



PARKS AND RECREATION

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Cook Park Playground Closed
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ATHENS, TENNESSEE – March 10, 2021 – The playground at Cook Park, located at 414 Cook Drive, Athens, TN, will be closed to the public, until further notice. This closure is due to damage that occurred on March 10 caused by an automobile incident. The department advises that the closed area is fenced and marked with area closed signs. The area is unsafe to enter due to structural issues and citizens must stay outside the fenced areas for their own safety. The remainder of the park remains open during this time.

“This will be an extended closure as we go through the process of certifying the condition of the equipment to ensure the long-term safety of our citizens,” said Austin Fesmire, Director of Parks and Recreation. “I personally ask everyone to stay behind the fenced area, for their own safety, until we have determined the extent of the damage and work through the process of getting this repaired.”

The City of Athens is a full-service municipality nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains and has garnered a reputation as the “Friendly City.”

For more information, please contact Parks & Recreation at (423) 744-2700 OPT 3.

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