



PARKS COMMISSION AGENDA

Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 5:30 PM

1. Approval of Minutes :
 - a) March 2, 2022
 - b) April 5, 2022
2. Berlin Youth Program Annual Presentation
3. New Business
 - a) Review of 2022 Playground Inspection Report
4. Old Business
 - a) Backyard Buffer Tree Giveaway
 - b) Spring Celebration
 - c) Clean-Up Day
 - d) Spring Just Walk
5. New Business
 - a) Tree planting plan
6. Other

Upcoming Meeting/Event Schedule:

Saturday, May 7, 2022 – Spring Just Walk

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Tuesday, August 2, 2022 – National Night Out

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Friday OR Saturday, November 4 OR 5, 2022 – Fall Walk

MINUTES – PARKS COMMISSION
March 1, 2022

The meeting of the Parks Commission for Tuesday, March 1, 2022, was called to order at 5:30 PM. Parks Commission members present were Mike Wiley, Sarah Hooper, Bruce Hyder, and Laura Stearns as well as Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen. Also present was Public Works Director Jimmy Charles. Patricia Dufendach was absent.

Mr. Hyder moved to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022; Ms. Hooper seconded, and approval was unanimous.

In a follow-up from the previous meeting Ms. Bohlen noted that she was not able to complete the Urban Tree Program Grant application; however, she would like to continue developing an overall tree plan with the intent to apply in 2023. This would also work towards a Tree City Designation for Berlin.

Ms. Bohlen noted that the Backyard Buffer Tree Giveaway through the Maryland Forest Service had begun with a planned pickup date of April 9, 2022, from 9:00 AM to Noon at Town Hall. She noted that there were limited quantities allocated and that once the minimum was met, she would start a waiting list.

Discussion regarding Clean-Up Day, which was scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2022, followed. Ms. Bohlen noted that this would be the first Clean-Up Day in two years due to the pandemic. She would be working with Mr. Charles on supplies for the day, including trash bags, gloves, etc. and noted that participants were asked to bring their own tools and supplies when possible, but that the Town would also supply some rakes and other yard tools. Mr. Charles and Ms. Bohlen would look at Stephen Decatur Park and try to determine areas to concentrate on the day of. Mulch would be ordered and available for Clean-Up Day, however engineered wood fiber for placement in the playground areas would be completed by Public Works at a later date. Ms. Bohlen also noted that participants could do clean-up in areas of their choosing and the Town would pick up the trash, but that they needed to let her know of the location.

Ms. Bohlen noted that the Chamber of Commerce had contacted her regarding participation in Spring Celebration. Without formal motion of vote consensus was to participate this year. That even was scheduled for Saturday, April 16th. She noted that she had a lot of crafts already on hand.

Ms. Bohlen noted that the next planned meeting was in May, but, because of the number of upcoming events, she would plan an early April meeting just to review those details.

The Spring Just Walk was scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2022. The Worcester Health Department had suggested doing a “color” walk, however Ms. Bohlen did not feel that that would work well. She had met with Economic Development Director Ivy Wells, who had suggested perhaps posting Berlin trivia along the route or having a scavenger hunt. Ms. Bohlen would reach out to Patricia Dufendach to see if she had some thoughts from the museum.

Ms. Bohlen noted that she had forgotten to include the Worcester Youth & Family Counseling update on the Berlin Youth Program; she would forward that to the Commission members.

She also reminded the Commission members to return their annual Financial Disclosure Forms and provided copies.

Ms. Bohlen noted that a date had not yet been set for the refurbishment of the pathway at Stephen Decatur Park, however the contractor had indicated that they would be working on a section at a time and expected to be done within three weeks once begun. She noted that, while the work might impact Just Walk, it would not be an issue for Clean-Up Day whether under construction or not.

Mr. Charles asked if flowers and other plant would be purchased for Clean-Up Day and Ms. Bohlen indicated that they would. In response to a question from Mr. Wiley, she indicated that she would discuss with the Town Administrator whether to include Heron Park on Clean-Up Day.

Ms. Stearns moved to adjourn; Mr. Wiley seconded, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary T. Bohlen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mary T. Bohlen
Deputy Town Administrator
Liaison to the Parks Commission

MINUTES – PARKS COMMISSION
April 5, 2022

The meeting of the Parks Commission for Tuesday, March 1, 2022, was called to order at 5:30 PM. Parks Commission members present were Mike Wiley, Patricia Dufendach, Sarah Hooper, and Bruce Hyder as well as Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen and Public Works Director Jimmy Charles. Laura Stearns was absent.

As this was a special meeting, no minutes were presented for approval.

Ms. Bohlen reminded the Commission members that the Backyard Buffer Program tree bundle pickup was scheduled for the coming Saturday April 9, 2022, from 8:30 AM to Noon at Town Hall. Anyone who wished to assist was welcome. Each of the counties in the tri-county area (Worcester, Wicomico, and Somerset) had been allocated 50 bundles, but after nearly 120 people in Worcester had signed up an additional 25 bundles had been made available.

Brief discussion followed regarding Spring Celebration, which was scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 2022. The Commission would have crafts leftover from other events. Set-up would start at 9:00 AM.

The Commission discussed Clean-Up Day scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2022. Ms. Bohlen noted that the primary locations would be Decatur, Henry and Heron Park as well as downtown, and that volunteers were being encouraged, as they were every year, to work wherever they saw fit, but to let the Town know, so that trash collection could be arranged. Mr. Charles indicated that he would station a dump truck at Decatur Park and Henry Park so that trash could be thrown directly into the trucks. He also indicated that a John Deere with a bucket would be used around the pond at Decatur Park. There was discussion of what supplies would be provided, including a limited supply of 5-gallon buckets, and what volunteers were being encouraged to bring. Mr. Charles also indicated that he would have extra waste-wheelers at each park to try to separate trash from vegetation as well as mulch at each park. Ms. Bohlen noted that Kate Patton would be assessing the pollinator garden at Heron Park and contacting Ms. Bohlen to discuss; because of ongoing discussion by the Mayor and Council regarding the disposition of that park, Ms. Patton had asked if working on the gardens made sense and Ms. Bohlen had indicated that she could not answer as to when a final decision might be made. Ms. Bohlen would manage sign-up at Decatur Park, Susan Bashore had volunteered to manage downtown sign-in at the Visitor Center and Ms. Hooper indicated that she would handle sign-up at Henry Park. Ms. Bohlen noted that she was working at getting a sign-up form on the website.

Spring Just Walk Berlin was scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2022, and Ms. Bohlen would be putting together Berlin trivia signs to be placed along the route. Walkers would then return to the starting point to take a "quiz" which would then be their raffle entry.

Ms. Bohlen would send out reminders prior to each of the events. Mr. Hyder noted that he would not be available on April 9 or 16, but would be there for Clean-Up Day.

Ms. Dufendach noted that, at the recent ground-breaking for the table tennis installation at Burbage Park she had noted that the Leland Cyprus had reached their end-of-life and should be

removed, particularly considering the plans to paint a mural on the side of the Power Plant. Ms. Bohlen noted that she would make a note of it.

Ms. Dufendach moved to adjourn; Mr. Hyder seconded, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary T. Bohlen".

