

Angelina Danese Park

3310 St. Augustine Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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| 2 | Benches |
| 1 | Picnic shelters |
| 1 | Picnic Tables |
| 2 | Playground Equipment |
| 1 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Drinking Fountain |
| Yes | Perimeter Site Fencing |

Acres: 0.19

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: Angelina Danese Park is located in south Jacksonville, at the intersection of Danese Court and St. Augustine Road. The site comprised part of the Philips community that was established in the last half of the 1800's. Alexander and Angelina Danese, who arrived in America as immigrants from Italy in 1885, had twelve children following their marriage in 1898. The couple established their home on the park property in 1929, and after their deaths the children wanted to honor their parents' memory. Their son Emanuel Danese, and his wife Mary Margaret, later donated the property to the city in 1973 for use as a passive public park – in honor of his parents and with the stipulation that it be named for his mother. But the site remained a vacant tract until the city, with the aid of City Councilmen Matt Carlucci and Reggie Fullwood, developed the property as a neighborhood park, which opened in March 2003.

Balis Park

1999 San Marco Blvd [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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- | | |
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| 3 | Benches |
| 4 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Security Lighting |

Acres: 0.219

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: Balis Park is located in the middle of The Square at San Marco – a commercial district in south Jacksonville. Development of the San Marco subdivision began in 1925, and one of the first commercial structures (completed in early 1927) was a quaint, Spanish-style Gulf service station, in the middle of the Square. Gulf Oil later replaced the station with a modern version, and the City purchased the parcel in 1984 for development as a park – which the San Marco Preservation Society and local merchants envisioned as a center piece for the Square. Sheffield and his wife Abla Balis were longtime residents of San Marco, and Mrs. Balis funded the park’s development, in memory of her husband who passed away in 1976. The dedication ceremony took place in January 1988, and later improvements included a sound system, the bronze sculpture Windy Days, and landscaping, which were funded by the estate of Abla Balis and the City.

Bee Street Park

720 South Shores Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Acres: 8.3

Park Type: Undeveloped

**Council
Person:** [Don Redman](#)

History: Bee Street Park is 8.3 acres of undeveloped land in the South Shores subdivision, east of Jacksonville's San Marco section. The park takes its name from Bee Street that is adjacent to the park. During the 1930's, Joseph Davin and Brown Whatley were the premier developers of South Jacksonville. One of their firms, the Southside Homes Company, platted South Shores in 1937 and dedicated the land as a park or parks for public use. In 1940-41, five small parks were cleared and planted on at least a portion of the property. Today, dense thickets, trees, marsh, and a creek from the nearby St. Johns River prevent most access to the land, and in October 2003 the City placed covenants and restrictions on the eastern portion of the site, requiring it to be retained in its natural state.

Belmonte Park

1440 Belmonte Avenue [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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|---|----------------|
| 6 | Benches |
| 1 | Multiuse Field |
| 2 | Trash Barrels |

Acres: 1.43

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: Belmonte Park is located in the San Marco section of the City. James H. Hendricks established the central portion of the park on a recorded plat in 1922, with additional parcels added between 1927 and 1937. Residing across from the old South Jacksonville Grammar School built in 1916, it was formerly known as Hendricks Park. Eventually the names of an adjacent avenue and the park were changed to Belmonte, possibly derived from a city in Portugal. When a parking lot was considered for the site in 1982, the San Marco Preservation Society successfully championed its preservation. Scenic oak trees surround the park's open expanse of lawn without any man-made amenities, which is being complemented in 2004 by the renovation of the school building into 38 live/work rental units for local professionals. Development of the park was completed on October 31, 2005. A serpentine sidewalk now connects Belmonte and Larue Avenues. Decorative landscaping, irrigation, benches and waste receptacles were installed. Park is now a prototype, passive, neighborhood park.

Bishop Circle Park

5661 Bishop Circle [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Acres: 0.22

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: Bishop Circle Park is a .22-acre site located on Jacksonville's Southside, off St. Augustine Road, at its intersection with Powers Avenue. The land had long been used as a community gathering place and playground. In 1987, neighborhood residents saved a giant oak tree on the grounds from being cut down. The City purchased the site for a park, and the neighborhood agreed to maintain it. The residents name it Walter R. Smith Park to honor the man who had maintained the grounds over the years. Sadly, lightning strikes and inner decay had weakened the tree, and in December 2003, a massive limb crashed to the ground. After a public meeting at the park, the City had the tree cut down the tree to prevent possible injury to park visitors from falling limbs and branches.

