



# Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



## KIB Heads Into Summer

Planting trees, painting park structures, and picking up litter all made for a very active June here at Keep Irving Beautiful.

The Dallas Everest Lions Club funded a tree planting project at Running Bear Park on June 4. The group of eight volunteers worked with the Urban Forestry Team to plant six 45-gallon bur and red oak trees along the walking trail.

Northwest Park Summer Campers got their hands dirty on June 8, when KIB and the Urban Forestry team visited and brought tree seedlings for the children to plant and then take home to care for. They also helped plant a large red oak on the park grounds.

New partner Arca Continental Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages (CC-SWB) joined KIB at Trinity View Park on June 10 for a morning of service. Part of the group held a cleanup of the park, where they collected 151 pounds of trash and 97 pounds of recyclables, while the others painted the safety railings at the football fields. They finished the day by presenting a \$5,000 check to KIB to go towards cleanup supplies for future events. WFAA Channel 8's Good Morning Texas team was there for the check presentation and interviews.

Nexstar Media Group partnered with KIB for a second year to hold their "Founder's Day of Caring" at T.W. Richardson Grove Park. The 79 employee volunteers conducted a park cleanup, collecting 96 pounds of trash and 14.5 pounds of recyclables. The event also included a canned

## Coming Up Soon!

We are planning two river rock painting events, one with the Adult Day Therapeutic Program at the IAM Smithsonian Spark!Lab on July 7, and one with Girl Scouts on July 11. Two environmental mascot skits are scheduled for the summer campers at Mustang and Senter Park on July 14 and 18. We will welcome Best Buy Store 205 employee volunteers to Southwest Park on July 15 for a paint project.



**CC-SWB employee volunteers with KIB's Rick Hose at Trinity View Park**

food drive, with 276 pounds of food collected and donated to Irving Cares. Nexstar's CW-33 TV crew and Irving's ICTN were on site to capture the action and interview participants.

KIB sends a big "thank you" to the Irving Hawks Chapter of the Young Men's Service League (YMSL). They made 42 no-sew blankets and 130 "blessing bags" which were delivered to the KIB office on June 22.

The Surti Leuva Patidar Samaj (SLPS) youth group held a cleanup at Sam Houston Trail Park on June 23. The 35 youth and four adults collected litter throughout the park.

KIB wrapped up the month by attending the Keep Texas Beautiful State Conference in Austin from June 27-29. Staff attended the educational sessions, networked with other affiliates from throughout the state, and also had the honor of accepting the Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA) on behalf of Irving. This award includes a \$310,000 landscape grant from TxDOT, and is the fifth time Irving has won first place.

The Annual Mayor and KIB Awards will move to a new location this year, the Jack Huffman Community Building. The event will take place on Monday, August 1, with guests invited to tour the Irving Archives and Museum (IAM) prior to the awards presentations. A complete list of these very worthy award winners can be found on the KIB website.

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**Northwest Park Rec Center Summer Campers**



**Nexstar Founder's Day of Caring at Bird's Fort Trail Park**



**SLPS cleanup at Sam Houston Trail Park**

