

Adams Park

3419 Riverside Avenue [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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2 Benches

Acres: 0.08

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Adams Park is located in the historic Avondale section at the intersection of Edgewood Ave. and Oak St. The Avondale Co. deeded the park to the City in 1921, and it was named in 1973 to honor Mimi Stockton Adams (1927-71) and her husband Lee Adams (1922-71) who died in a tragic automobile accident. Mimi Adams served as the first chairman of the Jacksonville's Air Pollution Board formed in 1968, and also in many other civic organizations. Lee Adams was an internationally known artist and naturalist, who became known as the South's successor to John James Audubon for his paintings of flowers, birds, and fruits. In 1972, the City established the annual Mimi and Lee Adams Environmental Awards to recognize those who have worked to enhance and preserve the environment.

Arques Park

6803 Arques Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
1	Basketball
2	Benches
18	Playground Equipment
1	Softball Adult
4	Trash Barrels
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 6.897

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Mia Jones](#)

History: The park is located in the Normandy area of west Jacksonville, at the site of the former Normandy Elementary School, which was closed in 2004. The name Normandy resulted from the naming of Normandy Boulevard as a memorial to the soldiers killed in the WWII invasion at Normandy, a French province. In 1955, the Normandy Development Co. began platting subdivisions in the area, and the Normandy Elementary School opened in 1958. Many of the neighborhood streets possess French names, such as Cherbourg, a city in Normandy and Rollo, the first Duke of Normandy. The name Arques most likely derives from a medieval castle located in Normandy (Arques la Bastille Castle). The park resides adjacent to Arques Road.

Boone Park

3700 Park Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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- 96 Benches
- 4 Bike racks
- 2 Bleachers
- 117 Car Parking
- 8 Grills
- 2 Picnic shelters
- 24 Picnic Tables
- 23 Playground Equipment
- 1 Restrooms
- 14 Tennis Clay Lighted
- 2 Tennis Hard Lighted
- 0.69 Trails Paved (Miles)
- 37 Trash Barrels
- Yes Drinking Fountain
- Yes Security Lighting

Acres: 28

Park Type: Community

Council Person: [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Boone Park is located in the Avondale area. The City purchased most of the property from William Elijah Boone and four other owners in 1926. Mr. Boone (1853-1938) bought and then rebuilt locomotives, which he leased to local industries in North Florida and South Georgia. In 1937, the “little house” was constructed on the grounds for use by the Girl Scouts, and the first tennis courts were built sometime prior to 1946. After the tennis clubhouse opened in 1950, the park hosted the City’s major, public tennis tournaments for decades. Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP) has worked extensively for improvements at the park in recent years. Two of its sponsored committees (for the North and South portions of the park respectively), led by Doris Keith and Richard Skinner, oversaw major renovations between 1997 and 2003, with substantial funding and assistance provided by City Councilman Jim Overton and the DPRE.

Cameron Park

1055 Day Avenue [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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1	Trash Barrels
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Acres: 0.5

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Cameron Park is located in the Murray Hill section of west Jacksonville. The developer of Murray Hill began selling home lots in 1907, and the area existed as a separate town with its own mayor from 1916 until its annexation by Jacksonville in 1925. Members of the Cameron family donated the land for the park, which is named for Lindsay and Elizabeth Cameron, to the City in 1931. Lindsay Cameron (1865-1927) and his wife Elizabeth lived in Murray Hill, and he operated the Cameron Seed Store on East Bay St. from 1886 until his death. Mrs. Cameron, who received a federal citation for her volunteer work during World War II and was also very active in the Garden Club, passed away in 1964 at the age of 81. During a dedication ceremony attended by two of their sons in 1975, a marker honoring the Camerons was placed in the attractive neighborhood park, which contains abundant trees and benches for relaxing.

