



# Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



## 30th Annual Trash Bash a Big Success

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The 30th Annual Trash Bash was held Saturday, Sept. 25, at T.W. Richardson Grove Park with 350 volunteers in attendance. The group collected 340 pounds of trash and 320 pounds of recyclables, keeping litter from reaching the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. After the cleanup, they were treated to a hot dog lunch prepared by Blueprint Church members, or pizza served by Chuck E. Cheese employees. Volunteers had the opportunity to visit several booths, including Water Utilities, Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas, DiscGames disc golf, Barry Allen's reptiles, and KIND snacks, distributed by IFD trainees. Blueprint Church and Chuck E. Cheese made up the two food teams, serving hot dogs, chips and pizza to the hungry volunteers. Singley Academy Police Explorers (pictured above) directed traffic and parking, while the Young Men's Service League (YMSL) Irving Hawks Chapter distributed supplies.

For the past several years, KIB has partnered with Crisis Ministries of Irving to include a food

drive as part of the cleanup. Volunteers who brought a food donation received an event T-shirt, and a total of 1,175 pounds of food went to the food pantry in downtown Irving.

We had a fun project on Sept. 16 with the Adult Day Therapeutic Program from Lively Pointe. The group painted birdhouses which had been donated by the Parks Department and assembled by the CHRIST Church 516 Students. This took place at the Irving Archives and Museum Smithsonian Spark!Lab, and the group toured the museum afterwards.

Thanks to the Parks Board for their ongoing support of KIB. Three board members conducted a cleanup of the Rock Island Trail on Sept. 18, and four members, along with family, volunteered at the Trash Bash on Sept. 25.

## October Events

October will be full of exciting activities, starting with our annual Litter Index survey, a Keep America Beautiful program that KIB performs each year to assess the state of littering in our community.

We have two big events scheduled for Oct. 12, including the planting of 100 trees at Cimarron Park. This is a partnership with the nonprofit Mission Tomorrow, who received a Lowe's "100 Hometowns" grant to fund the project.

The other event is the annual Community Day project with Vizient, who will be painting at the popular Fritz Park Petting Farm.

Our Fall Photo Contest opens on Oct. 1. KIB is looking for photos that show the beauty of Irving. We were so impressed with the quality of photos from past contests, and are looking forward to more. Details are on the Facebook Event page.



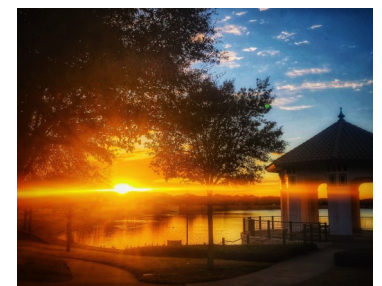
**Nimitz FFA students found interesting items at the Trash Bash**



**Water Utilities team provided water conservation education.**



**Adult Day Therapeutic Program members with their birdhouses**



**The Spring Photo Contest 1st Prize "Morning Bliss" by Shital Patil**

