

64.00 Friends of the Park Program

Purpose:

The City of Medina welcomes participation in a Friends of the Park Program. It is a community effort organized to provide an ongoing opportunity to beautify and maintain our City's parks and open spaces and the German Liberal Cemetery for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future residents. It is also the conduit for residents to suggest projects.

Policy Statement:

From time to time the City is approached by residents or resident groups with proposals for improvements to City parks and trails, often at no expense to the City. The City first ensures that proposed projects fit into long term plans for the City and that the ongoing cost of project maintenance will be manageable.

Process:

Community groups or individuals are invited to summarize their suggestions on a Parks Volunteer Form, provided by the City. Once the project has been approved by the City, the Public Works Director and a Park Commissioner will meet with the participants to advise and guide them in completing the project.

Approved Ongoing Program Activities

- Work with a Park Commissioner to clean a park, trail or the German Liberal Cemetery of litter
- Plant flowers, shrubs and trees in locations approved by the City of Medina
- Garden, water and maintain plantings around park entrance signs
- Inspect and clean bird houses throughout parks system in late winter and fall, assisted by an experienced volunteer

Citizen Generated Project Requests

Individuals or community groups who are interested in volunteering are requested to:

1. Submit projects based on those already on the Approved Project List, developed by the Park Commission and approved by the City Council, or to propose an alternative project for consideration
2. Identify funding sources, if appropriate, for the project.
3. Complete a City of Medina Parks Volunteer form and submit to City Staff for Park Commission review and approval by the City Council.
4. Be available to attend a Park Commission meeting and City Council meeting to present your project idea, if requested.

City Responsibilities:

- Review and approve project
- Advise and guide participants in developing a work plan
- Furnish materials as agreed

Participant Responsibilities:

- Commitment to completing the project
- Use plants approved by the City of Medina
- Keep plants properly watered, maintained and weeded
- Observe safety precautions to protect workers
- Take good care of monuments, signs and equipment
- Furnish appropriate volunteer workers with adequate supervision for workers under 15 years of age
- Seek input and advice from Park Commission and Public Works Department during the project, when necessary
- Secure necessary funding prior to commencement of the Project and demonstrate the funding source to the Park Commission
- Return unused materials and supplies furnished by the City at completion of the project.

Thank you for your interest in our City Parks and Trails.

Program Approval: City Council approved on 5/4/2010; City Council amended on 1/18/2011 and 1/2/2018