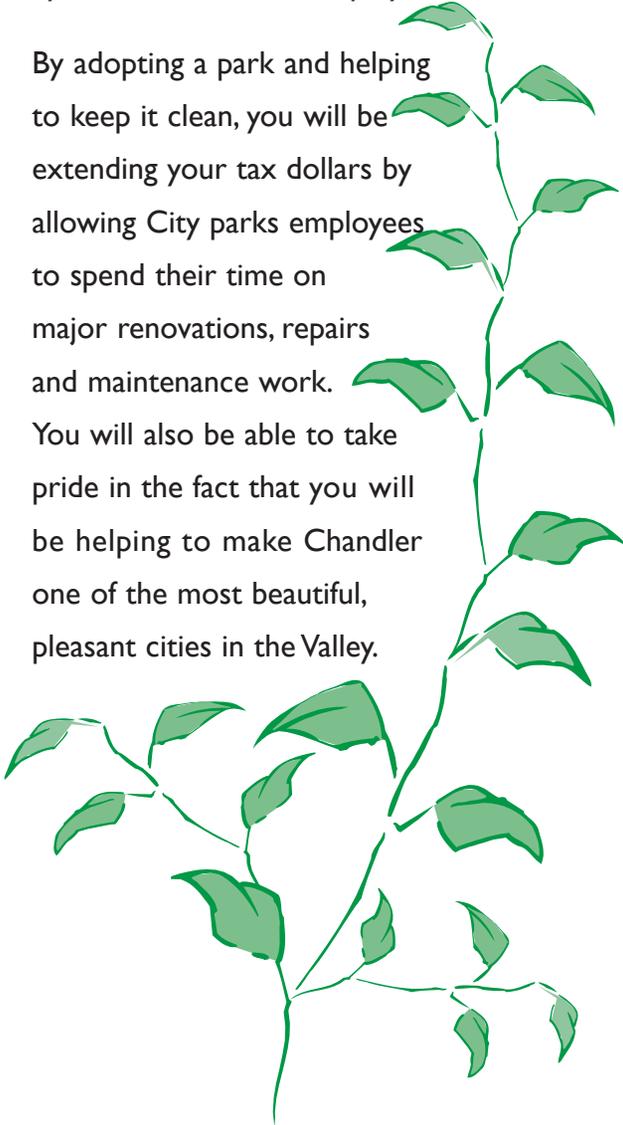


What does it mean to adopt a park?

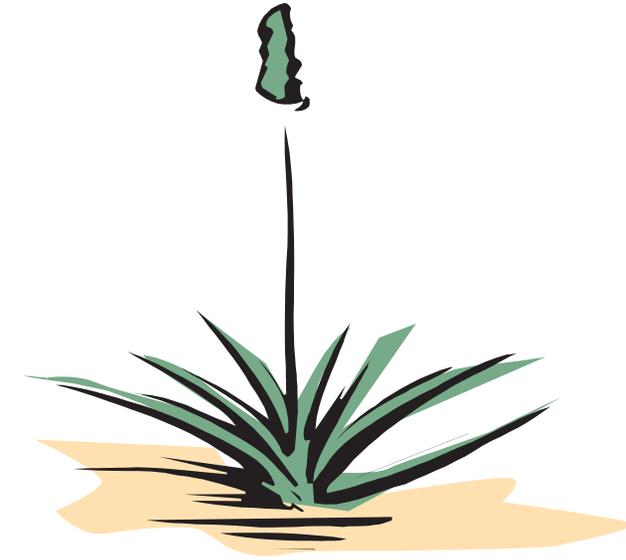
By adopting a Chandler city park, your group, organization or school agrees to visit that park once a month to help keep it clean, and to make note of any condition of the park facility that requires attention by Park Maintenance employees.

By adopting a park and helping to keep it clean, you will be extending your tax dollars by allowing City parks employees to spend their time on major renovations, repairs and maintenance work. You will also be able to take pride in the fact that you will be helping to make Chandler one of the most beautiful, pleasant cities in the Valley.



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Adopt-A-Park Program



*An opportunity provided by the
City of Chandler Parks Division
for local families, schools, clubs,
organizations and associations
to serve the community.*



Who qualifies to adopt a park?

Local service clubs, sports teams, youth organizations, church congregations, special-interest groups, fraternal organizations, schools, businesses, families and friends are welcome and encouraged to adopt a park.

Youth organizations are required to have at least one adult supervisor while working at their adopted park.

What tasks are we volunteering to do by adopting a park?

Adoptive groups are asked to:

- ✿ Pick up litter and dog droppings
- ✿ Sweep court surfaces
- ✿ Sweep ramada areas
- ✿ Clean picnic tables and benches
- ✿ Clean and rake children's play areas
- ✿ Remove graffiti
- ✿ Plant flowers or trees, if desired
(Plants and planting locations must be approved in advance.)

Groups are also asked to make note of:

- ✍ Vandalism damage
- ✍ Dirty restrooms
- ✍ Buildings or structures needing repair
- ✍ Unsafe conditions

Adoptive groups are not expected to mow grass, trim vegetation, pull weeds, clean restrooms or perform major repairs or maintenance.

Who will supply cleaning materials?

Adoptive organizations are asked to furnish their own supplies, due to the coordination and staffing time required for the City to provide materials.

Suggested items include:

- ◆ Trash bags
- ◆ Brooms
- ◆ Dustpans
- ◆ Buckets
- ◆ Cleaning supplies
- ◆ Mops
- ◆ Rakes

May we choose which park we want to adopt?

Yes! Groups are encouraged to select a park near members' homes, schools or meeting places. Larger parks, such as Arrowhead Meadows, Folley and Desert Breeze, would benefit by being adopted by more than one organization.

Requests for a specific park will be granted whenever possible, but cannot be guaranteed.

Which parks can be adopted?

Any Chandler park can be adopted. Some parks may even have two or more volunteer groups.

A complete list of Chandler parks is available online at:

- ◆ www.chandleraz.gov/parks.

What do we get out of it?

In addition to clean parks and a sense of pride in serving the community, groups adopting a park will be recognized after each year of service with a plaque by the Mayor and City Council during October. Groups will also be recognized when they join the program through Chandler's Web site, in the *City Scope* newsletter and on the City's cable TV channel, Chandler Channel 11.

Is there anything else we should know?

Adopting a park isn't just about work; it's about fun! Your group's time at your adopted park could include a picnic, outdoor games, or a swimming or fishing outing (in some parks). Best of all, it's an opportunity to get to know one another better.

How do we get started?

Contact Tyrone Allen through the City of Chandler Community Services Department: **(480) 782-2667**

**Adopt a
Chandler Park
today!**

