



# Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



## KIB Earth Day Projects

April 22 is officially Earth Day around the world, but here at KIB, April is Earth Month and we celebrate accordingly with projects and activities. We started the month with the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off cleanup on April 2 at Trinity View Park. After a modified event last year, we opened up the registration to more volunteers and also offered a virtual cleanup. A total of 152 volunteers gave 440.5 hours and collected 1,650 pounds of trash and 860 pounds of recyclables. They also contributed 280 pounds of canned food to benefit Crisis Ministries food pantry.

We continued engaging volunteers in Earth Day projects all through the month. On April 8, volunteers from BBB Industries held a cleanup at the Rock Island Bike and Pedestrian Trail, with nine volunteers collecting 54 pounds of trash and recyclables.

Abbott Laboratories joined us on April 15 for their second project of the year, this time a paint project at the Fritz Park Petting Farm. The 28 employee volunteers helped get the farm ready for summer visitors by painting the metal fencing, giving 84 hours in the process.

A new partner - Claudia Salas State Farm Agency - joined us on April 21 for a cleanup at Running Bear Park. Employees from the Irving and Dallas offices worked together to collect 62 pounds of trash and recyclables.

## Coming Up at KIB

Nominations for the annual "Mayor and Keep Irving Beautiful Awards" will open on May 2. If you know of anyone deserving of recognition for their outstanding contributions to making Irving a better place to live, work and play, please consider nominating them for an award. The link to the nomination form is on the KIB website, along with descriptions of the different categories.



Northrop Grumman employee volunteers at the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off

We always have a good time with the Adult Day Therapeutic Program clients, who invited us to their location at Lively Pointe Youth Center on April 22 for an Earth Day celebration. KIB brought toucan mascot Kirby, and talked about why it is important to pick up litter and also to recycle. We followed this with a cleanup of Lively Park.

KIB partnered with the West Library for a fun project, a combination of birdhouse building and a plant exchange. KIB brought birdhouse kits which had been donated by the Parks Department, and the attendees assembled the kits. Library staff supplied different plants, and several participants also brought plants to trade.

Employees from the Amazon fulfillment Center at the DFW Airport participated in a paint project at Southwest Park on April 23. They gave a fresh new look to the fencing at the soccer fields, with 34 volunteers giving 102 hours of service.

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Abbott Laboratories employee volunteers at the Petting Farm



Claudia Salas State Farm Agency at Running Bear Park



KIB Board member Karen Harmon with two participants at West Library



Amazon employee volunteers painting at Southwest Park

The City of Irving Arbor Day event will be held April 30 at Heritage Park. KIB will have an information table to support curbside recycling. We hope many of you stop by to learn a little more about KIB.

We are happy to welcome Connectrac to Trinity View Park for a project on May 24, and staff is busy planning events for May and throughout the summer.

