

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 20, 2016

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Statement from Mayor Joe Vinatieri 12-20-16

I'm pleased to report that our inspectors are expected to conclude the inspection of Penn Park by the end of the day tomorrow.

The good news is that the trees that have been inspected so far look fine, and it does not appear that any will need to be removed.

Work crews will be cleaning up the remaining debris and Penn Park will likely reopen by the end of the week.

As soon as the inspection work is finalized, we will share those findings with the family, our community and the media.

I continue to ask all Whittier residents to pray for and remember this family, who have suffered a terrible tragedy on a day they believed would be filled with celebration. They need to know that our community is with them during this time of need.

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Statement from Mayor Joe Vinatieri 12-19-16

Saturday's tragic accident at Penn Park defies explanation. On behalf of all Whittier residents, our thoughts and prayers are with the family as they grieve their loss and care for those who were injured.

The City is investigating and inspecting the park, and will provide answers to many of the questions we all have, including what effect the drought, Friday's heavy rainfall and other factors may have played in this terrible accident.

Those answers will be provided to the family, and our community, as soon as possible.

In the meantime, I ask all Whittier residents to pray for and remember this family, who have suffered a terrible tragedy on a day they believed would be filled with celebration. They need to know that our community is with them during this time of need.

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