

**Sarah Harris**

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**From:** Heather [heat1002h@yahoo.com]  
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Ms. Harris,

I know Chris forwarded my email to you. My youngest daughter has spent many happy hours at the wading pool, but I understand the challenges it poses from the Health Dept. I'm not opposed to Splash Parks, I just think they need to fit the area, you can't make the area fit the park. I grew up in the Midwest and one of the larger parks replaced the pool with a splash park (see first link below), it is pretty impressive and it is for all ages. I don't know if it is accurate or not but I heard that the City is planning on not only putting the splash park in at the site of the wading pool in Pioneer Park, but they are only allowing toddlers. My daughter is 12 and we always stop at the small splash area at the zoo. I don't think there is any age limit for having fun in the water. Furthermore, she still stops for a quick dip in the wading pool when we go to the library, so Puyallup's park should be for all ages. Even Tacoma's splash parks ( 2nd link below) are in larger areas, I don't understand why our splash park has to be in Pioneer Park? It seems like there are other sites that are less utilized and would be a better fit for a splash park. What about Sam Peach Park, it seems very under-utilized or out at the Rec Center? Both Pioneer Park and Bradley Lake are both highly used and are not good locations for the amount of people a splash park will draw.

Respectfully,

Heather Shadko

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