Adopt-A-Block
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The Glendale Neighborhood Pride Project offers groups and individuals an opportunity to adopt an area of their choice, or we can provide a list of areas to choose from. You or your organization can make a valuable contribution to your neighborhood by volunteering a minimal amount of time to perform such duties as:

- Graffiti Removal
- Litter pick-up
- Weed Abatement

Instructions and supplies are provided. Your group may also have its name printed on a special sign that will be placed in your adopted area.

List of Current Participating Groups

Click here to sign-up.

For more information about Adopt-A-Block, please contact Sandra Rodriguez, Program Coordinator, at (818) 548-2877.

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Current Participants of the Adopt-A-Block program

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GROUP

Adams Square Merchants Association
Adams Square Plaza - SW corner of Adams & Chevy Chase

Allan F Daily High School
Kenwood Street between Wilson and Colorado

Alleycats - Youth & Family Services
100 S. and 100 N. block alleyways between Everett and Cedar

Anita Weaver and Bill Clifton
Corner of Harvey to Solway

Arin Ghoujmian
Elk MiniPark

Armen Shirvanyan
Broadway from Maryland to Louise, Louise to Harvard, Harvard to Maryland, Maryland to Broadway

AVID Club at Hoover H.S.
1100-1700 S. Glendale Avenue

Blanca Brizuela
Harvey from Glenoaks to Chevy Chase

Bob Thompson
2200-2700 Block of Honolulu Ave.

Catholic Charities - Skilled Worker Program
San Fernando Rd. from Magnolia to Palmer

Chris and Vito
Alabama from Pennsylvania to New York, New York to Stevens, Stevens to Maryland, Maryland to Alabama

Christian Outreach for Armenian Church
California & Brand (start) South to Harvard, East to Louise, North to Brd.way, West to Brand

Christina Karagas & Daughters
Wilson MiniPark

Craig Williams
Control box @ Mariposa & Palmer Ave. (1208 Mariposa)

Crescenta Valley H.S. Armenian Club
Honolulu (from Lowell to Pennsylvania)
GLendale NeighBoRhood PiRde ProjeCt
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INFORmATION SHEET

The City of Glendale, seeking to create a unique partnership between municipal government and the
community, has developed the Neighborhood Pride Project to encourage the local populace to take
partial responsibility for the cleanliness of the area in which they live and work. The staff of the
Neighborhood Services Section believes that this program is an exciting way to expand citizen
involvement in the beautification and preservation of our community.

Program Description:

Participating volunteer groups agree to take responsibility for maintaining their adopted
neighborhood (block, street, wall, bus bench, etc.) for a minimum of one year. Clean-ups take place
regularly at least once a month.

The groups select their own location to adopt or they may choose an area from the Neighborhood
Services priority list. These areas have been deemed to be in need of specialized ongoing attention.
In either case, the location should meet the following criteria:

1. It should be in need of regular maintenance.
2. The degree of work should closely match the abilities of the group.
3. The area must be safe.

The groups designate a representative who completes all the necessary paperwork. The
representative also makes the arrangements for the group to work at their site on a designated day.
City staff may oversee and direct their first clean up activities if necessary.

After the initial clean-up day, staff and the representative evaluate the activity and then meet with
the group to monitor the site and to verify the group’s satisfaction with the location. After the first
year of active participation in the program, if everything is in order and a continued commitment is
made, signs designating the area as adopted by that group are ordered. The signs are mounted by
city staff at the appropriate locations. The volunteers continue to maintain their adopted areas and
staff continues to work with the groups and monitors the sites. If they choose, groups are spotlighted
on the “Adopt-A-Block” segment of “Neighborhood Services TV” which airs quarterly on Charter
Communications Channel 6 in Glendale and Channel 16 in Burbank.

In some instances, areas are co-adopted. Either the two groups work together to maintain their
location, or, one group sponsors another with the sponsoring group providing financial support and
the other group providing the manpower to complete the work. It should be noted that anyone can
adopt an area; individuals, businesses, families, religious affiliations, community groups, school
clubs, scouts, etc.
GLENDALE NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE PROJECT
ADOPT-A-BLOCK PROGRAM

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

The Adopter agrees to:

Remove litter from a designated area at least once a month over a one-year period.

Designate an individual who is responsible for completing all necessary paperwork. This designated individual will also be responsible for maintaining contact with the City representative, to insure that they are meeting the requirements of the program.

Discuss all projects with the City representative before the project is undertaken, to insure that the activities are within the scope of the program.

