

## Amy Johnson

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**From:** noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of yolyalx1@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 9:46 AM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Contact City Council  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Alex James Barisoff
Your Email	yolyalx1@gmail.com
Your Phone	5034288019
Street	1235 Vista Ave SE
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	<p>We recently moved into Paradise Island 55+ community park adjacent to Cascade Park and were informed the City of Salem has opened Cascade Park for homeless camps and would like the City of Salem to reconsider this decision. Cascade Park has no garbage of rest room facilities available for homeless to use. We have visited the park since we moved to Paradise Island and the rest rooms have piles of feces. This will be a health hazard for anyone that my be living there and also create and hazard to those living close by. Paradise Island has already had break in activity recently and feel this would create a greater opportunity for more illegal activity at Paradise Island. Thank you, Alex Barisoff, 3100 Turner RD SE #312, Salem, Or. 97302</p>

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**From:** Anne Crum <annekcrum@att.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 2:10 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** What a Shame

Why Oh Why would you allow homeless camping where there are no facilities at all. I feel the senior citizens at our senior mobile home park will see problems of safety in our peaceful community within walking distance of the park. Surely there's a place closer to the center of town! Why did we not have any input sooner?

Again, what a shame. Anne Crum at #139 in Paradise Island Senior Mobile Home Park.

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**From:** Gaylan Frank <cgfrank@wvi.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 2:59 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Cascade Gateway Park

To Members of Salem City Council:

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Thank you  
Kind Regards,

Clement and Gaylan Frank  
Paradise Island Park  
3700 Turner Rd SE  
Salem, OR 97302

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**From:** Charlotte <shelby.charlotte@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 4:28 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** SIP

I vote to maintain the status quo at this time till June 30-2020 and to be reviewed then as to how to proceed based on numbers. If we do not contain this summer I believe we will b hard hit in the fall and winter of 2020/2021. Life over economy.

Regards,  
Charlotte and Donald Shelby.

The only constant is change  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of shed404@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 10:22 AM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Contact City Council  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Edwin & Sharon Schultz
Your Email	shed404@yahoo.com
Your Phone	5039399189
Street	3100 Turner RD. S.E. Unit 437
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	We do not want Cascades Gateway Park turned into a Homeless camping for the safety of us and the park we live in .....

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**From:** newellf5 <newellf5@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 3:55 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Homeless using Cascades Gateway Park

Regarding homeless camping at our city parks. During the covid19 pandemic I feel we should allow parks to be used for our homeless. WITH THIS TYPE OF USE, HOWEVER, IT IS PARAMOUNT THAT THIS USAGE SHOULD BE POLICED AND GARBAGE SERVICE AND RESTROOMS SHOULD BE PROVIDED. Let's all try to make this work during these hard times. I live in Paradise Park adjacent to Cascade Gateway Park. Many here are against the homeless next to us. There has been several thefts of opportunity in our park recently so people here are sceptical of this working.

We are all mostly just a couple of paychecks from being homeless. Let's do this the right way.

Faith Newell  
3100 Turner Rd. S.E.  
Salem, OR 97302

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** Gretchen Bennett  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 4:54 PM  
**To:** Laura Presley  
**Subject:** RE:

Laura, thank you so much for writing in your thoughts to City Council. My name is Gretchen and I am on the staff team at the Mayor and City Manager's Office.

I just returned from a visit to the Cascade park to check on the tents and camps that are there, and also walked along the perimeter of the Paradise Island Park/Cascade boundary. I hear you in this email and appreciate getting the chance to read about your experience as a direct neighbor near the park. I am problem-solving issues and am happy to be a point of contact should you have questions or issues – if I don't know I can sure try to get the answer!

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### **Gretchen Bennett**

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**From:** Laura Presley <lpresley2250@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 4:07 PM  
**To:** citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>  
**Subject:**

No, to having homeless in Cascade gateway park. No sanitary services, water, garbage, bathrooms, garbage service, and to close to Paradise Island Park, for safety of seniors in our park. Violence, theft, no supervision. Please come up with another solution.

