



**Parks & Recreation
Adopt-A-Park Program**

Guidelines & Application



Make Your Mark!

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Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the City of Turlock's Adopt-A-Park Program, coordinated by the Parks and Recreation Division. The goal of the Adopt-A-Park Program is to involve individuals, students, local businesses, civic organizations, and community organizations in the beautification and maintenance of Turlock's parks through volunteerism, donations, and sponsorships. The investment you make in your neighborhood and community parks is truly an investment in our community.

ANYONE CAN PARTICIPATE! Adopt-A-Park is a fun and educational opportunity that provides our community the chance to take an active role in the beautification, maintenance and support of Turlock's parks. You can clean up and beautify a park or facilities within a park; donate amenities; or sponsor a major project such as new field surface, fencing for an athletic field, a new dog park, renovation of athletic fields, new sport courts, new scoreboards or new playground equipment. The options are endless!

This collaborative initiative, known as the Adopt-A-Park Program, promotes community spirit and civic responsibility. Through volunteer efforts organized by the Parks and Recreation Division, we aim to enhance the beauty and condition of our parks. The responsibility of scheduling the sponsorship must be initiated by the adopting organization. This program enables us to maximize resources, expanding recreational benefits for all park visitors and creating opportunities for community service projects. Whether you're a Boy Scout earning a badge, a student fulfilling volunteer hours, or someone eager to contribute, we invite the community to participate. The Parks and Recreation Division will help organize the cleanup days of your choosing.

To prepare for future volunteer opportunities you may contact the Parks and Recreation Division at 209-668-5594. The Division will use social media platforms to advertise our volunteer cleanup days and any other opportunities that come up throughout the year. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram: @turlockpublicworks

July is Parks and Recreation Month. Every July, the Parks and Recreation Division presents at a Council Meeting and discusses the accomplishments and future goals of the division. This gives the division a chance to highlight what they and the community have done throughout the year.

CANCELLATION

If the adopting organization is unable to fulfill its sponsorship, the organizing leader will be contacted by staff. A 6-month check-in call or email will be made if no volunteer efforts have been scheduled. At this point, if you've opted to do an Adopt-A-Park Sponsorship and no workdays are planned, you'll be required to schedule all 4 cleanups or projects for the remainder of your adoption year. If the sponsorship is still unfulfilled, the adoption will be canceled, and any recognition will be removed. You'll have 30 days to contact our office and pick up your adoption sign; after that, it will be recycled.

Five Step Adoption Plan

Step 1: Select a City park or City facility within a park that you would like to adopt (a list of available sites is found on page 9 of this program guideline) and contact the Parks and Recreation Division to identify the needs of the requested site and your interests.

Step 2: Select the type of adoption from the following adoption methods and complete the application:

- **TYPE A:** Good Neighbor Day
 - **TYPE B:** Improvement Donation
 - **TYPE C:** Adopt-A-Park Sponsorship
- **Step 3:** Apply at least 30 days prior to the adopting organization's first scheduled cleanup/project. Please note that the volunteer waiver forms must be filled out by all volunteers on the day of the cleanup/project. Staff will provide these forms. You can find the application on page 14 of this program guideline.
The application is also available online at <http://ci.turlock.ca.us/parksfieldsbuildings>.

Step 4: SAVE THE DATE! Schedule your clean-up(s)/project(s) to reserve any equipment/supplies you may need for your project. If Adopt-A-Park Sponsorship you must schedule 4 clean-ups/projects per year.

Step 4: Conduct your clean-up(s)/project(s) with your group/organization.

Step 5: Return any borrowed equipment to make sure it is available for the next group.

Step 6: Re-apply after 1 year to maintain your Adopt-A-Park Sponsorship. Organizations that do not re-apply will forfeit their adoption.



Good Neighbor Day

Good Neighbor Day is an opportunity for you or your group to give back to the community, no matter your experience level. Whether you're new to volunteering or a seasoned pro, we'll help you find the right opportunity to make a difference!

REQUIREMENTS:

- Adopting organization leaders (18+) must attend a brief orientation and be present at the onsite meeting at the start of the sponsorship day.
- Volunteers will carry out cleanup and maintenance tasks as agreed upon between the organization and our maintenance staff, fulfilling the minimum required hours outlined on pages 9-13 of this application.
- Work must be done during daylight hours; frequency may vary based on park needs.
- Adopted parks will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Adoption of a park through the Adopt-A-Park Sponsorship by one organization does not prevent another organization from hosting a Good Neighbor Day cleanup, project, or making a donation to the same park.
- Follow all safety requirements.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- Pick up litter in and around your adopted site. This may include picking up paper, cans, glass, (broken glass to be removed at the discretion of the adopting organization's supervisor), or other garbage and placing it in trash receptacles at the park, or pickup can be arranged by the city for larger amounts.
- Clean and paint buildings or other designated facilities as needed (paint and supplies provided by City).
- Plant trees, flowers or shrubs, with City approval, at the adoption site.
- Remove graffiti.
- Sanitizing playground areas.

