

## **Adopt a Park - 2019 Re-Launch- Expansion!**

In 2019, the Bernardsville Green Team updated its Adopt A Park program, which was originally introduced in 2014.

Recently, Bernardsville has been reviewing its procedures for maintaining our parks. As we are in the process of formalizing the changes we are researching the best methods for taking care of our public spaces.

This means that harmful chemicals, like Gysophate, 2-4,D, and so many other synthetic pesticides, can no longer be depended upon at parks and public spaces, unless we face uncontrollable conditions or a health risk. In general, avoiding exposure to these chemicals is best for our community. We began this program as a way for residents to help keep our parks beautiful can be as simple as picking up litter as well as some of the plants that are considered “weeds” so that our grass and soil stay healthy.

To boost this effort, the Bernardsville Green Team is proud to introduce the Bernardsville Family Adopt a Park Site Program expansion!

Many of Bernardsville’s public parks are small enough for a single family or group to conduct a trash and weed cleanup in about an hour.

Each volunteer can sign up to participate using this link:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/805084cabab2fabfd0-bernardsville>

It is important to note that an adult over the age of 18 must be present at every cleanup.

To adopt a park, go online to the [Bernardsville Community Adopt a Park Site](#) and select your location and date.

You may also email the program coordinator, Christine Zamarra at

[czamarra@bernardsvilleboro.org](mailto:czamarra@bernardsvilleboro.org)

Collected trash can be placed in trash containers at the parks, and we strongly encourage recycling. **Collected weeds can simply be left to deteriorate back into the soil.**

Here are the details on some of the locations, including maps for your reference.

**Kiwanis/ Pine Street Park- trash and weeds at playground and light weeding near fences of fields.**



**Claremont- trash in and near dugouts and playgrounds, weeds at playground especially near the fences.**



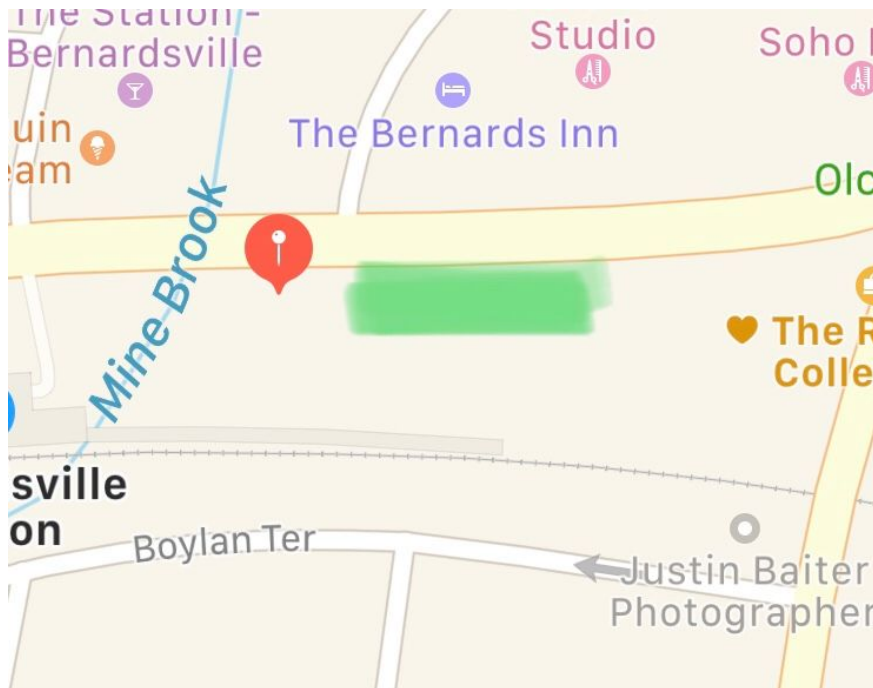
**Nervine Pond, Rose Bowl field and Laurelwood Trail - trash only at the pond, weeding at the Rose Bowl field only near dugouts, bleachers and warning track, trash along the trail across the street.**



**Polo Grounds area/ Veterans Turf and Old Army Trail- recycleable bottles on turf field, and light weeding near fence of field. Weeding of dugouts if needed.**



**Train Station Parklet- benches and Millicent Fenwick Statue in Downtown area near train station.**



Thanks for your support of this program and if you have any feedback, questions or concerns, please e-mail Councilwoman Zamarra at [Czamarra@bernardsvilleboro.org](mailto:Czamarra@bernardsvilleboro.org)