



# Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



## KIB Volunteers Serve in Many Ways

KIB opened the month of May by partnering with Star Park Las Colinas, a new Lincoln Property Company apartment community, for a beautification project. Four Star Park employee volunteers met KIB staff at the Fritz Park Petting Farm on May 6 to take on the fun task of painting the entrance to this popular Irving attraction. After 14 combined hours of service, the barn-like structure now shines with a new coat of bright red paint and white trim.



Star Park Las Colinas employee volunteers at Fritz Park Petting Farm

Several groups and individuals partnered with KIB to make “no-sew” blankets in May. KIB’s Blanket Project is an ongoing service to the community which has brought our volunteers in touch with numerous area organizations who receive these blankets. Girl Scouts from Daisy Troop 574, who first worked with KIB at their Mustang Park cleanup in April, added to their service by making four of the blankets which they donated to The Main Place. Three Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints missionaries made blankets which were donated to Irving Cares, and blankets from members of the Baha’i Irving Community were donated to the Carol Susat Family Advocacy Center. We also love to have individuals help with the blankets, like Girl Scout Mikayla King, who made two blankets on her own. If you would like to participate, please contact KIB at (972) 721-2175, and we can help you become part of this worthwhile project.

The Adopt-a-Spot program is growing, with 96 total spots now adopted all across Irving. The latest adopters welcomed by KIB include three individuals/families - Lamar Jones, Tim and Gayla Fooks, and the Balcones Drive family group, as well as two corporate partners - American Honda Financial Services and Isenberg Faucets. These teams all commit to their areas on a yearly basis by picking up litter and reporting results to KIB.

Volunteers can also help by borrowing supplies and conducting their own cleanups. Four students and one teacher from Infinity Prep did that on May 8, and picked up litter at Shady Grove Trail Park.

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Daisy Troop 574 at their Earth Day cleanup at Mustang Park



Latter-day Saints “Hermanas” display a no-sew blanket



KIB’s environmental skit will be on the road to recreation centers

## Kirby and Friends to Bring Summer Fun

Summer campers at Irving recreation centers will be treated to the popular KIB environmental mascot skit. The first performance will be at Cimarron Park on June 11, followed by Northwest and Lee Parks on the 14th, Senter on June 18, Georgia Farrow on July 15, and concluding at Mustang on July 19. Campers will learn about the importance of not littering and will discover that many items can be made from recycled materials. The skit features mascots Kirby (Keep Irving Recycling and Beautiful Year-Round) the Toucan and Buddy Blue Bag, along with the Litterbug, who always make learning about the environment entertaining.

Other summer events include the KTB State Conference (see right), and the annual “Mayor and Keep Irving Beautiful Awards” reception and ceremony. KIB invites the public to submit nominations for these awards online through June 11.

We will announce winners of the Spring Photo Contest in June. We received some outstanding photos, and our judges will have a difficult task in choosing the top three pictures. Our partners, the Irving Museum and Archives, will display the winning photos at their facility.



KIB staff will attend the Keep Texas Beautiful State Conference, “Texas 2021 - Leading Sustainable Transformations in our Communities,” to be held virtually from June 28 to August 1. They will be joined by hundreds of attendees from all over the state of Texas for a week of learning, sharing ideas, and affiliate networking .

