

SAVING HOG AUGUST BITES

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Hog August Bites is coming up again in August. If you missed it the last three years - it's a one day event on Main Street with live music, a beer garden, a chili cook-off and a rib contest, vendors, and a super Downhill Racer event for kids. Tons of fun and FREE! This vibrant little one-day event was the brainchild of a few local Rio Vista folk who like ribs, chili and a beer. Based on the very successful Grillin' & Chillin' event in Dixon, they embarked on their own version and made it into a very successful event. Having run out of steam after three years, they asked RioVision to step in. Our mission is to bring energy and vitality to our town and this event showcases it all.

Do you make a killer chili? Grill the best-ever ribs? Enter our contest. Entry forms are on our website: hogaugustbites.net. Jump in and have some fun.

Within the next few weeks, our Trim & Tidy crew led by Jamie Victor, will freshen up the outside of our Library with some new plants. These are the same crew that keeps our Main St. planters looking good.

City Hall Face-lift

City Hall is in need of a quick make-over after several years of management changes. Rob Hickey, our City Manager, asked RioVision to help with the interior face-lift. A couple experienced decorators have guided us on paint colors and a clean updated look to the interior. The city is paying for the paint - and we are looking for a few good volunteers to help out on a weekend in early August. If you like to see quick results and enjoy working with a group of good people, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Marilyn Nelson at marnel111@hotmail.com. We would like to have you!

Later this summer, a couple murals will show up. We received permission from an out-of-town landlord to paint the side of his building and artists will be looking for helpers. The side of our new Youth Center on Main St. will soon have a mural as well. Because this is corrugated metal siding, we have asked Lira's Welding to help with cut-out images of kids. With bright colors and clever design, this image will turn this old building into a piece of art.

The Annual Slow Food Festival downtown originally scheduled for this Saturday June 24th has been rescheduled to September. Watch the Community Calendar and What's Happening in Rio Vista for details.

RioVision is a non-profit community based organization with the mission of drawing people together to build, revitalize, energize, and beautify the Rio Vista community. For more information on upcoming events: visit <http://discoverriovista.com> and click on Events/Calendar or email info@discoverriovista.com.

For info about RioVision or to volunteer, email info@riovistavision.com. Our mailing address is PO Box 89, Rio Vista CA 94571 for donations. See our Facebook page under RioVision. The Visitor Center and Art Gallery is located at 33 N. 2nd Street.
