

Friends of Albany Parks
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Purpose:

The primary purpose of the Friends of Albany Parks program is to develop volunteer opportunities for community groups and citizens to contribute to the beautification and maintenance of City of Albany parks. The program also promotes community partnerships with Albany residents and/or Albany based organization that enhances civic pride and a sense of stewardship. The program is designed to be a low key, informal approach to involve the community with minor maintenance and beautification projects as well as monitor parks for potential hazards and vandalism.

Tasks:

Tasks may include trash pickup, graffiti reporting, weeding, raking, sweeping, cleaning picnic tables, mulch trees and shrubs, and reporting vandalism. Participants may also help with special beautification projects including, but not limited to tree and flower plantings.

Supplies:

The City of Albany will supply trash bags, safety vests (when needed), and a designated place to leave bags for City pick-up. Participants need to provide work gloves and tools.

Policies:

- Projects may be scheduled by the City staff and/or participants; however, the Urban Forester will approve and coordinate any/all park maintenance projects prior to implementation.
- Beautification projects that include any form of public art, painting (other than that categorized as maintenance), decorative tile work, murals, etc., will be presented to the Arts Committee for review and compliance with City policies pertaining to public art.
- Monitoring the park should be done on a regular basis, preferably once per week.
- Participants must fill-out the application in order to participate.
- Persons under the age of eighteen (18) may volunteer with the permission of their parent or guardian. Children under the age of twelve (12) must obtain permission in writing from their parent/guardian and have their parent or guardian present during all volunteer activities.
- Volunteers shall leave dead animals for City employees to pickup.
- Projects must adhere to all City policies including the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy.