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December 3, 2024

TO: Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Review of Parks Master Plan Community Survey

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Review and provide comment.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

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# Parks Master Plan Community Survey

303 responses

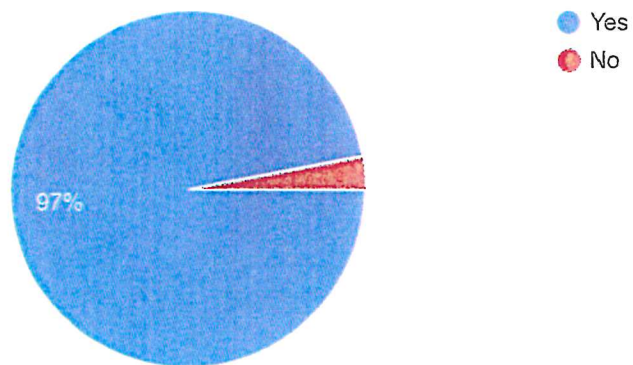
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Are you in favor of parks in the City limits?

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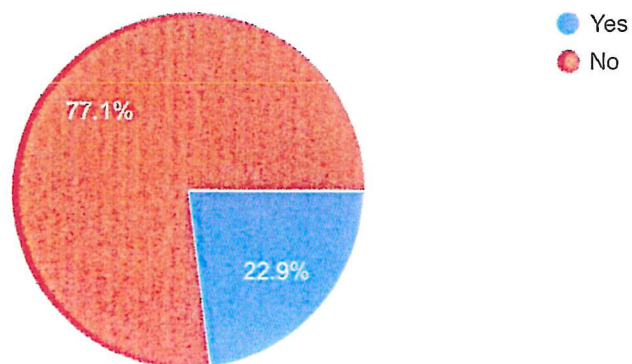
297 responses



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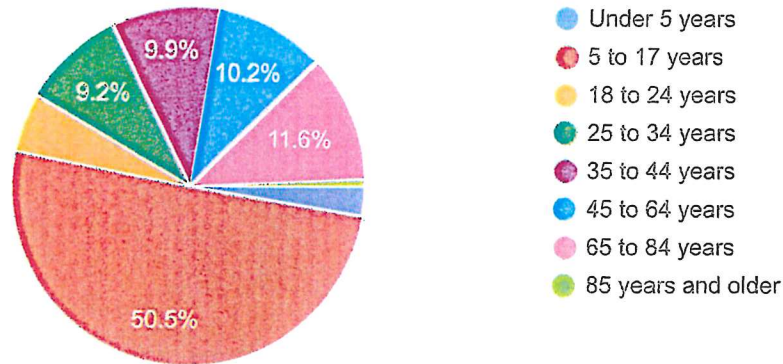
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301 responses



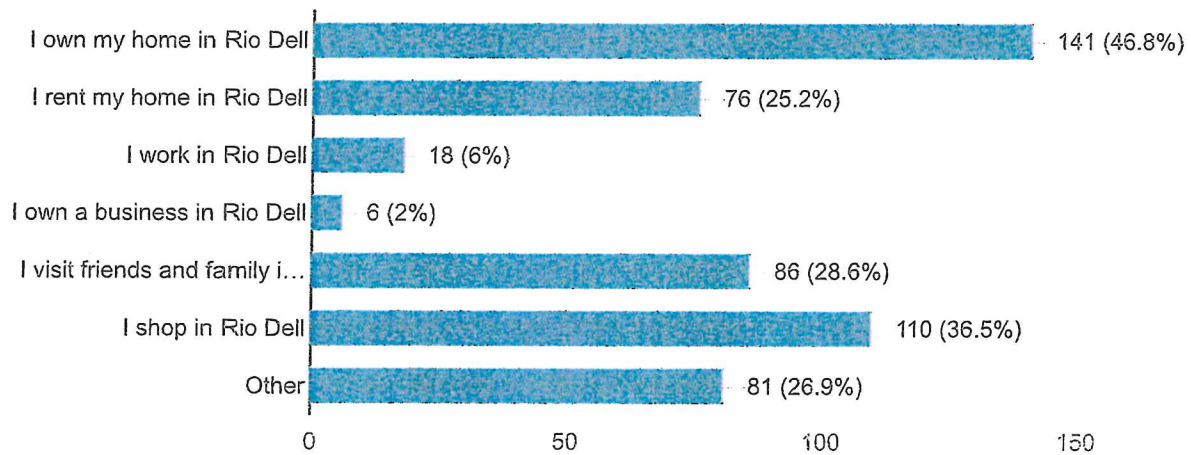
## What is your age?