Cherry Street Park

1865 Cherry Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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- | | |
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| 1 | Benches |
| 2 | Trash Barrels |
| Yes | Security Lighting |

Acres: 0.066

Park Type: Neighborhood

Council Person: [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Cherry Street’s terminus at the St. Johns River is the site of this .06-acre neighborhood park. It is located in the Riverside Historic District, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. Cherry Street has existed at least since 1905 and probably years earlier. Jacksonville’s first branch library, the Willowbranch Library, resides along Cherry Street, diagonally across from the West Riverside Elementary School built in 1911. In 1992-93, the City installed a new fence and also made a cut in the curb and worked on the sidewalk to provide handicap access to the park. Amidst overhanging trees, the sidewalk leads down to a single bench from which a wide panorama of the St. Johns River may be enjoyed.

Elizabeth Park

1886 Elizabeth Place [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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- 1 Benches
- 1 Trash Barrels

Acres: 0.12

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Small Elizabeth Park rests nestled against the St. Johns River, between two elegant homes in the Avondale section of Jacksonville. Providing a panoramic view of the river, the park resides at the end of the long, one-block Elizabeth Place subdivision, developed by Stockton Broome in 1914. The development and the park are named for his daughter. His home, built in 1914 at 1845 Elizabeth Place, was designed by famed Jacksonville architect H.J. Klutho, and featured Riverside Avondale’s first private swimming pool. Stockton Broome’s grandfather was a former governor of Florida. He entered the real estate business in 1907, and in addition to Elizabeth Place, Mr. Broome also developed the one-block Willow Branch Terrace

Fishweir Park

3925 Valencia Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
2	Basketball Lighted
24	Benches
2	Bleachers
100	Car Parking
2	Multiuse Field
3	Picnic Tables
5	Playground Equipment
1	Softball Youth Lighted
9	Trash Barrels
1	Water Feature
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 10.086

Park Type: Community

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Fishweir Park is located in the Avondale section of southwest Jacksonville, and takes its name from nearby Fishweir Creek. The property is part of Fehrenbach's Subdivision that was platted in 1882. The extension of the streetcar line to the area spurred residential growth leading to the development of the Fishweir Park and Stockton Place subdivisions about 1913 and the construction of nearby Fishweir Elementary School in 1917. The City obtained the land for the park in 1960 and 1961, and created the park in that decade.

Hyde Grove Elementary
2056 Lane Ave. S. [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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| 1 | Multiuse Field |
| 1 | Softball Youth |

Acres: 0

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Mia Jones](#)

History: Duval County School Board and the City of Jacksonville have a joint use agreement regarding this park.

James and Downing Park

1061 James Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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- | | |
|---|---------------|
| 2 | Benches |
| 1 | Trash Barrels |

Acres: 0.143

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: James and Downing Park is located in the Riverside section of west Jacksonville, bounded by Selma, James, and Downing Streets. The land for the park was shown as a triangular parcel on the 1909 plat of New Riverside, which before the Civil War was part of a 1000-acre plantation operated by Elias G. Jaudon, one of the founders of the Baptist Church in Jacksonville. In 1922, the developer donated the parcel to the City for use as a public park, which was given the name of the adjacent streets, likely named after Columbus Downing, the president of the New Riverside Company, and a Captain James. Riverside-Avondale Preservation, Inc. (RAP) championed the local designation of the area as the Riverside Avondale Historic District in 1998. The attractive neighborhood park consists of an open space encircled by oak trees, with two benches for relaxation.

Jasmine Park

4030 College Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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- 2 Benches
- 2 Trash Barrels

Acres: 0.24

Park Type: Neighborhood

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

History: Jasmine Park resides in the Murray Hill section of Jacksonville, northwest of the Post Street and Edgewood Avenue intersection. Many of the streets in the area, such as Cassat Avenue and Challen Avenue, are named after investors in the Edgewood Company that platted Edgewood in the 1880's. A developer replatted the northern section of Edgewood as Murray Hill Heights in 1907, a small portion of which was replatted in 1925 as Jasmine Place. From 1916 until its annexation by the City of Jacksonville in 1925, Murray Hill was a separate town. The City purchased the lots for creation of the park in 1928, making it one of the older municipal parks. With two benches and abundant trees, this small park provides an attractive setting for the relaxation and visual enjoyment of area residents.

