



Artesian Commons Update

City Council Study Session

April 4, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

Park History

May 2014 Artesian Commons Park grand opening

Dec 2014 Proposal to close the park

Feb 2015 Approval to conditionally keep park open

Apr 2015 Artesian Leadership Committee formed

May 2015 Increased maintenance, programming and community partner support

June 2016 Well Host and Ranger positions created



Park Improvements

2014

- Food trucks
- Lighting

2015

- Basketball hoop
- Mural
- Camera
- Tables and chairs
- Programming and increased maintenance
- Fence

2016

- Well Host and Ranger positions
- Expanded programming

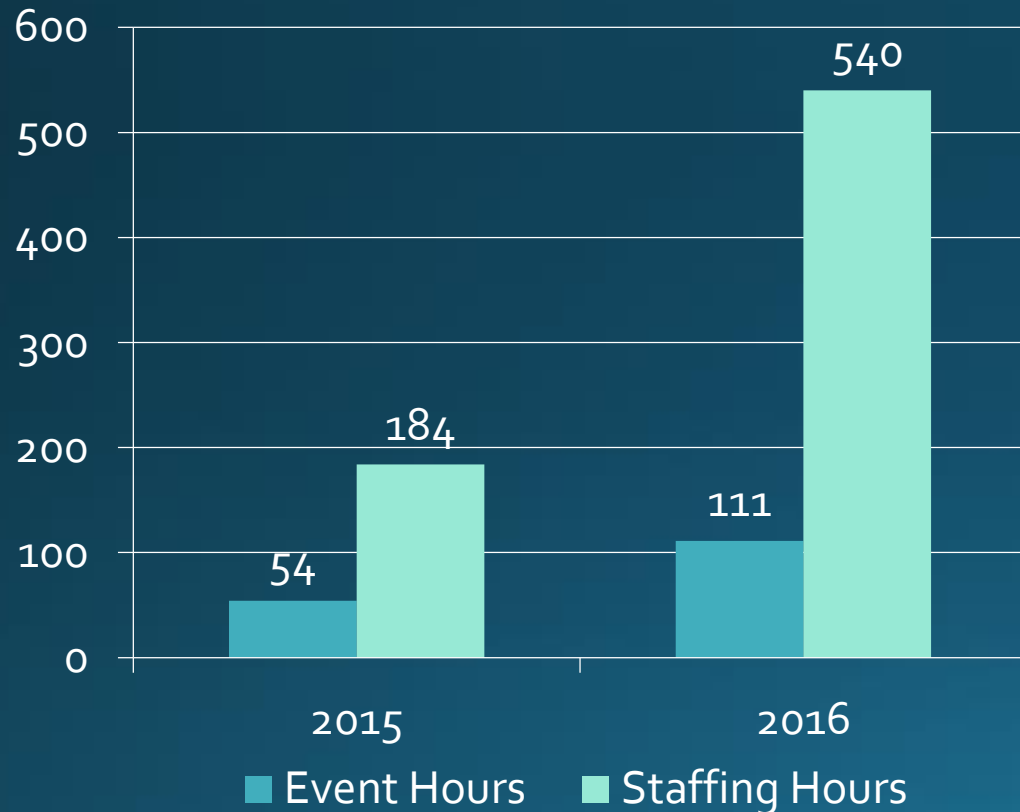
2017

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Program Data

Event and Staffing Hours



22 Special Events in 2016, such as:

- *The Bridge* Summer Concert Series
- 8 Skateboard Competitions
- Well Ceremony
- Pedal-powered Music Fest
- Memorial Vigil
- National Night Out

