



# Village of Lake in the Hills Adopt-A-Park Program

Parks & Recreation  
Department  
600 Harvest Gate  
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156  
847.960.7460

Welcome - The purpose of the Adopt-a-Park Program is to increase citizen awareness and pride in the community's parks. The program is designed to be a low key, informal approach to involve the community with their neighborhood park by "keeping an eye out" for potential hazards, vandalism, and other park abuse. It is hoped that this involvement will increase the current level of appreciation and awareness, assist in halting dog littering, prohibiting vandalism, and other park related issues.

## **Park Choices:**

- Avalon Park
- Barbara Key Park
- Bark Park
- Ken Carpenter Park
- Cattail Park
- Celebration Park
- Echo Park
- Echo Hill Park
- Ford School Park
- Edward Wm. Hynes Park
- Jaycee Park
- La Buy Park
- Larsen Park
- Leroy Guy Park
- Lynn Dillow Park
- Nature's View Park
- Nockels Park
- Normandy Park
- Plote Field
- Richard Taylor Park
- Rolling Hills Park
- Stoneybrook Park
- Sunset Park
- Turtle Island Park

## **Anyone can Adopt-A-Park:**

- Corporations and Businesses
- Neighborhood Associations
- Church Groups or School Groups
- Community Service Organizations
- Youth Groups
- Families and Friends

Adopt-a-Park is a one (1) year commitment during which you and/or your group would visit your designated park at least three times – preferably early spring, mid-summer and late fall. We ask that you arrange your litter collection with the LITH



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Public Properties Division (847.960.7500) at least 48 hours in advance & collect aluminum cans and plastic in separate bags for recycling. Your filled trash bags and recyclables will be placed at an agreed upon location within the park. (Some parks already have garbage receptacles and recycled garbage containers.) We also ask that you notify us immediately if you observe any safety hazards in your park.

An Adopt-A-Park sign with YOU / YOUR GROUPS NAME will be displayed for one – year at the sponsored park sign. A plaque will be given to the group who commits to this one-year agreement.

Adopt-a-Park groups can also contribute labor and skills to their park. With advanced planning, the Parks and Recreation Department can often supply materials and may be able to assist with equipment and tools. Groups can weed flowerbeds; pick up litter, or many other maintenance activities that first must be cleared by the Parks Division of the Parks and Recreation Department. Adopting groups are encouraged to plan activities such as picnics, games, walks, and clean up days in their adopted park. The Adopt-a-Park Program does not substitute the Parks and Recreation Department’s responsibility for maintaining the parks. All park sites are routinely inspected by the Parks Division to ensure safety and aesthetic quality.

Adopt-a-Park participants are asked to assist the Parks Division by reporting stolen or damaged equipment, litter, damaged landscaping, etc., should it occur between park safety inspections. Such reports should be directed to the Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Office, (847) 960-7460, or email [twakeman@lith.org](mailto:twakeman@lith.org). The report will be passed onto the Parks Division and acted upon. Activities occurring in the Park that warrant police action should be reported to the police immediately.

The Adopt-a-Park Program is not solely limited to community groups. School classes may become involved in Adopt-a-Park activities. The goal of bringing schools and parks together is to:

- Develop creative and critical thinking by using the park as an outdoor classroom.
- Increase ecological awareness.
- Develop a sense of responsibility for and a commitment to the community.
- Bring together children, parents, and teachers in school projects at the park.

### **How can you Adopt-a-Park?**

- Any interested person or group can contact the Parks and Recreation Department to discuss adoption opportunities. Initial discussion focuses on the contact person’s interests and ideas for group or neighborhood park adoption and completion of the application.



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- The Parks and Recreation Department staff member will work closely with the coordinators to plan events, publicity, and neighborhood or group maintenance activities.
- If you think your community group or neighborhood would like to Adopt-a-Park, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 960-7460, and ask for an Adopt-a-Park Program Enrollment Application.



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## Enrollment Application

Park Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopting Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Organization Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:**  
LAKE IN THE HILLS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM  
600 HARVEST GATE  
LAKE IN THE HILLS, IL 60156

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Once your request has been approved, you will receive confirmation from the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

We look forward to your participation in the Lake in the Hills Parks and Recreation Department's "Adopt-A-Park" Program!



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## Volunteer Project Waiver

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Project/Program Activity)

The Lake in the Hills Parks and Recreation Department welcomes you as a volunteer to indicated park site. This should be a fun and worthwhile project for your organization and community. We thank you for your participation.

Volunteers must recognize that this project/program activity involves physical labor. Therefore, there is an inherent risk of injury when you decide to volunteer. The Parks and Recreation Department continually strives to reduce such risks and asks that all volunteers follow appropriate safety rules intended to protect them in their safety.

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As a volunteer, I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury and property damage to volunteers in the above referenced project/program activity and I agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, damages or loss which I may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with this volunteer project.

I agree to waive and fully release the Village of Lake in the Hills, the Parks and Recreation Department, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers from any and all claims from injuries, damages or loss which I may have or which may accrue to me arising out of my volunteer participation in the activity.

**START DATE OF PROJECT/PROGRAM  
ACTIVITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____