303 responses



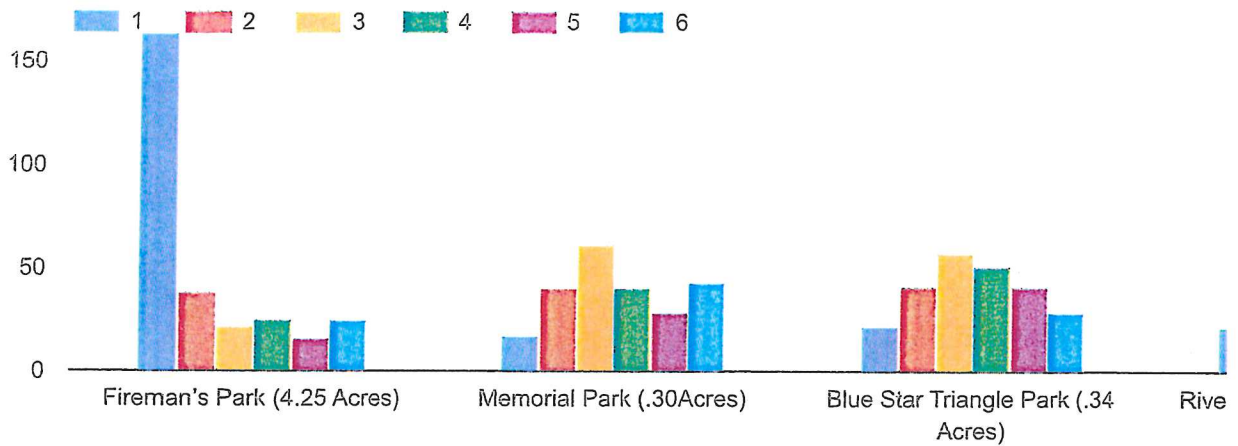
## Residency. Choose all that apply.

301 responses



What is your favorite park in Rio Dell?

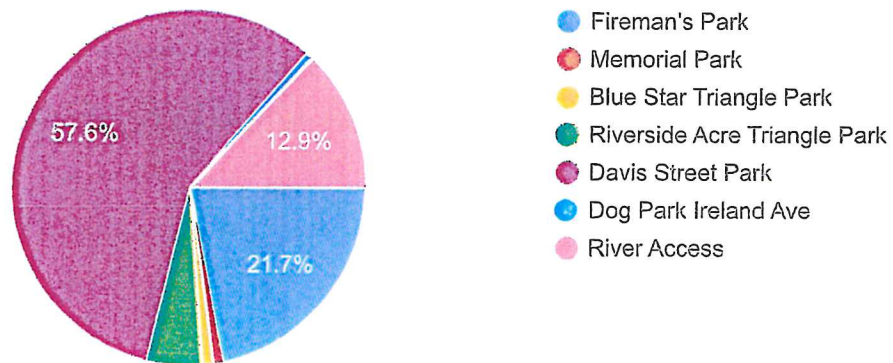
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Which Park would you like to see enhanced?

Pick One

295 responses



Do you want to tell us more?

77 responses

no

No

This is the main park for children in the community. They have done some upgrading, but it could use some more. It was had really dated equipment and it's the only park in Rio Dell for the kids

I think that if the community gets more parks or upgrades our current parks then we need to make sure that the city stays on top of cleaning it and caring for the landscape. Don't let it get trashy and forgotten.

All the parks except fireman's need work.

More things for kids and teens to do

I'm not familiar with all these "parks". I'd like to see trees, trash cans and picnic tables and/or benches

We need a dog park!

Davis street park has a lot of potential if the baseball fields were more kept up. This could bring in tournaments and more people to our area

Recreational opportunities enhance living here. One of the reasons I purchased a home here was tennis courts and access to River.

Make Davis street park happy

Need more love and attention. Have seen lots of homeless there

Id also like to see the river access improved

I would love to see somewhere where children can go and safely play

I would love to see more kid friendly activities. Either a bike park or some sort of kid friendly activity.

Our river view is beautiful but not very accessible. Having a safe walking trail and picnic area along Edwards Drive but I don't know who owns the property.



Kids need a place to hang out and ride bikes, scooters etc. This would really be a benefit to the community

We need more for the kids to do

Na

Need to maintain the park better. Needs pickle ball, basketball courts.

The answers may be skewed on this regarding the Parks. I have not heard of some of these parks by name, so I'm guessing I'm not the only one that is rating off of my best guess. If you edit the survey, it might help to add street or Other identifying locations to your descriptions/name of the park.

Replace rocks with wood chips

Nope

All the parks: more benches and more trees for shade. Better trails for safety

Maybe some flowering plants?

River access parks along bank— safe from flooding, transients, vandalism, and litter. The channel needs to be cleaned from all the years of mill operators. Hiking trails. Rafting. Community forests. Firemen's could benefit from larger trees, redwoods and ground fir.

Kids and dogs have mad love for each other! My idea is to join the 2 in a safe and fun loving way 😊 Thanks

Dual tennis pickleball courts would be nice option. Net straps could adjust the net level (approximately 2 inches lower for pickleball) Humboldt Bay Pickleball (google group and Facebook) has offices/ members that could assist with questions.

parks are nice but the more you have the more you spend in upkeep and maintenance

New Bathrooms, Pickleball/Tennis Court, Picnic Tables, Barbeques

I could fill this up. Riverside triangle looks like a good dog park. river access could be improved/updated. i like the equipment going in at Blue Star. Consider access between all these that would encourage and facilitate city wide events. Enes property could make for a nice outdoor venue. Friemans Park is the heart of the city and shouldn't be left behind. Davis seems underutilized. Linking firemans, davis and river access would make a nice corridor through the city. A park in the old Wildwood ave. business district would be nice too.

Protect the environment, stop the dumping, prohibit campers

More Water Fountains, When there are events its tricky to find a public water fountain

A fence around the play area would be awesome because all the dog poop

The river needs to be further developed and utilized

Would like to see a Sniff Spot developed.

I'm excited for the dog park.

I didn't know there were multiple parks in the city.

We should have some basketball courts put in for the kids somewhere around town, but preferably near Fireman's Park. It's ridiculous that we don't have a teen center or rec center for kids in our area, we need something in town where older kids/teens can hang out/play sports or games and stay out of trouble.

tire swings

nooooo

nothing

Make a skibidi park please

nah

idc

you should make a basketball court

a basketball court

shots

LET US DRIVE DOWN TO THE RIVER

i want more fun stuff in the rio dell

FP=More Shade, RT=Turn into Park, DP Add Basketball Courts, Dog= Waste; Add playsets and Picnic benches to RT

Tennis&pickleball can use courts. Court need resurfacing&windscreen replacing. Vandalism was regular problem code lock worked better. No Bathrooms! Ballpark Field volunteers have





reconditioned each season, let improve it! School is adjacent. Such an asset to be enhanced!  
FP: Bocce Ball Courts make them nicer! Great family activity and City could hold tournaments for fun!

To close to school, this should be for exercise equipment and picnic areas

Dog Park could be repurposed as a community garden

Walkways, Kids playground, and Bridges over little drainage ditch

A better road would be nice, maybe a walking trail so no one has to walk in the road

Driveup river access with a boat launch ramp and parking. Trails and picnic area by the river. Benches scattered through out town for walkers to rest on. Maybe with a place to hook your dog leash when you sit. Keep planting trees! More green. More o2. More better!

Firemen's park is really the only park in town and that's a shame. A pump track at Davis street park would be amazing! Then I wouldn't have to drive the kids to fortuna to use that one. Exercise equipment across from city hall is great!

These kids really need something to do besides graffiti all over town and make trouble. Since Davis street park is right next to the school and in the middle of town, it seems like that would be the most logical place to build a park.

People sure seem to enjoy the pump track in fortuna— would be nice for kids in our community to have something like that locally! Thank you!

Please add pickle ball!

I love the exercise equipment! Thank you!