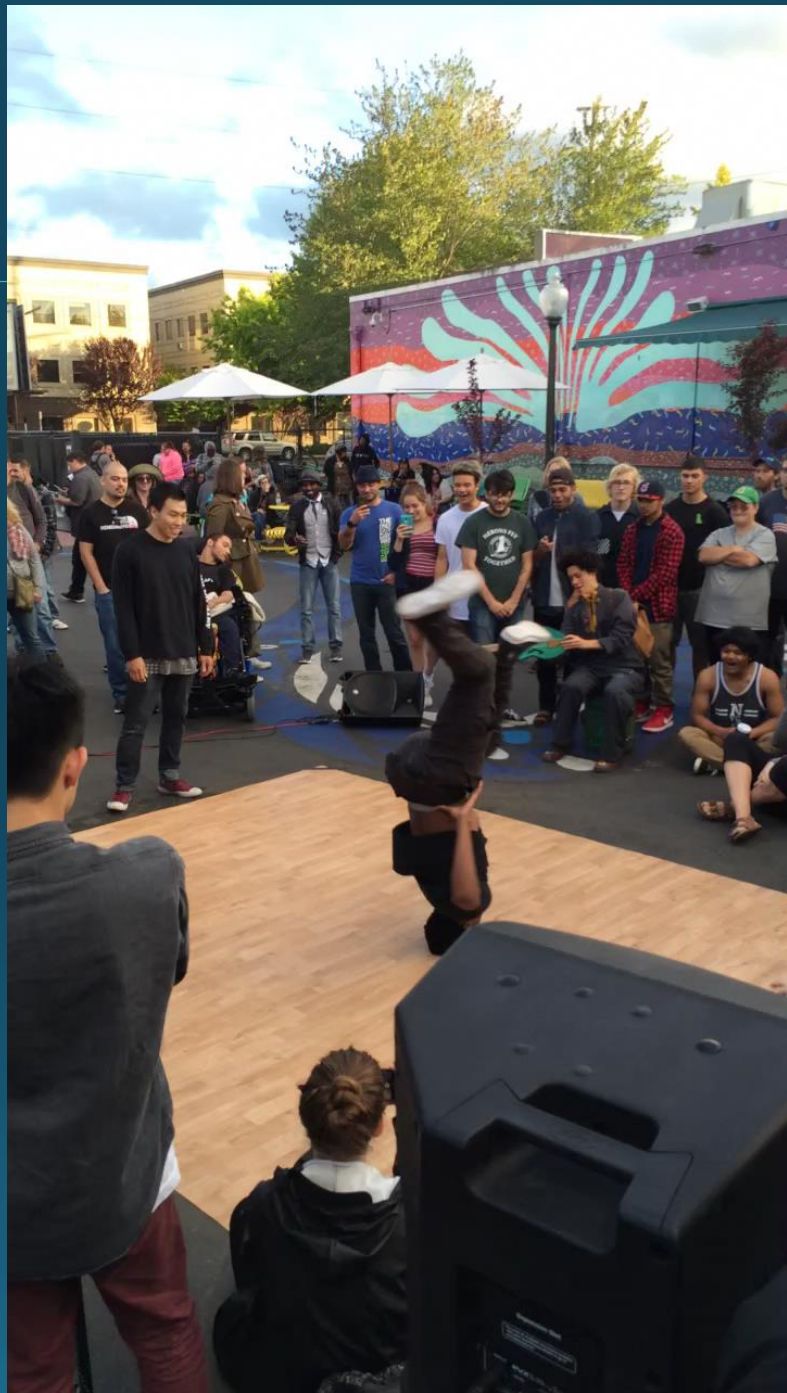


The Bridge Music Program

- 2nd Annual Concert Series at the Commons
- 5 Friday Night Events
- 2 Emmy Award-winning Artists
- Local Performers

