The Application Process

Upon receiving the adoption application, a Tempe Parks & Recreation representative will schedule an interview with the organization's representative to discuss the city's Adopt-A-Park program. The program involves a significant amount of physical work that must be done safely on a reasonable frequency for the committed time period.

Parks may be adopted in timeframes of 12 months or 24 months (with a minimum of 1 event every 3 months unless more sessions are requested by the city). To prevent scheduling conflicts, it is required that the organization provide 2 weeks notice of event date.

The organization representative will be required to sign an Adopt-A-Park Commitment on behalf of his/her organization. Should the organization fail to maintain their commitment, the city may sever the relationship between the park and the organization and allow the park to be adopted by another organization.

A group of community members, such as neighborhood groups, non-profit organizations and local businesses may all participate. One adult (at least 21 years old) is required to be on site for every ten participants under the age of 18. All participants must possess a valid driver's license or I.D. card.

Training will be provided by Tempe parks staff within two weeks of the first scheduled clean-up event. Organizations are required to provide **their own tools** for the projects (i.e. gloves, shovels, brooms, rakes, etc.)

Duties

Duties of the participating organization include:

- Picking up trash and litter
- Raking leaves, pulling weeds and fluffing playground sand
- Sanitizing playground equipment with soap and water
- Sweeping all hard surfaces (i.e. basketball courts, sidewalks, ramadas, etc.)
- Reporting any vandalism, dirty restrooms, unsafe conditions and/or necessary repairs
- Special projects that may be assigned by parks and recreation staff

Benefits

Benefits of Adopting a Park include:

- Makes a positive difference in the community
- Serves as a team-building exercise for the organization
- City recognition of the adoptive group

Applications to the Adopt-A-Park Program are accepted year-round. For any additional information regarding the Adopt-A-Park Program, call or email Edith Ross at 480-350-2952 or Edith_Ross@tempe.gov.