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**From:** Gretchen Bennett  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 4:57 PM  
**To:** newellf5  
**Subject:** RE: Homeless using Cascades Gateway Park

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**From:** Gretchen Bennett  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 5:01 PM  
**To:** Brenda Myers  
**Subject:** RE: Cascades Gateway Park

Dear Mike and Brenda, hello,

My name is Gretchen and I am on the staff team at the Mayor and City Manager's office. I wanted to thank you for writing to our elected officials, and also let you know that the people who are camping are not exempt from the rules about not gathering in large groups – you would be right, that applies to all of us. Our staff have been communicating about this to the extent they are able. I know sometimes there are households staying together, much like I am with my household in my home, - but of course, we are all to be applying the social distancing guidelines to help suppress the virus from transmitting.

I am glad you wrote in. We have been working at trying to address any health and safety issues and want to help.

Thank you again,

**Gretchen Bennett**

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**From:** Brenda Myers <brendasmyers@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 3:52 PM  
**To:** citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>  
**Subject:** Cascades Gateway Park

Dear Council,

Why is the homeless camping in the city park exempt from complying with the no gathering in large groups? I recently had a burglary at my home which coincided with their occupation of the park. I feel it is unsafe my health reasons but for possible crimes in Paradise Island Park

Sincerely,

Mike and Brenda Myers #612

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**From:** Gretchen Bennett  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 5:07 PM  
**To:** Gaylan Frank  
**Subject:** RE: Cascade Gateway Park

Clement and Gaylan,

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I just returned from a visit to the Cascade park to check on the tents and camps that are there, and also walked along the perimeter of the Paradise Island Park/Cascade boundary. I am so sorry to read that you were a victim of this crime, and am also understanding the feelings that would leave for your mother. That can't ever feel comfortable.

Police and code enforcement officers work to respond swiftly to issues as they are reported and have also had presence at the park. We've added several things to try to assist:

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**To:** citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>  
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Thank you

Kind Regards,

Clement and Gaylan Frank  
Paradise Island Park  
3700 Turner Rd SE  
Salem, OR 97302

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**From:** Gretchen Bennett  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 11:29 AM  
**To:** Lou B  
**Subject:** RE: Homeless Camping at Cascades Gateway Park in Salem, Oregon

Gayle, hello - my name is Gretchen and I work on the staff team at the Mayor and City Manager's Office. I visited yesterday at the Cascade park to check on the tents and camps that are there, and also walked along the perimeter of the Paradise Island Park/Cascade boundary. Thank you so much for having volunteered at the park - and thank you to Country Financial for their support of that! I hear you in this email and appreciate getting the chance to read about your experience as a direct neighbor near the park. I am problem-solving issues and am happy to be a point of contact should you have questions or issues – if I don't know I can sure try to get the answer!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lou B <gdaprons@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 6:28 PM  
To: citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>  
Subject: Homeless Camping at Cascades Gateway Park in Salem, Oregon

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There is also insufficient facilities for the Cascade Gateway park now without adding more people and usage needs.

With all of above history that I have witnessed, it would create both a financial and sanitary problem for camping to be allowed in the park.

Please do not make it legal to allow camping in the Cascade Gateway Park. Thank you very much.

