

Parks Safety Report 2023

Parks Board
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Background

- Parks and Recreation submitted a fiscal year 2024 budget supplement to pilot five (5) security cameras in parks with most reported incidents
- Parks Board requested parks safety update briefing to help provide informed feedback on proactive recommendations for parks
- Parks partnered with Customer Service and Police departments to collect additional data on parks



Parks Safety and Nuisance Reporting

Definitions

- **Self-initiated calls:** describes police investigations or reports prompted by routine patrols
- **Citizen-initiated calls:** describes investigation requests and reports made by general public
- **Crime reports:** calls that resulted in police-documented crime report
- **Non-reportable crime reports:** calls that did not classify as FBI-defined crime but were documented as violating local ordinance or having volatile qualities that may come up later
- **Trend:** denotes if call activity increased or decreased from 2021 to 2022
- **Priority demand ranking:** ranks by highest need or priority for safety resources in park system based on reporting data



Parks Safety and Nuisance Reporting Summary

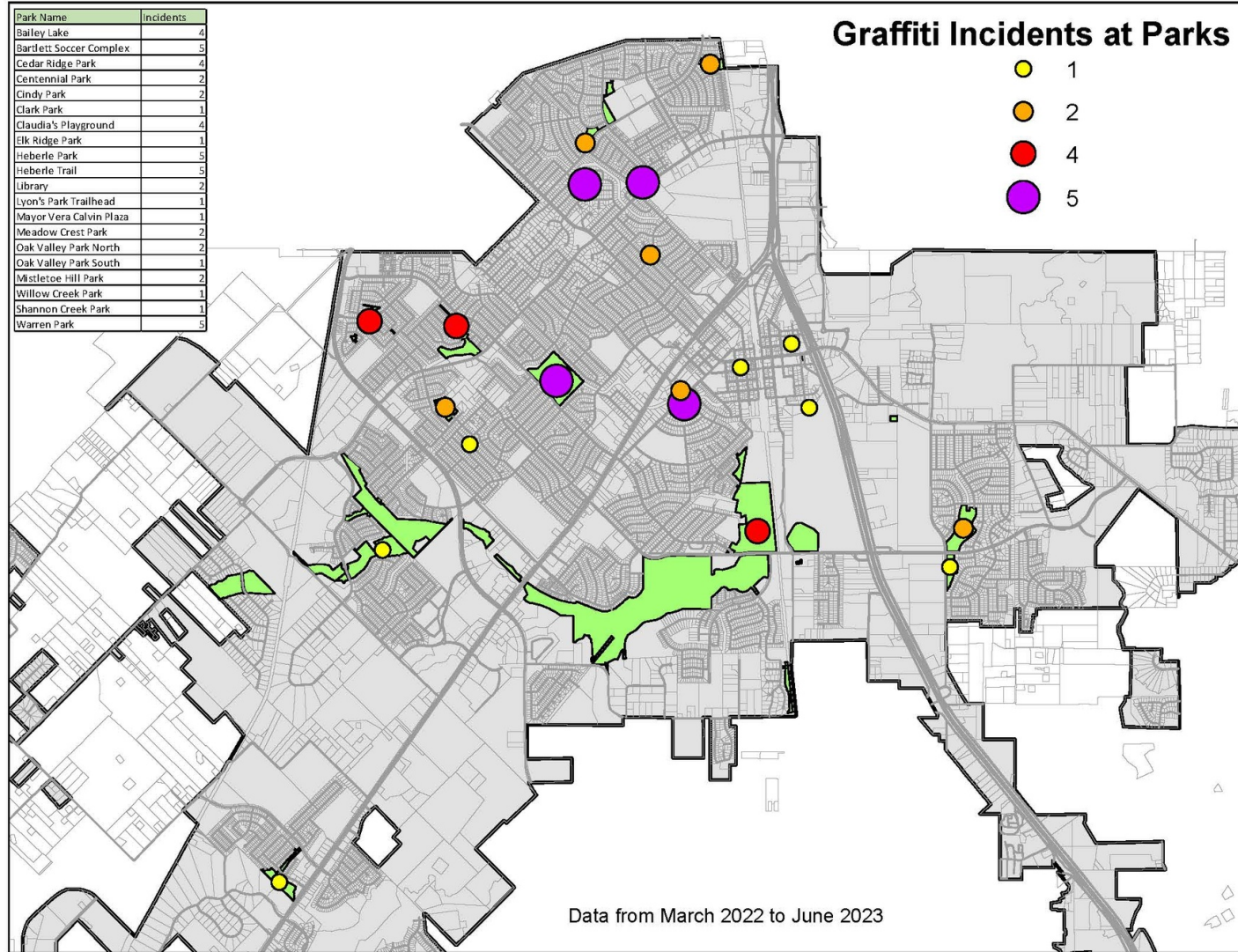
| Park Name | Citizen | Self | Criminal | Non criminal | Graffiti | 311 | Trend | Rank |
|--------------------------|---------|------|----------|--------------|----------|-----|-------|----------|
| Bailey Lake (park/trail) | 78 | 169 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 0 | | 3 |
| *Bartlett (park/trail) | 13 | 4 | *4 | *? | 5 | 0 | | 4 |
| Bark Park | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 15 |
| Cedar Ridge | 20 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | | 9 |
| Centennial | 17 | 22 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | 5 |
| Chisenhall Fields | 114 | 172 | 17 | 4 | 0 | 0 | | 1 |
| Cindy | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | 12 |
| Clark | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | 17 |
| Claudia | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | | 10 |
| Elk Ridge | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | 13 |
| Heberle (park/trail) | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 (5/5) | 0 | | 16 |
| Hidden Creek Softball | 11 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 8 |
| Meadowcrest | 11 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | 11 |
| Mistletoe Hill | 15 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | 6 |
| Oak Valley North/South | 27 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | | 7 |
| Shannon Creek | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | 19 |
| Prairie Timber | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 21 |
| Veterans Plaza | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 18 |
| Wakefield Heights | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | 14 |
| Warren | 60 | 83 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 2 | | 2 |
| Willow Creek | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 20 |

