

Are you *Creative,*
Hardworking and *Love*
your City?

The City of Eastpointe
Parks
needs you!



There are numerous flowerbeds located throughout our city that need your HELP. The Adopt-A Flowerbed program allows you, your family, business or any other group of caring individuals to be a part of ***bringing beauty to the community.*** Adopting a bed means: planting and weeding your flowerbed throughout the season. If this obligation is a little too much to ask physically, you can still be a part of the program. By providing committed financial support, physical support can be provided in your name.



If you are interested in making **YOUR** city a more beautiful place to live, please contact: Parks Division @ 586 441-1118 OR email Mary @ mdemsich@jjmichinc.com

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The City of Eastpointe
Department of Parks & Recreation
Adopt – A – Flowerbed Program

Be creative and have fun, but please work safely. Gloves, kneepads or kneelers, and a cautious attitude go a long way towards preventing injuries while gardening. Bright green safety vests are a must if your bed is on the median of a busy street.

- Since most of the flowerbeds in this program are already established, we ask that you do not change the size or shape, or any of the hardscape features without permission. If you have an idea, and we can help make it work, we will be glad to assist you.
- Try to work with the existing trees, shrubs, and perennials in your bed. If there's something that just doesn't work well, let us know and we'll discuss your ideas. Perennials that need to be divided can be, but let us know and we'll transplant what you're not using to another bed in the city.
- While we all like beds with plenty of great flowers and no weeds, excessive use of fertilizers and pesticides is not good for the environment or the gardener. We ask that you limit your use to Preen [or Preen & Green] and Miracle Grow [or similar product].
- We have found that mulch is one of the best ways to combat weeds, and it makes the beds look clean and neat. We recommend Cypress or Cedar mulch applied 3"-4" deep throughout the bed.
- This is a volunteer program. If there develops a maintenance issue, we will send you a friendly reminder. If you still can't find the time to care for your bed, we will thank you for your efforts and suggest that you apply for a bed next year and we will make that bed available to another volunteer.

Flower Bed Maintenance Schedule

April

1. Evaluate over winter damage
2. Remove dead plants
3. Rake and clean debris from beds
4. Report any edging that has shifted or been damaged
5. If you need help with removal of brown yard waste bags phone 586-441-1118 for assistance.

May

1. Plant new material
2. Apply Preen as needed
3. Mulch will be dropped off at your bed upon request.
4. Water

June / July / August

1. Pull excess weeds / debris / every 2 weeks
2. Dead head flowers as needed every 2 weeks

September / October / November

1. Remove annual plant material
2. Cut perennials
3. Clean beds
4. If you need help with removal of brown yard waste bags phone 586-441-1118 for assistance.

Two times a season in May and September, trim suckers at base of trees within beds

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Adopt-A-Flowerbed
2017**

Organization: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ **City** _____ **Zip code** _____

Day Time Phone Number: _____

Evening Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Flowerbed Location: _____

Name on Sign: _____

Comments: _____

Alternate Contact Person

Name: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip code** _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____