

**Amy Johnson**

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**From:** Aaron Cooper <anmcooper@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:47 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Homeless camping in Cascades Gateway Park

Dear Council:

My wife and I are in our 80's. We both have issues with health and mobility. We were dismayed to see vehicles driving through the Green way. As our residence is located on the Northwest corner of the Paradise Island park, we feel this has greatly reduced our ability to protect our lives and property. The vehicles started after two huge cement blocks were removed from Turner Road that had served as a barrier. In the middle of this past week, my wife heard a man and woman talking right outside our home at 3:00 am. My wife did a visual check though the blinds all around the house and wasn't able to see anybody. Then slowly the voices grew further away. The next morning, we had nothing missing on the outside, this time. Sunday, a man with a backpack and two huge dogs walked though the green way to the park. We feel that our way of life will be greatly diminished with this change. Our Park Management has had to add a security company to protect us but it is a big park. This additional cost will certainly increase our monthly rent. We ask you would you want your mother or father, grand parents to find this threat outside their doors?

Aaron Cooper

To Whom It May Concern

Not in favor of homeless camping in our  
city park.

Thank you

Anton & Anne Mack  
3100 Turner Rd. S. E.  
Salem, Oregon.  
97302

TO: CITY COUNCIL OF SALEM

RE: HOMELESS IN CASCADE PARK

THERE HAVE BEEN SIGHTINGS HERE BY RESIDENTS HERE AT PARADISE ISLAND PARK (A 50 YEARS AND OVER ADULT RESIDENTIAL MOBILE HOME PARK) OF PEOPLE WHO QUITE OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT LIVE HERE.

WHY WOULD YOU NOT ONLY ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN, BUT ACTUALLY ENCOURAGE IT?

OUR TAX DOLLARS ASSIST IN MAINTAINING THE PARK AND IT IS A LOVELY AREA THAT MANY FOLKS BRING THEIR FAMILIES TO ENJOY NATURE AND FEED THE DUCKS AND GEESE AND PRACTICE THEIR FISHING SKILLS.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THESE KIDDOS NEED TO SEE NATURE IN THE GUISE OF PUBLIC NAKEDNESS, DRINKING, POT SMOKING, URINATION AND DEFECATION, AND THE SEX ACT IN PUBLIC. (WHAT KIND OF NATURE IS THIS TEACHING THEM?) GET THESE PEOPLE OUT OF CASCADE PARK AND ALL PUBLIC PARKS!

DO WHAT YOU WERE ELECTED TO DO! FIND THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, OR JUST SAY NO!!! I HAVE NO SYMPATHY FOR THEIR PLIGHT!

MRS. C.W. COLEMAN  
3100 TURNER RD SE SP 616  
SALEM, OREGON 973 02

4-25-78

Donald D. Dentey  
3100 Turner Rd S.E. #334  
Salem, Ore 97302

I don't understand how you could even  
considering having homeless people camp in  
our city park without at least 24hr  
supervision and toilet facilities. This idea  
would turn into a health issue.

Donald D. Dentey

In response to the city opening Cascade Gateway Park for Homeless Camping with no toilets or garbage is unthinkable. This is a minimum responsibility.

This presents a dangerous situation for the whole area. The only way for this kind of thing to have any chance is to have about 90% more structure.

How much this will change the area will be alarming. My wife and others shop at Walmart and Lowes, as well as other small shops in the area. This is not safe.

Dick & Doris Ramsey  
#157 Paradise Island



It has been brought to my attention that the Salem city council is considering moving homeless campers to the Cascade Gateway Park. This appears to me to be an effort to move them from the public's view into a family use park without adequate bath room facilities and/or close monitoring. In addition this public use area is located just north of a senior citizens park that is already being harassed at night with petty thievery. I would suggest that you give consideration that the homeless be moved into the long vacant area south of Park Ave between Center St and D St where they would be more visible and can be more closely monitored. Thank you for your consideration.

George Manning

3100 Turner Rd SE Unit 620  
Salem, Oregon

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**From:** Glenn Million <gunsIng44@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:44 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Stay at Home Order

I do not support an extension of the stay at home order. I do support the Swedish model of a recommended stay at home order for the elderly and auto immune compromised as well as encouraging social distancing practices be put in place by businesses.

Lara Million  
Ward 1

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**From:** Judy Ferguson <fergie.je@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:30 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Cascase Park

**From:** Judy Ferguson <[fergie.je@gmail.com](mailto:fergie.je@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 7:32 PM  
**To:** citycouncil <[citycouncil@cityofsalem.net](mailto:citycouncil@cityofsalem.net)>  
**Subject:** Cascades Park concern

Gentlemen and Ladies:

Your interest in allowing the homeless to live in Cascade Park is a terrible idea. Although homeless live in the area, this park is at the back door of our lovely 55+ senior community, Paradise Island. It is a huge concern for the safety of our residents. Please vote against this idea.

Thank you for your consideration,

Judith Ferguson

3100 Turner Rd, Unit 419

Salem, OR 97302



Attention: City Council  
Salem, Oregon

We live close by Cascade Gateway  
Park -

"Please" do not allow the  
homeless to take over our Park -  
as tax payers we do not want  
to put-up with the garbage -  
sewage - noise - they have become  
a safety issue - we cannot  
leave anything outside our homes -  
or in locked sheds."