Gayle A. Burright  
3100 Turner Rd SE Unit 802

Salem, Oregon 97302  
Sent from my iPhone

## Amy Johnson

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**From:** Gretchen Bennett  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 11:31 AM  
**To:** Martin and Lorraine Frost  
**Subject:** RE: Homeless camping at Cascades Gateway Park

Martin, hello,

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**From:** Martin and Lorraine Frost <frostygp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 11:46 PM  
**To:** citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>  
**Subject:** Homeless camping at Cascades Gateway Park

I live in Paradise Island Park and we have lots of homeless tents and people living in the back of our park next to Mill Creek. We have had lots of break-ins and things stolen at night plus there is a lot of tents along the creek at Cascade Gateway lake which make it dangerous to take our Grandkids there to fish for fear of what could happen. Our taxes pay for this park and the setup to fish, and all this homelessness makes us feel unsafe, with all the trash and human waste makes it hard for us to feel that our taxes are being spent well. We are standing with others from Paradise Island Park asking you to not allow camping behind our homes and in Cascade Park,

Thank you for taking this matter up before the city council.  
Martin Frost 3199 Turner Rd S.E. unit 418 Salem, Or.97302

## Amy Johnson

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**From:** Gretchen Bennett  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 11:32 AM  
**To:** Roger Brostrom  
**Subject:** RE: Homeless Camping in Cascades Gateway Park

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**From:** Roger Brostrom <[rogerbirenec@aol.com](mailto:rogerbirenec@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 9:22 PM  
**To:** citycouncil <[citycouncil@cityofsalem.net](mailto:citycouncil@cityofsalem.net)>  
**Subject:** Homeless Camping in Cascades Gateway Park

Dear Sirs:

My wife and I have lived at PARADISE ISLAND PARK for 18 years, and we have felt very safe and secure up until now when the CITY COUNCIL has allowed the HOMELESS to move onto our doorstep at CASCADE GATEWAY PARK. Our PARK OWNERS have spent the money for INCREASED SECURITY, so we still feel safe, but the CITY COUNCIL needs to do something for the HOMELESS.

You moved the HOMELESS from downtown, so the DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS are happy, but we at PARADISE ISLAND are not.

So, I think it is time for the CITY COUNCIL TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE HOMELESS ,LIKE, BATHROOMS and GARBAGE FACILITIES on the EAST SIDE OF CASCADE PARK near the freeway.



Thank You  
Roger & Irene Brostrom  
Paradise Island  
3100 Turner Rd. #318  
Salem,Ore 97302

## Amy Johnson

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**From:** Gretchen Bennett  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 11:40 AM  
**To:** yolyalx1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** RE: Contact City Council

Alex, good morning. My name is Gretchen and I work on the staff team at the Mayor and City Manager's Office. I visited yesterday at the Cascade park to check on the tents and camps that are there, and also walked along the perimeter of the Paradise Island Park/Cascade boundary. I hear you in this email and appreciate getting the chance to read about your experience as a direct neighbor near the park. I am sure sorry to read you had to see feces like that piled up in the bathroom – that is never our intention. I am problem-solving issues and am happy to be a point of contact should you have questions or issues – if I don't know I can sure try to get the answer!

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Your Name	Alex James Barisoff
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**From:** Gretchen Bennett  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 11:42 AM  
**To:** Rhue LUNA  
**Subject:** RE: Castcade Gateway Park

Rhue, my name is Gretchen and I work on the staff team at the Mayor and City Manager's Office. I visited yesterday at the Cascade park to check on the tents and camps that are there, and also walked along the perimeter of the Paradise Island Park/Cascade boundary. I am so sorry for the feeling of living in fear that you are sharing and am glad you are reaching out to let us know. I am problem-solving issues and am happy to be a point of contact should you have questions or issues – if I don't know I can sure try to get the answer!

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**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 6:42 PM  
**To:** citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>  
**Subject:** Castcade Gateway Park

I am a senior resident at Paradise Island right next to Castcade Gateway park. We already are living in fear and if homeless move right next door with no utilities, we will all be at risk. Please reconsider allowing this next to a senior park where many of us live alone. This is very frightening and another spot may be more appropriate. I know they have to be somewhere but it would be better if they had restrooms and garbage cans available. How will I protect myself?