Please make Davis Street Park a thing

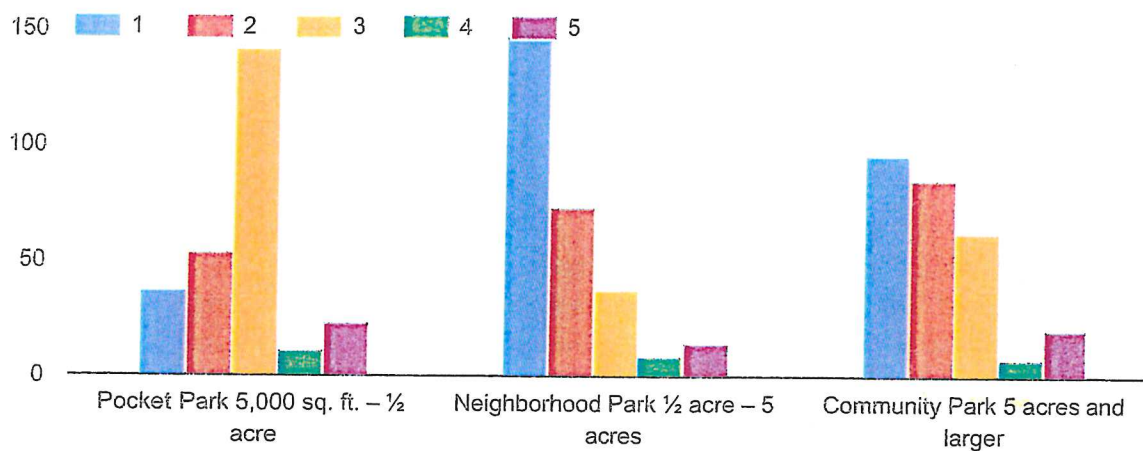
I want basketball

Davis street park is full of dog poop



What types of parks should the City pursue?

1 = Most Important; 5 = Least Important



Do you want to tell us more?

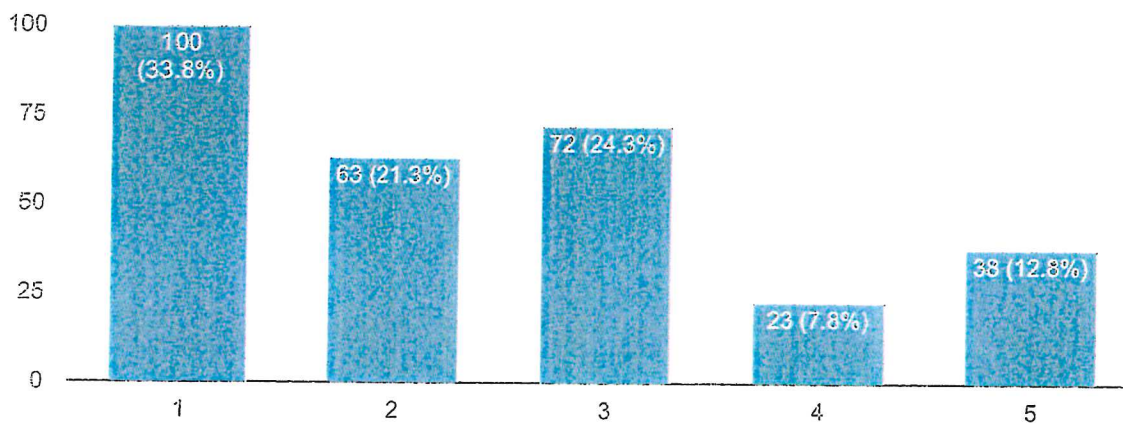
1 response

Davis street park seems like a great place to have an actual useable park

How important is river access to you?

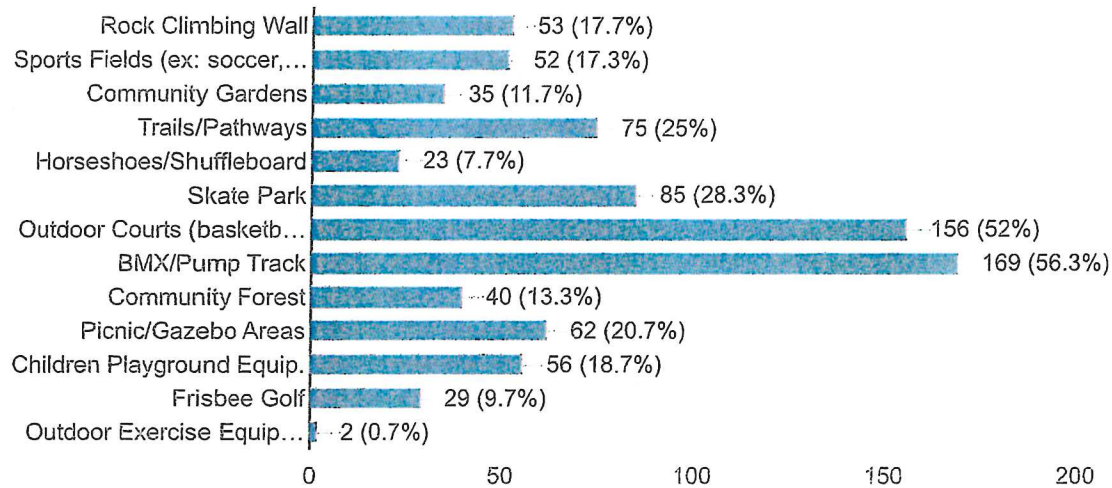
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296 responses



