

Park Safety Council

Quarterly Review of Park Conditions

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Subject: Review of Parks Safety Inspections for December 2021 and January 2022

Attachments: Inspection results by category

This report is submitted in memory of Amari Harley and is a testament to the need to be “Ever Vigilant.”

The Parks Facility Safety Officer completed 113 inspections in the above time period. The results of these inspections were broken down into the four categories listed below, with the number of parks in each category listed in parenthesis and the percentage of the parks inspected in brackets:

- No findings (56), [49.6]
- Satisfactory with Findings (31), [27.4]
- Satisfactory with Hazards (16), [14.2]
- Unsatisfactory with Hazards (10), [8.8]

These results show that 8.8% of the parks inspected were in unsatisfactory condition with hazards that could potentially cause harm to a user. While that may seem to be a small number, it becomes an even more significant number if you consider that the City of Jacksonville has over 400 locations in the parks system. These include playgrounds, sports fields, community centers, pools, and water vehicle-related launching sites. It is difficult for this Council to thoroughly review each of the findings and determine the extent of the hazard(s) noted. Currently, there is no program in place to provide the actions taken and the date the issue was corrected with any information as to what was required to return the equipment to a safe condition. A number of the hazards involved access covers missing on electrical lighting poles or other electrical equipment. Many pieces of playground equipment had missing or loose hardware such as bolts and clamps. Several repeat items from previous inspections were also with no comments indicating why they had not been completed. Almost all the cited parks had issues involving cushioning in areas where someone could fall off the equipment. It should be expected that cushioning material located under swings, slides, climbing equipment, etc., will need to be checked daily and raked back in position or replenished as needed. All items involving a hazard should be inspected as soon as reported, and corrective action taken, either corrected at that time or noted that materials need to be ordered with an expected date of repair provided. A qualified inspector should inspect all repairs requiring hardware or materials before being returned to service. Upon being returned to service, it should be noted what was done and when it was completed and inspected on the inspection list. This will provide the public with the necessary information to know that the items were properly completed.

The Council is also concerned about any safety-related items that come to City via MyJax, email, CARES, or any other method in addition to the items noted by the Parks Facilities Safety Manager. Many of these may have the same type of hazards that are reviewed because of the formal inspections. Having this information as well will result in the City Parks Department's ability to track trends in hazards and establish inspections on items on the trending list on a scheduled basis with the intent to prevent hazards. We are aware that all hazards can not be eliminated, but if the occurrence can be reduced, it will provide a safer environment for those using the parks system.

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December 2021 January 2022 Safety Findings

Park Inspection Date	Location	Park Dist	Status	Summary
12/1/2021	Crabtree Park	3	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
12/3/2021	Buck Park	2	Completed	Satisfactory with Findings
12/9/2021	Huffman Boulevard Park	2	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
12/10/2021	Elizabeth "Betty" Wolfe Park	3	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
12/10/2021	Deerwood Rotary Childrens Park	3	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
12/14/2021	Eartha H. Napoleon Park	5	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
12/15/2021	Forestview Community Center	5	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
12/28/2021	Granada Park	3	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
12/30/2021	Liberty Park	1	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
12/30/2021	Manson "Bull" Felder Park	1	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
12/30/2021	Margenhoff Park	1	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/4/2022	Jim King Boat Ramp/Sisters Creek	2	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/4/2022	Joe Carlucci Boat Ramp	2	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/6/2022	Henry T. Jones Park	3	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/6/2022	Greenscape Celebration Park	3	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/7/2022	Johnnie Walker Park & Pool	4	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/11/2022	Home Gardens Park	5	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/12/2022	J. S. Johnson Park	1	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/12/2022	Memorial Park	1	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/12/2022	Riverside Park	1	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/20/2022	Palmetto Leaves Regional Park	3	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/20/2022	Raymond E. Davis park	3	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/20/2022	Lovelace Park	3	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/20/2022	Losco Regional Park	3	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/26/2022	Lonnie C. Miller Park	5	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/26/2022	Lem Merrett Park	5	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/28/2022	Justina Road Elementary Park	2	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/28/2022	Lake Lucina Elementary Park	2	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/28/2022	Michael B. Scanlon Boat Ramp	2	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/28/2022	Modesky Park	2	Open	Satisfactory with Findings
1/28/2022	Lonnie Wurn Boat Ramp	2	Open	Satisfactory with Findings

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12/1/2021	Cuba Hunter Park	3	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards
12/9/2021	Gerrie's Park	2	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards
12/14/2021	Dinsmore Boat Ramp	5	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards
12/14/2021	Bob Hayes Soccer Complex	5	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards
12/14/2021	Woodstock Park	5	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards
12/15/2021	Hammond Park	5	Completed	Satisfactory with Hazards
12/15/2021	Forestview Park	5	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards
12/28/2021	Genovar Park	3	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards
12/30/2021	Forestry Tower Park	3	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards
1/6/2022	Henry T. Jones Center	3	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards
1/6/2022	Landon Park	3	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards
1/11/2022	J. Gardner "Nip" Sams Park	5	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards
1/12/2022	Metropolitan Park	1	Completed	Satisfactory with Hazards
1/12/2022	Eugene M. Glover Playground	1	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards
1/26/2022	Mallison Park & Center	5	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards
1/28/2022	Oak Harbor Boat Ramp	2	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards
12/8/2021	Ed Austin Regional Park	2	Open	Unsatisfactory with Hazards
12/28/2021	Fort Family Regional Park at Baymeadows	3	Open	Unsatisfactory with Hazards
12/28/2021	Garden City Park	5	Open	Unsatisfactory with Hazards
12/28/2021	Greenland Park	3	Open	Unsatisfactory with Hazards
12/30/2021	G. E. N. A. Park	3	Open	Unsatisfactory with Hazards
1/7/2022	McGirts Creek Park	4	Open	Unsatisfactory with Hazards
1/7/2022	Crystal Springs Road Park	4	Open	Unsatisfactory with Hazards
1/26/2022	James Fields Park	5	Open	Unsatisfactory with Hazards
1/28/2022	Leonard Abess Park	2	Open	Unsatisfactory with Hazards