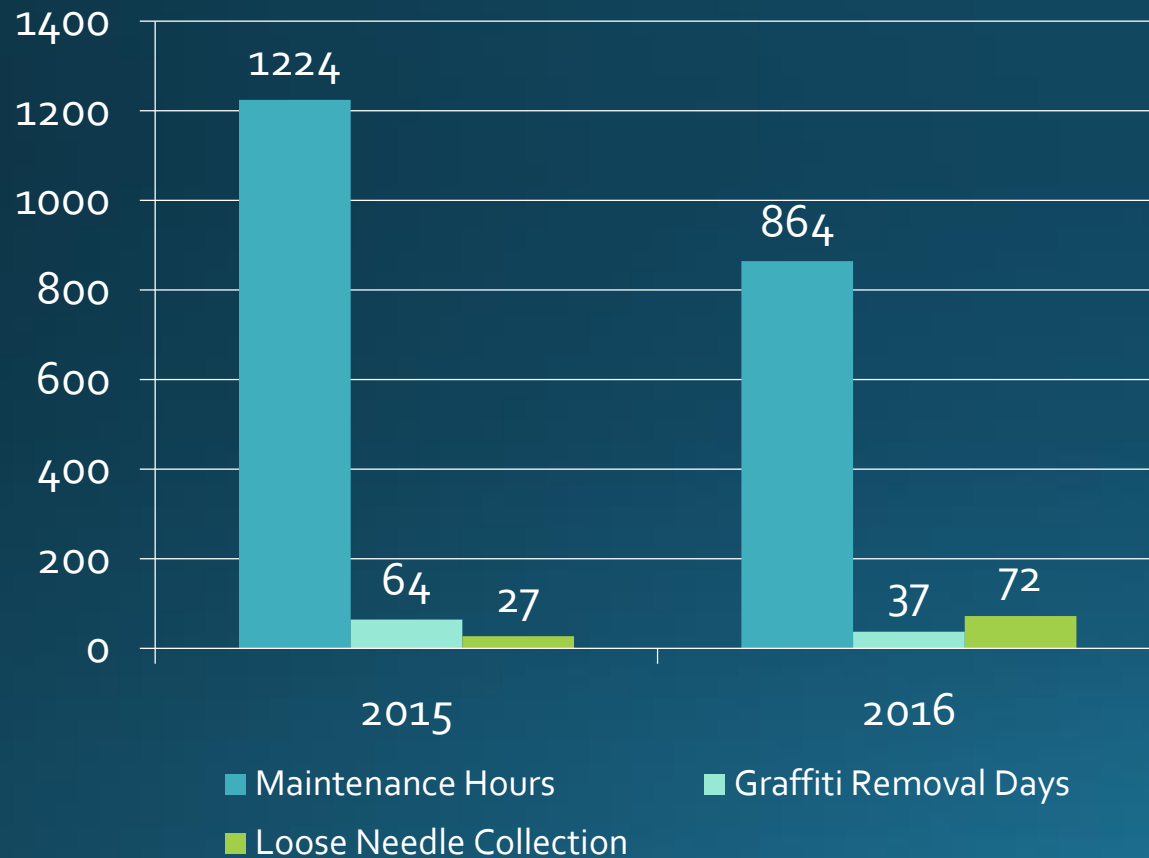
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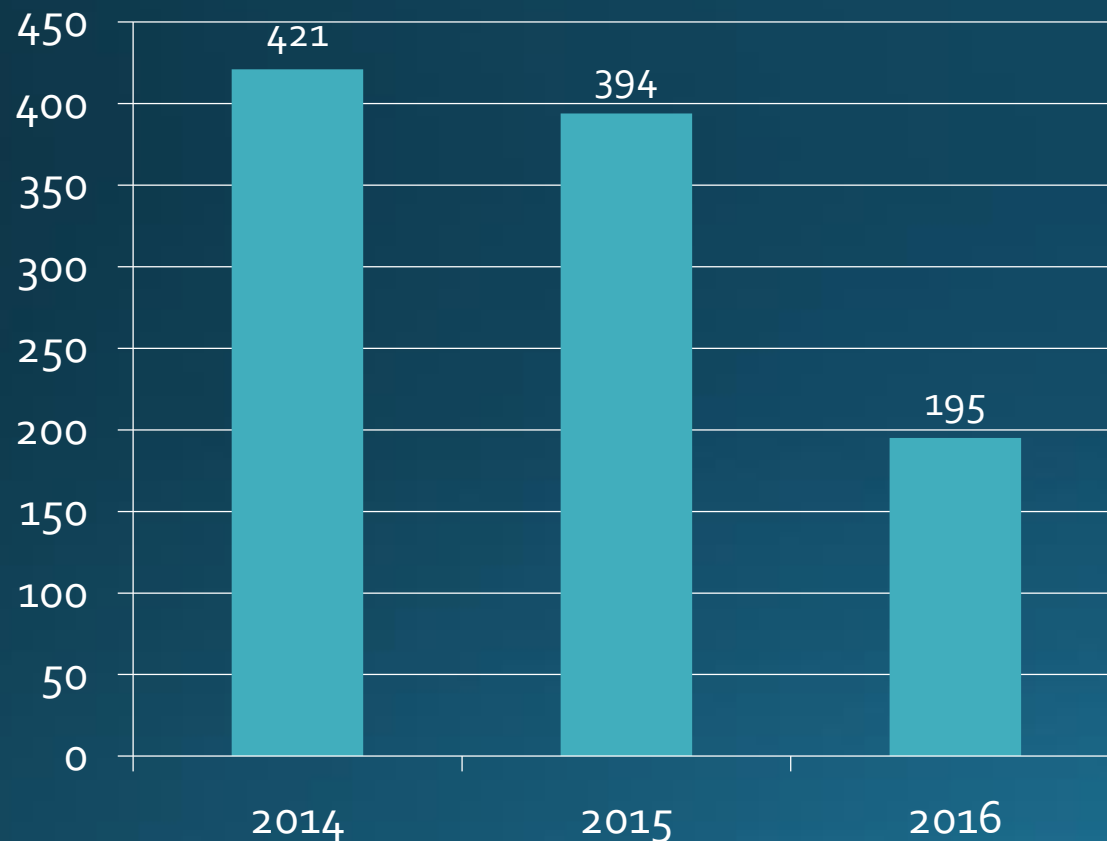
Maintenance Data