Avoid contact with items that have the potential to be hazardous to the health or safety of the adopting group. This includes, but is not limited to, heavy objects or items such as syringes, needles, condoms, hazardous waste and dead animals.

The Committee for a Clean & Beautiful Glendale agrees to:

Provide supplies such as trash bags, graffiti solution, rags, scrubbers & litter pick up tools as needed.

Provide support to the group by assisting with solicitation of support of the local businesses within the adopted areas. This support can include, assisting with clean-up activities, providing drinks and/or refreshments on clean-up days, and/or solicitation of donations for tools and/or other supplies.

The City of Glendale agrees to:

Provide for free pick up of trash bags for clean-ups that occur Monday through Saturday (please notify staff of your need to have trash picked up on the Thursday before the actual clean-up).

Furnish and install two signs, one at each end of the adopted area, after the group or individual has completed at least 12 monthly clean-ups.

Coordinate publicity and other special arrangements, when possible, for special projects or beautification efforts.

Adopter:

I have read and reviewed this agreement and understand the terms of our participation.

Print Name/Title __________________________ Signature __________________________ Date ____________
GLENDALE NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE PROJECT
ADOPT-A-BLOCK PROGRAM

WORK AGREEMENT

In the spirit of volunteerism, we:

(name of group or participant)

offer our community a commitment to enhance the quality of our local environment. We understand the policies and procedures detailed in the Statement of Commitment, which were discussed with us by the City of Glendale's Neighborhood Pride Project representative, and we hereby agree to take responsibility for the beautification of our adopted neighborhood:

(address of adopted area)

for a minimum of one year.

NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS
(if you have them)

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Signature of Representative: ___________________________ Date: __________________
GROUP NAME:

MAIN CONTACT:

ADDRESS:

CITY:  
STATE:  
ZIP:

PHONE:  
ALTERNATE PHONE:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

ADOPTED AREA:

CLEANING SCHEDULE:

PLEASE MARK THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AND THE QUANTITY NEEDED:

GRAFFITI SOLUTION:  
QUANTITY:  
RAGS:  
QUANTITY:

SCRUBBERS:  
QUANTITY:  
LITTER PICK UP TONGS:  
QUANTITY:

TRASH LINERS:  
QUANTITY:  
OTHER:  
QUANTITY:

SPECIAL REQUESTS OR COMMENTS:

Keep Page 1 for your records AND Return pages 2,3,4

City of Glendale, Neighborhood Services
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Neighborhood Program

The City of Renton has formally adopted a Neighborhood Program to ensure a positive dialogue between the City and its residents. By bringing neighbors together and helping residents improve their neighborhoods, a greater sense of community is fostered and the overall image of the City is improved. The program matches City staff members with neighborhood groups to provide a contact point between the City and residents. The program also sponsors a small matching grant program for public involvement projects.

Building a Partnership

The City staff and citizens all play important roles in governing the City. Collaboration will result in improved decisions for all of Renton. The City of Renton is committed to promoting and sustaining an environment that creates and responds to citizen involvement.

Features of the Program

The Neighborhood Program is made up of three major features. The first and most important is Neighborhood Recognition. Neighborhood Recognition happens once an application to become an Officially Recognized Renton Neighborhood has been completed and accepted. An Officially Recognized Neighborhood will receive from the City:

- A volunteer City employee who serves as a liaison working with your neighborhood and provides a link to the departments and services of the City
- Eligibility for funding for neighborhood picnics
- Information about your neighborhood, as it pertains to the Neighborhood Program, on the City's website
- Publicity for neighborhood events on Channel 21, the City's cable access station, as they pertain to the Neighborhood Program
- A periodic "Neighborhood News" electronic newsletter that provides information about key issues, event and programs, opportunities for citizen input, volunteer information, and updates about Neighborhood Program.

Currently there are 36 Officially Recognized Neighborhoods (see the Neighborhood Map) that each have Neighborhood Contacts and City Liaisons. After a neighborhood has been recognized, the City supports the neighborhood through two important programs, the Neighborhood Picnic Program and the Neighborhood Grant Program.

- The Neighborhood Picnic Program brings tables, chairs, a BBQ and play equipment for kids to recognized neighborhoods for a once-a-year Neighborhood Picnic. This program requires matching contributions from the community (monetary or in-kind).
• The Neighborhood Grant Program allows neighborhoods to apply for grants that will improve the viability and livability of their neighborhoods. This program also requires matching contributions from the community (monetary or in-kind). If you are interested in starting your own neighborhood association, check out the How to Build a Neighborhood Association Guide.