John D. Liverman Park

6680 Grace Lane [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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| 1 | Baseball Youth |
| 2 | Benches |
| 1 | Softball Adult |
| 2 | Tennis Hard |
| Yes | Perimeter Site Fencing |

Acres: 19.787

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Mia Jones](#)

History: John D. Liverman Park is located in the Normandy section of west Jacksonville. The name Normandy dates back to 1944 when Normandy Blvd. was named as a memorial to the soldiers killed in the World War II invasion at Normandy, a province of France. In 1973, the Normandy Community Club donated a 12-acre parcel to the City for the initial park, and asked that it be named for its past-president John D. Liverman Jr. (1925-67). He served in Europe during WWII and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. The park was later enlarged with adjacent City property that had been used for water and sewer services. Most of the site is open, undeveloped land, and Cedar Creek flows through the middle of the park.

Lem Merrett Park

845 Ellis Road [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
1	Basketball Lighted
5	Benches
1	Bike racks
6	Bleachers
96	Car Parking
1	Concession Stand
2	Grills
1	Picnic shelters
3	Picnic Tables
3	Playground Equipment
1	Restrooms
2	Softball Youth Lighted
4	Trash Barrels
1	Water Feature
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 6.15

Park Type: Community

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

History: Lem Merrett Park is located on Ellis Road in west Jacksonville, between Ramona and Verna Boulevards. A portion of the park was part of the original playground for the adjacent Ramona Boulevard Elementary School, built in 1951-52. In 1957, Duval County leased the site and also purchased the adjacent two acres to expand the park; and the City took over the facility after consolidation in 1968. The park is named for Willis Lem Merrett (1919-1978), Duval County Commissioner for the district from 1961 until 1968. During the period between 1988 and 1997, many improvements were made to the park, due mainly to the efforts of Cary "Red" Lyda (1919-2000), who lived nearby and took a great interest in the community's children. He established a park association, obtained private donations, and oversaw City improvement projects. Presently, the School Board and the City have a joint-use agreement for the facility.

Murray Drive Playground

1187 Murray Drive [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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4	Benches
2	Playground Equipment
1	Trash Barrels
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing

Acres: 0.56

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Murray Drive Playground is one of four City parks in the Murray Hill section of west Jacksonville. The property was platted in 1910, and the street along the site's eastern side was originally named Harkisheimer Avenue. William Harkisheimer was one of the developers of the Edgewood subdivision and probably Murray Hill Heights also. In later years, officials changed the street's name to Murray Drive. The County purchased the land for the park in 1947, and acquired another small portion in 1961. Since Murray Hill's oldest house was built in 1897, the area has grown to over five thousand homes in 2003. The small neighborhood park provides children's play equipment and two benches for relaxation, under a canopy of spreading oak trees.

Murray Hill Art Center at Herbert Bayer

4327 Kerle Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
3	Benches
10	Car Parking
3	Picnic Tables
1	Restrooms
Yes	Community Center

Acres: 0.6

Park Type: Special

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Murray Hill Art Center at Herbert Bayer Park is located in the Murray Hill Heights section of southwest Jacksonville. In 1949, the City purchased the park property, including the building that originally housed the Murray Hill Baptist Church. The park opened soon thereafter, and was originally named for Herbert Bayer (1900-1971), the dean of Florida's legislative reporters, who lived near the park. Mr. Bayer covered every legislative session for the Florida Times Union between 1925 and his retirement in 1964. After use as a community center, the building sat empty, when through the efforts of the Murray Hill Civic Club and the City, it opened for art programs in 1985. Classes were offered in watercolor painting, weaving, basketry, quilting, pottery and more, and the Civic Club held monthly meetings at the Center. The programs expanded through the 1980's, and it is the City's principal visual arts center in 2005.