Rhue Luna

## Amy Johnson

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**From:** Lou B <gdaprons@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 8:32 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Fwd: Homeless Camping at Cascades Gateway Park in Salem, Oregon

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Lou B <gdaprons@hotmail.com>  
**Date:** April 24, 2020 at 6:28:23 PM PDT  
**To:** "citycouncil@cityofsalem.net" <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>  
**Subject:** Homeless Camping at Cascades Gateway Park in Salem, Oregon

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## Amy Johnson

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**From:** Susan DUBLIN <jandsdublin2@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 12:32 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Paradise Island Park

Dear council members;

Gateway Park USED to be a public park, paid for by tax payers of Salem. It should not solely be designated as you have deemed, a place for people to permanently live. If it's no longer a public park, then REMOVE it from our tax base! We used to be able to take walks with our kids and grandchildren to Gateway, and now it's not a welcome or safe place. How long do you think it's going to take before Mill Creek becomes contaminated with human waste and drugs!

We, in Paradise Island Park, do not feel safe or secure living here now, since you decided that in order to get the homeless off the streets of Salem, they've now become our problem! Management has lately been using private security to minimize the theft and security in this park, and have had to erect fencing, which will ultimately result in an increase of our living costs. Many living here, are on a fixed income to start with!

By providing amenities such as water, showers, and toilets, only proves that you are not planning this to be a temporary fix to the homeless problem, but apparently in your minds, "out of sight, out of mind" is the solution.

The City of Salem needs to find a permanent solution to the homeless problem, and that should NOT include ANY public park.

Jerry and Susan Dublin  
3100 Turner Rd. SE  
Salem, Oregon 97302

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**From:** John Koskela <john.koskela@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:35 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Homeless people camping in Cascade Gateways City Park, using small trees for campfire wood.

I know Governor Brown's executive order concerning distancing and staying in place does not apply to homeless people who have no place to stay. I like that.

I am concerned about their safety and of others as homeless people seek shelter and camp within Cascade Gateways City Park. I doubt they gather in groups of 5 or more, and most likely there is much separation between them. Thing is they have camp fires there and the wood they burn comes from small trees they cut down within the park. Volunteers over the years have made much progress planting new trees in the park and it would be a shame those new trees become campfire wood.

I wish there was a solution for these homeless people. I have great compassion for them and they stems from the fact my younger brother has been a homeless person for years in and around Centralia, Washington where we grew up. He is schizophrenic. We have tried to help him but he takes off.

I learned to play disc golf at Cascade Gateways Park after I retired from working for the state of Oregon's Judicial Department. I believe the disc golf baskets are still in place there, but they should be stored away, lest they be stolen and sold for scrap metal. I doubt homeless people would do that due to the physical unlikely process they would have to overcome to do that. The park needs to be monitored 24/7, because I believe those homeless people present a danger to themselves and perhaps to others nearby.

Thank your for reading my email and should this arouse concern for you, take the action you believe appropriate.

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**From:** jschleufer82 <jschleufer82@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 7:30 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Cascade Gateway Park

The idea of preventing a pandemic is completely understandable. We\* the disc golf community of take it upon ourselves not go out and enjoy something we really enjoy doing. You're allowing the homeless Community to destroy one Salems better parks. The lack of police, the lack of any rules out there it's pathetic. I believe the City of Salem owes it to us for all the work we've put in at that Park as well as time to go out there and Patrol that Park. We cannot allow the homeless Community to go driving their vehicles in the park. Going out and starting fires wherever they see fit. If you folks don't step up and do something now you will be forcing a huge wedge and that WON'T END WELL

-John Schleufer

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy Note5.



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**From:** Sundee Taylor <harvesttimechurch@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 2:39 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Homeless camping

My wife and I oppose the homeless camping practically in our backyard. We live at Paradise Island and feel this is wrong and dangerous to our senior community! Can we send a couple of homeless people to live in your backyard? Give me your address if you would please?

