# Parks of La Grange adopt Me

Denning Park | 4903 S Willow Springs Rd

Elm Park | Elm & Stone Ave

Gilbert Park | 41st & Gilbert Ave

Gordon Park | Ogden & Locust Ave

Sedgwick Park | 10th Ave & 48th St

Stone Park | Bell & Stone Ave

Rotary Centennial Park | 116 Sawyer Ave

Spring Park | 1108 S Spring Ave

Waiola Park | 500 S Waiola Ave

Community Center | 200 Washington St

See the variety of amenities that each park has to offer by visiting www.pdlg.org.







# Get Started!



Adopt-a-Park Volunteer Waiver

Please fill out the Adopt-a-Park application and email it to the Parks Operation Manager, Claudia Galla at claudiagalla@pdlg.org.

After application review, a park will be assigned to your group. Specific parks can be requested but are assigned based on availability.

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PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE



# SHOW PRIDE IN YOUR COMMUNITY BY WORKING TO BEAUTIFY AND CLEAN A PARK IN LA GRANGE!

#### **ABOUT ADOPT-A-PARK**

The Park District of La Grange Adopt-A-Park Program is designed to encourage the community to work hands-on to help keep La Grange's parks clean, safe, and attractive. The program offers the opportunity for people to get more involved in their community in a way that promotes civic pride, appreciation, and awareness.

#### WHAT DOES ADOPTING A PARK ENTAIL?

When a group adopts a park from the Park District of La Grange, the organization's members pick up litter, report vandalism, make recommendations for future improvements, general maintenance, and keep an eye on the park. We ask that you do not edge, cut, prune, or pull any vegetation or weeds before speaking with the Parks Operation Manager at (708)588-2224. We ask the Adopted Park's contact person to inform and enforce the Adopt-A-Park policies and procedures within their groups.

#### **BENEFITS**

- Your organization's name will be acknowledged on a sign in the designated area of the park.
- It gives groups a chance to have a hands-on role in keeping their park clean and beautiful.
- It is a wonderful way for your group to spend quality time together and feel good about giving back to your community through improving your favorite park.
- It betters the parks of La Grange for community members and betters the Park District as a whole.

#### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The Adopt-A-Park Program is open to individuals, youth groups, neighborhood associations, civic groups, religious organizations, service organizations, schools (school groups and teams), businesses and other community organizations throughout the Village of La Grange.

Adopt-A-Park allows citizens, groups, churches and other organizations to show pride in their community by working to beautify and clean a park in La Grange!

By adopting a park community members are working to maximize parks maintenance budgets and tax dollars to work on activities that need extra care.

# WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT REQUIRED?

Each year, the adoption commitment begins in April and concludes in December. Each group is required to set up monthly work dates at the beginning of their adoption through the end of the year. It is each Adopted Park's contact person's responsibility to organize monthly clean-ups and keep track of the group's total volunteer hours, which are issued for each Adopted Park. If your group chooses to work year-round with your Adopted Park, please advise us so the appropriate arrangements can be made.

Each group will be recognized with their name on an Adopt-A-Park sign. Applications must be received by April 1st to get a recognition sign posted in the park you have adopted. Groups may adopt a park after that date.

## **GETTING STARTED**

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### ADOPT-A-PARK GUIDELINES

- 1. Parks will be assigned to groups on a first-come, first-serve basis. Specific park requests will be reviewed but parks are assigned based on availability.
- 2. Groups are to commit to work in the parks one day per month.
- 3. Groups are required to show up on the scheduled monthly dates but may also show up other times at their leisure. If the group has collected a large amount of trash from a park or needs assistance of any kind, they may contact the Park Operation Manager.
- 4. Work is to be completed during park hours only (dawn to dusk.)
- 5. Each group will receive several waiver forms that must be completed on every occasion they are in the parks to keep track of volunteers and their hours worked. If waiver forms are not received regularly, the group will be contacted and asked to renew their commitment or let another group adopt their site.
- 6. All waiver forms must be emailed to claudiagalla@pdlg.org (or mailed to the Park District of La Grange, Attn: Adopt-A-Park, 536 East Ave, La Grange, IL 60525).
- 7. All participants should be over the age of 18 or accompanied by an adult supervisor (i.e., scout and youth groups accompanied by adult sponsors).
- 8. Please do not pull any weeds or vegetation without prior approval from the Parks Operation Manager.
- 9. Appropriate clothing for weather and work gloves should be worn.
- 10. Please report any broken or damaged equipment.
- 11. All participants are to follow all park policies set by the Park District of La Grange.
- 12. Have FUN in the park!

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY JOINED THIS PROGRAM