

RioVision's Mission Statement is – To join together to build, revitalize, energize and beautify the Rio Vista Community. This Mission Statement was taken from the R/UDAT report that was completed in 2013 and can be found at the RioVision website <http://riovistavision.com/about-us>.

In keeping with that statement it was three years ago this month that RioVision was working downtown to wrap the trees along Main Street with lights to brighten the way to an improved downtown area. This was followed in 2015 by the Planter Project, murals, bike racks, refurbishing of signs and in 2016 the dedication of the 9/11 Memorial and the Visitor Center as well as projects designed to make downtown an inviting place.

Since then, RioVision has added events as fundraisers to support the improvement of the town and assist the local youth activities. The first RioVision Holiday Home Tour in 2015 benefitted the City Boat Dock Project. In 2016 the Party on the Promenade was held to raise money toward shade covers. During the last three years the promotion of the annual McCormack Sheepdog Trials has benefitted the town of Rio Vista, our local non-profits and youth groups, as has Hog August Bites.

Speaking of Hog August Bites, we recently spoke with Tammy Trujillo of the Rio Vista High School Booster Club and learned that they received many donations at the event. Thanks to all of you who donated! Be on the lookout for more fundraising projects by the Booster Club for their Capital Campaign to purchase much needed transportation.

Another RioVision project is the Riverview School Garden. The school has obtained a grant from Healthy Planet that requires them to raise \$1,638.00 in matching funds by October 5<sup>th</sup>. This grant provides the school's new garden project with additional materials, supplies and three years of ongoing support. Walt Manos of RioVision was recently invited to attend a Rotary Club meeting, and that visit garnered a portion of the monies needing to be raised. Any other clubs or groups wanting to join the supporters of this project are invited to participate. Your contribution, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated. Please make your check payable to Riverview Middle School with a note in the memo line "For School Garden" and mail or deliver to 525 S. Second Street.

We all know Rio Vista Rocks for Christmas with lots of events planned for December 2, 2017. What else do we have to look forward to before December? The Chamber of Commerce is putting the finishing touches on the Bass Festival which will be kicked off on Thursday, October 12, followed by three days of fun, fishing and a car show. Don't forget to stop by the RioVision tent and say hello while you enjoy the festival!

It has been said that many hands make light work, and RioVision is grateful for the volunteers that have contributed to the success of the events, projects and programs that have been completed and are ongoing. The volunteers are the backbone of the organization and we can always use more hands. With every new volunteer there comes different skill sets to help with projects to be done and work to be maintained. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at <http://www.riovistavision.com>!