



**Village of Brookfield
Beautification Committee
2010 Adopt-A-Spot
Kick-Off Meeting**

March 20, 2010
9:30am-11:00am
Village Hall



Welcome Volunteers!

- Introductions
- Program Overview
 - What is Adopt-A-Spot
 - Issue Reporting
 - Special Requests
- Statistics
- 2009 Highlights
- Plans for 2010
- Other Beautification Committee Projects
- Sign Up



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Introductions

- Brookfield Beautification Committee
 - Ryan Evans
 - Nicole Gilhooley (Chairperson)
 - Stella Guerrero
 - Jane Huber
 - Julie Janetopoulos
 - Carol McBride-Leslie
 - Pam Powers

 - Cathy Edwards (Trustee Liaison)
 - Al Kitzer (Department of Public Works Liaison)
- Volunteers



Program Overview

- Adopt-A-Spot program began in 2003
- Managed by the Beautification Committee
- Volunteers commit to clean up designated spot *at least 6 times a year*
- Family-friendly activity
- Clean up includes picking up trash and pulling weeds
- Volunteers are encouraged to submit issue (damage) reports when necessary and to maintain pickup logs
- Other work may be done on case by case basis (see special request forms)



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Issue Reporting

- Helps us keep track of trouble spots and provides feedback to Public Works
- Forms available today or can be downloaded from Village website
- Forms can be returned by dropping in white mailbox in Village Hall parking lot
- Issues can also be reported via email to Nicole





Special Requests

- How to complete a request
- Examples: adding or removing plants, trees, adding mulch, garden installation
- Brookfield Garden Club and Village Hall Garden Renovation Project

Statistics

- 2008
 - 54 Spots
 - 25 Spots Adopted
 - 29 Spots to be Adopted
- 2009
 - 55 Spots
 - 43 Spots Adopted
 - 12 Spots to be Adopted



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2009 Highlights

- Long Term Volunteers Recognition
- Kesman Garden Renovation
- Village Hall Gardens Renovation
- Visiting Volunteer Groups
- Fall Project N.I.C.E. – spot feature
- Farmer's Market



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Volunteer Recognition

- 5-Years of Service Awarded in 2009
 - The Jaycees - since February of 2003
 - Rudy & Marija Mudjer - since April of 2003
 - Bill Steele & Family - since August of 2003
 - Sharon Beckman - since August of 2003
 - Roy Lehto - since June of 2004
 - Allen Goodcase - since September of 2004
 - Janet & Chris Mueller - since November of 2004

“...the Village is always excited to partner with residents who volunteer their time and efforts to improve the community. Specifically in this time of when resources are becoming more scarce. Of course they have always done a wonderful job...” – Rick Ginex, Village Manager

The logo for Adopt-A-Spot features the text "Adopt-A-Spot" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Above the letter "o" in "Spot", there are two stylized tree icons, each with a circular canopy and a short trunk.

Kesman Garden (Jaycees)

- **Location:** Jaycee/Ehlert Park
- **Problem:** Vandals had damaged memorial sign, plants had died, shrubs needed to be removed, spaces between exterior shrubs used as cut throughs, uneven ground surrounding garden
- **Solution:** DPW replaced sign; Ketchark Landscaping added new walkway, filled gaps in perimeter shrubs, refreshed plantings, added mulch

Kesman Garden



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Village Hall Garden Renovation (Brookfield Garden Club)

- **Location:** gardens along front of Village Hall
- **Problem:** ineffective watering system; overgrown plants, weeds; soil issues
- **Solution:** remove weeds, plants, remove old mulch, add organic soil amendments, add watering system, mulch & flagstones
- **Next Steps:** add new perennials, add timers to watering system, remove invasive plants

Village Hall Garden Renovation (Brookfield Garden Club)



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Visiting Volunteer Groups

- Adopt-A-Spot Volunteers for a Day
 - Oak Brook Community Church
 - August 2009
 - Congress Park Train Station Traffic Islands
 - West Hills Community Church
 - November 2009
 - Jaycee/Ehlert Park Landscaped Islands (in parking lot east of fire station)



Oak Brook Community Church



BEFORE



AFTER



BEFORE



AFTER

West Hills Community Church



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Fall Project N.I.C.E. - Spot Feature

- Adopt-a-Spot: Creekside Park
- Volunteer: Carla Close-Prosen



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Farmer's Market

- Location: Brookfield Village Hall Parking Lot
- Date: September 12th



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Changes for 2010

- Volunteers commit to one or three years of service when submitting application/renewal
- Volunteers submit pickup logs two times per year (July and November)
- One new site added
- Community outreach



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Our Goal

**The goal for 2010 is to
have ALL sites
adopted!**

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Additional Beautification Committee Projects



- Adopt-A-Highway (through IDOT)
 - Ogden Ave adopted by BBC
 - Committed to 8 cleanup days every 2 yrs
- Spring Project N.I.C.E. - Saturday, April 24
- Perennial Plant Swap - Saturday, June 5
- Garden Contest - Sign up May-July
- Fall Project N.I.C.E. – Saturday, October 16
- Community Art

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Check out

[The Beautification Committee web page](#)

on the Village of Brookfield Website
for more details on Adopt-A-Spot and other
Beautification Committee projects.

Thank you!

Contact Nicole.Gilhooley@yahoo.com at 773-793-2677 with questions.

