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The City of Jacksonville will auction off several thousands seats and other items from Wolfson Park on Tuesday, September 17, 2002 beginning at 11:00 am. The auction will be held inside Wolfson Park.

Items up for auction include an estimated 4,000 seats, portable aluminum bleachers, a forklift, playground equipment, the flag pole from center field, the field lighting system and the permanent batting cage from right field. The seats will be sold individually and in groups, with a minimum price of \$25 per seat. People interested in participating in the auction can register to take part on site that morning. Purchases must be paid for with cash or a certified cashiers' check made payable to the City of Jacksonville. People will be encouraged to take their new purchases with them that day, although the City will make arrangements to have purchases picked up through 4pm on Thursday, September 19, 2002.

A number of other items from the park will be used at other city facilities. The metal benches, the scoreboard, the public address system and the chain link fence will be used at other City parks. The net behind home plate and the foul ball line markers will be transferred to the Police Athletic League. The batting cage pad, batting screens, pitching screens and other items that are in good condition will be used at the new ballpark.

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The City of Jacksonville is still finalizing plans for the demolition of Wolfson

Park. The City is constructing a new, \$34 million ballpark on the corner of A. Philip Randolph and East Adams Street in the Sports Complex. That facility will be complete in the spring. It will feature seating for 10,000 including 188 club seats, 12 air-conditioned suites, six covered party decks, a natural grass field, and left field berm seating. It will also feature a red brick exterior to match the old St. Andrews Church and the new Sports and Entertainment Arena, which is also under construction. The new ballpark and the new arena are funded by The Better Jacksonville Plan.

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