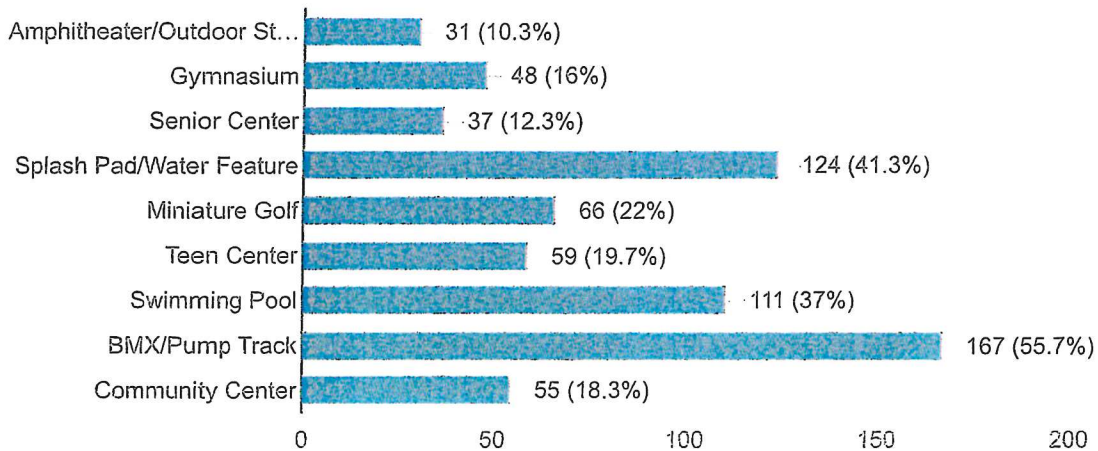
What are the most important near-term park amenities that you would like to see? Choose two.

300 responses



What are the most important long-term park amenities that you would like to see? Choose two.

300 responses



Is there any other information you would like the City of Rio Dell to know as they start their park planning?

69 responses

no

Just that we need some good parks for not only tourists but locals as well.

Will there be Shakespeare in the park?

Our teens need something more. There is not anything for the teens to do. A skate park accompanied by a teen center would be the best thing for Rio Dell.

Even a large swimming pool for the southern Humboldters this side of eureka would bring a lot of commerce to Rio Dell. All the kids could benefit from a swimming pool. Think big like arcata pool. Fortuna and all surrounding cities would be accessing it and it would really put Rio Dell on the map and up Rio Dells allure to outsiders.

I don't think that this survey should have any effects on the new calfire station. I feel like the only reason why this survey is coming out is to try to prove a point that calfire should give up some of their purchased property to the city, which should not be allowed.

Have more activity for all ages.

Create things for kids and teens to do

Wildwood looks good. Focus your energy on areas beyond the main street.

Rio Dell needs a skate park

Rio Dell is making forward-thinking decisions by seeking community input, which is crucial for its growth. The town has great potential, especially as more young people move in due to affordable housing options. Enhancing outdoor activities will further attract residents and foster a vibrant community.

We need a dog park!

High quality softball and baseball fields

Humboldt Bay Puckleball (Google Group and Facebook) has officers and members that can help with pickleball





Kids needs stuff to do

No

I'm so excited to see what the future holds! Thank you for taking the time energy and money to invest in the community. My children and I thank you!

Kids need something to do! Please prioritize that!

How can I be involved in the planning committee?

I had Nicole Norton agree to give me a office space when she was looking to have Shots Coffee rebuilt and move across the street from the resource center. From what I understand that design plan was shot down. They were also going to add a restaurant. The center was going to be all inclusive, including seniors, with a kitchen to help raise funds selling food, classes and pop-ups. Have a gym and all the other cool stuff for kids to have things to do after school and summer break. I was very disappointed to say the least. When I heard that they were denied.

Na

mini golf!

No I have full faith in council not city staff.

