

City of Dalworthington Gardens, Texas

Gardens' Gals & Pappy's Adoption / Special Projects Program

The City of Dalworthington Gardens and the DWG Park Board encourage families, neighborhoods, civic groups, businesses and individuals to get involved in the preservation and enhancement of The Gardens Park.

Gardens Park is the City of Dalworthington Gardens' sixty-three acre park. Just over one-third of the park is a recreation area bounded on three sides by Elkins Dr. (North), Roosevelt Dr. (East), and California Lane (South.) This area contains chat walking trails, playground equipment, picnic areas with grills, a ball field and a pavilion. The remaining area of the park (almost two-thirds) is fairly evenly divided between Pappy Elkins Lake and the DWG Wildscape. The lake frontage along Elkins Dr. has picnic areas with grills and a great vantage point for watching picturesque sunsets. The Wildscape on the back side of the park beckons with almost one mile of nature trails and displays of wildflowers most of the year. Both areas have many wonderful fishing spots.

Gardens Park and its facilities are enjoyed by many residents and appreciated by all. It contributes to the quality of life enjoyed by residents and provides a foundation to foster ongoing economic and commercial development of our community. Continued vigilance is needed to maintain a quality park. By participating in our adoption / special projects program volunteers can donate time and resources to give special care to our park by helping maintain, beautify, enhance and keep our park safe for all to enjoy.

Eligible Sites

Gardens Park includes three areas as mentioned above (recreation area, lake area, and wildscape area). Any of these areas are eligible and worthy of an adoption or special project partner. Assistance in selecting an area or special project is provided by the City of DWG Public Works staff in coordination with the DWG Park Board. We'll be happy to work with you to identify the perfect match!

How it Works

A list of adoption and special projects is kept in the City Administrator's office at the DWG city offices. This list includes the following:

- Community Service Projects
- Community Adoptions
- Eagle Scout Projects

How it Works...continued

Once a project has been selected, the individual or group will commit through the city administrator's office to complete the special project by a specific date or maintain the adopted area for the specified time. An individual or group should perform maintenance in their adopted area a minimum of six times per adopted year scheduled to avoid interference with DWG Public Works.

Maintenance may include, but is not limited to such things as litter pick-up, debris removal, minor park / trail maintenance, etc. The Public Works staff will provide support for each group during the adopted period and coordinate "on-site" staff support when needed. We will continue to provide regular maintenance to each adopted area but, with your help we can accomplish more.

Community Pride

Your commitment to the community is crucial in keeping our park clean, safe and beautiful. As a special "Thank You", the city will acknowledge your commitment and dedication with a certificate of appreciation as well as being recognized at a Park Board or City Council meeting and in the city newsletter upon fulfillment and completion of the project or the adopted period.

By becoming a DWG Park Partner you can:

- Help beautify our park and community.
- Gain a sense of community and park pride.
- Help preserve our natural resources.
- Enjoy the benefits of outdoor activity.
- Help reduce crime and vandalism.
- Lead by example.
- Meet new people.
- Help in recruiting more individuals or groups to participate.
- Contribute to the "Quality of Life" in Dalworthington Gardens.
- Help us build a better tomorrow.

To become a Gardens' Gal or Pappy's Pal pick up a park volunteer packet at the DWG city administrators office. For more information, contact the DWG city administrator at 817-274-7368 or contact one of the DWG Park Board members.

Thank you for helping improve our city and The Gardens Park.

CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, TEXAS
Gardens' Gals & Pappy's Pals
Adoption / Special Project Agreement
TERMS AND CONDITIONS
Return to City Administrator

Name of Individual or Organization _____

Contact Person and Title _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Project Assignment _____

The City of Dalworthington Gardens, Texas hereinafter called the "City" and

_____ hereinafter called the "Group," recognize the need and the desirability of a clean, well maintained park and are entering this Agreement to permit the Group to contribute toward this effort.

