

# KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL



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## EARTH DAY – APRIL 22

Earth Day started on April 22, 1970, and we celebrate on that date each year. But here at KIB, we know that every day is Earth Day, and April is Earth Month. EarthDay.org estimates that 1 billion individuals are mobilized to action each Earth Day, and KIB volunteers are proud to be among them.

### KIB Celebrates Earth Month

If past years are an indication, April 2023 will be buzzing with activity for KIB. We start the month with our big spring cleanup, the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off on April 1, held at Trinity View Park. That will be followed by a visit to Thomas Haley Elementary for Career Day presentations on April 6.

Volunteers will be out planting trees again on April 11 – this time it's the Dallas Everest Lions Club who will be at the City of Irving Tree Farm.

The Adult Day Therapeutic Program will join KIB for an Earth Day event on April 20 – a trip to the Bird's Fort Trail Butterfly Garden followed by a park cleanup.

KIB will finish the month by attending the City of Irving's Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 29, at Heritage Park.



Photos (clockwise from upper left): KIB volunteers with a no-sew blanket; Cimarron Park homeschool group; Girl Scout Troops 1810 and 6458 with a desert willow they planted at Towne Lake; Abbott Laboratories employee volunteers at Thomas Jefferson Park.

KIB stepped into spring with a variety of activities, starting with a visit to Cimarron Park Recreation Center on March 1 for a project with the homeschoolers group. They met KIB mascot "Kirby" and learned about what KIB does in the community, then they painted birdhouses to take home, along with their KIB backpacks.

KIB staff attended Career Day at Otis Brown Elementary on March 8, the first of several that are scheduled this spring. KIB Coordinator Rick Hose gave a presentation to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at their meeting on March 13.

Tree plantings were a big player this month, with scouts and leaders from Girl Scout Troops 1810 and 6458 planting eight trees at Towne Lake Park on March 13, followed by Abbott Laboratories employee volunteers who planted 20 trees at Thomas Jefferson Park on March 22. Our parks will be even more green and beautiful, thanks to these volunteers and the guidance of the city's Urban Forestry Team.

The No-Sew Blanket Project continues, and is a great way for volunteers to be of service. We received blankets from Baylor Scott and White Internal Medicine Associates employees, and North Lake student Phoebe Nguyen made two blankets at the KIB office.