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We brought a house across the street from a large city park in Grants Pass it's a historical park so we felt we would always be looking out to the beauty of a well kept park . Now we look out at tents with trash laying around , That is in till the park service cleans up after the vagrants / homeless . This park has a water park for the children and I have witnessed a homeless man taking a shower where the children should be playing . Across the street from the park and a few houses down from our home is a pre-school and they are losing attendance from the vagrants /homeless after finding needles in the play ground. The emergency calls to the park that I know of has been a shooting , knife fight , over doses, drug deals , prostitution in a public bathroom by a ball field and the list goes on .

This park was closed at dusk , now we have traffic in and out at all times at night , with loud music , racing cars and yelling .

We have vehicles that look unsafe for the road parked in front of our house , shoved so full of junk it's hard to see the drivers . We are now rethinking about living here . So instead of tax paying citizens who is giving to the community this city will have vagrants /homeless taking from the city .

We have rights too , why should they be able to live for free and cause problems in the city and we are not heard .

This is one more thing we should look at , Riverside Park had a long list of events now they are moving them to the fairgrounds because of the vagrants / homeless stating it's not safe ..... HELLO WE LIVE HERE .