RECOGNITION:

You or your organization may be recognized by the following:

- Certificate of Recognition
- At a City Council meeting
- At a Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission meeting
- On our social media platforms



Improvement Donation

The Parks and Recreation Division welcomes monetary donations to support park enhancements. Your contribution helps fund amenities that meet Turlock’s public space design standards. Adopt-A-Park applications are accepted year-round. Available funding opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- Picnic Tables
- Benches
- BBQs
- Signs
- Drinking Fountains
- Trash Receptacles
- Shade Structures
- Playground/Exercise Equipment
- Trees, Shrubs, Flowers etc.

YOU OR YOUR ORGANIZATION WILL:

Work with the Parks and Recreation Division staff to select amenities specific to each adoptable site.

THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION WILL:

Assist with the selection of amenities specific to a park or parks selected by the donor. The Parks and Recreation Division will complete the purchase process in accordance with City policies and procedures and install the amenity or amenities. A plaque will be affixed to or near the amenity if possible, with donor’s name.

RECOGNITION:

Your generous donation sponsorship will be recognized:

- Certificate of Recognition
- At a City Council meeting
- At a Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission meeting
- On our social media platforms



Adopt-A-Park Sponsorship

The Adopt-A-Park sponsorship aims at establishing community partnerships for on-going, scheduled maintenance and large-scale projects.

Your business, organization or family sponsorship will cover at least four cleanups/projects a year or the cost of a large-scale project from groundbreaking to completion, and can leave a legacy for your company or family. Projects may include (but are not limited to):

- At least 4 cleanups/projects a year
- New athletic field lighting
- Fencing for an athletic field or dog park
- Renovation of athletic field turf
- A new basketball, tennis, or volleyball court
- New playground equipment
- Development of drought tolerant gardens

YOU OR YOUR ORGANIZATION WILL:

Plan and schedule at least four cleanups or improvement projects each year to enhance park beautification and create lasting benefits for the community. To maintain your adoption, you must reapply annually. Failure to reapply will result in the removal of your organization's signage, making the park available for adoption by another group.

TOGETHER WE CAN:

Accomplish these projects through a collaborative partnership between you and the Parks and Recreation Division. The Division will assist with development and design. Major Project Sponsorships are available year-round. The Division will provide staff members to assist and supervise your project.

RECOGNITION:

An Adopt-A-Park sign with your name on it will be placed at your adopted project site. The sign will remain at the site as long as the sponsored projects or equipment remains a viable park structure. The City will fund cost of the Adopt-A-Park sign. In addition to the Adopt-A-Park sign, your generous donation and sponsorship will be recognized:

- Certificate of Recognition
- At a City Council meeting
- At a Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission meeting
- On our social media platforms

City Responsibilities and Public Safety

THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION WILL:

- Meet with the adopting organization (or its representatives) at the on-site at the start of the cleanup/project day to set priorities and to provide general guidance.
- Provide training on maintenance methods, techniques, and safety issues.
- Work alongside the organization to maintain and enhance the park.
- Assist with tree and shrub planting and provide technical support as needed.
- Update City Council when the adopting organization conducts their project.
- Recognize the organization on social media, Council meetings, and Commission meetings.

SAFETY RULES & REQUIREMENTS:

- Your Safety Matters – Staff will provide a safety briefing on the day of your cleanup/project.
- Waivers Required – Each participant must complete a Volunteer Waiver Form on the event day.
- Adult Supervision – One adult (18+) per five minors is required.
- Project Safety – Cleanups are selected for safety and suitability. Participants are expected to use common sense and follow guidelines.
- No Power Tools – Power tools are prohibited unless approved by the Municipal Services Director.

SAFETY GUIDELINES:

- Wear closed-toed shoes comfortable clothing, and safety gear
 - The City will provide vests, latex gloves, and eye/ear protection if needed for the cleanup or project.
- Remove all bagged trash.
- Stay alert to traffic and surroundings.
- Only handle broken glass with adult supervision.
- Avoid and report hazardous materials (oil, paint, gasoline, etc.) to Maintenance staff.