Murray Hill Four Corners Park

4602 Lawnview [Mapit](#)

Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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- 8 Benches
- 0.4 Trails Paved (Miles)
- 3 Trash Barrels
- Yes Security Lighting

Acres: 7.44

Park Type: Neighborhood

Council Person: [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Murray Hill Four Corners Park is located in the Murray Hill Heights area of west Jacksonville. Murray Hill Heights is a 1907 replat of the northern section of the Edgewood subdivision platted in the 1880's. The town of Murray Hill incorporated in 1916 and remained a separate municipality until its annexation by the City of Jacksonville in 1925. The City acquired the park property in six deeds between 1925 and 1939. The passive park takes its name from the property's location at the four corners of the Lawnview Street and Lamboll Avenue intersection. With input and assistance from the Murray Hill Preservation Association, the City completed an improvement project in 1995 that included a lighted walking and jogging trail (internal to the park), and new benches, irrigation spigots, and trash receptacles.

Murray Hill Playground

4208 Kingsbury Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
2	Baseball Youth Lighted
1	Basketball Lighted
10	Benches
12	Bleachers
135	Car Parking
2	Concession Stand
1	Picnic shelters
13	Picnic Tables
3	Playground Equipment
2	Restrooms
1	Softball Adult
1	Softball Youth Lighted
0.27	Trails Paved (Miles)
35	Trash Barrels
1	Water Feature
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Perimeter Site Fencing
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 10.1

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Murray Hill Playground is located in the Murray Hill section of west Jacksonville. One of the City's oldest schools, Ruth N. Upson Elementary (formerly the Murray Hill School built in 1916)) resides just northwest of the park. Murray Hill incorporated in 1916 and remained a separate municipality until its annexation by Jacksonville in 1925. In 1941, the heirs of J. Graeme Drew sold the park property to the City. Several athletic associations have used and helped maintain the playground over the years including the Murray Hill Youth Assoc., the Wright Youth Assoc., and most recently the Murray Hill Athletic Assoc. Improvement projects in 2001-2003 added two scoreboards, a walk path, fencing for two T-ball fields, a water feature, three portable shelters, a playscape and more.

Native Parks 1 and 2

Park Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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3 Benches

Acres: 0.4

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Native Parks 1 & 2 were set aside as parks on the 1921 plat of the Avondale neighborhood in west Jacksonville. The Avondale Garden Circle began planting the park with native species in 1923 to increase public awareness of plants indigenous to north Florida. Native Park was formally dedicated in 1932 and demonstrated that while exotic species often died during adversity, the park's native plants prospered with little care through drought, freeze, and hurricane. After some years of decline, the parks were rejuvenated by the work of Dr. Robert Ragland, who devoted many years after his retirement in the early 1980's to planting native species and helping with maintenance. In recent years the neighborhood residents have taken an active interest in the park, and obtained a grant and provided matching funds for landscaping.

Peace Memorial Park

1515 Mallory Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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- 1 Benches
- 1 Trash Barrels

Acres: 0.573

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Peace Memorial Park is located in the Riverside section of Jacksonville between Mallory and Cherry Streets, across from the Willowbranch Library. In 1916, the site was part of the City’s initial 13-acre purchase for the land to create Willowbranch Park. The Garden Club of Jacksonville conceived of the idea for planting the site with peace roses in 1950, as a symbol of “world peace” following World War II. After the City’s planting of 200 rose bushes, the park was dedicated in April 1951 and widely acclaimed for its beauty and charm. Unfortunately, roses are no longer growing in the park, which now provides an open expanse of lawn with a few venerable trees and a single bench. But two stone markers placed on the grounds in 1958 and 1960 by chapters of the American War Mothers offer reminders of the inspiration that led to the park’s creation.

Powers Park

3153 Green Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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| 1 | Multiuse Field |
| 2 | Trash Barrels |

Acres: 10.56

Park Type: Neighborhood

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

History: Powers Park is located in the Murray Hill section of west Jacksonville, two blocks northwest of the McDuff Avenue and Post Street intersection. The City established the park soon after purchasing a three-block tract from Arthur M. Powers (1904-1987) in 1929. A Riverside resident, Mr. Powers was the Secretary-Treasurer of Sabel Brothers, a downtown wholesaler of shoes, shoemaker equipment, and leather goods. He and other family member also sold the City additional property in 1940 and 1955, which was later incorporated into the park. A 1969 report of City recreation space described the site as a well-maintained, passive park, and today it remains a passive facility, without athletic or playground amenities. Powers Park provides a scenic, natural setting with many picturesque trees, and attractive green space for the area's residents.