Brown L. Whatley Memorial Park

Alexandria Place South [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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| 8 | Benches |
| 5 | Trash Barrels |

Acres: 1.7

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: Alexandria Park was born in 1937 as part of Brown Whatley`s and Joseph Davin`s Alexandria Place subdivision in the City`s San Marco area. The park took its name from nearby Villa Alexandria, the palatial estate of Alexander and Martha Reed Mitchell that was built in the late 1870`s. After the death of Brown Whatley and his wife Marion in a 1982 automobile accident, the City renamed the park in his honor. Telfair Stockton, Brown Whatley, and Joseph Davin, were the premier developers of the San Marco area in the 1920`s and 1930`s. In 1937, Whatley & Davin built the Little Theatre in San Marco, which is now the nation`s oldest community theatre group. Tree-shaded areas, numerous benches, and open spaces combine to provide a pastoral environment at this neighborhood park.

Colonial Manor Lake Park

3625 San Jose Blvd [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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- | | |
|-----|-------------------|
| 5 | Benches |
| 12 | Car Parking |
| 5 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Drinking Fountain |

Acres: 5.8

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: Colonial Manor Lake Park consists of a five-acre lake and a narrow strip of land located along San Jose Blvd., in the Colonial Manor neighborhood of south Jacksonville. The property was part of the 450-acre Red Bank plantation established by Albert Philips around 1850. The name Colonial Manor derives from Philip's Colonial-style plantation home, which is now on the National Register of Historic Places. A company headed by James R. Stockton, whose father Telfair Stockton developed San Marco, platted the subdivision in 1938 and dedicated the man-made lake to public use. As feeding of the ducks evolved into a Southside tradition, the lake became known as the San Jose Duck Pond. In more recent years, the familiar tiered fountain in the center of the lake was replaced by two floating aerators, and the San Marco Preservation Society also organized the annual remote control Boat Regatta and Community Picnic at the park.

Cuba Hunter Park

4380 Bedford Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207



Gazebo



Skate Park

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty. Amenity

- 1 Basketball Lighted
- 20 Benches
- 2 Bike racks
- 130 Car Parking
- 4 Grills
- 1 Multiuse Field
- 2 Picnic shelters
- 5 Picnic Tables
- 5 Playground Equipment
- 4 Restrooms
- 1 Skateboard area
- 0.25 Trails Paved (Miles)
- 16 Trash Barrels
- 1 Water Feature
- Yes Community Center
- Yes Drinking Fountain
- Yes Gymnasium
- Yes Security Lighting

Acres: 18.39

Park Type: Community

Council Person: [Don Redman](#)

History: The property was originally owned by John Hunter, a retired Jacksonville Sheriff’s Officer. The park is named after his daughter, who died protecting her nephew from a drunk driver. Cuba Hunter Park’s 10,000 sq. ft. skateboard facility

has great features, including a 6-foot half pipe, a 7-foot quarter pipe, jump boxes, multiple rails and a bank ramp with a partial pyramid. Smooth cement and sturdy steel construction rank this site with other top city-owned skateboard parks across the country. Cuba Hunter Park also includes two playscapes, a multi-use athletic field, a 0.25-mile boardwalk winding through more than 3.5 acres of wetlands, and a covered pavilion with three picnic tables and two grills. In 2005 a gymnasium with an elevated track and a community building were added. In 2006 an additional picnic pavilion was constructed near the lake.

Earl Johnson Memorial Park

5308 St. Augustine Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
1	Bike racks
82	Car Parking
1	Concession Stand
1	Multiuse Field
4	Restrooms
8	Soccer
13	Trash Barrels
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Fishing Available
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 56.24

Park Type: Community

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: Earl M. Johnson Memorial Park is located between Emerson St. and University Blvd. on the Southside. After the Civil War, much of the area was settled by African-American families, and the community became known as Pine Forest (also Larsen). Most of the land was donated to the City in 1976 and utilized as the former Stetson Road Landfill. The park was created by 1990 and named that year for Earl M. Johnson (1928-1968), the first African-American member of the Jacksonville Bar Association. He worked tirelessly for civil rights throughout Florida, while serving 16 years on the City Council and on the Commission that drafted the new consolidated government in 1968. The site contains 2 fishing lakes and 8 youth soccer fields, often used by the Jacksonville Youth Soccer Club, which helps the City maintain the park.