Let us live our twilight years in  
peace and safety -

Thank-You

Amy-Joyce Turner #807  
3100 Turner Rd. S.E.  
Salem, OR. 97302

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**From:** martha <martha@nonys.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:22 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Tonight's Mtg RE Cascade Gateway Park

Please close Cascade Gateway Park to camping. I live in Paradise Island Park, which borders Cascade Park on it's South edge. Since late Feb, I have had 3 incidents at night that make me very uncomfortable, as a Senior Citizen. The 1st 2 incidents were reported to the police; and were cases of my vehicle being ransacked with property stolen from it, and an attempted forced entry into my home after dark. The 3rd incident, someone banged forcefully on the side of my house close to my bedroom window, also in the middle of the night.

Again, I've lived here for 9 years, and to have 3 incidents occurring in just a matter of a couple of weeks, was very disturbing to me. Paradise Island Park is a residential area ONLY for Senior Citizens, and to allow homeless camping so close to a known Senior living area, is at minimum, very negligent on the City's part!

Martha Ling, Lot #107

3100 Turner Rd SE

Salem, OR 97303

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** Martha Ling <martha@nons.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:44 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Mtg tonight RE Cascade Gateway Park

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Martha Ling, Lot #107

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**From:** Mary Supola <marysupola116@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:33 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Cascade Gateway homeless camps

Greetings from Paradise Island 55+ community,

We are all experiencing a once in a lifetime health pandemic. This pandemic to a much greater degree affects senior citizens in it's capacity to cause death.

This puts great stress on us residents that meet this criteria in this beautiful community of Paradise Island.

The decision to place tents and homeless camps in our city park directly adjacent to our community was not done, I'm certain with malice.

However, the result is malicious. We have experienced a surge in criminal activity and trespass since the camp was established. This has had a detrimental effect on all of us in Paradise Island.

The stress of contracting this deadly disease on top of feeling unsafe in our own homes compromises our immune system as well as our sense of safety and wellbeing.

I'm requesting that you find a different solution to the homeless crisis other than destroying the peace of our beautiful 55 + community.

Best regards.

Steve and Mary Supola  
3100 Turner Road SE  
#804  
Salem, Oregon 97302

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City Councilors:

It concerns me that the City of Salem has allowed the homeless to move into our beautiful Cascades Gateway Park. And especially right next to Paradise Island Park, which is an over 55 park with the majority of residents being older. It concerns me that since the homeless have moved into Cascades Gateway Park our fence has been cut twice and many things have "disappeared" from decks, back porches, cars and sheds, something that has been rare in the past. It has affected my sense of security and well being.

I realize this was done in answer to the coronavirus pandemic and I realize these folks have to have somewhere to go. I agree with Mr. Cory Poole that the solution would be for the homeless to be restricted to the north end of the park and thus create a buffer between the homeless camps and Paradise Island Park.

Please give this solution consideration.

Pat Richter  
3100 Turner Road, S.E. #415  
Salem, OR 97302\\

4-26-20

Dear City Council

To others who have enjoyed Cascade Park for many years, Cascade was not just for some, but everyone. Fishing, Frisbee, and dog park should be ~~as available~~ to all that want to use them.

But Agents pushing the people with out shelter "again" out of the park entirely. Please be human by using the North-over the bridge for these Encampment.

Most of my greatgrandchildren are in grade school. I would like to tell my eleven grandchildren & 5 greatgrands, that Salem has a caring heart with respect to those who are without shelter.

Please let us know how we can help in this ender. Many are ready to help!

Patsy Smith  
Salem, Ore.  
97317

4-26-20

Cory - if you feel so ~~inclined~~<sup>ok</sup> inclined to  
check or change my spelling. I feel  
quite emotional about Cascade. Years of  
walking and Birding + yes a fishing too.

Cascade over the bridge is the first  
place that I saw a big brown horned owl  
up close and a surprised was I! I backed  
up very quietly. The next weeks hard winds  
took the nest apart. But not forgotten.



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**From:** Stan & Sharon <stanshar@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:36 AM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** HOMELESS

It is our understanding that you are going to open Cascades Gateway Park for homeless camping. WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS. There is no sanitary or garage facilities there. There is also no supervision. We live in Paradise Island Park next door to Cascade Park . It will be just a matter of time before they start filtering in here. We are not heartless but along with the homeless also comes filth, thievery and sometimes violence. WE are seniors and do not have the ability to protect ourselves as we once did. We do not have a good solution but having an un supervised camp that close to our home is very scary for us.

Stan and Sharon Peterson  
3100 Turner Rd. SE  
# 215  
Salem, OR. 97302

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**From:** noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of pbjstarck@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:53 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Contact City Recorder  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Barbara Starck
Your Email	pbjstarck@gmail.com
Your Phone	5035590875
Street	3100 Turner Road SE, #210
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	<p>My concern is the change in the use of Cascade Gateway Park. Shortly after overnight camping was allowed there, we had multiple break-ins in our senior community park, Paradise Island. On April 3rd, 2020 around 3AM our car, storage unit, and back porch area of our home were ransacked and robbed. Irregardless of the cost of the damages, our sense of security has been seriously compromised. Since that night, there have been many more "wandering" strangers on Turner Road and in our immediate neighborhood. There have been strangers tripping security lights at night around us and we have seen men walking in our green area who are not residents of the Park. There have been fires, camp-type and larger bon-type very near the park boundaries. Should this continue into the dry summer season, fire danger to our homes will be a REAL concern. We do not feel safe or secure with the changes brought into our neighborhood by alterations to the use of Cascade Gateway Park and ask the Salem City Council to find a different solution to the homeless situation in our city.</p>

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