

Help Clean Up San Pablo's Davis Park June 4

WHAT:

Members of the West County Regional Group, a parent advocacy group with 60 members sponsored by First 5 Contra Costa and the City of San Pablo, is hosting a clean up day at Davis Park in San Pablo. Free activities for children and families will follow the 90-minute work party with relay races, Zumba dancing, face painting, arts and crafts, story times by Tandem Partners in Early Learning, healthy snacks and more.

The event is part of the Regional Group's ongoing efforts to improve San Pablo's parks. Davis Park was deemed the most in need of improvements after the Group conducted a comprehensive assessment of the city's parks. Dumping and trash at Davis Park were cited as deterrents and part of what makes the park unsafe and unattractive for families with young children. The Group hopes that the park clean up and free family activities will promote cleanliness and encourage greater use of Davis Park by neighborhood families.

In May 2015, the Regional Group shared their park assessment survey findings and recommendations to the San Pablo City Council, resulting in a local capital improvement program investment of \$450,000 by the City of San Pablo for a series of capital improvements at Davis Park. Improvements to date include new picnic tables, water fountains, BBQ grills, surveillance cameras, and increased lighting. New family friendly bathrooms are scheduled for next year.

WHEN:

June 4, 2016

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Park Clean Up

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Family Activities

WHERE:

Davis Park

1661 Folsom Avenue, San Pablo

WHO:

This event is organized in partnership with the West County Regional Group, the City of San Pablo, and First 5 Contra Costa.

CONTACT:

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BACKGROUND:

First 5 Contra Costa helps young children start school healthy, nurtured and ready to learn by investing in programs and activities focused on children during their first five years, the most important time in children's development. First 5 supports three Regional Groups of parents dedicated to making their communities healthier and safer for families. Combined, these parents have raised nearly \$2 million to improve parks in the Contra Costa County's low income communities. Learn more: www.first5coco.org.