Englewood High School Pool
4412 Barnes Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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1 Swimming Pools

1 Trash Barrels

Yes Drinking Fountain

Yes Perimeter Site Fencing

Yes Security Lighting

Acres: 0

Park Type: Community

**Council
Person:** [Don Redman](#)

History: The property is owned by the Duval County School Board. The City has a joint use for the swimming pool.

FEC Park

1620 Marco Place [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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|---|----------------|
| 2 | Multiuse Field |
| 2 | Trash Barrels |

Acres: 14.78

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History:

FEC Park resides in the San Marco section of South Jacksonville, in an area that comprised part of a plantation established around 1800 by early pioneer William Craig. The City of South Jacksonville, which existed as a separate municipality from 1907 to 1932, purchased the park site in 1929 from a firm owned by Brown Whatley and Joseph Davin, the premier developers of South Jacksonville during the 1930's. The privilege of naming the new park was accorded the South Jacksonville Woman's Club, and its members chose the name Southside Athletic Field. Eventually the name was changed to FEC Park, in honor of the Florida East Coast Railroad, which maintained an extensive railroad yard and passenger depot in South Jacksonville for many years. The rail line passes adjacent to the park, which consists of a large open field with scattered oaks, sycamores, palms, and pines.

Fletcher Park

1652 Atlantic Blvd. [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
2	
5	Benches
18	Car Parking
1	Restrooms
3	Trash Barrels
Yes	Security Lighting
Yes	Visitor/Interpretive Center

Acres: 1.5

Park Type: Special

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: Fletcher Park is located along Atlantic Boulevard, in the San Marco section of South Jacksonville, which from 1907-1932 was a separate municipality. First known as Belote Green, for prominent South Jacksonville politician William Belote, the park was established in 1918 (during World War I) as part of Fletcher Park, a federal housing development created to provide homes for workers that were building naval ships at the nearby Merrill Stevens Shipyard. Prominent architect Henry Klutho designed Fletcher Park, which was named for Florida's U. S. Senator Duncan U. Fletcher (1859-1936), a Jacksonville resident who served continuously for 27 years. Later, the park also became known as Fletcher Park, which has seen many improvements since the San Marco Preservation Society formed in 1975, such as re-location of the old St. Paul's Episcopal Church building to the grounds in 1994 and the Stockton Cottage in 2003.

Friendship Fountain

1015 Museum Circle [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
7	Benches
14	Car Parking
14	Picnic Tables
17	Trash Barrels
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 11

Park Type: Special

**Council
Person:** [Warren A. Jones](#)

History: Friendship Fountain is located in St. Johns River Park (a/k/a Friendship Park), on the south bank of the river, just west of Main Street. When the park opened in 1965, the Fountain of Friendship (named at the suggestion of a Rotary Club member because one of the Club's cardinal principles is friendship) was the world's largest and tallest fountain, capable of spraying 17,000 gallons of water a minute to a height of 120 feet. Accentuated by colored lights at night, it soon became a popular tourist destination and local recreation site. Currently, both the Museum of Science and History and a popular restaurant with its own marina occupy portions of the original park property. The park provides a wonderful view of downtown Jacksonville and access to the Southbank Riverwalk that opened in 1985. In addition, the Jacksonville Maritime Museum is located on the Riverwalk, adjacent to the northeast corner of the park.

G.E.N.A. Park

4603 Clinton Ave. [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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|-----|------------------------|
| 2 | Benches |
| 2 | Grills |
| 1 | Picnic shelters |
| 2 | Picnic Tables |
| 1 | Playground Equipment |
| 2 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Perimeter Site Fencing |

Acres: 0.26

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Don Redman](#)

History: G.E.N.A. Park is located in the Englewood section of southeast Jacksonville. L.L. and Edith B. Pearce developed the Englewood subdivision in 1926-1927, making it one of the older neighborhoods in Southside. In 1955, Englewood Elementary School and Englewood High School were built in the area. The idea for the park resulted from a collaboration between members of the Greater Englewood Neighborhood Association (GENA) and City Council member and former GENA president Suzanne Jenkins. After Ms. Jenkins authorized City funds to purchase the property from the Jacksonville Electric Authority in December 2002, the City created the park in 2004. GENA, which has been very active in the improving and beautifying the Englewood area in recent years, desired a park for the neighborhood children. Named in honor of the Association, the park's grand opening ceremony took place December 8, 2004.

