

## City of Ypsilanti Volunteer Program

The City of Ypsilanti encourages residents, community organizations and businesses to become directly involved in improving our city parks through the *City of Ypsilanti Volunteer Program*. The goal of the program is to have a wide range of community organizations, neighborhood groups and individuals help maintain the parks.

The purpose of this program is to build community spirit and a sense of civic responsibility. By supplementing City resources, this program will enhance the condition and beauty of our parks and will improve the quality of life in the City for the entire community.

Those participating in the program can provide maintenance assistance in the form of general park clean-up which only includes the following:

- Maintenance: trim edges, plant flowers, seed grass, repair ruts, rake safety surfaces at play equipment, and/or pick-up litter
- Painting and Graffiti Removal: bleachers, tables, benches, and/or trashcans (dark green paint only)

If you would like to do any volunteer work that is not included in the tasks above or requires the use of power tools or heavy equipment you will have to contact Public Services and seek their permission to do so. Any major self-funded improvements to any of the City's parks must be approved by the City of Ypsilanti's Recreation Commission.

To participate in the *City of Ypsilanti Volunteer Program* please review the following items and submit them to Public Services in person or by fax:

- Volunteer Program Liability Waiver Form
- Volunteer Program Safety Guidelines Sheet

If you have any questions regarding the *City of Ypsilanti Volunteer Program* please contact Public Services at (734) 483-1421.

Public Services  
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Fax (734) 483-1018

City of Ypsilanti Volunteer Program Liability Waiver Form

*This waiver must be signed by each person participating in the City of Ypsilanti Volunteer Program. If the participant is under age 18, this waiver must be signed by the participant's parent or guardian. This form must be completed and returned to the Public Services in person or by fax.*

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*Participant's name*

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*Participant's home address (street, city, state, zip code)*

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*Group name (if applicable)*

I intend to participate in the *City of Ypsilanti Volunteer Program* either individually or with an assigned group. I agree that my participation is completely voluntary and that I am not entitled to payment for any services rendered.

I understand that participation involves actual maintenance of public park or street areas and acknowledge the possible risks involved with the nature of the work. I have read and I agree to comply with the **Safety Guidelines** accompanying this waiver.

I agree that the City of Ypsilanti shall not be liable for any claims, injuries, or damages as a result of my participation in the *City of Ypsilanti Volunteer Program*. I also agree to waive and hold harmless the City of Ypsilanti, its officials, employees, and agents, from and against, any and all claims, injuries, damages, and all causes of action of any nature arising out of my participation in the *City of Ypsilanti Volunteer Program*. This includes but is not limited to any injuries or other claims that may result from the condition of the City of Ypsilanti property where services are rendered. I understand that as a volunteer, I will not be entitled to benefits such as worker's compensation, pension rights, or other rights.

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*Signature of Participant or  
Minor Participant's Parent or Guardian*

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*Date*

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City of Ypsilanti Volunteer Program Safety Guidelines Sheet

***Each participant in the City of Ypsilanti Volunteer Program must review these Safety Guidelines before performing services at the adopted site and abide by them while performing services on the adopted site.***

1. Work only during daylight hours and in appropriate weather.
2. The use of any power tools or heavy equipment is prohibited.
3. Wear protective clothing including work gloves, sturdy shoes and long sleeved shirts and pants to prevent injury from sharp objects, insect stings, sunburn and poison ivy. Light colored clothing is most visible.
4. Don't overexert yourself. Take breaks and drink plenty of water on warm days.
5. Be aware of your surroundings to ensure your safety and the safety of others. Be especially careful if you are using tools.
6. Do not wear headsets or engage in horseplay or other conduct which would divert your attention from your work or impair your ability to perceive hazards from traffic or other dangerous situations.
7. Provide adequate supervision for participants under the age of 18.
8. Avoid areas where hazardous conditions exist such as: roads, parking lots, bridges, construction sites and areas where mowing, tree trimming or pest control is in progress. Report any hazardous situations immediately to Public Services.
9. If you are picking up litter, use caution in handling collected items. Do not crush collected items; broken or jagged objects could cause injury. Do not try to pick up heavy, large or hazardous materials.
10. While doing work in the parks do not drive motorized vehicles on the grass or any paths that prohibit motorized vehicles.

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