Robert E. Lee High School Pool
1200 South McDuff Avenue [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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- 1 Restrooms
- 1 Swimming Pools
- Yes Perimeter Site Fencing
- Yes Security Lighting

Acres: 0
Park Type: Community
Council Person: [Michael Corrigan](#)
History: DCSB and the City of Jacksonville have a joint use agreement for the use of the pool.

Willowbranch Park

2870 Sydney Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
1	Basketball Lighted
14	Benches
1	Bleachers
34	Car Parking
1	Grills
1	Picnic shelters
5	Picnic Tables
3	Playground Equipment
2	Softball Adult
0.25	Trails Paved (Miles)
10	Trash Barrels
Yes	Drinking Fountain
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 17

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Willowbranch Park is located in the Riverside area, along the course of Willowbranch Creek. Former City Councilman John J. Griffin led the drive to create the park, and development began in 1916. Additional acreage was acquired southeast of Park Street between 1921 and 1925. Dr. Harold Hume donated 1700 azalea bushes around 1924 to beautify a portion of the grounds, while the Willowbranch Library opened at the park in 1930; and the creek was straightened and bulkheaded in 1934. Eventually four other small City parks/gardens were created from the park property – one south and one north of St. Johns Avenue and two along Park Street (in the 1950's). Since its creation in 1974, Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP) has worked to preserve and improve the park, along with the Willowbranch Park Improvement Committee that formed in 1999. Through the years it has remained one of the City's most picturesque parks. At the instigation of Councilman Jim Overton in 2002, a bronze memorial plaque honoring Patricia Austin, the deceased wife of former mayor Ed Austin, was installed at the park in 2004. An immense live oak tree canopies two benches provided for the relaxation of visitors.

Willowbranch Rose Garden Park

2840 Park Street [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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| 1 | Benches |
| 8 | Car Parking |
| Yes | Security Lighting |

Acres: 0.774

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Willowbranch Rose Garden Park is located in Riverside between Mallory St. and Azalea Terrace, across from Willowbranch Park. In 1916, the site was part of the City's initial purchase for the land to create Willowbranch Park. It remained part of the park until 1955, when members of the Jacksonville Rose Society established the Variety Rose Garden on the site. The Society and other volunteers (with the City's help) maintained the roses for many years. However, eventually the garden deteriorated until in 1998 two teenage brothers, Adam and Joseph Bierce, took over restoration of the remaining garden. At the request of Riverside Avondale Preservation, the park name was changed in 2002, and today it contains two rose beds with timber borders, a bench for relaxing, and parking for approximately eight cars.

Yacht Basin Park

2941 St. Johns Avenue [Mapit](#)
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Amenities offered at this park:

Qty.	Amenity
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2	Benches
2	Trash Barrels
Yes	Security Lighting

Acres: 1.739

Park Type: Neighborhood

**Council
Person:** [Michael Corrigan](#)

History: Yacht Basin Park is located in Riverside/Avondale on the west bank of Willowbranch Creek as it enters the St. Johns River. The City purchased the property in 1921, and Jacksonville's oldest social organization, the Florida Yacht Club established in 1877, resided adjacent to the site from 1907 till 1928. Eventually the City's Water Services Division (taken over by JEA in 1997) placed a pump station at the site, and JEA renovated the park in 2001 with landscaping, lighting, and the construction of a gazebo and a brick-paved plaza and walkway. In 2002, Jim Overton allocated money from his bond account for the creation of a bronze statue in memory of Mrs. Austin. The completion of the bronze sculpture, "Mom's Statue" in 2003, it was decided that it would be placed outside of the Florida Times Union Performing Arts Center. A dedication plaque, which is titled "Mom's Park", was installed at the park in February 2004.