Mary T. Bohlen
Deputy Town Administrator
Liaison to the Parks Commission

ANNUAL REPORT

Worcester Youth
and Family
Counseling Services
Berlin Youth Club

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2021 Summer Camp

- FREE 8 week camp to children in the Town of Berlin who would not have been able to otherwise participate
- CDC compliant; MDH certified
- Approximately 20 children served in two small groups ages 6 to 9 and 10 to 12
- Weekly themes included: Art, Fitness, Games, Animals, STEM, Water, Culinary, and Kindness
- Partnered with Buckingham Presbyterian Church and Taylor House Museum for a space to hold camp activities
- Partnered with Coastal Bays, M4 Reactor, Minority Youth Outreach Program, TC Studios, OC Beach Yoga, Crossfit, and Coast Kids to provide enrichment activities

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ANIMAL WEEK

Coast Kids and
Coastal Bays
teaching campers
about local animals
and the
environment

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COOLING OFF WITH WATER WEEK



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GAME AND KINDNESS WEEKS



Friendship Bracelets with
Minority Youth Outreach
Program



Kindness Rocks



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STEM WEEK WITH M4 REACTOR

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CULINARY WEEK

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Town Events

- BathTub Races on July 9th
- National Night Out on August 3rd
- Buckingham Church Backpack drive on August 15th
- Small Town Throw Down on September 11th
- Trick or Track on October 30th
- Trunk or Treat on October 31st
- Ice, Ice Berlin on November 26th
- Merry Market Place on December 4th
- Holiday Dinner and Toys for Tots exchange on December 14th

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

We partnered with Bikers Without Borders and Buckingham Presbyterian Church to have a backpack and school supply drive for our Youth Programs students.

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National Night Out

We partnered with the Berlin Police Department to provide snow cones during this popular event.

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Holiday Fun



Toys for Tots donations for Holiday gifts for
BYC children and their families



Track or Treat

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Making the Holidays Special

Take home Holiday Dinner
and gifts for Youth
Program participants

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Town of Berlin
Stephen Decatur Park
 Tripoli Street
 Berlin, MD 21811

Inspector: Eric Patterson
 CPSI #: 46348-0822
 Inspection Type: CPSI Inspection
 Completed On: 04/15/2022
 # of Issues: 51

Inventory



2-5 Firetruck

Category: Playground Equipment
 Type: Climbing Equipment
 Equipment: Freestanding metal climber
 Manufacturer: Unknown/None
 Age Group: 2 - 5



2-5 Green and Purple Overhead Climber

Category: Playground Equipment
 Type: Climbing Equipment
 Equipment: Overhead climber
 Manufacturer: GameTime
 Age Group: 2 - 5



2-5 Green and Purple Play Panel

Category: Playground Equipment
 Type: User define
 Equipment: User Define
 Manufacturer: GameTime
 Age Group: 2 - 5



2-5 Green and Purple Unit

Category: Playground Equipment
 Type: Climbing Equipment
 Equipment: Composite structure
 Manufacturer: GameTime
 Age Group: 2 - 5



2-5 Red Arch Climber

Category: Playground Equipment
 Type: Climbing Equipment
 Equipment: Freestanding metal climber
 Manufacturer: Miracle
 Age Group: 2 - 5



2-5 Spinner and Four Seat Rocker

Category: Playground Equipment
 Type: User define
 Equipment: User Define
 Manufacturer: Unknown/None
 Age Group: 2 - 5



2-5 Spring Area

Category: Playground Equipment
 Type: Spring Items
 Equipment: Sitting spring rider
 Manufacturer: GameTime
 Age Group: 2 - 5



5-12 Climbing Structure

Category: Playground Equipment
Type: Climbing Equipment
Equipment: Composite Structure, Climber
Manufacturer: GameTime
Age Group: 5 - 12



5-12 Four Way Spring Rocker

Category: Playground Equipment
Type: Spring Items
Equipment: Stand. spring rider
Manufacturer: Landscape Structures
Age Group: 5 - 12



5-12 Large Structure

Category: Playground Equipment
Type: Climbing Equipment
Equipment: Composite structure
Manufacturer: GameTime
Age Group: 5 - 12



Big Toys Climber

Category: Playground Equipment
Type: Climbing Equipment
Equipment: Composite Structure, Climber
Manufacturer: Kompan
Age Group: 5 - 12



Caterpillar Climber

Category: Playground Equipment
Type: Climbing Equipment
Equipment: Freestanding metal climber
Manufacturer: GameTime
Age Group: 5 - 12



P-i-P Safety Surface

Category: Surface
Type: Unitary
Equipment: Poured Rubber
Manufacturer: Unknown/None
Age Group: All



Plastic Border

Category: Perimeter
Type: Perimeter
Equipment: Plastic Curb
Manufacturer: Unknown/None
Age Group: All



Safety Surface

Category: Surface
Type: Loose fill
Equipment: EWF
Manufacturer: Unknown/None
Age Group: All



Tot Swing

Category: Playground Equipment
Type: Swings
Equipment: Bucket
Manufacturer: Unknown/None
Age Group: 2 - 5



Two Bay Swing

Category: Playground Equipment
Type: Swings
Equipment: Belt
Manufacturer: Unknown/None
Age Group: 5 - 12

General Comments

Employees were on site cutting branches at time of inspection.

Issues Summary



No signage - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Entire unit
Action: Install sign
Priority: 3
Comments: There's age appropriate signage for all the equipment but no updated warning labels.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Insufficient area - Two Bay Swing

Part: Seat
Action: Increase surface size
Priority: 3
Comments: The perimeter is in the swings 236 inch use zone. Adding surfacing could fix this problem.

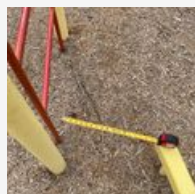
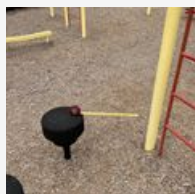
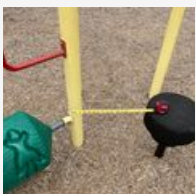
Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Insufficient area - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Stepping Stones
Action: Reposition
Priority: 3
Comments: The stepping pods, and both beams need to be 18 inches away from the overhead climbers (stepping surface to stepping surface) to be considered functionally linked.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022





Insufficient area - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Entire unit

Reported By:

Eric Patterson

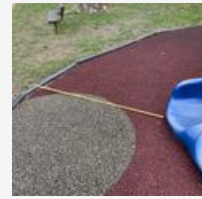
Action: Increase surface size

Created On:

04/15/2022

Priority: 4

Comments: Uprights, climbers, and slides should be 72 inches away from the perimeter.



Insufficient area - 2-5 Spring Area

Part: Entire unit

Reported By:

Eric Patterson

Action: Increase surface size

Created On:

04/15/2022

Priority: 4

Comments: Spring rocker should be 72 inches away from the age appropriate sign.



Insufficient area - 2-5 Green and Purple Unit

Part: Other - See

Reported By:

Eric Patterson

Comments

Action: Increase surface size

Created On:

04/15/2022

Priority: 4

Comments: Age appropriate sign is in the 72 inch use zone.





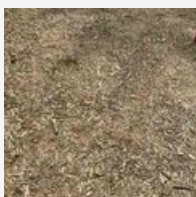
Insufficient area - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Entire unit Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Increase surface size Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Uprights shouldn't have anything within 72 inches of them.



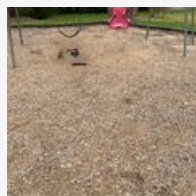
Insufficient area - Caterpillar Climber

Part: Entire unit Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Increase surface size Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Age appropriate sign is in the climbers 72 inch use zone.



Insufficient Surface Depth - Safety Surface

Part: Other - See Comments Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Add surface level Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: EWF surfacing is low in all areas. CPSC recommends 9 inches of EWF in all fall zones. Minor weeds growing in surface.





Rusted - 2-5 Green and Purple Unit

Part: Entire unit Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Remove rust Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Spot rust present throughout the unit.



Loose - 2-5 Spinner and Four Seat Rocker

Part: Other - See Comments Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Correct Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Four seat rocker appears to be slightly loose, springs might be loose. Paint appears to be worn.



Worn - 2-5 Red Arch Climber

Part: Paint Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Paint Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Chipped paint on the climber.