Granada Park

3960 Alcazar Avenue [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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7	Benches
4	Picnic Tables
3	Playground Equipment
3	Trash Barrels
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 0.4

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: Lovely Granada Park sits west of San Jose Boulevard, in the heart of the Granada subdivision. When Howard Properties platted the property in 1925, it dedicated the .4-acre park to Duval County. Granada displays the Spanish theme and Mediterranean architecture that were very popular in Jacksonville during the 1920's. The rectangular park lies in the middle of Granada Boulevard. Granada is a city in Spain, noted as a capital for the Moors, who invaded and ruled much of Spain from the 8th–15th centuries. Landscaping projects in 2002 and 2003 have beautified Granada Park. It displays a well-kept playground, green expanse of open lawn, flowerbeds, several shade trees, and a scattering of benches.

Greenridge Road Park

3850 San Jose Blvd [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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2	Benches
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1	Trash Barrels
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Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
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Acres: 2.9

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: Greenridge Road Park is located in the Colonial Manor neighborhood of Jacksonville, on the east and west sides of San Jose Boulevard near its intersection with Greenridge Road. The park sits in the heart of the old Red Bank Plantation that was owned by the Albert Philips family. The plantation house built in the 1850's still exists, and is the City's second oldest building still being used as a residence. Development of Colonial Manor began in 1937, and the City acquired the parkland in 1937-1939. With no commercial intrusion, the subdivision and park have retained their attractiveness over the years. The park, adjacent to a creek that empties into the St. Johns River, stretches between lovely homes while providing the natural amenities of scenic trees and landscape.

Henry T. Jones Community Center
3856 Grant Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
4	Benches
1	Bike racks
11	Car Parking
1	Multiuse Field
4	Picnic Tables
1	Playground Equipment
1	Restrooms
3	Trash Barrels
Yes	Community Center
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 1.2

Park Type: Community

**Council
Person:** [Warren A. Jones](#)

History: The Henry T. Jones Community Center is part of the Pine Forest neighborhood located southwest of the Emerson Street and Philips Highway intersection in Southside. The City of Jacksonville acquired the property (including the building) from individuals in 1979-80. Mr. Jones organized and served as president of the Pine Forest Community Action Committee for over 38 years. A masonry contractor for 28 years, Mr. Jones built the swimming pool at Pine Forest Park and also arranged activities and summer field trips for youths in the area. Moreover, he coached the baseball team for over thirty years. Improvements over the years have included a senior citizen nutrition program initiated in 1985, a youth summer camp, and a major renovation of the Center in 2000.

Henry T. Jones Park

2335 Gattis Lane [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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| 11 | Car Parking |
| 1 | Multiuse Field |
| 9 | Picnic Tables |
| 1 | Playground Equipment |
| 2 | Restrooms |
| 1 | Swimming Pools |
| 2 | Tennis Hard Lighted |
| 4 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Community Center |
| Yes | Drinking Fountain |

Acres: 1.2

Park Type: Community

**Council
Person:** [Warren A. Jones](#)

History: Henry T. Jones Park is located south of Emerson Street in Southside. The area was settled after the Civil War, mostly by freed slaves and other African-Americans who worked for businesses and residents of South Jacksonville. The City acquired the land for the park in 1978. Originally known as Pine Forest Park, the name was changed in 1998 by City Council resolution. The Park location, with a school and community center across the street, is a focal point for the area. Henry T. Jones, a masonry contractor, built the Park's swimming pool, and over forty years ago organized the Pine Forest Community Action Committee to prevent the neighborhood from being industrialized and destroyed. In 2002, the pool complex received a renovation as part of the City's special efforts to improve the community.

Historic Kings Road Park

1972 Kings Avenue [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
4	Benches
2	Trash Barrels
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 0.42

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Warren A. Jones](#)

History: Historic Kings Road Park is located at the intersection of the historic Kings Road (now Kings Ave.) and Atlantic Blvd., in the San Marco area. The wedge-shaped park was part of the 1918 plat of the Fletcher Park subdivision and was named Fulton Green, for Robert Fulton, the inventor of the steamship. Later in the twentieth century, a small commercial section developed around the park, and the area became known as Times Square and the park as Times Square Park. In the early 1960's, Peoples Gas System, Inc. erected a mock spaceship on the grounds, and many citizens called the site Rocket Park. Through the efforts of the San Marco Garden Circle and the City, a major renovation and beautification of the park occurred in 1991, and the name was changed that year by City Council resolution

Huguenot Park

3145 Nain Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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2	Benches
1	Bleachers
2	Playground Equipment
1	Softball Adult
3	Trash Barrels
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing

Acres: 1.77

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Don Redman](#)

History: The Huguenots were French Protestants of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. In 1562, a group of Huguenots lead by Jean Ribault, sailed across the Atlantic Ocean to the mouth of the St. Johns River, and European colonization of the Jacksonville area began. Huguenot Park resides on Jacksonville's Southside, near the intersection of Spring Park Road and Emerson Street. John and Joanna Hunter donated the property to the City in 1952, with the stipulation that it be used for a park and named as a memorial to the Huguenots. The park was undeveloped in 1969, but by 1977 it had been completely fenced and contained a baseball field. In 2003, the park presents a nice neighborhood setting, with a dense stand of trees around part of the perimeter.

Jerusalem and White

2331 Jerusalem Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Acres: 0.2

Park Type: Undeveloped

**Council
Person:** [Warren A. Jones](#)

History: Jerusalem and White is an undeveloped parcel of land located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Jerusalem Street and White Avenue, in the Spring Park area of Southside. The property resides near the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, a public high school established in 1985 for study in the visual arts, performing arts, and creative writing. The City of Jacksonville purchased the tract from First Coast Affordable Homes in November 2002. The property is an open expanse of land, with grass and a few trees.

Jessie Ball DuPont Park

1123 Prudential Drive [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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| 1 | |
| 19 | Benches |
| 4 | Car Parking |
| 4 | Picnic Tables |
| 11 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Security Lighting |

Acres: 2.76

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Don Redman](#)

History: Jessie Ball duPont Park, home of the Treaty Oak, is located in the Southbank area. An amusement complex known as Dixieland Park, which included most of the site, opened in 1907. In the 1930's, the Garden Club, Mrs. Jessie duPont, and a Times Union reporter, Pat Moran, began efforts to preserve the tree. Moran coined the name Treaty Oak while writing a fictitious story about how white settlers and Indians met under the tree to sign peace treaties. Mrs. duPont and the Alfred I. duPont Foundation purchased the land containing the tree around 1934 and donated it to the City in 1964. The City acquired the remainder of the property between 1964 and 1971, the year the park was named in honor of Jessie duPont (1884-1970), an ardent philanthropist and part-time Jacksonville resident. Through the efforts of the City and private groups and individuals, a major project was completed in 1995 to preserve the tree and enhance the park. Currently there are plans to enhance the park and protect the tree.

Jim Rink Park

801 Cedar Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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- 2 Benches
- 1 Car Parking
- Yes Security Lighting

Acres: 0.26

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: Property is located at the end of Cedar Street. Ordinance 2002-503: Property declared property surplus land. November 5,2003: Parks Department formally request property. July 2005:Renovations to the pocket park begin; the renovations include an original Enzo Torcoletti granite and marble sculpture titled "Coming Home" and a bench for viewing the waterway. The funds were appropriated from Council District 5`s Better Jacksonville Bond funds. In 2007: Repair is being conducted on the Bulkhead.

Joe Davis Memorial Park

2545 Larsen Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
0.5	Basketball
3	Benches
1	Bike racks
1	Grills
1	Picnic shelters
2	Picnic Tables
3	Playground Equipment
2	Trash Barrels
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 0.5

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: Originally named Larsen Acres or Larsen Road Park, Joe Davis Memorial Park was dedicated on June 10, 2002. This park is named for the head of the family whose commitment to the neighborhood made the purchase of the property possible. The park`s playscape was assembled in a single day in March 2002 by volunteers from CNA Insurance, The Claims Administration Corporation, The Jacksonville Housing Partnership, and residents of the Larsen community. The park offers a playscape, a grill, a picnic shelter and a basketball court.

Landon Park

1800 San Marco Blvd [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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4	Benches
6	Playground Equipment
3	Trash Barrels
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing

Acres: 0.8

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: Landon Park, in the San Marco section of the City, takes its name from the John and Mary Landon family who moved to the area in 1867. Their daughter Julia became the teacher for South Jacksonville's first school, and she taught continuously for 36 years until her retirement in 1919. After the area's first high school was constructed in 1926-27, on the site of her old home, it was named Landon High School in her honor. The original park was established on the 1925 plat of the San Marco subdivision, and it more than doubled in size by the closing of an adjacent street and an additional land purchase in 1939. The nearby commercial district was modeled after St. Marks Square in Venice. Today several large magnolias and oaks canopy the park grounds, and a rose garden brightens the southwest corner.