Park Facilities

BMX Bike Park

4-hour cleanup/project minimum

4013 N. Walnut Ave.

The City of Turlock BMX Bike Park is located in the northwest corner of the Walnut/Christoffersen Storm Basin. This park contains various ramps for all levels of riding experience.

Brad Bates Park

3-hour cleanup/project minimum

4200 Mountain View Rd.

Located on the west side of the Turlock Regional Sports Complex. This park offers a swing set area, large modular playground, individual picnic areas, ADA compliant drinking fountain, benches, security lights, half-court basketball area, shade trees, small open space and perimeter and interior sidewalks.

Brandon Koch Memorial Skate Park

4-hour cleanup/project minimum

600 Pedras Rd.

This skate park offers various skating elements ranging from ramps, rails, boxes and stairs. There is also an ADA compliant drinking fountain, shade trees, benches and a picnic area.

Bristol Park

3-hour cleanup/project minimum

2500 Castlevue Dr.

This park offers a half-court basketball area, a large playground area, an ADA compliant drinking fountain, benches, perimeter sidewalks, shade trees and small open spaces for play.

Broadway Park

4-hour cleanup/project minimum

501 N. Broadway

This park offers a half-court basketball area, a large playground area, an ADA compliant drinking fountain, benches, a large covered picnic area with barbeques, several small picnic areas with barbeques, perimeter sidewalks, large shade trees and a water park feature.

Central Park

3-hour cleanup/project minimum

115 S. Golden State Blvd.

Conveniently located in Historic Downtown Turlock, this park offers benches, an ADA compliant drinking fountain and large shade trees. This park serves as a layover site for the County Bus System and also serves as the site for the Chamber of Commerce Building.

Christoffersen Park

4-hour cleanup/project minimum

601 E. Christoffersen Pkwy.

This park offers a large playground area, an ADA compliant drinking fountain, benches, picnic areas with barbeques, shade trees, perimeter sidewalks and two very large open space areas for play. This park also serves as a storm basin.

Columbia Park

4-hour cleanup/project minimum

600 Columbia Ave.

This park offers two large ADA complaint covered picnic areas with barbeques, a large playground area, an ADA compliant drinking fountain, benches, several small picnic areas with barbeques, perimeter and interior sidewalks, security lighting, large shade trees, horseshoe pits, full size and half-court basketball courts, a multi-purpose court with soccer goals, a community building, water park feature and a community swimming pool.

Crane Park

4-hour cleanup/project minimum

1555 E. Canal Dr.

This park is one of the City's oldest and most popular parks. The very large shade trees that cover the entire park offer a safe haven from the valley's high summer temperatures. The park offers a large playground area, ADA drinking compliant fountain, two tennis courts, ten horseshoe pits, a restroom facility, a half-court basketball area, perimeter sidewalks, security lighting, several large and small picnic areas with barbeques and open spaces for play.

Curt Andre Park

3-hour cleanup/project minimum

4235 N. Kilroy Rd.

Located on the east side of the Turlock Regional Sports Complex, this park offers a swing set area, two sand volleyball pits, shade trees, small open space areas, benches, large covered picnic area with barbeques, picnic tables, an ADA compliant drinking fountain and perimeter and interior sidewalks.

Dale Pinkney Park

3-hour cleanup/project minimum

4300 & 4400 Cherry Blossom Ln.

This is a neighborhood park that includes a playground, covered picnic area with tables and a barbecue, ADA drinking fountain, benches, security lighting, shade trees, perimeter sidewalks and an open area for play.

Denair Park

3-hour cleanup/project minimum

850 E. Main St.

This park offers one picnic area, benches, perimeter sidewalks, security lighting, large mature shade trees, small open spaces for play and a 2-bay swing set area.

Donnelly Park

4-hour cleanup/project minimum

600 Pedras Rd.

This park opened to the public in 1974 and is the City of Turlock's premier community park. Donnelly Park is a 40-acre site, covering one square mile and includes a 10-acre man-made storm basin and host migratory birds. The park features two playgrounds, a skate park, covered picnic areas with barbecues, open picnic areas with barbecues, a half-court basketball court, perimeter sidewalks, benches, shade trees, two parking lots and open areas for play.

Ferreira Ranch Park

4-hour cleanup/project minimum

460 Sandy Way

This park offers open space for play, large playground area, an ADA compliant drinking fountain, covered picnic area with barbeques, benches, several shade trees, perimeter and interior sidewalks, half-court basketball area, and security lighting.

Four Seasons Park

4-hour cleanup/project minimum

1401 Seasons Park Dr.

This park offers open space for play, large playground area, covered picnic area with barbeques, an ADA compliant drinking fountain, security lighting, benches, perimeter and interior sidewalks, several shade trees.