Worn - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Paint Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Paint Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Chipped paint on the unit.



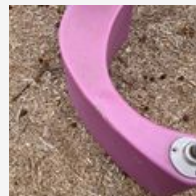
Worn - Caterpillar Climber

Part: Paint Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Paint Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Chipped/worn paint on climber.



Rusted - Big Toys Climber

Part: Entire unit Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Correct Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Appears all the handrails and brackets are loose. Rust is present throughout the unit. One purple plastic climber is slightly damaged.





Damaged - 2-5 Firetruck

Part: Other - See Comments
Action: Repair
Priority: 4
Comments: Chipped paint and top bar is bent/damaged.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Rusted - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Hardware
Action: Replace
Priority: 4
Comments: Hardware under the decks are rusted.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Worn - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Paint
Action: Paint
Priority: 4
Comments: Minor chipped paint and spot/white rust on the unit.

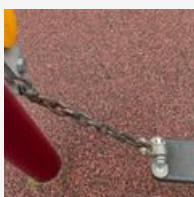
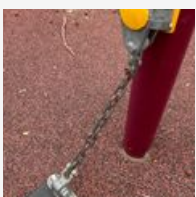
Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Cracked - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Coating
Action: Replace
Priority: 4
Comments: Chain coating is cracked on the stepping swing.

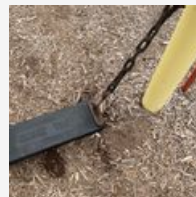
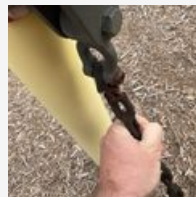
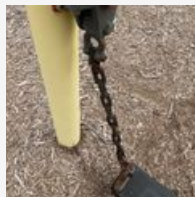
Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022





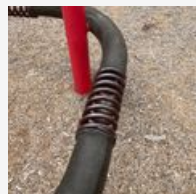
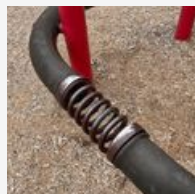
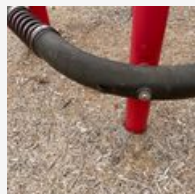
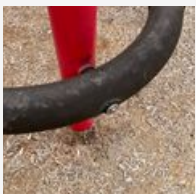
Cracked - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Coating Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Chain coating is cracked on the step swing. Chain is worn.



Damaged - 5-12 Four Way Spring Rocker

Part: Coating Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Repair Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Coating is slightly damaged. Spring has chipped paint.



Damaged - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Coating Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Repair Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Coating damaged at the top of the stairs.



Damaged - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Coating Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Repair Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Deck coating is slightly damaged.





Entanglement - 2-5 Green and Purple Unit

Part: Plastic slide

Reported By:

Eric Patterson

Action: Correct

Created On:

04/15/2022

Priority: 2

Comments: CPSC 5.3.6.2 Slides will not have any spaces or gaps that could trap strings, clothing, body parts, etc. between the platform and the start of the slide chute.



Entanglement - Two Bay Swing

Part: Hardware

Reported By:

Eric Patterson

Action: Replace

Created On:

04/15/2022

Priority: 2

Comments: Hex bolts extending up on the toprail create entanglement hazards.



Entanglement - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Plastic slide

Reported By:

Eric Patterson

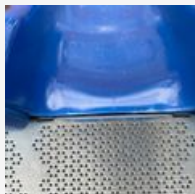
Action: Correct

Created On:

04/15/2022

Priority: 2

Comments: CPSC 5.3.6.2 Slides will not have any spaces or gaps that could trap strings, clothing, body parts, etc. between the platform and the start of the slide chute.



Entanglement - Caterpillar Climber

Part: Hardware

Reported By:

Eric Patterson

Action: Replace

Created On:

04/15/2022

Priority: 4

Comments: Hex bolt extending up on the climber creates an entanglement hazard.





Non Compliant - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Hardware
Action: Correct
Priority: 4
Comments: Bottom of the posts holding the chain climber have bolts with more than two threads exposed.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Non Compliant - 2-5 Spring Area

Part: Hardware
Action: Correct
Priority: 4
Comments: Hardware under the whale spring rocker has more than two threads exposed.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Loose - 2-5 Green and Purple Overhead Climber

Part: Cap
Action: Tighten
Priority: 4
Comments: Caps on the uprights are loose.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Loose - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Stepping Stones
Action: Tighten
Priority: 4
Comments: Two stepping pods are loose.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022





Loose - 2-5 Green and Purple Unit

Part: Other - See Comments
Action: Tighten
Priority: 4
Comments: Seat is loose.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Missing - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Cap
Action: Replace
Priority: 3
Comments: Multiple missing caps on the uprights. This creates some sharp edges and standing water in the uprights.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Loose - 2-5 Green and Purple Unit

Part: Other - See Comments
Action: Correct
Priority: 4
Comments: Steering wheel is loose.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Loose - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Panel
Action: Correct
Priority: 4
Comments: Loose piece on the ground level panel piece.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022





Damaged - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Cap Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Repair Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Caps in the decks are damaged.



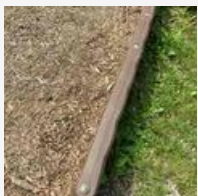
Loose - 2-5 Spinner and Four Seat Rocker

Part: Other - See Reported By: Eric Patterson
Comments
Action: Correct Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Spinner appears to be loose. Paint is worn.



Damaged - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Plastic slide Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Repair Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Slight crack and tube slide is slightly warped.



Damaged - Plastic Border

Part: Other - See Reported By: Eric Patterson
Comments
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Plastic borders are cracked throughout the play areas.





Damaged - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Plastic slide Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Repair Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Side of the dual slide is damaged creating sharp edges.



Damaged - Two Bay Swing

Part: Seat Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: The ADA swing is damaged.



Damaged - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Plastic slide Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Repair Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Graffiti scratched into plastic at the top of the slide. Top side of slide is slightly damaged creating minor sharp edges.



Rusted - Two Bay Swing

Part: Chain Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Chains are rusted.





Non Compliant - Two Bay Swing

Part: **Seat** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Correct** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **3**
Comments: **ADA seat appears to swing at an angle.**



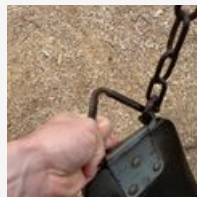
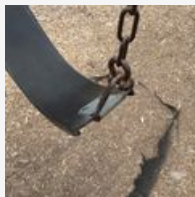
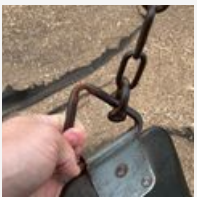
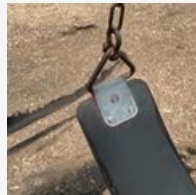
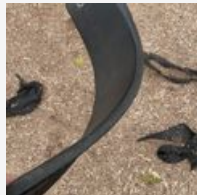
Worn - Tot Swing

Part: **Entire unit** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Correct** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Chain is rusted, top rail is dirty and has chipped paint, brackets are damaged creating sharp edges, and bucket swings are damaged.**



Damaged - Two Bay Swing

Part: **Seat** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Replace** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **3**
Comments: **Seats are cracked, brackets are worn, and brackets are damaged creating sharp edges.**





Missing - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Other - See Comments
Action: Replace
Priority: 2
Comments: Missing handholds/broken chains creates sharp edges.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Missing - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Other - See Comments
Action: Replace
Priority: 3
Comments: Missing floating pods. Hardware on the clevis' still create protrusion/entanglement hazards with the double hex bolts. This also leaves holes in the surfacing where floating pods connect.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Missing - 2-5 Spring Area

Part: Entire unit
Action: Replace
Priority: 2
Comments: Missing car spring rider. This leaves exposed concrete in exposed through the safety surface.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Damaged - P-i-P Safety Surface

Part: Other - See Comments
Action: Repair
Priority: 3
Comments: Depressions and separation in the p-i-p surfacing.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022





Trip hazard - Safety Surface

Part: Other - See Comments
Action: Correct
Priority: 4
Comments: Matting through the surfacing creates a trip hazard.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Questions

LF Safety Inspection

1. Are warning labels and age appropriate signage present and legible? ASTM Section 14
1 issue



No signage - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Entire unit
Action: Install sign
Priority: 3
Comments: There's age appropriate signage for all the equipment but no updated warning labels.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



2. Does equipment have proper use zones? ASTM Section 9
7 issues



Insufficient area - Two Bay Swing

Part: Seat
Action: Increase surface size
Priority: 3
Comments: The perimeter is in the swings 236 inch use zone. Adding surfacing could fix this problem.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022





Insufficient area - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Stepping Stones

Action: Reposition

Priority: 3

Comments: The stepping pods, and both beams need to be 18 inches away from the overhead climbers (stepping surface to stepping surface) to be considered functionally linked.