Largo Well Park

1964 Largo Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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1

2 Benches

Acres: 0.15

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: Largo Well Park sits one block west of the Square at San Marco on Jacksonville's Southside. The charming park forms a half-oval that sits on raised ground, and brick steps lead up to an old-world fountain in the center. A live oak and a magnolia canopy each end, and plants grace the grounds. When the Avondale Company platted San Marco in 1925, it irrevocably dedicated the park to public use. The developer modeled the shopping district after St. Mark's Square in Venice, and the streets were given Italian names, such as Sorrento, Carlo, and Largo. The park, surrounded by scenic trees and lovely homes, offers the amenities of visual pleasure and a place for peaceful repose.

Lillian S. Davin Park

2311 River Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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8	Benches
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2	Trash Barrels
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Yes	Security Lighting
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Acres: 0.26

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: Lillian S. Davin Park is a 500 x 50 foot median on River Road, in the San Marco section of south Jacksonville. It was part of a carriage lane and bridle path at the famed Villa Alexandria estate built in the 1870's. John Swisher and his son Carl, the manufacturers of King Edward Cigars, built mansions across from the park, as part of the subdivision platted in 1929 by Telfair Stockton, Brown Whatley, and Joseph Davin. Known for many years as Swisher Place, the park contained 24 beautiful camphor trees that were killed by two hard freezes in the early 1980's. Due to the initial efforts of resident Earl Hadlow, 19 live oaks were planted as replacements in 1985; and the City named the park for Mrs. Davin, who lived near the park (with husband Joseph Davin) and passed away that year. Today, the mature oak trees extend along each side of the park, which was refurbished by the residents in 2003, with funding provided from a grant.

Lillian Saunders Center

2750 Bartley Circle [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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| 23 | Car Parking |
| 2 | Shuffleboard |
| 5 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Community Center |

Acres: 0.27

Park Type: Community

**Council
Person:** [Warren A. Jones](#)

History: The Lillian Saunders Center is located in the Spring Park area of Southside. The City purchased the property in 1965 and built the Center in 1970. It is named for its founder Lillian P. Saunders (1904-1986), who lived next door to the facility. She was a City recreation director and served as director of the Center after its construction. Mrs. Saunders was an active volunteer in the community and a member of the Southside Civic Club and the NAACP. Renovation projects were completed in 1975 and 1991. DPRE staff presently open the Center for once-a-month community meetings and when commodities are given out, depending on the availability of items to be distributed. Also the Center occasionally has a weekend rental.

Marjenhoff Park

1955 Southhampton [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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16	Benches
2	Grills
1	Multiuse Field
1	Picnic shelters
10	Picnic Tables
3	Playground Equipment
5	Trash Barrels
Yes	Drinking Fountain

Acres: 1.48

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Don Redman](#)

History: Marjenhoff Park is situated in Reed's Subdivision, just east of the City's San Marco area. The neighborhood was named for its developer, Harrison Reed, who served as governor of Florida from 1868-1873. From 1907 to 1932, South Jacksonville was a separate municipality, to which Lilla M. White conveyed the land for the park in 1923. The site remained little more than a swamp until Alex D. Marjenhoff, a resident who lived near the site and also served on the South Jacksonville City Council from 1928 to 1932, initiated efforts to develop the park in 1929. The City filled in the marsh, created a small lake with an island, and with the help of the neighborhood residents, planted trees and other plants to beautify the grounds. At the residents' request, the City named the park in honor of Mr. Marjenhoff in October 1931. Today, the park is a favorite spot for small group picnics and quiet relaxation.

Mickey King Park

3758 Hendricks Ave, 3808 Hendricks Ave [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Acres: 0.57

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: Mickey King Park is located in the Colonial Manor section, at the west intersection of Greenridge Rd. and Hendricks Ave. The 1935 plat of Colonial Manor dedicated the park to public use. The park lies in the old Red Bank Plantation, owned by the Philips family in the latter half of the nineteenth century. In 2003 the City renamed the park to honor Mickey King (1934-2002). Mr. King was elected to the City Council in 1971, and also devoted himself to working with the area's youth, especially in athletic programs. Among his many fields of service were as assistant director of the Boys Home, president of the Jax Youth Football Assoc., and as a member of the Special Olympics Advisory Board. The park provides an attractive green space for the visual pleasure of passing motorists and pedestrians.