Gar Park

3-hour cleanup/project minimum

600 Marshall St.

This park offers picnic tables and mature shade trees. This park is more of a passive park for leisure activity.

Harold Markley Park

4-hour cleanup/project minimum

3180 N. Berkeley Ave.

This park offers a large open space for play, large playground area, covered picnic area with barbeques, park benches, full size basketball court area, ADA compliant drinking fountain, several shade trees and security lighting. This park also serves as a storm basin.

Montana Park

4-hour cleanup/project minimum

1001 Montana Ave.

This is Turlock's newest park still in the development stages with phase 1 being completed. Phase 1 included perimeter and interior sidewalks, benches and open grass area for play. The plan for Montana Park is to expand with a playground area, covered picnic area with tables and barbeques and multipurpose fields.

Pedretti Sports Complex

4-hour cleanup/project minimum

2400 N. Tegner Rd.

Built in 1977 as a community project, Pedretti Sports Complex offers a host of recreational and sports activities. This facility includes four softball fields, a hardball field, three grass volleyball courts, a concession stand, covered bleachers, ADA compliant drinking fountains, picnic areas, a large covered picnic area, a fully accessible playground area, shade trees and two parking lots. This facility offers the best of both worlds with the well-maintained playing fields and the park-like setting with the many trees, picnic areas and playground area. Pedretti Sports Complex is one of the most utilized parks in the City of Turlock parks system.

Quaile Rand Norton Park/Dog Park

4-hour cleanup/project minimum

500 S. Berkeley Ave.

This park offers an enclosed dog park area, large playground area, large shade trees, benches, small picnic areas with barbeques, an ADA compliant drinking fountain, security lighting, a parking lot and a restroom facility. This park also serves as a storm basin.

Rotary International Park

4-hour cleanup/project minimum

1025 Gettysburg St.

This park offers a half-court basketball area, a large playground area, security lighting, an ADA compliant drinking fountain, benches, several picnic areas with barbeques, a small covered picnic area, perimeter sidewalks, shade trees and a large open space for play. This park was once identified as Gettysburg Park. This park also serves as a storm basin.

Soderquist Park

3-hour cleanup/project minimum

1100 Flower St.

This park offers a ball field for Little League play, a large parking area, large shade trees and a small open space for play.

Summerfaire Park

4-hour cleanup/project minimum

1350 Fulkerth Rd.

This park offers a large open space for play, large playground area with barbeques, several small picnic areas with barbeques, benches, an ADA compliant drinking fountain, shade trees, and perimeter sidewalks. This park also serves as a storm basin.

Swanson Centennial Park/Dog Park

4-hour cleanup/project minimum

2101 Pinto Way

This park is host to Turlock's second dog park. The park includes an enclosed dog park area, a playground area, security lights, ADA compliant drinking fountain, perimeter and interior sidewalks, a covered picnic area with picnic tables, food prep table, barbeques, individual picnic areas, benches, open space areas and shade trees.

Tot Lot

3-hour cleanup/project minimum

545 Clover Dr.

This park is considered a pocket park and offers a swing set area, security lighting, a perimeter sidewalk, a small basketball court, park benches, and a small open space for play.

Turlock Regional Sports Complex

4-hour cleanup/project minimum

4545 N. Kilroy Rd.

The Gemperle Fields at Turlock Regional Sports Complex opened in September 2002. The Sports Complex is one of the premier complexes in the region. The complex has two softball fields and nine full size soccer fields that are used throughout the year by various organizations for practices and tournament play. The complex also has an amphitheater, tables and benches, two parking lots and shade trees.

Organization: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Additional Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Adoption Type *(Please specify which type you would prefer by checking the box):*

- Good Neighbor Day Improvement Donation Adopt-A-Park Sponsorship

Desired Park: _____

Volunteer Days *(Choose 1 month for Good Neighbor Day **OR** choose 4 months for Adopt-A-Park Sponsorship):*

- January February March April May June
 July August September October November December

Brief Description of Project:

Estimated Number of Volunteers: _____

Estimated Number of Hours/Days to Complete Project: _____

Term of Agreement

I acknowledge that I am familiar with the Adopt-A-Park Program Guidelines and that I possess the authority to commit to a project/improvement as an individual or on behalf of the organization. I understand this is an application for the Adopt-A-Park Program and the Parks and Recreation Division will contact me to finalize the details of the project/improvement.

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only

Application Approved Application Denied Initials: _____ Date: _____

Reason for Denial: _____