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As the Property Manager of Washburn On The Park I see and hear firsthand what is happening at Burn's Park. My self and our employees are around our property Monday - Friday and can hear when there are problems with loud language, fighting or when an ambulance or police vehicle pulls up to the park. We also hear firsthand from our residents that face the park or walk around or through the park.

The park reached a bad stage in July. We were called the Police regularly for loud disturbances and there were way too many people lounging around drinking, smoking and doing drugs of various kinds. No families wanted to use the park because it was dirty with trash and the general atmosphere was not welcoming at all.

However, things have changed 100%. The Security Guards that patrol the park 7am to 7pm have made an unbelievable difference (the weekend guards are amazing also)! There is no sitting on the benches smoking. No drinking out of the vodka bottles at 10am. No overnight campers. No luggage, boxes, totes of possessions spread around a tree or blanket. It is amazing! It is like we have a park back. I haven't heard a swearing screamer to call the police on. No group fighting to call the police on.

Please keep the Security Guards on in the parks. It has helped so much. It has returned so kind of normal to the area.

Thank you so much.
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