



Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



A Look Back on 2022

Keep Irving Beautiful had an outstanding year, full of activities with new partners and long time friends of the organization. Here is a brief overview of what took place in 2022:

- **Litter Abatement** - KIB's two community-wide cleanups, the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off and the 31st Annual Trash Bash had outstanding participation, including virtual options. The Trash Bash was much more than a cleanup, with a puppet show from Irving Public Library, Barry Allen's reptile collection, DiscGames' disc golf, Girl Scouts' STEM activity, Water Utilities table, and tree seedlings which the Urban Forestry Team helped volunteers pot and take home. We had 22 cleanups in all, with 1,070 volunteers giving 2,732 hours and collecting 6,023 pounds of trash and 1,581 pounds of recyclables. Our Adopt-a-Spot teams had 5,348 volunteers reporting 5,839 hours, with 2,232 bags of trash and 1,189 bags of recyclables collected throughout the year.
- **Community Greening** - Partnering with the Parks Urban Forestry Team, 29 trees were planted, made possible by donations from Northrop Grumman, Mentor Texas and the Dallas Everest Lions Club, all planted by volunteers. The Butterfly Garden at Bird's Fort Trail is thriving and volunteers contributed 218 hours to its care.
- **Beautification** - KIB sponsored six paint projects at Irving Parks, all corporate service days with Abbott, Amazon, Best Buy, Vizient and Mentor. You can see their fine work at the Fritz Park Petting Farm, Southwest Park Soccer Field, the Trinity View Baseball Complex and T.W. Richardson Grove, sure to be enjoyed by the many visitors to these parks.

End-of-Year Events

KIB ended the year with the 2nd annual holiday card campaign. This year we partnered with the Irving Public Library team, and asked volunteers to make or write cards to be given to three local nursing homes to bring a little Christmas cheer to the residents. More than 700 cards were collected at libraries and the KIB office and delivered in time for the holidays.

Be sure to check KIB's social media pages for information on the 2nd annual Valentines Day Card Project coming up in 2023.

The Keep Irving Beautiful Board and staff would like to thank everyone who had a part in making this past year a success. Happy New Year!

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Ben Washington Baptist Church members participated in the 31st Annual Trash Bash



Nichols Park Neighborhood is one of KIB's 97 Adopt-a-Spot groups

- **Recycling** - KIB provided recycling at all cleanups, along with educating volunteers about what can be recycled. Kirby, Buddy and the Litterbug visited recreation center summer campers to teach about recycling with the environmental mascot skit. America Recycles Day went virtual again in 2022, with volunteers showing us how they recycle via social media posts.
- **Volunteer Generosity** - KIB volunteers continued to show how caring they are by making 53 no-sew blankets and hundreds of "blessing bags." Canned food drives at the Trash-Off, Trash Bash and Nexstar Founder's Day brought in a combined total of 932 pounds of food items for donation to Crisis Ministries and Irving Cares.
- **Awards** - 2022 saw the return of the High-Spirited Citizen Awards, with KIB volunteers Sammy Romero and Elouise McMillian being honored. Highlight of the year: Irving wins 1st Place in the Governor's Community Achievement Award in population category 10!



Abbott Laboratories employee volunteers planted trees along O'Connor Road



Amazon D-3 Center Warriors veterans group at their Southwest Park paint project



Officers from the IPD Homeless Outreach stopped by KIB to pick up blankets and blessing bags

