



# City of Palmer Adopt-A-Park Information

Adopt-A-Park is a collaboration between volunteers and the City of Palmer to enhance the quality of Palmer's parks and open spaces. Volunteers help create clean, safe spaces for residents and visitors.

## Why should I volunteer?

Volunteering is a great way to help your community and spend time outdoors. To show our appreciation, after more than one year of volunteering, the City of Palmer will post a sign in your adopted park / open space recognizing the work you or your organization is doing.

## Who can adopt a park / open space?

Volunteers are groups, organizations, or individuals of all ages who are interested in helping keep our parks vibrant and clean. We suggest adopting a park near where you live or work or that you visit often.

## Which parks & opens spaces are part of this program?

- A-Moosement Park (420 W Fern Ave)
- Babb Arboretum (S Gulkana St)
- Bill Hermon Tennis Courts (720 S Gulkana Street)
- Bugge Park (220 S Cobb St)
- Busby/Soule Ball Fields (between E Elmwood and E Dahlia Ave)
- Cope Industrial Way Ballfields (Cope Industrial Way)
- Downtown Bike Path (along Valley Way) from E Blueberry Ave to E Evergreen Ave
- Fairfield Park (340 E Dolphin Ave)
- Hagen Park (201 E Dolphin Ave)
- McKechnie Park (643 E Daron Dr)
- Meier Park (325 S Silver Tip Dr)
- Palmer Skate Park (231 E Arctic Ave) / bike path from Arctic Ave to Blueberry Ave
- Palmer to Moose Creek Rails to Trails Trailhead (corner of N Valley Way and E Eagle Ave)
- Sgt. Kurtis Arcala-Berberich Memorial Soccer Field (1317 S Kerry Weiland Way)
- Sherrod Park Ballfields (561 N Gulkana St)
- Sherrod Park Soccer Fields, Pavilion, and Playground (561 N Gulkana St)
- Wilson Park (1115 S Felicia St)
- Valley Way Open Space (from E Eagle Ave to E Arctic Ave)

**What are my responsibilities?** We ask that volunteers provide an annual Spring clean-up and assessment of the park (form will be provided by the city) AND visit their adopted park/open space once every 2-4 weeks, year-round, to pick up litter, look over the site, and call the City of Palmer regarding problems that need attention. *Additional information located at the bottom of the application form.*

**What are the City of Palmer's responsibilities?** The City will coordinate an annual City wide Spring clean up day, at which trash, brush, and leaves from the Spring clean-up can be dropped off. It will also provide regular trash service (most sites), park maintenance (including mowing), equipment repair, and respond to reported issues. It will also provide a volunteer form for all volunteers to sign.

**How can I get involved?** Fill out an Adopt-A-Park Application (page 2 of this document) and email it to: [afanderson@palmerak.org](mailto:afanderson@palmerak.org)



# City of Palmer Adopt-A-Park Application

Name of Group/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Group/Organization Type: (circle one) Business Non-Profit School Family Church Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Park/Open Space you would prefer to adopt: \_\_\_\_\_

*After you submit this application, the City of Palmer will let you know if the park or open space is available.*

Why are you interested in adopting a park/open space? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you / does your group agree to the following responsibilities? (circle one) yes no

- Spring clean up and annual assessment of the park (the city will provide an assessment form).
- Picking up litter and debris at least once every 2-4 weeks. This agreement is valid through the end of the calendar year when the application is accepted. It can be terminated by written letter, by either party, at any time.
- Calling the Palmer Police Department immediately at **907-745-4811** to report the following: hypodermic needles, drug paraphernalia, criminal activity, camping, and/or weapons.
- Calling the Palmer Public Works department at **907-745-3400** to report graffiti, damaged equipment, the need for trash pick-up, and maintenance/upkeep issues.

Do you / does your group agree to the following guidelines? (circle one) yes no

- Stay within designated park boundaries.
- Do not trespass on private property.
- Do not make repairs to equipment.
- Do not confront individuals who may be using the park in an inappropriate manner. Instead report these issues to the City of Palmer.
- Do not pick up any of the following: hypodermic needles, medical waste, condoms, chemicals, dead animals, or other potentially hazardous materials. Instead immediately report these to the City of Palmer.
- All volunteers will sign a volunteer form.

Primary Contact Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Accepted

City of Palmer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_