Police report data from 2021 and 2022; traffic, mark-outs, etc. calls removed. Parks graffiti data tracked in work order system from March '22 thru June '23. 311 data from March '23 launch date thru June '23.

*Difficult to differentiate which of total of 20 crime and 12 non-crime reports transpired inside the BRiCk as it has the same address as the park. Most calls were distinguished through description.

Park Graffiti Incidents Map: March '22 thru June '23

Green parcels indicate park property



What is CPTED?

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

- Multi-disciplinary approach of crime prevention through built and natural elements.
- Aims to reduce victimization, deter offender actions, build community, reduce crime and promote feelings of safety and security.
- Comprehensive safety inspection that may require several weeks to complete in correlation with size of site

Source: International CPTED Association

Burleson Police Department

- Conducted brief walk-thru analysis at priority sites to determine if comprehensive CPTED analysis is warranted or necessary



Priority Target Parks for Walk-thru Analysis

Conducted by Burleson Police Department



- ① Chisenhall Fields
- ② Warren Park
- ③ Bailey Lake Park
- ④ Bartlett Park
- ⑤ Centennial Park
- ⑥ Mistletoe Hill

Walk-thru Findings

Chisenhall Fields: completed 07/03/23

- Heavy brush/landscaping sight obstructions
- No address identifiers
- Some security concerns with buildings
Key control/accountability concerns: recommend changing locks and increasing control measures for issuing to partner organizations.
- CPTED recommended: Priority #2



Walk-thru Findings

Warren Park: completed 07/03/23

- No address identifier
- Landscaping allows good visibility
- Lighting concerns: currently push-button, pathways could use more lighting, etc.
- No video surveillance
- CPTED recommended: Priority #3



Walk-thru Findings

Bailey Lake: completed 07/03/23

- No address identifier
- Landscaping obstruction concerns
- No video surveillance
- Limited lighting concerns
- CPTED recommend: Priority #1



Walk-thru Findings

Bartlett Park: completed 07/05/2023

- Landscaping allows good sightlines
- No park monument sign
- No bollards at splash pad paths
- Limited lighting at playground
- CPTED not recommended at this time - BPD will conduct follow-up walk-thru with Parks staff



Walk-thru Findings

Centennial Park: completed 07/05/2023

- Landscaping provides good sightlines
- No address identifier or park ID sign – Parks will be installing monument signage soon
- Some lighting concerns
- Lighting and irrigation control boxes unlocked – need to better secure
- CPTED not recommended at this time but BPD will conduct follow-up walk-thru with Parks staff



Walk-thru Findings

Mistletoe Hill Park: completed 07/05/2023

- Landscaping sightlines good
- No name or address identifier - Parks will be installing monument signage soon
- No lighting at playground and trail
- No video surveillance
- CPTED not recommended at this time but BPD will conduct follow-up walk-thru with Parks staff



Next Steps

Walk-thru findings:

- May be used to prioritize security camera locations: \$25,000 recommended for 5 cameras for FY 2024
- May be used to prioritize next phases of park monument signs: budgeted \$60,000/year in CIP
- May be used to propose future security lighting CIP budget request if Board and Council would like staff to explore
- All other items can be accommodated within existing operating budgets for Parks and Athletics

CPTED

- Priority #1: Bailey Lake
- Priority #2: Chisenhall Fields
- Priority #3: Warren Park
- Estimated completion of CPTED analysis for priority sites is approximately 10-12 months and will be conducted in order of priority



Feedback?