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Young girls screaming with excitement of riding the Gator roller Coaster. Four year olds steering their cars on the circular track of the Car Ride, while young mothers fill their phones with photos. Parents, grandparents with their kids and grandkids taking a leisurely ride through Applegate Park, along the Creek and back to the train station through the tunnel while they feel the clackety-clack of steel wheels on iron rails is an experience they always want to repeat. The train bell rings. Mothers providing a steading hand on the back of their youngster as the Merry-go-Round starts and the young caballero is startled as his or her horse starts to move. These are the sights and sounds of Kiddieland which create memories that will not be forgotten. Proof was when two women, in town for a high school reunion, came to Kiddieland just to ride the train due to their memories as a child. The fare: 75 cents. Kiddieland and the City have enjoyed a partnership for over 60 years. Kiddieland is in need of help caused by the pandemic shut down. The City is in a position to help in a meaningful way. Please do so. Thank you Ron Hansen, 40 year Kiddieland Worker.

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