Reported By:

Eric Patterson

Created On:

04/15/2022



Insufficient area - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Entire unit

Action: Increase surface size

Priority: 4

Comments: Uprights, climbers, and slides should be 72 inches away from the perimeter.

Reported By:

Eric Patterson

Created On:

04/15/2022



Insufficient area - 2-5 Spring Area

Part: Entire unit

Action: Increase surface size

Priority: 4

Comments: Spring rocker should be 72 inches away from the age appropriate sign.

Reported By:

Eric Patterson

Created On:

04/15/2022





Insufficient area - 2-5 Green and Purple Unit

Part: Other - See
Comments
Action: Increase surface size
Priority: 4
Comments: Age appropriate sign is in the 72 inch use zone.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Insufficient area - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Entire unit
Action: Increase surface size
Priority: 3
Comments: Uprights shouldn't have anything within 72 inches of them.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Insufficient area - Caterpillar Climber

Part: Entire unit
Action: Increase surface size
Priority: 4
Comments: Age appropriate sign is in the climbers 72 inch use zone.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



3. Is loose fill surfacing level and at proper depth?
1 issue



Insufficient Surface Depth - Safety Surface

Part: Other - See Comments

Action: Add surface level

Priority: 3

Comments: EWF surfacing is low in all areas. CPSC recommends 9 inches of EWF in all fall zones. Minor weeds growing in surface.

Reported By:

Eric Patterson

Created On:

04/15/2022



4. Are metal surfaces free of rust and loose paint? ASTM 4.1.1 9 issues



Rusted - 2-5 Green and Purple Unit

Part: Entire unit

Reported By:

Eric Patterson

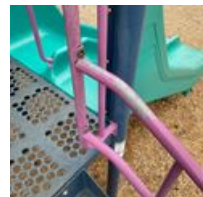
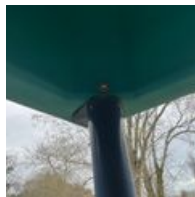
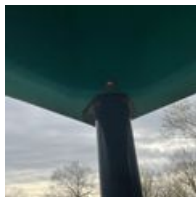
Action: Remove rust

Created On:

04/15/2022

Priority: 4

Comments: Spot rust present throughout the unit.



Loose - 2-5 Spinner and Four Seat Rocker

Part: Other - See Comments

Reported By:

Eric Patterson

Action: Correct

Created On:

04/15/2022

Priority: 4

Comments: Four seat rocker appears to be slightly loose, springs might be loose. Paint appears to be worn.





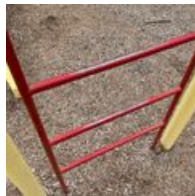
Worn - 2-5 Red Arch Climber

Part: **Paint** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Paint** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Chipped paint on the climber.**



Worn - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: **Paint** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Paint** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Chipped paint on the unit.**



Worn - Caterpillar Climber

Part: **Paint** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Paint** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Chipped/worn paint on climber.**





Rusted - Big Toys Climber

Part: Entire unit
Action: Correct
Priority: 4
Comments: Appears all the handrails and brackets are loose. Rust is present throughout the unit. One purple plastic climber is slightly damaged.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Damaged - 2-5 Firetruck

Part: Other - See Comments
Action: Repair
Priority: 4
Comments: Chipped paint and top bar is bent/damaged.

Reported By: Eric Patterson

Created On: 04/15/2022



Rusted - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Hardware
Action: Replace
Priority: 4
Comments: Hardware under the decks are rusted.

Reported By: Eric Patterson

Created On: 04/15/2022





Worn - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Paint Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Paint Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Minor chipped paint and spot/white rust on the unit.

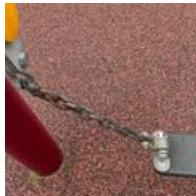


5. Are coatings not peeling and in good condition?
5 issues



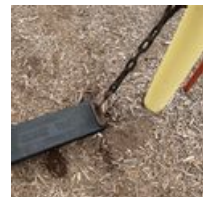
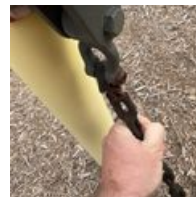
Cracked - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Coating Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Chain coating is cracked on the stepping swing.



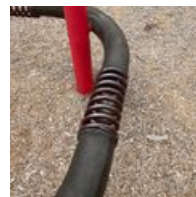
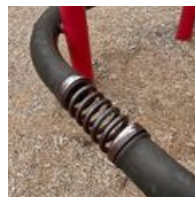
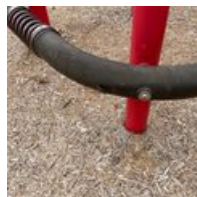
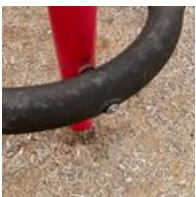
Cracked - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Coating Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Chain coating is cracked on the step swing. Chain is worn.



Damaged - 5-12 Four Way Spring Rocker

Part: Coating Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Repair Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Coating is slightly damaged. Spring has chipped paint.





Damaged - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Coating Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Repair Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Coating damaged at the top of the stairs.



Damaged - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Coating Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Repair Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Deck coating is slightly damaged.



6. Is equipment free of entanglement hazards and protrusions? ASTM 6.3, 6.4 4 issues



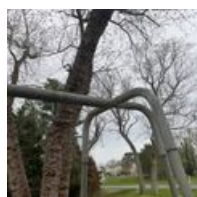
Entanglement - 2-5 Green and Purple Unit

Part: Plastic slide Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Correct Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 2
Comments: CPSC 5.3.6.2 Slides will not have any spaces or gaps that could trap strings, clothing, body parts, etc. between the platform and the start of the slide chute.



Entanglement - Two Bay Swing

Part: Hardware Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 2
Comments: Hex bolts extending up on the toprail create entanglement hazards.

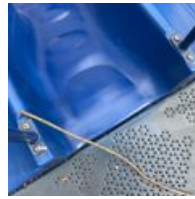
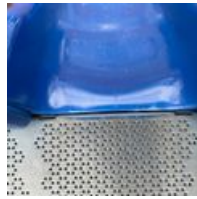
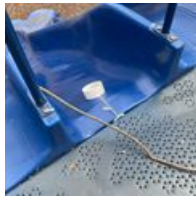




Entanglement - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Plastic slide
Action: Correct
Priority: 2
Comments: CPSC 5.3.6.2 Slides will not have any spaces or gaps that could trap strings, clothing, body parts, etc. between the platform and the start of the slide chute.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Entanglement - Caterpillar Climber

Part: Hardware
Action: Replace
Priority: 4
Comments: Hex bolt extending up on the climber creates an entanglement hazard.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



7. Is equipment free of openings that can cause head and neck entrapments? [use probes] ASTM 6.1
0 issues

8. Are bolt ends less than two threads, rounded and smooth? ASTM 6.4.3
2 issues



Non Compliant - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Hardware
Action: Correct
Priority: 4
Comments: Bottom of the posts holding the chain climber have bolts with more than two threads exposed.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Non Compliant - 2-5 Spring Area

Part: Hardware
Action: Correct
Priority: 4
Comments: Hardware under the whale spring rocker has more than two threads exposed.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



9. Is hardware present, tight and fully engaged including cap ends? ASTM 4.2.2
8 issues



Loose - 2-5 Green and Purple Overhead Climber

Part: Cap Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Tighten Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Caps on the uprights are loose.