For more information about the Neighborhood Program please call or email Norma McQuiller, Neighborhood Program Coordinator, at 425-430-6595 or Wendy Kirchner, Neighborhood Program Assistant, at 425-430-6594.
ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM

The City of Los Angeles has established a City-Wide Adopt-A-Park program in which volunteers engage in such activities as picking up litter, planting flower beds, and/or painting park equipment etc.

1. What can be adopted? The entire Park or particular areas:
   - Sports Fields
   - Flower Beds
   - Trees and Shrubs
   - Playgrounds
   - Courts
   - Trails
   - Undeveloped Parkland
   - Park benches/Picnic tables

2. How can Volunteers help? Volunteers can care for their adopted areas in the following ways:
   - Picking up litter
   - Removing graffiti
   - Sweeping courts and pathways
   - Pulling weeds
   - Raking leaves
   - Caring for trees
   - Reporting park hazards

3. How do you adopt a park?
   a. Contact 1-888-LA-PARKS and ask for the name and number of the park you would like to adopt.
   b. Sign and Complete an ADOPT-A-PARK AGREEMENT.pdf
   c. Complete a Volunteer Application
   d. Department Staff will process forms and contact you

4. What are Volunteers responsible for?
   - Volunteers must abide by all park rules and ordinances
   - Volunteers must notify Staff if resigning
   - Volunteers must return all supplies upon completing tasks/duties
   - Volunteers must sign in and out on a Sign in Sheet every time they are worked. The Sign in Sheet will be retained by our Department.
   - Volunteers should report any hazardous material (e.g. needles) to City Volunteer Supervisor. Please Do Not Pick them up.
   - Volunteers need to report all accidents involving injury or equipment damage to their organization’s supervisor and City Volunteer Supervisor.
   - Supervisors should work in pairs or groups when possible
   - If working alone, you must be at least 18 years old and always, let the Volunteer Supervisor know your location.
   - Volunteers should not operate machinery or dangerous equipment

5. What type of support materials does the City/Department provide? Adopt a park provides you with the following type of supplies:
   - Gloves and bags
   - Litter stick (garbage picker upper)
   - Some gardening tools, such as, hoes, brooms, shovels, and rakes
   - Safety equipment such as mouth masks

6. What are the Benefits of Sponsoring a Park?
   - Sponsors will be advertised on the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks Web Site
   - Mentioned on Park Program Brochure or at least one park flyer
   - Publicly credited at Adopted Park Events
   - Invited to at least one Citywide event honoring volunteers and sponsors
   - Recognized via a Banner or sign posted in adopted area
   - An official Certificate of Adoption

See Also, Terms & Conditions to Adopt-a-Park

** We encourage all who would like to volunteer to contact us at: LAPARKS.VOLUNTEER@LACITY.ORG **
The City of Deltona

Adopt-A-Park Program

Agreement-SAMPLE

The City of Deltona and "THE CITIZENS FOR CLEANER PARKS" agree as follows:

THE INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP SHALL:

1. Adopt a park suitable for them or their group for a period of one year beginning July 2009 and ending June 2010.
2. Remove trash and litter in the park as often as necessary to keep the area clean, a minimum of once per month is required;
3. Place all trash and litter in barrels or dumpsters provided on site;
4. Only allow such persons to participate as are determined by the individual/group to be responsible enough to safely participate in the litter removal activities. No person shall consume or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while participating;
5. Not be compensated by the City for activities performed during the park clean-up or be supervised or controlled by the City in any manner, except as provided in this agreement.
6. Submit monthly clean-up report to program coordinator.

THE CITY SHALL:

2. Remove or arrange for removal of certain litter under unusual circumstances (i.e.; large, heavy or hazardous items).
3. Include link with Adopter Name or City website and include in City Newsletter.

The individual or group agrees that it will indemnify and hold harmless the City of Deltona, officers, agents and employees from any claim, loss, damage, cost, charge or expense arising out of any act, action, neglect or omission by the individual or group during the performance of this Agreement, whether direct or indirect, and whether to any person or property to which the City, its agents or employees maybe subject.

This Agreement is non-transferable and non-assignable in whole or in part without written consent from the City.

Revised 6/27/08
Adopt-A-Street Program

Adopt-A-Street Participant of the Year Award

The Adopt-A-Street program has removed approximately 650 pounds of litter from the rights-of-way in connection with the Adopt-A-Street program in the City of Clearwater within the last six months of this year. In recognition of the Adopt-A-Street participants’ continuous support of this worthwhile program, the Public Services Department presents an annual award to an Adopt-A-Street participant for their efforts in keeping the City of Clearwater sparkling.

