



Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



Summer at KIB

The Dallas Everest Lions Club members live up to the Lions Club International's motto of "We Serve" in many ways. They have participated in KIB's Adopt-a-Spot program for several years by holding regular cleanups at their location on Grauwylar Road. Most recently, they added a new element to their service, that of "tree planters." The Lions donated \$1,000 to KIB for the purchase of trees, and after several reschedules due to weather, the group was able to plant those trees at Cimarron park on June 24. Working alongside the Urban Forestry Team, they contributed 16 hours in planting the six beautiful red oak and cedar elm trees at the park.



Dallas Everest Lions at their Cimarron Park tree planting

The new Rock Island Road Bike and Pedestrian Trail has been getting a lot of attention from KIB volunteers since its opening. Girl Scout troops 1810 and 6458 held their third cleanup of this area on July 8, and a mother-son team from the Irving Hawks Young Men's Service League (YMSL) did a cleanup on July 14. The YMSL group also made 253 "blessing bags" and 11 blankets this month, which they delivered to the KIB office.



Girl Scouts at Rock Island Trail

We wrapped up our series of six visits to the Irving Parks and Recreation summer camp program by presenting the environmental skit to campers at Georgia Farrow on July 15, then at Mustang Recreation Center on July 19. Thanks to Singley Academy Theatre Department teacher Jennifer Brochette and her students who worked with KIB this summer to bring the skit characters to life. They taught the campers about why it is important to recycle and not litter and showed items made from recyclable materials.



Mascot Skit at Georgia Farrow

Upcoming Events

August will begin with one of our favorite events, the annual Mayor and KIB Awards, where we honor those who have gone above and beyond in making a positive impact with their service to Irving. The ceremony will be August 2 at the First Baptist Church of Irving, with emcee Cathy Whiteman and honorary chair Mayor Rick Stopfer presenting the awards. A complete list of winners can be found on the KIB website.

KIB staff visited our friends at the Heritage Senior Center on July 23 to talk about recycling and clean public spaces. KIB provided blue recycling bags and reusable shopping bags to the seniors, as well as recycled books donated by the Friends of the Irving Public Library.

We added three Adopt-a-Spot locations, bringing our total to 99 spots throughout the city. A big KIB welcome to Camp Gladiator, Irving Elite Cheerleaders, and the Plump Family. Groups commit to their areas on a yearly basis by picking up litter and reporting results to KIB.

If you are interested in joining this program, or in borrowing supplies for a one-time cleanup, please contact the KIB office at (972) 721-2175 for information.



Final skit performance at Mustang

KIB's biggest volunteer event of the year, the Trash Bash, will be held September 25 at T.W. Richardson Grove Park. This will be the 30th annual Trash Bash, which started the same year as KIB, in 1992. Online registration opens in early August, so please sign up and join us on the 25th! We held this event virtually last year, so it will be great to see all our hard-working volunteers in person this time.



Two Heritage Seniors who stopped by the KIB table