By signature below, the Group, both jointly and severally, acknowledge the hazardous nature of the work and agree, both jointly and severally, to the following terms and conditions:

- Participants in the Group agree to obey and abide by all laws and regulations relating to safety and such terms and conditions as may be required by the Public Works staff for special conditions.
- When participants are 13 years of age or younger, the Group shall furnish adequate supervision by one or more adults.
- The Group shall not subcontract or assign its duties or responsibilities to any other group, organization or enterprise.
- The Group shall appoint or select a chairperson to serve as spokesperson for the Group.
- The Group shall obtain required supplies and materials from the City during regular business hours.
- If performing litter pickup, the Group shall be responsible for placing litter in trash bags furnished by the Public Works staff.
- Unused materials and supplies furnished by the City shall be returned to the City at the end of each day.
- Each Group shall be responsible for prohibiting participants from either possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages while in the adopted area.
- Each Group shall be responsible for maintaining a first-aid kit, adequate drinking water, sunscreen, and proper attire while participating in litter pickup or any other volunteer function in the adopted area.

- The Group shall have the option of renewing the agreement subject to the approval of the City Administrator and continuation by the DWG Park Board.
- The Group shall release, relieve, hold harmless and indemnify the City, its agents, servants and employees for any and all actions, claims, injuries, and lawsuits arising out of or in any way connected to the activities connected with the program.

The City agrees to accomplish the following:

- Work with the Group to determine the specific adoption area or special project.
- Provide trash bags, planting materials, hand tools, and paints, etc.
- Remove the filled trash bags or other debris the following week after maintenance performed.
- Provide a certificate of appreciation, recognize the group or individual at a Park Board or City Council meeting and place the group or individual's name in the city newsletter upon fulfillment and completion.

Additional terms and conditions:

If in the sole judgment of the City, it is found that the adoption Group is not meeting the terms and conditions of this agreement, upon 30 days notice or a shorter period in the event of an emergency, the City may terminate the agreement. This agreement may be modified in scope or altered in any other manner at the sole discretion of the City. The City reserves the right to modify or cancel the program at any time, and for any reason at its sole discretion.

The City of Dalworthington Gardens recognizes the Group as the adopting organization for

_____ and the Group accepts the responsibility of maintaining this area in the park for a period beginning _____, 20__ and ending _____, 20__.

Name of Group (As it will appear in the newsletter.)

Authorized Signature for Group

City Administrator Signature

CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, TEXAS
Gardens' Gals & Pappy's Pals
Adoption / Special Project Agreement
PROJECT DEFINITION
Return to City Administrator

Name of Individual or Organization _____

Contact Person and Title _____

Address _____ Phone _____

E-mail Address _____ Cell Ph. _____

Project Assignment _____

Primary Contact w/ City _____

Project Definition:

Printed Name

Signature

Date

City Administrator Signature

Date

CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, TEXAS
Gardens' Gals & Pappy's Pals
Adoption / Special Project Agreement
VOLUNTEER RELEASE
Return to City Administrator

Name of Individual or Organization _____

Contact Person and Title _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Project Assignment _____

Conditions:

I, the undersigned, for myself or as a parent/guardian of the below named minor child, for and in consideration of the City of Dalworthington Gardens (hereinafter "City"), allow myself, or my minor child to participate in the above named Project, and hereby acknowledge that I understand that while the City attempts to maintain its areas in a safe condition, hazards may exist. With full awareness and understanding of these and other risks, I agree to participate in the Project solely at my own risk.

I understand that by my participation in the Project, I do not become a City employee and have no rights to Workers' Compensation benefits or any benefit or protection available to City employees. I acknowledge that my participation in the Project is of general civic service and not in furtherance of the City's activities as an employer.

In consideration for the City of Dalworthington Gardens permitting me to participate in the Project, I do for myself, my heirs, executors, representatives, administrators, and assigns hereby agree to waive all claims and release the City and all of its officers, officials, agents, employees, and invitees from and against any and all liability, claims, wages, damages, suits, demands, or causes of action, including all expenses of litigation and/or settlement, court costs, and attorneys fees which may arise by reason of injury to, or death of any person, or for loss of, damage to, or loss of use of any property arising out of, or in connection with, the above named Project.

It is further agreed that the execution of this Release will not constitute a waiver by the City of the defense of governmental immunity, when applicable, or any other defense recognized by the courts of the State of Texas. I, the undersigned, have read this Release and understand all of its terms. I execute this document voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

SIGNED this the _____ day of _____, 200__.

Printed Name of Minor Child

Printed Name of Applicant/Parent/Guardian/Agency Representative

Witness Signature

Signature of Applicant/ Parent/Guardian/Agency Representative