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Since the pandemic began one small respite for city dwellers has been our city parks. I have seen an increase in homeless persons in the parks which is understandable given the devastation of this pandemic. HOWEVER, these parks are a source of pride for everyone and should feel clean and safe. City workers and volunteers do a good job cleaning as best they can. But we have seen quite an increase in trash and needles unfortunately which is very detrimental to the park use by children in particular. Please do not allow camping in city parks!! Please hold the line on shared day use. There is so much to overcome in this city. Use our beautiful parks as a building block for the city's beautiful return.

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