Each January since 2007, one or more participants are recognized at a City Council meeting and an award with their name will be presented.

The current Adopt-A-Street participants are:
- Countryside Kiwanis
- Diane & Frank Ingram
- John Wiser Special Events
- Philip Curry Family
- O’Keefe’s Restaurant

Program History

The City of Clearwater initiated the Adopt-A-Street Program in 1997 to help keep Clearwater sparkling through dedicated volunteers from business, industrial, civic, youth, and non-profit organizations.

The Adopt-A-Street Program encourages organizations to adopt an area of roadway that is about one mile in length with residential and commercial use for litter control every other month. The Adopt-A-Street Program promotes community pride by demonstrating to residents, tourists, and potential businesses that the community is active, energetic and cares about a clean and safe environment. This program has proven highly effective in promoting personal responsibility and changing attitudes regarding litter.

Why should your company or group volunteer to Adopt-A-Street?
- Feel ownership and pride in one’s community.
- Set an example for others, especially children.
- Show you care about environmental issues.
- Improve the quality of life in your neighborhood.
- Gain new knowledge about litter on roadways (what gets thrown out).
- Experience the feeling of usefulness.
- Deter crime with a cleaner environment.
- Enjoy the outside with neighbors or co-workers.
- Get free recognition for your company or group.
- Make a difference - TRASH AFFECTS EVERYONE!

How to Join
- Contact the City of Clearwater Public Services Department for a complete package of the guidelines, procedures, and contract agreement. Program application fees for groups are $10. Adopters pay $25 for each sign to help offset the cost of the program.
- Sign an agreement to adopt a city street, parkway, or right-of-way for two years with a renewal option.
- Make a commitment to do a clean-up every other month (6 times per year).
- Follow all programs procedures (ESPECIALLY SAFETY).
- Place trash bags under the Adopt-A-Street sign and call for pick-up by the City of Clearwater Solid Waste Department (727-562-4930).
- Mail a report to the City of Clearwater Public Services Department after the clean-up event with number of volunteers, hours worked, bags of litter and/or recyclables collected.

What You Get
• An Adopt-A-Street sign recognizing your company or organization at the beginning and end of the selected roadway.
• Utility stuffer announcement of your group's participation.
• Recognition by the City Council.
• A certificate of appreciation from the City of Clearwater.
County of Kern
Graffiti-Off Program

Introduction

Graffiti is a crime! Graffiti is the willful defacement of another person's property with any marking instrument, including felt pens, cans of spray paint, ballpoint pens, or knives.

Neighborhood graffiti decreases property values, intimidates residents, and increases their fear of crime. It also attracts more gang activities and other types of criminal offenses. This rapidly growing crime in Kern County presents an on-going challenge for our local governing board and law enforcement officials.

Since the inception of the Graffiti-Off program in August 2000, the hard working staff has cleaned more than 13,000 sites totaling over 675,000 square feet.

Graffiti Removal Services

Free Graffiti Removal Available: The County of Kern and the City of Bakersfield offer free graffiti removal. The home or business owner may provide the paint. Request Free Graffiti Removal

Adopt-A-Wall program: The County has an Adopt-A-Wall program that allows interested residents to keep a given area clean. The County will provide the needed supplies free of charge and will deliver these supplies to the resident's home. Sign up for the program

Additional information: The County owns two state-of-the-art spectrophotometers (paint-matching machines) that will allow the painters to produce an exact color match for any wall being painted. If the surface cannot be painted - e.g., brick, rock, natural wood, etc. - a power washer may be used to remove the graffiti, or, in the case of street signs a chemical wash is applied. (In these cases, a perfect color match is not always possible.) The Graffiti-Off team also records the tag with a digital photograph of the offense. This photograph may be used as evidence in the restitution process after apprehension of the vandal.

Reporting Graffiti

The Graffiti-Off team's slogan is: "C" IT - REPORT IT". It is hoped that the community will
adopt our slogan and become a part of the solution to the problem. With a combined effort we will reduce the effects of graffiti vandalism and help Keep Kern County Clean.

Report graffiti

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City/County Department Partnerships

The City of Bakersfield Graffiti team and the County Graffiti-off program have implemented a central "graffiti hot line" phone number to make it easy for residents of our community to report graffiti. Hot line number: (661) 32-ERASE or (661) 323-7273

The Graffiti-Off program also works with the County Roads department helping abate graffiti from county road signs.

Note: The program does not provide graffiti removal from County buildings or parks. The Maintenance department of the County is responsible for the upkeep of all county buildings and the Parks departments' responsibilities include the upkeep and paint for all county park facilities.