Jerry and Sundee Taylor  
3100 Turner Rd SE. Sp 614  
Salem, Or. 97302

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Laura Presley <lpresley2250@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 4:07 PM  
**To:** citycouncil

No, to having homeless in Cascade gateway park. No sanitary services, water, garbage, bathrooms, garbage service, and to close to Paradise Island Park, for safety of seniors in our park. Violence, theft, no supervision. Please come up with another solution.

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**From:** Laura Presley <lpresley2250@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 4:01 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Homeless at Cascade Gateway Park

Concerning putting homeless in Cascade Gateway park. Not a good idea,because unsupervised, no bathrooms,showers,garbage service, would create more theft, violence, in the area. Paradise Island Park backs up to Cascade Gateway Park, this could very well be detrimental to the elderly in our park. Please come up with a better solution. [lpresley2250@gmail.com](mailto:lpresley2250@gmail.com)

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**From:** Martin and Lorraine Frost <frostygp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 11:46 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Homeless camping at Cascades Gateway Park

I live in Paradise Island Park and we have lots of homeless tents and people living in the back of our park next to Mill Creek. We have had lots of break-ins and things stolen at night plus there is a lot of tents along the creek at Cascade Gateway lake which make it dangerous to take our Grandkids there to fish for fear of what could happen .Our taxes pay for this park and the setup to fish, and all this homelessness makes us feel unsafe, with all the trash and human waste makes it hard for us to feel that our taxes are being spent well. We are standing with others from Paradise Island Park asking you to not allow camping behind our homes and in Cascade Park,  
Thank you for taking this matter up before the city council.  
Martin Frost 3199 Turner Rd S.E. unit 418 Salem, Or.97302

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**From:** Brenda Myers <brendasmyers@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 3:52 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Cascades Gateway Park

Dear Council,

Why is the homeless camping in the city park exempt from complying with the no gathering in large groups? I recently had a burglary at my home which coincided with their occupation of the park. I feel it is unsafe my health reasons but for possible crimes in Paradise Island Park

Sincerely,

Mike and Brenda Myers #612

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**From:** Roger Brostrom <rogerbirenec@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 9:22 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Homeless Camping in Cascades Gateway Park

Dear Sirs:

My wife and I have lived at PARADISE ISLAND PARK for 18 years, and we have felt very safe and secure up until now when the CITY COUNCIL has allowed the HOMELESS to move onto our doorstep at CASCADE GATEWAY PARK. Our PARK OWNERS have spent the money for INCREASED SECURITY, so we still feel safe, but the CITY COUNCIL needs to do something for the HOMELESS.

You moved the HOMELESS from downtown, so the DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS are happy, but we at PARADISE ISLAND are not.

So, I think it is time for the CITY COUNCIL TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE HOMELESS ,LIKE, BATHROOMS and GARBAGE FACILITIES on the EAST SIDE OF CASCADE PARK near the freeway.

Thank You  
Roger & Irene Brostrom  
Paradise Island  
3100 Turner Rd. #318  
Salem,Ore 97302

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**From:** AOL <rg Harris3@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 12:36 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Cascades Gateway Park

It has come to my attention that you have opened the park to homeless camping. I realize the homeless have to have a place to go also, but, if you're going to allow them to camp in the park temporarily during this pandemic you need to make it safe. You need to provide Porta potty's and some form of garbage pick up for them so that park does not become unsafe and filthy. Also Mill Creek runs through the park and more than likely it is being used as a toilet right now which can pollute it down stream all the way to the Willamette river.

Robert Harris  
3100 Turner Rd SE, Unit 319  
Salem, OR 97302

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**From:** Rhue LUNA <rhuet@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 6:42 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Castcade Gateway Park

I am a senior resident at Paradise Island right next to Castcade Gateway park. We already are living in fear and if homeless move right next door with no utilities, we will all be at risk. Please reconsider allowing this next to a senior park where many of us live alone. This is very frightening and another spot may be more appropriate. I know they have to be somewhere but it would be better if they had restrooms and garbage cans available. How will I protect myself?

Rhue Luna