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# Brooklyn's Playground close to July goal

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The Brooklyn's Playground committee is \$19,000 shy of reaching its goal to raise more than \$300,000 by the end of July.

Those efforts include the "July 300" project, in which 300 businesses and individuals have been sought to contribute at least \$300 toward the playground. Each donor will receive special recognition with a plaque at the entrance of the community's first all-inclusive playground.

The fundraising benchmark means preliminary equipment can be ordered to have by the September groundbreaking of the all-accessible playground, set to be built in OK Ward Park in Pocatello.



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Brooklyn waves to fans during the Pioneer Day Parade last Saturday in Pocatello.

Valley Pride Chairman Tim Forhan said 63 more donors are needed to meet the "July 300" goal by the end of the week.

"The fundraising com-

mittee and other volunteers working on this are reaching out this week and talking with everyone they can," Forhan said. "There's been a tremen-

## HOW TO HELP

You can help Brooklyn's Playground win a \$50,000 grant from the Pepsi Refresh Challenge.

- 1) Go to [www.refresheverything.com](http://www.refresheverything.com)
- 2) Search for United Way
- 3) Look for the Brooklyn's Playground project
- 4) Click on "Vote for this" and create an account.

You can submit one vote per day, per e-mail address for Brooklyn's Playground. The contest ends on July 31. For anyone interested in donating to Brooklyn's Playground, visit [www.BrooklynsPlayground.org](http://www.BrooklynsPlayground.org).

dous response to the 'July 300' effort so far, and I think we're going to get there. It would be a great relief to know we can order the equipment that takes a while to get here."

As of Monday, \$281,000 had been raised. In all, the park is estimated to cost about \$400,000.

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lyn's Playground project.

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Efforts to encourage voter participation included passing out information at Revive @ 5 at the Pioneer Day celebrations.

To vote, visit [BrooklynsPlayground.org](http://BrooklynsPlayground.org) or [www.refresheverything.com](http://www.refresheverything.com). Yello Pepsi beverage "Power Votes" can count up votes. Community members can cast "Power Votes" until July 31.

Today Revive is hosting a free Playground Family Night from 5 p.m. at the Old Mill, located at Main St. During there will be a sidewalk chalk events.