

# Park Safety Council

## Quarterly Review of Park Conditions

To: Mayor Lenny Curry, Members of City Council, and Daryl Joseph, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

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Subject: Review of Parks Safety Inspections for July 2022 through September 2022

Attachments: Inspection results of Findings & Hazards for the Subject time period

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

The Council held several meetings with staff members of the City of Jacksonville Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department to review the Department’s Park Safety Maintenance Reports for the Subject reporting period.

The results of the inspections by the Parks Facility Safety Officer during the Subject period are presented below (the number of parks in each category on the safety report is listed in parenthesis and the percentage in brackets):

- Number of inspections (175)
- No findings (108), [61.7%]
- Satisfactory with Findings (15), [8.6%]
- Satisfactory with Hazards (35), [20.0%]
- Unsatisfactory with Hazards (17), [9.7%]

A summary of the safety findings & hazards is listed below (the number of parks in each category is listed in parenthesis and the percentage of the parks inspected in brackets):

- Potential injury due to inadequate cushioning in playgrounds (30), (29.7%)
- Potential electrical shock from power sources (3), [3.0%]
- Potential falling hazards from playground equipment and other areas (24), [23.8%]
- Potential impalement hazards from protruding objects (1), [1.0%]
- Potential laceration hazards from sharp or protruding objects (18), [17.8%]
- Potential tripping hazards from loose boards, holes, etc. (24), [23.8%]
- Potential other hazards (9), [8.9%]
- Parks with repeated safety issues (25), [24.8%]
- Corrective action taken over the past 6 months (65), [39.2%]

**Park Safety Council**  
**Parks Safety Findings & Hazards - July 2022 through September 2022**

1/12/2023

To: Parks Safety Council  
RE: Third Quarter Report

As reported from the Third Quarter Report dated 12/5/2022, 175 inspections were completed in that time period. As noted, 108 had No Findings (61.7%). This represents an increase in No Findings by 6.1% over Quarter 2 report (55.6%). An additional 50 (28.6%) were Satisfactory with Findings or Hazards; a decrease of 7.0% from Quarter 2 (35.6%) and only 17 (9.7%) were Unsatisfactory with Hazards; a decrease of 1.5% from Quarter 2(11.2%). Note also that the number of parks with only a single finding was 34 of the 67 parks (50.1%).

These decreases in findings can be attributed to improvements in reporting issues completed as well as increased response times to issues reported. It is the objective to attend to Hazards with immediacy, either the same day as reported or within 24 hours to ensure the item(s) are made safe or taken out of service. It is our goal to continue to increase the % of No Findings and decreasing findings of hazards during inspections.

Of those items listed as remaining open, staff continue to attend to and address finding and hazards through the date of the report on 12/5/2022 and are not listed as such on the report.

The Department appreciates the Councils work and will continue to work to make City parks safe spaces for our citizens and visitors.

Respectfully,

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**Park Safety Council**  
**Parks Safety Findings & Hazards - July 2022 through September 2022**

Location	Park Inspection Date	Status	Summary	# of Safety Findings & Hazards
Flynn Park	8/30/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Findings	1
Home Gardens Park	7/22/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Findings	1
Intracoastal Waterway Boat Ramp	8/30/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Findings	1
Isle of Palms Park	7/18/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
J. Gardner "Nip" Sams Park	7/22/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
James Fields Park	7/22/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Findings	1
Jim Rink Park	7/18/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Findings	1
Joe Davis Memorial Park	7/18/2022	Open	Unsatisfactory with hazards	1
Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park	9/16/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Findings	1
Landon Park	7/18/2022	Completed	Unsatisfactory with hazards	2
Lem Merrett Park	7/29/2022	Completed	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
Lillian Saunders Center	7/18/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
Lonnie C Miller Park	8/11/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
Losco Regional Park	8/4/2022	Open	Unsatisfactory with hazards	4
Lovelace Park	8/4/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	2
Mallison Park and Center	8/11/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	2
Mandarin Park	8/4/2022	Completed	Unsatisfactory with hazards	2
Marion Park	8/11/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
Mitchell Center	8/11/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Findings	1
Mitchell Park	8/11/2022	Completed	Satisfactory with Findings	1
Murray Drive Playground	7/19/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	2
Murray Hill Playground	7/19/2022	Open	Unsatisfactory with hazards	4
Northbank Riverwalk-Landing	7/1/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Findings	1
Oakland Park	7/14/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
Palmetto Leaves Regional Park	8/17/2022	Completed	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
Panama Park	8/25/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Findings	2
Patton Park	7/15/2022	Open	Unsatisfactory with hazards	2
Ray Greene Park	9/2/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	3
Raymond E. Davis Park	7/14/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	2
Riverside Park	7/14/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
Robert F. Kennedy Center	7/14/2022	Open	Unsatisfactory with hazards	1
Robert F. Kennedy Park	7/14/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
Rondette Park	7/15/2022	Completed	Satisfactory with Findings	1
Russell "Bill" Cook Jr. Park	7/14/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
Ryder Park	8/31/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
San Mateo Elementary Park	7/15/2022	Open	Unsatisfactory with hazards	0
San Mateo Little League	7/15/2022	Open	Unsatisfactory with hazards	2
San Mateo Neighborhood Park	7/15/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
Scott Park	8/31/2022	Open	Unsatisfactory with hazards	4
Simonds-Johnson Park	7/27/2022	Open	Unsatisfactory with hazards	1

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**Parks Safety Findings & Hazards - July 2022 through September 2022**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Park Inspection Date</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b># of Safety Findings &amp; Hazards</b>
Southside Park	8/17/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
St. Nicholas Playground	8/30/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	2
Stinson Park	7/12/2022	Open	Unsatisfactory with hazards	2
Stockton Park	8/24/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	2
Sunny Acres Park	8/15/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	2
Terrace Park	9/8/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
Thomas Jefferson Park	9/8/2022	Completed	Satisfactory with Hazards	2
Tidewater Acres Park	8/15/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park	8/9/2022	Completed	Unsatisfactory with hazards	1
Timuquana Park	8/9/2022	Completed	Satisfactory with Findings	2
Tom Marshall Park	8/15/2022	Open	Unsatisfactory with hazards	3
Touchton Road Park	8/30/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	2
Victory Park	8/15/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	2
Walter Jones Historical Park	8/30/2022	Completed	Satisfactory with Findings	1
Warrington Park/Woodland Acres	8/15/2022	Open	Unsatisfactory with hazards	2
Wesconnett Park	8/9/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	2
Westridge Park	8/24/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	2
Westwood Park	8/24/2022	Open	Unsatisfactory with hazards	2
Wheat Road Park	8/24/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	3
Whitehouse Park	9/9/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
Wigmore Park	8/2/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
Wiley Road Playground	8/24/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	2
William F. Sheffield Regional Park	8/15/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	4
Willowbranch Park	9/9/2022	Open	Unsatisfactory with hazards	2
Windy Hill Elementary Park	8/30/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Findings	2
Woodstock Park	9/9/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Hazards	1
Yancy Park	9/9/2022	Open	Satisfactory with Findings	2