

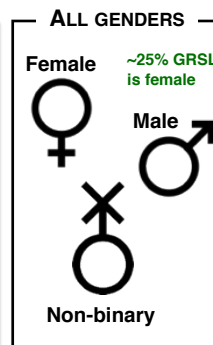
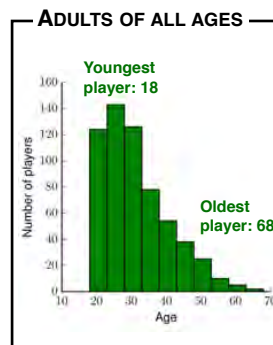


Goal for today's meeting

Discuss how the **City of Gainesville** can help improve the overall Gainesville Regional Soccer League experience

Who is GRSL?

- ❖ Largest [only] recreational soccer league in the Gainesville area
- ❖ Founded in 1982
- ❖ Currently, 605 active players
- ❖ Volunteer board - monthly meetings
- ❖ President: John Malanchuk
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Forest Park is the primary site for games and practices

- ❖ One of the only parks in SW Gainesville
- ❖ Surrounding area is rapidly developing (Butler Plaza, Celebration Pointe)
- ❖ Diversity of housing developments nearby
- ❖ Dog park, basketball courts, volleyball courts, pavilions, & 3 full size soccer fields
- ❖ **Recently transferred from Alachua County to City of Gainesville**

...but it does not meet desired standard for parks in Gainesville

- ❖ No lightning warning system
- ❖ Players cross busy 43rd St. to retrieve balls
- ❖ Major need for field re-grading/re-sodding
- ❖ Limited parking capacity
- ❖ Lack of shade
- ❖ Lack of seating & bleachers for each field
- ❖ Limited access to water
- ❖ No lighting for evening use
- ❖ Bathroom facilities may need renovation

What are we asking for?

- ❖ Ensure that Forest Park is listed to receive support from Wild Spaces/Public Places **this year** (obtain votes at March 4 meeting)
- ❖ Advocate for **capital improvements and maintenance** at Forest Park
- ❖ **Continue discussions** with city officials
- ❖ Find ways to work with the city to achieve **broader shared goals**

