

## **Keep Farmersville Beautiful Announces The New Adopt-A-Spot Program!**

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The Keep Farmersville Beautiful Adopt-a-Spot Program hopes to encourage citizen participation in beautification and litter clean-ups of designated areas in our community at regular intervals. We hope that civic-minded individuals, organizations, and businesses will take the opportunity to participate in sharing in our Mission and Vision by creating a cleaner, more beautiful community.

### **PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

1. An **Application** must be completed, indicating all relevant contact information, group information if you are volunteering as part of a group, and adopt-a-spot area selection. The selection of a public area should be precise and clearly identifiable. A list of adopt-a-spot areas available is attached.
2. A **Liability Waiver** must be completed and submitted for each volunteer at the same time the application form is submitted.
3. All volunteers must sign up individually and submit separate Liability Waiver forms, even if you plan to pick up litter as part of a group effort.
4. All volunteers under the age of 18 will require parent/guardian signatures on sign-up and Liability Waiver forms. Volunteers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by adult supervision.
5. All volunteers will be expected to review and practice all safety recommendations provided by this program. Safety is a paramount concern.
6. All adopt-a-spot agreements are for a total of two (2) years. Once you enter into an agreement, you are asked to remove litter and maintain your respective area **monthly** and/or as needed. Volunteers are specifically encouraged to work as part of a recognizable group (family, business, church, club, civic, etc.) and to take appropriate measures to contain, store and dispose of all litter, debris, and yard trimmings collected during any clean-up event. If you are planning or having an extraordinary event that may require assistance with pick-up of your bagged litter collections, please contact City Hall at 972-782-6151 in advance to make appropriate arrangements.
7. Participants are required to track and report their clean-up activities and submit an Activity Report Form to the City of Farmersville so that information may be used for various reports and analysis.
8. Adopt -a-Spot areas are checked regularly. You will be notified if particular problem develop in your adopted area.
9. The City of Farmersville and Keep Farmersville Beautiful will provide participants with plastic trash bags and safety vests (if clean-up involves a street) prior to each clean-up.
10. The City of Farmersville reserves the right to preserve the integrity of the public right-of-way limiting the amount of adoptable spots in any given area.
11. The City of Farmersville, Keep Farmersville Beautiful, and the Farmersville Parks Board will not be responsible for any accident or injury that occurs to any member of any organization, or their property, that participates in the Adopt-a-Spot Program.

### **SAFETY GUIDELINES**

- Hold safety meetings with group prior to litter pick-up activities

- Make participants aware that they are working in a potentially dangerous environment and caution them to act accordingly
- Wear gloves and protective clothing and urge all participants to do so
- Wear safety vests and bright colored clothing for roadside cleanups
- Carpool to the Adopt-a-Spot area if possible to keep vehicles to a minimum
- Park vehicles away from the roadway
- Keep work group to a manageable size
- Closely supervise any youth groups. Volunteers age 12 and under should be discouraged from collecting litter in or near streets
- Do not remove any hazardous materials found on the site
- Stay clear of construction areas
- Do not pick-up litter on bridges and overpasses
- Do not pick up litter during inclement weather, hours of darkness or hours of peak traffic
- Be aware of possible contact with poisonous plants, stinging insects, fire ants and snakes
- Consider the possibility of any participant's known allergies prior to litter pick-up
- Do not allow participants to consume, possess or distribute alcoholic beverages while involved in litter pick-up
- Wear sunscreen and insect repellent
- Drink plenty of fluids in extreme temperatures
- Be aware of your surroundings and any potential hazards
- Use the "buddy system" and work in teams to maximize safety
- Discuss emergency procedures with your team and know locations and numbers of the nearest police, fire and emergency medical services

***The Parks Board encourages you to Adopt-A-Spot today!***

#### **AVAILABLE SPOTS**

City Park

Robbin Lamkin Memorial Splash Pad & Ramblers Park

Southlake Park

Riding Arena

J.W. Spain Athletic Complex

Farmersville Parkway (Between South Main Street & South Johnson Street)

Farmersville Parkway (Between South Johnson Street & Highway 78)

Chaparral Trail (divided into ½ mile sections)

#### **ADOPTED SPOTS**

Thank you for your participation in the Adopt-A-Spot Program:

Monument & Historical Marker at Intersection of Highway 78 & Farmersville Parkway—  
adopted by Farmersville High School Band

Gotcher & Neathery Street Intersection—Adopted by the Stroup Family

Chaparral Trail Head to Mile Post 0.5—Adopted by the Farmersville Rotary Club

Chaparral Trail Mile Post 2.5 to 3.0—Adopted by Joe Helmberger Family

Chaparral Trail Mile Post 3.0 to 3.5—Adopted by Wes Morrow Family

Chaparral Trail Mile Post 4.5 to 5.0—Adopted by Todd Rolan Family



# Adopt-a-Spot Program

## APPLICATION

<i>Help Keep Farmersville Beautiful!</i>		Date	
Last Name		First Name	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
Group Affiliation			
Group Spokesperson			
Area you would like to adopt (please be specific)			

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*\*MUST HAVE WRITTEN CONSENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF VOLUNTEER IS UNDER AGE 16**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Date Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

Area Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Liability Waiver Attached     Yes     No

Accepted By: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN APPLICATION TO:**

City of Farmersville  
Attention: Parks Board  
205 South Main Street  
Farmersville, TX 75442  
972.782.6151



# Adopt-a-Spot Program

## HOLD HARMLESS RELEASE FORM

ORGANIZATION AND/OR INDIVIDUAL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED PARK/SPOT: \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the privilege of participating in the Adopt-A-Spot program ("Program") and recognizing that the activities related to performance of the Program may involve certain inherent dangers, I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in the Program, that I solely assume those risks, that I will, without limitation, assume and pay any medical and emergency expenses in the event of an accident, injury, illness or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses. I do hereby agree to assume the risks attendant to such activity, to include but not limited to: property damage or personal injury to [myself/my child] as a result of motor vehicle accidents or collisions on either public streets or private property; property damage and/or personal injury to [myself/my child] resulting from the acts, errors, omissions or negligence of the Town, Town employees, third parties, [myself/my child] or other Program participants.

Further, I, on behalf of [myself/my child], and [my/my child's] heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, forever release and discharge any and all rights, demands, claims and causes of suit or action, known or unknown, whether arising now or in the future, that I may have against the City of Farmersville, and any other participating sponsors and officers, employees and agents of such parties, for any and all injuries, including death and property damage in any manner arising or resulting from my participation in the Program. Furthermore, I state that I have carefully read this release, know the contents of the release and signed the release of my own free will.

I specifically agree to indemnify the City for any and all claims by [myself my child], which may arise from, relate to or result from [my/my child's] participation in the Program. I agree to indemnify the City for property damage and/or personal injury to any of its employees and agents as a result of [my/my child's] participation in the Program. I hereby waive all claims, release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City, officials, agents and employees, in both their private and public capacities, from any and all liability, claims, suits, demands, or causes of action which may arise from [my/my child's] participation in the Program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF COLLIN

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

(Notary Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public