soil, they have now planted a variety of plants which should attract the monarchs as they migrate southward to Mexico. The end of September to the beginning of October is

the time when the monarchs pass through North Texas, so we hope they enjoy their brand new garden!

We hope that their efforts will inspire our residents to plant their own gardens with nectar-producing plants that attract butterflies and other pollinators, as well as several milkweed varieties which are ideal for breeding. For tips on starting your garden and other information about butterflies, check out the City of Irving's Think Green...Be Green webpage. Happy Gardening!



**KIB Coordinator Rick Hose took this photo of a butterfly on a lantana plant, in his own yard.**

