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Subject: Encampments - More Information

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- Van Wagner's Beach. I applaud your recent decision regarding encampments. It seems we are being held hostage by small groups who feel it is their right to set up camp anywhere, to rob us, threaten us and attack us. I have been a target. Members of these groups feel it is their right to deface and destroy public property.
- There is an encampment of blue tents - not easily seen - close to the pavilion at Parking Lot 3 at Van Wagner's Beach. In addition, the beach is still littered with clothing and garbage in the bushes and on the beach.
- Gage Park. There has been a gradual deterioration of this beautiful park by small groups of people. Single tents have been erected, garbage etc. left behind. I had a conversation with one of the groundskeepers a while ago who told me park benches have been set on fire. As far as I know this is a park for everybody to enjoy, and not a campground. I saw tents close to picnic tables, where families bring their children. There are people who don't want to frequent the park anymore because of what is happening.

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