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Graffiti Laws

Graffiti is against the law. Graffiti is costly and destructive and sends a message that the community is not concerned about this crime. In 2004, $9,000,000,000 was spent across the United States cleaning up this crime and in 2005 it is expected to cost taxpayers $13,000,000,000.

It (graffiti) is the newspaper of the streets for gang members and taggers, lowering property values and bringing fear into our neighborhoods.

Graffiti Supplies:
It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to purchase spray paint. Any person under the age of 18 caught with marking pens, spray paint cans, or tips may be arrested. It is also illegal to sell spray paint to anyone under the age of 18. All spray paint is to be kept behind locked doors.

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County of Kern  
Graffiti-Off Program  

Adopt A Wall  

Graffiti Removal Tips

Are you tired of graffiti in your neighborhood?  

We need your help if we are going to stop this crime against all of us. Please complete the form below or call 868-1605 to sign up for our neighborhood Adopt a Wall community partnership.  

We provide all of the supplies, delivered to your choice of address; you provide the time and effort to keep the area clean. Statistics have shown that the only way to stop these vandals is to remove their work quickly and repeatedly.

Instructions:

- Complete the form and click the "Submit Request" button to send the request to the County Graffiti-Off office.  
- Fields in bold are required

Your Name:

Deliver Supplies to

Street Address:

City: ___________________________  , CA  ZIP Code: ____________

Daytime Phone Number: 661 ____________

E-mail Address:

Confirm E-mail Address:

Preferred Location of Adopted Wall:

- Same as the above address
- Specific wall: (Address, cross street, ZIP, name of business if applicable)  
  Characters Remaining: __________________
- Within 5 miles of my home
- In ZIP code

http://www.co.kern.ca.us/gsd/graffitiremoval/adopt-a-wall.asp

3/31/2010
Graffiti Removal Program

The City of South Gate operates a Graffiti Removal Program to help residents and businesses remove vandalism as quickly as possible to discourage further graffiti. The program is offered citywide at no cost to residents or business owners.

Each year, City crews and volunteers remove over 1,400,000 square feet of graffiti.

The following information will help to battle and win the War on Graffiti:

❖ **How does the program work?**
  If you see graffiti, call the 24-hour Graffiti Hotline at (323) 563-5793 or (800) 430-8455. Leave your address, daytime telephone number and the exact location of the graffiti. The graffiti will generally be removed within two (2) to four (4) working days should it require sandblasting.

❖ **Who is eligible?**
  All South Gate properties facing or fronting the public right of way.

❖ **Will all graffiti be removed?**
  We will remove graffiti from all parts of the property that are visible from the street, unless on a roof or other hazardous area.

❖ **What about paint used by the City?**
  The City will use a basic color of paint to cover graffiti. Contact the Public Works Department at (323) 563-5785 for a description of the colors used.

❖ **When should I report graffiti?**
  As soon as you see it! The longer it stays, the more likely it will be vandalized again.

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If you know...

... who is placing graffiti, report them to the school authorities and/or the Police Department. Let them handle it!

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**Adopt-A-Block & Community Volunteers**

"Together We Can Make A Difference"

Committed volunteers may choose to "Adopt-A-Block" in an area surrounding their homes and/or businesses. Through citizen participation in the program, the City, residents and business owners can help reduce graffiti vandalism.

Volunteers interested in this program take the responsibility to keep their "block" free from graffiti. As part of this plan, a sign will be posted in your
adopted area crediting you as a sponsor.

Volunteers may also participate in clean-up/paint days sponsored by the War on Graffiti Committee and South Gate service organizations. To learn more about the Adopt-A-Block Program or to become a community volunteer, call (323) 563-5785 (Public Works) or (323) 357-9831 (Police Crime Prevention).

Graffiti Removal Tips

The City of South Gate's Graffiti Removal Program is aimed at discouraging vandalism and keeping our City clean and beautiful. The following tips will help us win the War on Graffiti:

✦ Check your home or business daily for any vandalism. Paint over graffiti before it becomes a bigger job.

✦ Keep a supply of matching paint on hand so quick removal is easy to accomplish. Keeping brushes, paint rollers and other paint supplies handy will also help.

✦ If you cannot remove the graffiti yourself, City eradication crews can paint over it with one of the basic colors that are provided by the City.

Please contact the Public Works Department at (323) 563-5785 for assistance. You may also call the 24-Hour Graffiti Hotline at (323) 563-5793 or (800) 430-8455.