Loose - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Stepping Stones Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Tighten Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Two stepping pods are loose.



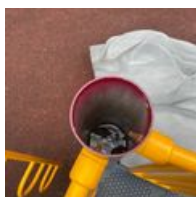
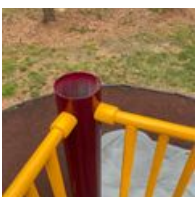
Loose - 2-5 Green and Purple Unit

Part: Other - See Comments Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Tighten Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Seat is loose.



Missing - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Cap Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Multiple missing caps on the uprights. This creates some sharp edges and standing water in the uprights.





Loose - 2-5 Green and Purple Unit

Part: Other - See Comments
Action: Correct
Priority: 4
Comments: Steering wheel is loose.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Loose - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Panel
Action: Correct
Priority: 4
Comments: Loose piece on the ground level panel piece.

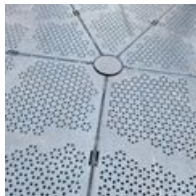
Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Damaged - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Cap
Action: Repair
Priority: 4
Comments: Caps in the decks are damaged.

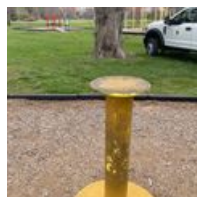
Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Loose - 2-5 Spinner and Four Seat Rocker

Part: Other - See Comments
Action: Correct
Priority: 4
Comments: Spinner appears to be loose. Paint is worn.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



10. Are plastic components free of cracks or excessive wear?
5 issues



Damaged - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Plastic slide Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Repair Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Slight crack and tube slide is slightly warped.



Damaged - Plastic Border

Part: Other - See Reported By: Eric Patterson
Comments
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Plastic borders are cracked throughout the play areas.



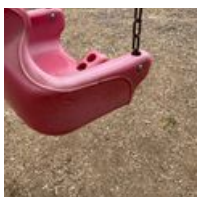
Damaged - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Plastic slide Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Repair Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Side of the dual slide is damaged creating sharp edges.



Damaged - Two Bay Swing

Part: Seat Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: The ADA swing is damaged.





Damaged - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Plastic slide
Action: Repair
Priority: 4
Comments: Graffiti scratched into plastic at the top of the slide. Top side of slide is slightly damaged creating minor sharp edges.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



11. Is the equipment free of any insect or animal infestation?
0 issues

12. Is equipment free of crush and shear hazards? ASTM 6.5
0 issues

13. Are chains not twisted and free of excessive wear?
1 issue



Rusted - Two Bay Swing

Part: Chain
Action: Replace
Priority: 4
Comments: Chains are rusted.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



14. Are s-hooks not worn and closed to within .04 of an inch? ASTM 6.4.5
0 issues

15. Are swing hangers and bushings free of excessive wear? ASTM 8.6.3
0 issues

16. Are all swing seats including tire, bucket etc. smooth and in good condition? ASTM 8.6.4.1
3 issues



Non Compliant - Two Bay Swing

Part: Seat
Action: Correct
Priority: 3
Comments: ADA seat appears to swing at an angle.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022





Worn - Tot Swing

Part: Entire unit

Reported By: Eric Patterson

Action: Correct

Created On: 04/15/2022

Priority: 4

Comments: Chain is rusted, top rail is dirty and has chipped paint, brackets are damaged creating sharp edges, and bucket swings are damaged.



Damaged - Two Bay Swing

Part: Seat

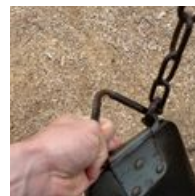
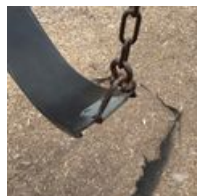
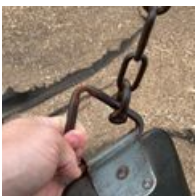
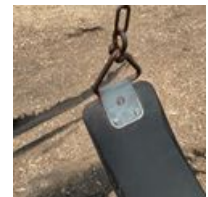
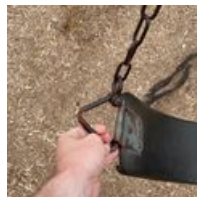
Reported By: Eric Patterson

Action: Replace

Created On: 04/15/2022

Priority: 3

Comments: Seats are cracked, brackets are worn, and brackets are damaged creating sharp edges.



17. Are all pipe caps present on tubing ends? CPSC 3.4
0 issues
18. Are cables and ropes anchored and not unraveled or fraying? ASTM 4.2.3.1
0 issues
19. Are elevated hand components at proper height for age group?
0 issues
20. Are footings and anchoring devices secure and stable?
0 issues
21. Is equipment free of sharp points and edges? ASTM 6.2
1 issue



Missing - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Other - See Comments Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 2
Comments: Missing handholds/broken chains creates sharp edges.



22. Are welds intact and crack free?
0 issues

23. Are all play components properly installed and intact?
2 issues



Missing - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Other - See Comments Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Missing floating pods. Hardware on the clevis' still create protrusion/entanglement hazards with the double hex bolts. This also leaves holes in the surfacing where floating pods connect.



Missing - 2-5 Spring Area

Part: Entire unit Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 2
Comments: Missing car spring rider. This leaves exposed concrete in exposed through the safety surface.



24. Are fittings and bearings functional, greased and squeak free?
0 issues

25. Are stepping surfaces level, stable and clean?
0 issues

26. Are springs and rocking components in good shape?
0 issues

27. Are tire seats lightweight, smooth and in good condition?
0 issues

28. Is unitary surfacing intact, free of depressions and ruts?
1 issue



Damaged - P-i-P Safety Surface

Part: Other - See Comments
Action: Repair
Priority: 3
Comments: Depressions and separation in the p-i-p surfacing.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



29. Is surface drainage functional with no standing water?
0 issues

30. Is wood free of rot, splinters, warping or excessive wear? ASTM 4.1.3
0 issues

31. Is this area clear and free of any other issues?
1 issue



Trip hazard - Safety Surface

Part: Other - See Comments
Action: Correct
Priority: 4
Comments: Matting through the surfacing creates a trip hazard.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Inspector Signature



Manager Signature

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Priority Key

High

1. Permanent disability, loss of life or body part
Condition should be corrected immediately.
2. Serious injury resulting in temporary disability
Condition should be corrected as soon as possible.
3. Minor (Non-Disabling) injury
Condition should be corrected when time permits.
4. Potential for injury very minimal *Condition should be corrected if it worsens.*
5. Existing condition is compliant Low

Low



Town of Berlin
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 127 Flower Street
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 # of Issues: 40

Inventory



2 Bay Belt Swing

Category: Playground Equipment
 Type: Swings
 Equipment: Belt
 Manufacturer: Unknown/None
 Age Group: 5 - 12



2-5 Purple and Blue Unit

Category: Playground Equipment
 Type: Climbing Equipment
 Equipment: Composite structure
 Manufacturer: GameTime
 Age Group: 2 - 5



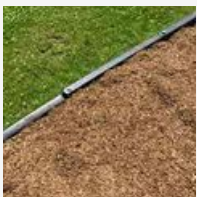
2-5 Spring Riders

Category: Playground Equipment
 Type: Spring Items
 Equipment: Sitting spring rider
 Manufacturer: GameTime
 Age Group: 2 - 5



5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Category: Playground Equipment
 Type: Climbing Equipment
 Equipment: Composite structure
 Manufacturer: Play and Park Structures
 Age Group: 5 - 12



Plastic Border

Category: Perimeter
 Type: Perimeter
 Equipment: Plastic Curb
 Manufacturer: Unknown/None
 Age Group: All



Safety Surface

Category: Surface
 Type: Loose fill
 Equipment: EWF
 Manufacturer: Unknown/None
 Age Group: All



Tot Swing

Category: Playground Equipment
 Type: Swings
 Equipment: Bucket
 Manufacturer: Unknown/None
 Age Group: 2 - 5

Issues Summary



No signage - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Entire unit Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Install sign Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: No age appropriate or warning labels.



