

## WISH, DREAM, DO

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“To me, what makes someone successful is managing a healthy combination of wishing and doing. Making a wish come true is far more likely to happen when you care so much about that wish that you’ll do all you can to make it happen.” (Fred Rogers, “The World According to Mr. Rogers”) Dreaming the possibilities ignites the fire, and then it is important to start the doing, piling on the kindling and the logs, however small...to risk mistakes, to fall and learn and persevere, to ask for and accept help, to share the vision, the work, and the acclaim. RioVision thrives in a community of citizens who wish, dream, and do.

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The herons are standing again in front of the Pizza Factory! We thank our RioVision volunteer, DEAN HANSEN for repairing these sculptures after their collapse when, it appears, someone tried to sit on them! Please do not ride the herons!

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RioVision also thanks VIC THIRY for his tireless investment of time and talent into our town. Vic is one of our original “dreaming and doing” volunteers. With his dedication, our downtown trees sparkle with little white lights in the evening. Even after their installation, Vic spent hours cruising Main Street looking for lights that were out and fixing them, even in the rain. Vic was also instrumental in getting bike racks placed downtown and our holiday decorations up. We wish him health and happiness as he leaves Rio Vista for a bright new chapter in his life. We will miss you, Vic! (He is pictured here, left, with former Executive Director, Jim Wheeler.)

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Good news from HOG AUGUST BITES!!! Contestant entries are still being accepted for the rib and the chili cook-off contests plus the car show! Entry forms for both cook-offs and the car show are available at <http://discoverriovista.com/events/hog-august-bites/>.

For the kids, we now are offering WATER SLIDES and BOUNCE HOUSES, in lieu of downhill racing!! And for heat relief for the grown-ups, a Margarita vendor!

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RioVision is proud to support the RIO VISTA HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTERS as they kick off of their Capital Campaign at this event to replace vans used to transport student and staff to and from their various events. Both organizations share a commitment to help the youth of our community to wish, dream, and do. You can, too!

Just come downtown on August 19<sup>th</sup> to enjoy cars, music, street vendors, food, beverages, and the delight of your children or grandchildren playing on the inflatables and participating in the other kids’ activities!

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The Visitor Center Art Gallery is accepting new art and artisan crafts for the month of August and changing out their displays. If you want to display (time to turn your ‘wish’ into a ‘do’?) or just come take a look, stop by between 1 and 4pm any day of the week, and talk with one of our artists or RioVision volunteers. And check out our “What’s Happening in Rio Vista” for new event listings.

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“One of the greatest dignities of humankind is that each successive generation is invested in the welfare of each new generation.” (Fred Rogers)