Basketball court probably indoor

It would be great to have a gym for the community even if it is small. It would be a good way to help improve many individuals physical health in our community as well as motivate and encourage young teens.


More walking trails

Honestly, my main preoccupation with firemen's park is proximity— walking distance, closest to house

Would there be opportunities for food forests (peri-urban forestry) in city open spaces that could yield harvests for locals (enough to donate or start a small market)?

Just do your best! We trust in you!

We need street lights!! I walk my dog at night and cannot see. The streets are not lit. Fines for people who let their dogs run loose and unattended. Tired of myself and my dog getting attacked when we go for a walk.



Thank you for getting public input. I don't have children but have paid property taxes and county taxes since 2007. According to HumCo tax assessors office approximately %62.5 of taxes collected here for to schools... Non-children households benefit from parks; Non-children households also pay taxes benefiting schools.

again, parks are nice but the more you have the more you send in upkeep and maintenance

Create facilities that can and will be maintained

A proper sidewalk in Painter road to get to the park would be nice.

I think future income is in tourism and seasonal events that draw out of county/area people(even Eureka/Arcata/McK). Make sure to connect to the other parks and bike trails in the area, where possible. There's lots of great ideas here and I like that the city is making plans for this sort of improvement. Cheers.

walking trails could be used by all age groups...is there any possiblity in doing something where a walking, running etc. trail could be used during school hours by the school kids, then after hours could be used by the public....getting 2 groups to use the same track, but with specific hours for specific age groups?

Water Fountains PLEASE

A long bike trail that goes from scotia, along the river and through town that loops would be awesome and be something for tourists

More seating and picnic areas would be nice with access to trails and or river

Rail Road trail that's handicap accessible

Would like aLlynn equipment, benches, trail guides etc installed in public spaces be handicap accessible. Doesn't seem like the newly installed exercise equipment by the Triangle - City Hall area is accessible for those using wheelchairs, walkers, scooters etc

I think keeping drug addict bums and people with off leash dogs out of the parks will be most important to whatever you move forward with. I know the dog park was already approved, but it was a huge mistake to put a dog park in a city that is full of irresponsible dog owners. It will lead to many incidents. The community resource center is a huge problem. It is attracting drug addict bums to Rio Dell and enabling them. They're just hanging around the center all day up to no good and looking for handouts while abusing their dogs. There are already trails to the bluffs that are no longer available for families to enjoy due to bums. How will you ensure they don't ruin the new parks? The long-term park amenity options seem like too much for a small city.

As a educator, I believe we need to invest more in our Rio Dell youth. Having basketball courts





would be a great start. A teen center would be even better.

No.

nooooooooo

pickle ball courts!!!!

please add an bowling ally

i wish you well

no

Make skibidi park

nah!

basketball

no!

idk

NO

to out more fun swings and toys at the parks

Playground for Riverside Triangle, and pool would be awesome.

Although, I'm a senior citizen, Rio Dell need a place for kids to go to be with friends that encourages various activities. I grew up in the Bay Area. The parks had sports teams, a playground, inside area that was used for all types of creative opportunities - ceramics, stenciling, sewing, painting + drawing, and collections. All kinds of volunteers came in and taught different skills. Some staff were always on site to check out equipment, lead scheduled games, encourage positive play by example. Rio Dell Recreation & Parks Dept. This could be so uplifting. Classes for dance, flower arranging, etc. The city could have it available for clubs to meet, business meeting etc. Go tea, Rio Dell!

Put dog park out of away from people and school kids

The triangle on Riverside Dr. could be really great for the community and neighborhood. A nice play area in the middle surrounded by nice walking paths, benches, fruit trees, and small bits of landscaping would look amazing. It would also give children/parents options for where they choose to play.



Why not put cameras at Fireman's Park bathrooms to stop vandalism?

Rio Dell School District has way more property than they need for the students. Committing part of that land for public use would be nice. Also, the school has a tennis court and two baseball diamonds at Davis St park that they do not take care of and rarely use. The City could take much better care of those areas and ensure they are available to the general public. The school also has a gym that could be made available after hours for basketball or pickleball for the public.

Also, a few classrooms could occasionally be made available for evening continuing education programs or for guest speakers.

Permanent pickleball lines should be painted on the Davis St. Park tennis courts and the court surfaces and nets be kept in good repair.

A restroom is needed at the Davis St. Park and all parks that get significant usage.

Thanks for your efforts.

I want BMX

BMX track

I want to play basketball after school

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