Pine Forest Elementary School Park
3939 Grant Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
1	Baseball Adult Lighted
1	Baseball Youth Lighted
1	Basketball Lighted
4	Benches
6	Bleachers
1	Concession Stand
1	Football
1	Picnic Tables
6	Playground Equipment
1	Restrooms
6	Trash Barrels
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 12

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Warren A. Jones](#)

History: Pine Forest Elementary School Park is located southwest of the Emerson Street and Philips Highway intersection in Southside. Pine Forest was settled in the nineteenth century, mostly by African-Americans who worked for people in South Jacksonville. The School Board acquired the property in 1959 and built the school in 1960. The City and the Board have a joint-use agreement for the athletic/playground facilities. The park is home to the Pine Forest Athletic Association, a 30-year-old volunteer organization that currently serves about 200 area youth through its football, cheerleading, and baseball programs. Major renovations of the concession stand and football field were completed in 2002 as part of the City's special emphasis on improving the area's recreational facilities

Riverfront Park

901 Landon Avenue [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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2 Benches

7 Trash Barrels

Yes Security Lighting

Acres: 0.1

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: Riverfront Park is located on a fifteen-foot, one-block strip of land along the St. Johns River in San Marco, between Landon Avenue and La Verne Street. When San Marco was platted by the Avondale Company in 1925, the street adjacent to the park was known as Mareno Place, which was later named present-day River Road. The .1-acre park provides one bench and several trash barrels for the convenience of visitors. For decades the park's bulkhead has been a favorite spot for local fishermen, and manatees have been seen surfacing near the shore. The river view and cooling breezes bring out the visitors with folding chairs. And on winter evenings, when the river sunsets are most beautiful, people congregate at the park to enjoy the view.

River Oaks Park

1000 River Oaks Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Acres: 10.26

Park Type: Community

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: River Oaks Park is situated along Craig Creek, in the San Marco section of Jacksonville. William Craig established a large plantation in the area around 1800. Developers of the River Oaks and the Brookwood Terrace subdivisions donated most of the park property to the City between 1935 and 1937. One block south of the park, lovely Oriental Gardens opened in 1937. The Works Progress Administration (WPA), established by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1935 to provide public service jobs for the unemployed during the Great Depression, supplied the labor and most of the funding to create the park, which opened in 1940. Portions of the grounds form a flood plain, with areas of natural wetlands. Groups such as Greenscape of Jax and the Audubon Society have worked to enhance the park, whose stately trees and lawn provide a natural landscape and visual enjoyment for the residents and passing pedestrians and motorists.

St. Johns Marina

901 Museum Circle [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
2	Boat docks
2	Boat Ramps
15	Boat Trailer Parking
1	Pedestrian Docks
1	Trash Barrels
Yes	Fishing Available
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 3.73

Park Type: Boat Ramp

**Council
Person:** [Warren A. Jones](#)

History: The St. Johns Marina is located on the south bank of the St. Johns River, just east of the Acosta Bridge, which opened in 1921 and was replaced in 1994. At one time part of the St. Johns River Park and Marina (a/k/a Friendship Park), the marina is now a separate entity. When it opened in 1965, it was the first municipal marina in the downtown area, and the park boasted the Fountain of Friendship, the world's largest and tallest fountain. The municipal docks and circular dock master's building, built as part of the original marina, were demolished to accommodate a new restaurant and private marina, which opened in 1986. A pedestrian dock at the marina is part of the Southbank Riverwalk that opened in 1985, and the marina's two boat ramps provide boaters nearby access to the many activities taking place along both sides of the river in the downtown area.

St. Nicholas Park

3501 Luce Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Acres: 2.9

Park Type: Undeveloped

**Council
Person:** [Don Redman](#)

History: This 2.9 acre site was originally allocated to Streets and Drainage.
The site is undeveloped and will remain a passive area.

St. Nicholas Playground

2260 Spring Park Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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- | | |
|-----|------------------------|
| 1 | Basketball Lighted |
| 4 | Benches |
| 1 | Bike racks |
| 6 | Bleachers |
| 20 | Car Parking |
| 6 | Playground Equipment |
| 1 | Restrooms |
| 1 | Softball Adult Lighted |
| 1 | Softball Youth |
| 0.3 | Trails Paved (Miles) |
| 9 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Drinking Fountain |
| Yes | Perimeter Site Fencing |
| Yes | Security Lighting |

Acres: 4.8

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Don Redman](#)

History: St. Nicholas Playground is located adjacent to Spring Park Road in the St. Nicholas/Spring Park section of Jacksonville. Following City land purchases in 1936 and 1937, the park was created and originally named Spring Park, and was expanded by additional land acquisitions in 1944. The St. Nicholas Park and Home Park subdivisions were developed near the park in the late 1930's to meet the housing needs of Jacksonville's growing middle class, and the Spring Park Elementary School opened adjacent to the park in 1942. The playground became a popular site for games of the City's baseball leagues. In recent years the Spring Park Neighborhood Association and St. Nicholas Area Preservation have taken an active role in the maintenance and welfare of the facility, which contains a walking/jogging trail completed in 1999.