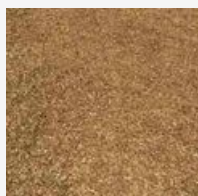
Insufficient area - 2 Bay Belt Swing

Part: Entire unit Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Add surface level Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Belt swings and composite structure can't share use zones, this means the swings should be 280 inches away from the composite structure. Adding surfacing could fix this.



Insufficient area - 2 Bay Belt Swing

Part: Entire unit Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Add surface level Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Distance from the seat to the perimeter should be 2 times the height from the surface to the pivot point. The height is 102 inches, so the distance from the seat to the perimeter should be 204 inches. Adding surfacing could fix this.



Insufficient Surface Depth - Safety Surface

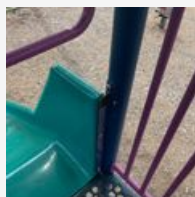
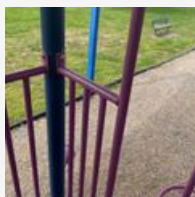
Part: Other - See Reported By: Eric Patterson
Comments
Action: Add surface level Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Surfacing is low in the play area.





Worn - 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit

Part: **Paint** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Paint** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Chipped paint and spot rust on the unit.**



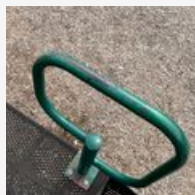
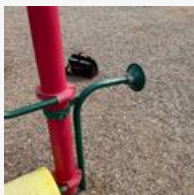
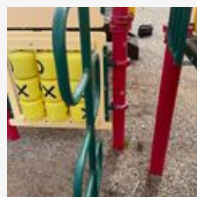
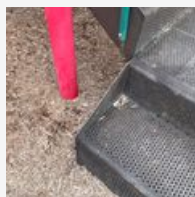
Rusted - 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit

Part: **Other - See Comments** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Remove rust** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Seat has white rust.**



Damaged - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: **Coating** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Repair** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **3**
Comments: **Deck coatings are cracked exposing bare and flaked metal, rust is present throughout the unit.**





Entanglement - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Hardware
Action: Replace
Priority: 2
Comments: Hardware on the hood of the slide create entanglement hazards.

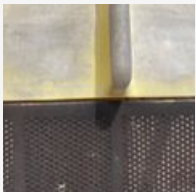
Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Entanglement - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Plastic slide
Action: Correct
Priority: 2
Comments: CPSC 5.3.6.2 Slides will not have any spaces or gaps that could trap strings, clothing, body parts, etc. between the platform and the start of the slide chute.

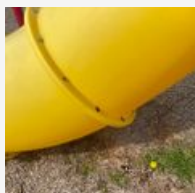
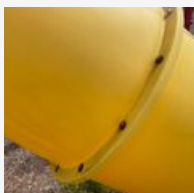
Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Entanglement - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Hardware
Action: Replace
Priority: 3
Comments: Hex bolts extending up on the tube slide create entanglement hazards.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022



Entanglement - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Hardware
Action: Correct
Priority: 2
Comments: Loose screw near the spiral slide creates an entanglement hazard.

Reported By: Eric Patterson
Created On: 04/15/2022





Head entrapment - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Panel Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Correct Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 1
Comments: Gaps in the steering wheel panel create 2 different head entrapments.



Head entrapment - 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit

Part: Other - See Reported By: Eric Patterson
Comments
Action: Correct Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: The talk tube has a neck entrapment.



Non Compliant - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

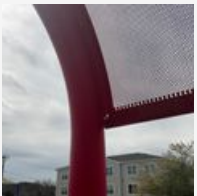
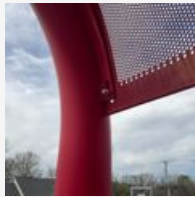
Part: Hardware Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Bolts on the tube slide have more than two threads exposed.





Non Compliant - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part:	Hardware	Reported By:	Eric Patterson
Action:	Correct	Created On:	04/15/2022
Priority:	4		
Comments:	Hardware under the roof has more than two threads exposed.		



Non Compliant - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part:	Hardware	Reported By:	Eric Patterson
Action:	Replace	Created On:	04/15/2022
Priority:	3		
Comments:	Bolts underneath the deck have more than two threads exposed.		



Missing - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part:	Hardware	Reported By:	Eric Patterson
Action:	Replace	Created On:	04/15/2022
Priority:	4		
Comments:	Missing bolts on the tube slide.		





Loose - 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit

Part: **Hardware** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Tighten** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Loose bolts under the roofs.**



Loose - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: **Panel** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Tighten** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **The panel is loose.**



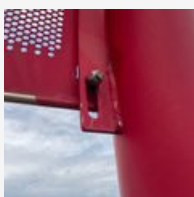
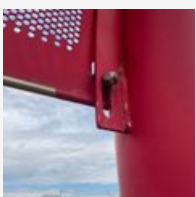
Rusted - Tot Swing

Part: **Hardware** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Replace** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Hardware is rusted on the toprail.**



Sharp edge - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: **Hardware** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Replace** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **3**
Comments: **Loose bolt holding the roof. Bolt has been cut back and creates sharp edges.**





Loose - 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit

Part: **Stairs** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Correct** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Loose bolts under the roofs.**



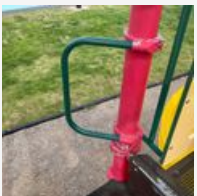
Loose - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: **Panel** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Tighten** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Panel is loose where it connects to the upright.**



Loose - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: **Handrail** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Tighten** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Handrail is loose.**



Missing - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: **Hardware** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Replace** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Missing bolt holding the tic-tac-toe panel.**





Missing - 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit

Part: **Hardware** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Replace** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Missing bolt at the top of the dual slide.**



Loose - 2 Bay Belt Swing

Part: **Hardware** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Tighten** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **3**
Comments: **Loose bolt on the clevis on a belt swing.**



Loose - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: **Handrail** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Tighten** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Loose handrail.**



Non Compliant - 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit

Part: **Hardware** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Replace** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **3**
Comments: **Bolts under the transfer platform have more than two threads exposed.**





Loose - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Deck Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Tighten Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Transfer deck is slightly loose.



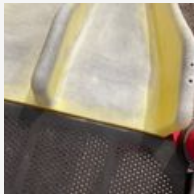
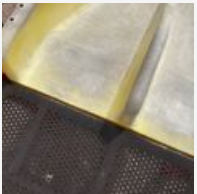
Damaged - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Plastic slide Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Repair Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Under the slide is damaged creating a sharp edge.



Cracked - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Plastic slide Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Top of the plastic slide is cracked.



Damaged - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Panel Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Tic-tac-toe panel piece is cracked.





Cracked - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Plastic slide Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Plastic spiral slide has spider cracks.