Artesian Action Team



Police Data

OPD Calls



Calls for Service

<u>TYPE OF CALL</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Crimes Against Persons	18	18	19
Property Crime	14	18	9
Nuisance Crime	41	53	37
Mentally Ill	3	1	4
Narcotics	13	11	11
Officer Initiated	289	224	79
Assist medics	6	16	7
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	37	53	29
Totals	421	394	195

Arrests	43	39	30
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Outreach and Action



2014 Park
User Forum

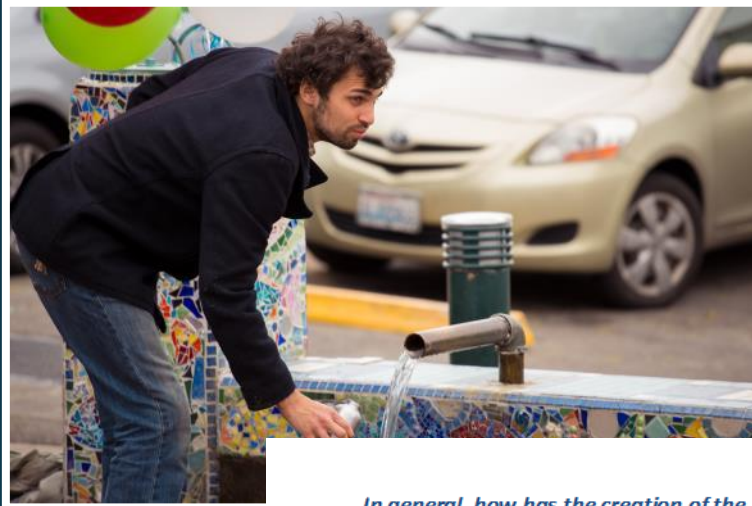


2016 Park
User Forum

Park improvements based on feedback:

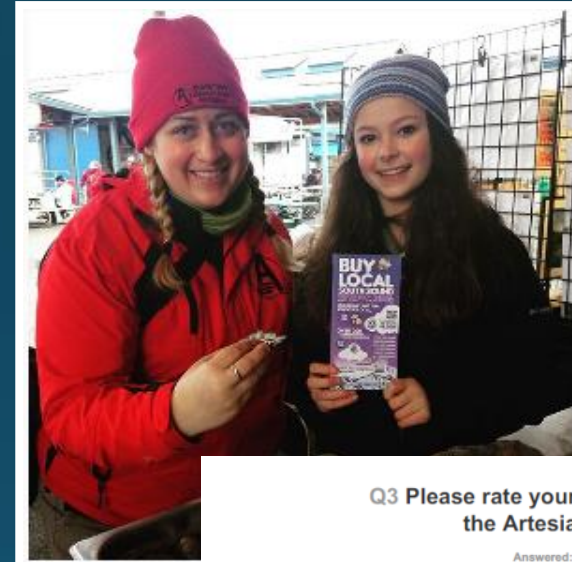
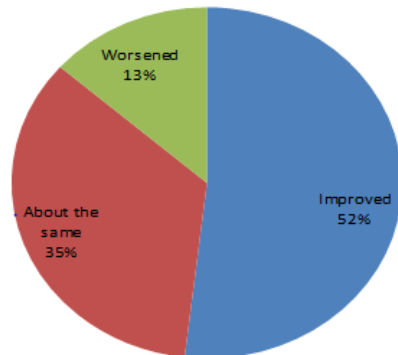
- Smoke-free park
- Sharps disposal box
- Basketball hoop and sports equipment
- Mural
- Events and bands
- More lighting
- More seating
- Umbrellas/shade
- Trash clean-up
- 24-hour restroom (not porta-potty)
- Allow skateboarding
- Respect from authorities

