



Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



Mayor and KIB Awards

The 2022 Mayor and Keep Irving Beautiful Awards ceremony was held on August 1. We welcomed back both Mayor Stopfer as our honorary chair, and Cathy Whiteman as our emcee. This was our first year to host the event at a new venue, the Jack D. Huffman Community Building. The Irving Archives and Museum staff graciously opened the museum for our guests prior to the ceremony, and Randy Lemerand of Spirit Grille prepared a delicious menu for our buffet. Special thanks to TJ Friedel for the photography and Nancy Ard for creating the beautiful centerpieces.

Here are the 2022 award winners:

Educator: **Andrea Keller, Lamar Middle School; Fr. Thomas Esposito - Cistercian Preparatory School, University of Dallas**

Business and Industry: **Via Real Restaurant**

Media: **Nexstar Media Group**

Civic Organization: **VFW Post Irving 2494**

Nonprofit Organization: **The Main Place**

Government : **City of Irving Department of Community Development and Housing**

KIB Hometown: **Pete Miller, Albert Zapanta**

Lifetime Achievement: **Margie Stipes**

As a special tribute, it was announced that the Lifetime Achievement Award will be renamed the "Margie Stipes Award" starting next year.

31st Annual Trash Bash

KIB's largest community-wide event of the year is rapidly approaching - the 31st Annual Trash Bash. Come out to T.W. Richardson Grove Park on September 24 for this event, which will be way more than picking up trash! Among the tables and displays will be Barry Allen and his collection of reptiles, the Water Utilities Department with their prize wheel to test your Water IQ, Randy Mecca and a disc golf set-up, Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas with STEM activities, and a new partner this year,



Mayor and KIB Award winners pose with Mayor Stopfer after the ceremony

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(R to L): Rick Hose, Mayor Stopfer, Margie Stipes, Melanie Stopfer and Orlando Sanchez at the awards ceremony

Mustang Recreation Center teens have been busy helping KIB this summer by participating in cleanups, playing the mascots in our environmental skit, and most recently by making birdhouses. Four volunteers gave 40 hours building and painting 15 birdhouses!



Mustang Rec Center teens with birdhouses

The Irving Hawks Chapter of the Young Men's Service League (YMSL) made their final delivery of the summer. Twenty families made nine no-sew blankets and 190 blessing bags. Many of the blessing bags have already been distributed.



YMSL volunteers making one of the no-sew blankets

KIB staff participated in the city's Diversity and Inclusion Committee's breakfast at the Heritage Senior Center on August 22. It was great visiting with our friends for "Breakfast and Conversation" in honor of Senior Citizen Day.

the City of Irving Libraries, with several performances of a puppet show.

We will host a canned food drive during the Trash Bash, and any volunteer who brings canned food items will receive an event t-shirt, while supplies last. This will benefit the Crisis Ministries Food Pantry.

Register online at the KIB website before spaces fill up. Deadline is Sept. 16.



2021 Trash Bash Volunteers