Crush & Shear - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Bridge Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Correct Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Gaps in the bridge and deck on both sides create crush and shear hazards.



Missing - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Other - See Comments Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Missing handholds on the overhead climber.



Missing - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Metal deck climber Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 1
Comments: Appears to be a missing deck climber.





Non Compliant - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Other - See Comments Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Correct Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: The track ride appears to be damaged and clogged.



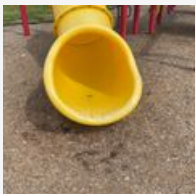
Damaged - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Clamp Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Repair Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Clamp seems to have been moved damaging the deck.



Unevenness - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Plastic slide Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Correct Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: The tube slide seems to exit up at an angle.



Questions

LF Safety Inspection

1. Are warning labels and age appropriate signage present and legible? ASTM Section 14
1 issue



No signage - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Entire unit Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Install sign Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: No age appropriate or warning labels.



2. Does equipment have proper use zones? ASTM Section 9 2 issues



Insufficient area - 2 Bay Belt Swing

Part: Entire unit Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Add surface level Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Belt swings and composite structure can't share use zones, this means the swings should be 280 inches away from the composite structure. Adding surfacing could fix this.

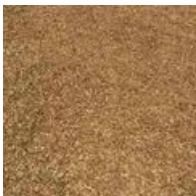


Insufficient area - 2 Bay Belt Swing

Part: Entire unit Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Add surface level Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Distance from the seat to the perimeter should be 2 times the height from the surface to the pivot point. The height is 102 inches, so the distance from the seat to the perimeter should be 204 inches. Adding surfacing could fix this.



3. Is loose fill surfacing level and at proper depth? 1 issue



Insufficient Surface Depth - Safety Surface

Part: Other - See Reported By: Eric Patterson
Comments
Action: Add surface level Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Surfacing is low in the play area.

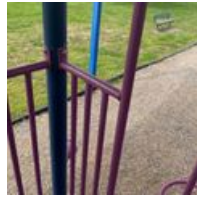


4. Are metal surfaces free of rust and loose paint? ASTM 4.1.1
3 issues



Worn - 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit

Part: **Paint** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
 Action: **Paint** Created On: **04/15/2022**
 Priority: **4**
 Comments: **Chipped paint and spot rust on the unit.**



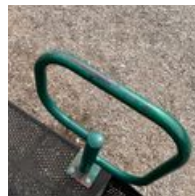
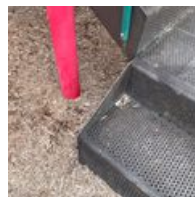
Rusted - 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit

Part: **Other - See** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Comments
 Action: **Remove rust** Created On: **04/15/2022**
 Priority: **4**
 Comments: **Seat has white rust.**



Damaged - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: **Coating** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
 Action: **Repair** Created On: **04/15/2022**
 Priority: **3**
 Comments: **Deck coatings are cracked exposing bare and flaked metal, rust is present throughout the unit.**



5. Are coatings not peeling and in good condition?
0 issues

6. Is equipment free of entanglement hazards and protrusions? ASTM 6.3, 6.4
4 issues



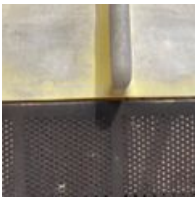
Entanglement - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Hardware Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 2
Comments: Hardware on the hood of the slide create entanglement hazards.



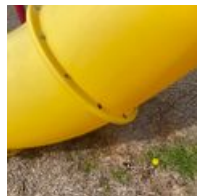
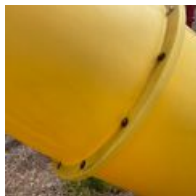
Entanglement - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Plastic slide Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Correct Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 2
Comments: CPSC 5.3.6.2 Slides will not have any spaces or gaps that could trap strings, clothing, body parts, etc. between the platform and the start of the slide chute.



Entanglement - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Hardware Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Hex bolts extending up on the tube slide create entanglement hazards.





Entanglement - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Hardware Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Correct Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 2
Comments: Loose screw near the spiral slide creates an entanglement hazard.

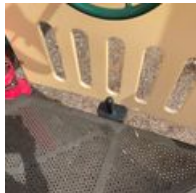


7. Is equipment free of openings that can cause head and neck entrapments? [use probes] ASTM 6.1 2 issues



Head entrapment - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Panel Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Correct Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 1
Comments: Gaps in the steering wheel panel create 2 different head entrapments.



Head entrapment - 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit

Part: Other - See Comments Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Correct Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: The talk tube has a neck entrapment.



8. Are bolt ends less than two threads, rounded and smooth? ASTM 6.4.3 3 issues



Non Compliant - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

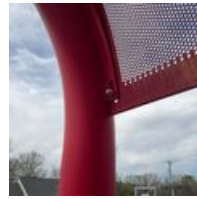
Part: Hardware Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Bolts on the tube slide have more than two threads exposed.





Non Compliant - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Hardware Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Correct Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Hardware under the roof has more than two threads exposed.



Non Compliant - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Hardware Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Bolts underneath the deck have more than two threads exposed.



9. Is hardware present, tight and fully engaged including cap ends? ASTM 4.2.2
14 issues



Missing - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Hardware Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Missing bolts on the tube slide.





Loose - 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit

Part: **Hardware** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Tighten** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Loose bolts under the roofs.**



Loose - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: **Panel** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Tighten** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **The panel is loose.**



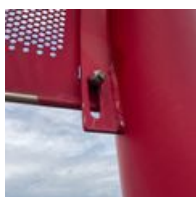
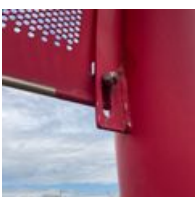
Rusted - Tot Swing

Part: **Hardware** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Replace** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Hardware is rusted on the top rail.**



Sharp edge - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: **Hardware** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Replace** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **3**
Comments: **Loose bolt holding the roof. Bolt has been cut back and creates sharp edges.**





Loose - 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit

Part: **Stairs** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Correct** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Loose bolts under the roofs.**



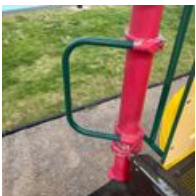
Loose - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: **Panel** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Tighten** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Panel is loose where it connects to the upright.**



Loose - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: **Handrail** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Tighten** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Handrail is loose.**



Missing - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: **Hardware** Reported By: **Eric Patterson**
Action: **Replace** Created On: **04/15/2022**
Priority: **4**
Comments: **Missing bolt holding the tic-tac-toe panel.**





Missing - 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit

Part: Hardware Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Missing bolt at the top of the dual slide.



Loose - 2 Bay Belt Swing

Part: Hardware Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Tighten Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Loose bolt on the clevis on a belt swing.



Loose - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Handrail Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Tighten Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Loose handrail.



Non Compliant - 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit

Part: Hardware Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Bolts under the transfer platform have more than two threads exposed.





Loose - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Deck Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Tighten Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Transfer deck is slightly loose.



10. Are plastic components free of cracks or excessive wear? 4 issues



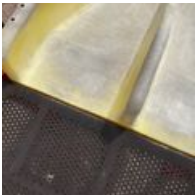
Damaged - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Plastic slide Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Repair Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Under the slide is damaged creating a sharp edge.



Cracked - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Plastic slide Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Top of the plastic slide is cracked.



Damaged - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Panel Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Tic-tac-toe panel piece is cracked.





Cracked - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Plastic slide Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Plastic spiral slide has spider cracks.



11. Is the equipment free of any insect or animal infestation?
0 issues

12. Is equipment free of crush and shear hazards? ASTM 6.5
1 issue



Crush & Shear - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Bridge Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Correct Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Gaps in the bridge and deck on both sides create crush and shear hazards.