San Jose Elementary School Park

5805 St. Augustine Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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|-----|------------------------|
| 1 | Basketball Lighted |
| 10 | Benches |
| 1 | Bleachers |
| 1 | Multiuse Field |
| 2 | Picnic Tables |
| 16 | Playground Equipment |
| 1 | Softball Youth |
| 1 | Softball Youth Lighted |
| 5 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Perimeter Site Fencing |
| Yes | Security Lighting |

Acres: 7.2

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: San Jose Elementary School Park is located on the grounds of the San Jose Elementary School, near the intersection of St. Augustine Road and Powers Avenue on Jacksonville's Southside. The school and park sit on land deeded to the Board of Public Instruction of Duval County in 1951 by two different families. The school was built the following year, and takes its name from the San Jose section of Jacksonville, located south of the park. In 2003, the School Board and the City have a joint-use agreement for the playground, which consists of two softball fields, one soccer field, and one basketball court. The City may use the property after 5:00 P.M. on weekdays and all day on Saturday and Sunday.

Southbank Riverwalk

1001 Museum Circle [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
55	Benches
3	Picnic Tables
1	Restrooms
0.9	Trails Paved (Miles)
36	Trash Barrels
1	Water Features
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Security Lighting
Yes	Visitor/Interpretive Center

Acres: 6.23

Park Type: Special

**Council
Person:** [Don Redman](#)

History: Bordering the St. Johns River, directly opposite Jacksonville Landing , this 1 1/4-mile wooden zigzag boardwalk is usually filled with joggers, tourists, folks sitting on benches, and lovers walking hand-in-hand, all of them watching the riverboats, the shorebirds, and downtown`s skyline reflected in the water.

Southside Park

1541 Hendricks Avenue [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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1	Basketball
17	Benches
1	Bike racks
3	Bleachers
11	Car Parking
1	Multiuse Field
3	Picnic shelters
16	Picnic Tables
8	Playground Equipment
1	Restrooms
6	Tennis Clay Lighted
6	Tennis Hard Lighted
0.2	Trails Paved (Miles)
4	Trash Barrels
Yes	Community Center
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 4.7

Park Type: Community

**Council
Person:** [Art Shad](#)

History: Southside Park is located in San Marco section of South Jacksonville, which existed as a separate municipality in 1925, when the park was first established and known as Central Park. Between 1930 and 1955, the park doubled in size, and the Southside Branch Library moved to its new location at the park in 1950. The grounds also contained tennis courts and other amenities that were augmented by a large swimming pool/teen center that opened in 1956. The City demolished the pool in 1991, and added six more tennis courts in 1996. Through the cooperative efforts of the San Marco Preservation Society and the City, and a large bequest from the estate of longtime San Marco resident and benefactor Abla Balis (1901-96), a new community center (connected to the expanded library) and a new outdoor park opened at the site in 2003 and 2004 respectively – which together with the adjacent tennis facility comprise today's park.

Traymore Park

2564 Atlantic Blvd. [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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| 1 | Picnic Tables |
| 1 | Trash Barrels |

Acres: 0.54

Park Type: Undeveloped

**Council
Person:** [Don Redman](#)

History: Traymore Park is located in the St. Nicholas section of south Jacksonville, at the intersection of Atlantic Blvd. and Traymore Rd. Where the St. Johns River narrows near downtown Jacksonville was called "Pass de San Nicolas" by the Spanish, and the lovely village of St. Nicholas later evolved in the area after the Civil War. Brown Whatley and Joseph Davin began developing the St. Nicholas Park subdivision in 1938 and donated the parkland to the City in 1940. After the Florida East Coast Railway Co. took over the train service from South Jacksonville to the beaches in 1899, a depot was built in St. Nicholas. It served the area until the railroad ceased operations in 1932, and was moved to the park in 2004 for restoration and use by the St. Nicholas Business Association. Traymore Road separates the park into two expanses of lawn, each with a nice canopy of trees along the rear portion.