Outreach



2016 Well
User Survey

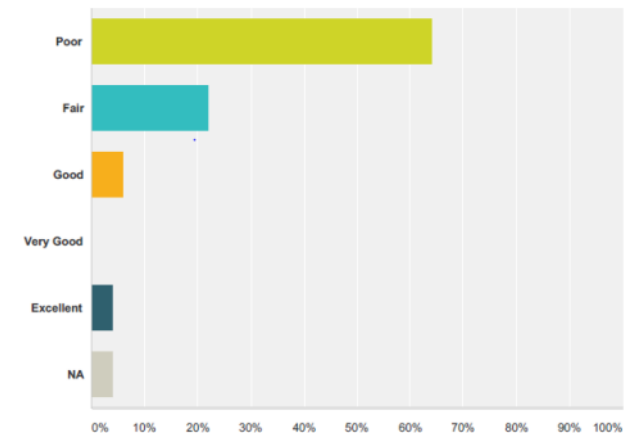
In general, how has the creation of the Artesian Commons affected your experience of collecting water?



2017 PBIA
Business Survey

Q3 Please rate your current perception of the Artesian Commons.

Answered: 50 Skipped: 1



Artesian Leadership Committee

Formed: April 2015

Purpose: Provide ongoing feedback and guidance for the operation and continued development of the park.

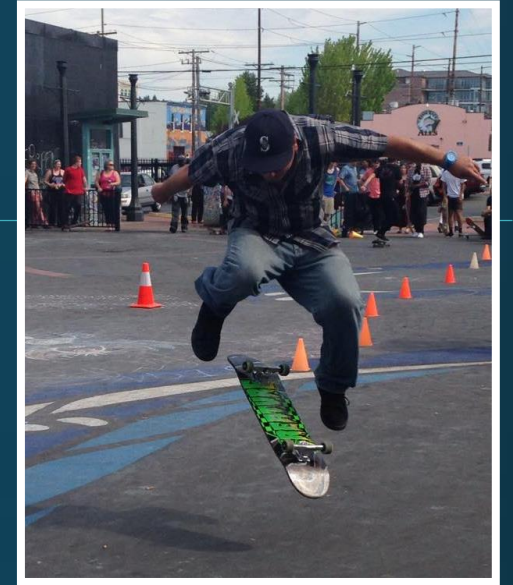


Representatives from:

- Neighboring Property Owners
- Community Youth Services
- Downtown Ambassadors
- Olympia Police Department
- Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBIA)
- Olympia Downtown Association (ODA)
- CP&D - Downtown Liaison
- Olympia City Council
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC)
- H2Olympia
- PB & J Project
- Olympia Parks Maintenance & Design
- Olympia Park Rangers
- Olympia Recreation Staff

2017 Status Summary

- Opened in 2014 and continues to evolve with stakeholder input
- Achieved progress through design, maintenance and programming
- Well Host/Ranger led to significant decrease in Police calls for service
- Still challenged with violent and illegal behaviors when staff are not present
- Still challenged with community and business perception of the park
- Opportunities for design enhancements are limited due to size of park
- Need for revised long-term vision



Options

- Work with Artesian Leadership Committee to revise long-term vision
- Continue to learn as we go; evolve as resources allow
- Develop alternative path

