

Brief summary and objectives of project: In 2013 the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission approved a \$200,000 grant for the city of Grapevine from the Recreational Trail Grant Program toward the Wall-Farrar Trail to add 1.6 miles of granite and dirt trails, bridges, signs and shade shelters. This nature trail is connected by Bear Creek Trail to the existing Parr Park. After construction was complete in 2017 the Grapevine Garden Club applied to the City Adopted Area Program to adopt the Wall Farrar Nature Trail for litter pickup. This program is run by Keep Grapevine Beautiful to keep the city looking green and clean. The request was approved and the Club set up trash pickup dates. The program commitment, which is for 2 years with options to renew, requires clean-up 6 times per year. The City provides safety vests, trash grabbers and bags. Our objective is to remove litter which will discourage littering and improve the appearance of our community and quality of life. It aligns with our mission statement which in part says “...promote city and highway beautification; actively support environmental concerns;.....” As a side benefit club members get to enjoy the nature trail and sharpen their native plant identification skills.

Involvement of club members, other organizations, etc.: The Club is working with the Keep Grapevine Beautiful organization which administers the program.. There is a signed “contract” of commitment which is renewed every 2 years. It is reviewed and approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and by the Grapevine City Manager. We call our project the Wall-Farrar Trail Tidy-up. Sign up for work days is done at our monthly meetings or via eblast during the summer months. A group of members gather on the assigned dates and pick up trash and watch for problems along the nature trail. The City provides guidance, a sign and materials. A local church is also involved as we coordinate with them to give us permission to park in their lot on days we pick up trash.

Project expenses and means of funding: There is no cost to the club.

Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance: We take the slogan “Don't mess with Texas!” seriously and plan to continue picking up litter six times a year. The Grapevine Parks and Recreation plan to develop Wall-Farrar Trail as a native plant area to encourage pollinators and birds. This plan has been delayed due to some storm drainage pipeline work that another government agency is performing. When the work is complete and the city is ready to move on with the original plan, the Club plans to assist with plant selections and will provide some shrubs and trees from our annual plant sale.

Attach or insert photos, digital photos, and/or landscape plan (does not need to be professionally drawn).

Attached see articles excerpted from GGC “Through the Grapevine” club newsletter and photos of the Tidy-up days.



**Entrance to the
Wall-Farrar Trail
Tidy-Up area**

ANOTHER FIRST PLACE

NATIONAL AWARD FOR GRAPEVINE GARDEN CLUB



In May we announced that GGC won **FIVE** National Garden Club awards, more than any other club in Texas. During the summer we discovered that one award was omitted. A big congratulations to Karen Rice and the Wall-Farrar Trail Tidy Up project for this National Garden Club First Place Award.



Gardeners on the Go

Thursday, October 3rd ~ 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Gardeners on the Go will meet in the Bessie Mitchell House parking lot and carpool to the Gardeners on the Go trip. We will be visiting Landscape Systems: Garden Center, a family owned business that has been in the metroplex area for over 25 years.

The nursery has a huge plant area and an incredible gift shop. While there, we will receive prizes and a 15% discount on purchases made with cash or a check. Purchases made with a credit card will receive a 10% discount.

After the nursery, we will dine at F N G Eats, also in Keller.

We have room for 30 people; come sign up at the September meeting.

Award winning program
written up in our
newsletter

Tidy-up dates promoted
in our newsletter and via
e-blast reminders

May 2019

Our last "meeting" will be the May luncheon, so please renew your membership by mailing a check to GGC, P.O. Box 811, Grapevine, 76099 or pay at the luncheon. We want you back!!

☞Candy Cawley
Membership

GGC "Adopt-An-Area" Wall Farrar Trail Tidy-up Event Monday – May 27th at 9:00 A.M.

Please join us at the Wall Farrar Trail Tidy-up on Monday May 27th at 9:00 A.M. Litter bags and trash picker tools will be provided. The trail is 1.5 miles of hard and soft surface trails. Please bring your water and gloves. Parking is allowed courtesy of Church at the Cross at 3000 William D. Tate Ave, Grapevine, TX 76051. Meet us at the southwest corner of the parking lot. For planning purposes this event should take less than an hour. To volunteer please contact Karen Rice.

☞Karen, Rice
Community Projects

Rose Trials Continue

Phase 2 of the Grapevine Rose Trials has been going on for sixteen months and none of our seventy-five roses have shown signs of Rose Rosette Disease. We continue to gather data every month with the technical assistance of Laura Miller, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Commercial County Agent. We found a new insect this month sitting lethargically in the blooms, the Plains Bumble Scarab. It eats pollen and is really not a pest. It's also found in cactus blossoms at this time of year.



Behind of one of
our fantastic
Caldwell Pinks

Left to right:
Joyce Quam,
Karen Rice, Chuck
Voelker, Laura
Miller, Pam Braak,
Greg Braak



☞Pam Braak
Rose Trials

Not in the
photo: Coral
Gates, Dick
Pafford and
Angeline
DePauw

2019 TRAIL TIDY-UP DATES:

- January 21
- March 25
- May 20
- July 22
- September 23
- November 25



**Cold weather does not
deter our faithful team
members**

**A side benefit - club
members get to enjoy the
nature trail and sharpen
their native plant
identification skills**



**Grapevine Garden Club's own
"Adopt-An-Area" sign**