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Adopt-A-Park Program

A Volunteer Program to Beautify Our Parks and Paths

WHAT: The Adopt-A-Park Program is a collaborative effort between Whitefish residents and the city government to improve and maintain our parks. Neighbors and community groups volunteer their time to improve their chosen park or path. Adopters can work on a variety of projects including maintaining flower beds; maintaining bike and pedestrian paths; caring for park structures; cleaning up litter, sweeping and raking; reporting any vandalism or safety hazards; and, generally making sure the park is in order. Adopters can also assist with special projects such as painting, graffiti removal, tree trimming and planting.

WHO: Any group willing to make the commitment can adopt a park or segment of bike path. Volunteers from civic organizations, social clubs, neighborhood associations, individual families, churches, school groups, athletic organizations or employee groups are welcome to participate.

HOW: Groups will work with the Community Services Coordinator to create a customized plan for your group and your park or path. The Parks and Recreation Department will provide tools, supplies, technical expertise and coordination with the maintenance department for support. Start by filling out the application form and designating a liaison to work with the City.

WHERE: A variety of parks and bike paths are available for adoption. Check with the Community Services Coordinator for a current list of what is available.

Memorial Park	Riverside Park/Path	Second Street Path
Soroptimist Park	WAG Park/Path	City Beach
Baker Park	Bakke Park/Path	Monegan to Rocksund Path
Kay Beller Park Park/Path	Depot Park	BNSF Loop to City Beach Path
Dave Olseth Memorial Park	Mountain Trails Park	

WHEN: The time commitment is up to the group. Some park adopters hold one annual clean-up day in the spring, while others have various events throughout the year. All adopters should plan on picking up litter and "micro" trash in their park or along their path at least once a month during the warmer season. The adopting organization commits to a one year period of adoption. At the end of that year, an organization or group may also opt to renew or change their location.

RECOGNITION:

25 Hours of Group Service: Recognition on the Parks and Recreation website and social media. Official certificate of adoption.

50 Hours of Group Service: All the above incentives for 25 hours of group service plus complimentary reservation of a park pavilion (excludes July 4th).

75 Hours of Group Service: All the above incentives plus an Adopt-A-Park/Path sign or plaque displayed in your adopted park, blub-out or path.

EXPECATIONS AND DETAILS:

- All volunteers must annually complete a volunteer application with the City of Whitefish.
- Adult supervision must be provided to any volunteer under the age of 18.
- All members of the group should wear appropriate clothing including closed toe shoes and gloves, and must provide their own drinking water and first aid kit.
- The group liaison shall send a report stating when and where the group worked, who participated, and any concerns with safety hazards that need attention.
- Any special project must be arranged with the Parks and Recreation Department prior to the project work date.
- The liaison shall make arrangements with the Community Services Coordinator prior to the project date if any additional tools, materials or expertise are needed for the project.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR:

Carla Belski, Community Services Coordinator

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Application Form

Name of Individual, Group or Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Number of Individuals in the group: _____

Interested in adopting: Park _____ Path _____ Bulb-out _____

Preferred areas to adopt:

- 1.
- 2.

AGREEMENT:

I/we agree to the following:

- Pick up litter on a regular and continuing basis.
- Provide first aid kit, wear gloves and provide supervision for any youth volunteers.
- Turn into the Adopt-a-Park Project Report Form each time area is cleaned and report any safety hazards.
- Generally, maintain the assigned area in a manner that improves the beauty and overall appearance of the City.

Signature of Contact Person

Date

Return this Application to:

City of Whitefish
Attn: Parks and Recreation Department
P.O. Box 158
Whitefish MT, 59937

For more information, please contact:

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