

Adopt-a-Park

MISSION STATEMENT

BEAVER DAM FRIENDS OF THE PARKS is a not-for-profit committee organized to foster, encourage, and promote the mission of the Beaver Dam Parks and Forestry by providing financial contribution assistance and/or a volunteer community base of individuals for the support of its functions and programs, and dedication to the overall well-being to the residents they serve.

The BEAVER DAM FRIENDS OF THE PARKS goal is to assist in maintaining and developing an exceptional system of parks, trails and green space that result in "Making Life Better" in the Beaver Dam community.

ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM

ADOPT-A-PARK is a City of Beaver Dam volunteer program coordinated by the BEAVER DAM FRIENDS OF THE PARKS providing opportunities for families, neighborhoods, civic clubs, youth groups, businesses, other organizations and individuals to assist in the care and maintenance of City parks, playgrounds and open space areas.



ADOPT-A-PARK GUIDELINES

- Complete an Adoption Form for your group to request a park location from the list of City parks available for adoption. Larger parks may be adopted by more than one group. If the site you want is already adopted, you can be placed on the site waiting list.
- The BEAVER DAM FRIENDS OF THE PARKS will review the adoption request and contact the group main contact confirming approval.
- Individuals may sign-up to work independently or to be part of a Citizen Group of volunteers to work together on a park or project(s) selected by BEAVER DAM FRIENDS OF THE PARKS.
- We ask that sponsorships commit for one year (expiring on December 31) to provide one to four service projects per year, for approximately 3 hours each project.
- Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older or be accompanied by an adult supervisor.
- Each volunteer must read and sign the Safety Guidelines and Waiver before each cleanup.
- Designate one person from your group as your Lead who will coordinate with the Friends of the Parks coordinator to establish a work plan and provide a Follow-up Project Report for each service project. This person is also responsible for ensuring that everyone signs the needed forms and complies with the safety guidelines. Your Lead should also have emergency contact information for each participant.
- Projects may include litter removal, weed control, painting, cleaning, graffiti removal, mulching, planting and playground maintenance or other special projects as approved by City staff.
- Your group is encouraged to bring extra gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows, paint brushes and other equipment you may have available to help facilitate the safe and efficient completion of your particular project. Training, equipment and supply materials necessary for the type of work to be performed shall be coordinated by your Lead with the ADOPT-A-PARK Coordinator.
- Failure to perform service projects or follow guidelines may result in the loss of your group's adoption. The location will be made available to others interested in adoption.

ADOPT-A-PARK VOLUNTEER GROUP RECOGNITION

- Acknowledgement in the City of Beaver Dam Summer Recreation Guide.
- Acknowledgement in the Community Center Courier Newsletter.
- Acknowledgement on the City of Beaver Dam website.
- Recognition in various media public announcements and articles.