13. Are chains not twisted and free of excessive wear?
0 issues

14. Are s-hooks not worn and closed to within .04 of an inch? ASTM 6.4.5
0 issues

15. Are swing hangers and bushings free of excessive wear? ASTM 8.6.3
0 issues

16. Are all swing seats including tire, bucket etc. smooth and in good condition? ASTM 8.6.4.1
0 issues

17. Are all pipe caps present on tubing ends? CPSC 3.4
0 issues

18. Are cables and ropes anchored and not unraveled or fraying? ASTM 4.2.3.1
0 issues

19. Are elevated hand components at proper height for age group?
0 issues

20. Are footings and anchoring devices secure and stable?
0 issues

21. Is equipment free of sharp points and edges? ASTM 6.2
0 issues

22. Are welds intact and crack free?
0 issues

23. Are all play components properly installed and intact?
4 issues



Missing - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Other - See Comments
Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace
Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 3
Comments: Missing handholds on the overhead climber.



Missing - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Metal deck climber
Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Replace
Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 1
Comments: Appears to be a missing deck climber.



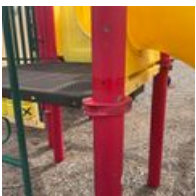
Non Compliant - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Other - See Comments
Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Correct
Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: The track ride appears to be damaged and clogged.



Damaged - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part: Clamp
Reported By: Eric Patterson
Action: Repair
Created On: 04/15/2022
Priority: 4
Comments: Clamp seems to have been moved damaging the deck.



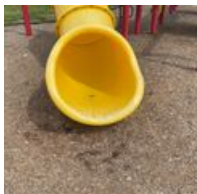
24. Are fittings and bearings functional, greased and squeak free?
0 issues

25. Are stepping surfaces level, stable and clean?
1 issue



Unevenness - 5-12 Red and Yellow Unit

Part:	Plastic slide	Reported By:	Eric Patterson
Action:	Correct	Created On:	04/15/2022
Priority:	4		
Comments:	The tube slide seems to exit up at an angle.		



26. Are springs and rocking components in good shape?
0 issues

27. Are tire seats lightweight, smooth and in good condition?
0 issues

28. Is unitary surfacing intact, free of depressions and ruts?
0 issues

29. Is surface drainage functional with no standing water?
0 issues

30. Is wood free of rot, splinters, warping or excessive wear? ASTM 4.1.3
0 issues

31. Is this area clear and free of any other issues?
0 issues

Inspector Signature



Manager Signature

The inspection is intended solely to evaluate whether the playground equipment meets current safety standards. This report addresses the condition of playground equipment as of the date and time of the inspection only and does not address any changes in, damage, additions or alterations to, or removal of any of the equipment after the date and time of the inspection. We recommend that an initial compliance inspection be conducted by a knowledgeable, trained playground equipment inspector followed up by a low frequency inspection at least once per year. Playground Guardian also suggests an inspection be conducted (a) whenever equipment is damaged, added, removed or altered, (b) when the equipment will be used by children in age groups other than those considered in prior inspections, (c) whenever the equipment is subject to damage, abuse or unusual wear and tear, and (d) as circumstances otherwise warrant.

The inspection is not invasive or technically exhaustive, and our inspectors will not attempt to access inaccessible areas or open or unlock any secured playground equipment in connection with the inspection. Latent, concealed and hidden defects and deficiencies are specifically excluded from the inspection. Abnormal or unusual circumstances may warrant or require further or additional safety procedures and considerations.

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This inspection does not address the protective surfacing for compliance as it pertains to impact attenuating results such as HIC & GMAX.

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Priority Key

High

1. Permanent disability, loss of life or body part
Condition should be corrected immediately.
2. Serious injury resulting in temporary disability
Condition should be corrected as soon as possible.
3. Minor (Non-Disabling) injury
Condition should be corrected when time permits.
4. Potential for injury very minimal *Condition should be corrected if it worsens.*
5. Existing condition is compliant Low

Low



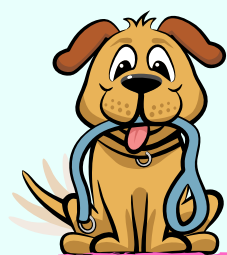
Spring Just Walk

Saturday May 7th
Stephen Decatur Park
9:00-10:30 AM
Registration at 8:30 AM
(heavy rain cancels)

Learn about Berlin's history with this fun walk.

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PROGRAM SUMMARY

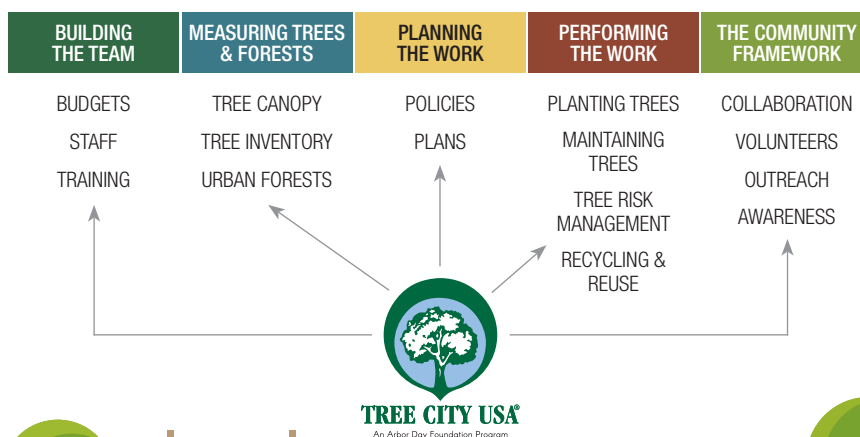
The Tree City USA program was founded in 1976 to celebrate towns and cities committed to growing their urban canopy. Led by the Arbor Day Foundation, with partners at USDA Forest Service and National Association of State Foresters, it provides the foundational framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their tree cover.

Program applications are completely free. Many cities renew their Tree City USA status every year, making them eligible for a Growth Award and other urban forestry opportunities.

THE FOUNDATION OF URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

The Tree City USA program has helped more than 3,600 communities across the country build out their urban forests. Recognition forms the base layer for five different areas of growth, including expansion of personnel, financial investment, defined policies and plans, and engagement with residents.

GROWTH AWARD QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES



STANDARDS FOR RECOGNITION

To receive recognition, a community must meet four core standards for its public trees:

✓ **Standard 1:** **Form A Tree Board Or Department**

Delegating responsibility for city- or town-owned trees is the first official step to becoming a Tree City. By forming a tree board or department, cities can create a more organized and effective urban forestry plan.

✓ **Standard 2:** **Establish A Tree Care Ordinance**

A public tree care ordinance assigns clear authority over public trees and provides clear guidance for planting, maintaining, and/or removing trees from streets, parks, and other public spaces.

✓ **Standard 3:** **Maintain A Community Forestry Program With An Annual Budget Of At Least \$2 Per Capita**

Your community most likely already spends at least \$2 per capita on the planting, care, and removal of trees. This is intended to demonstrate an ongoing investment into your public trees.

✓ **Standard 4:** **Proclaim and Observe Arbor Day**

Celebrating Arbor Day and passing an official holiday proclamation helps create pride for your city's entire urban forestry program.



BENEFITS OF RECOGNITION

By becoming a Tree City, your community will:

- Receive flags, signs, and other materials to proudly display your award
- Educate residents about the value of trees and green space
- Gain national recognition for your commitment to environmental stewardship
- Create a cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful urban landscape



GETTING STARTED

Interested in joining, but not quite sure where to begin? It's as simple as following these five steps!

1. Make the case to friends and leaders in your community
2. Contact your state's urban and community forestry coordinator
3. Work together to fulfill the four Tree City USA standards
4. Celebrate Arbor Day
5. Submit your free application!

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