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The Mega Bubble Man entertains families at the first Auburn Porchfest on Saturday.

Porchfest brings almost 20 acts to Auburn neighborhood

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The first Auburn Porchfest took place Saturday afternoon on Grover Street and Tuxill Square, bringing almost 20 musical acts to the block along with food trucks and family activities.



VIEW: For more photos and video from the event, point your smartphone camera at the QR code and tap the link. **NEWSVU**

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Kevin Dorsey performs at the first Auburn Porchfest on Saturday.

RECREATION

Auburn summer recreation program a big hit

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AUBURN — With gaga ball, water slides and more, the city's Summer Recreation Program drew more than 3,000 kids to local parks this year.

Meg Gremli, the program's coordinator, and Brian Rhodes, the city's recreation director, presented the annual report at the Auburn City Council on Thursday. The report reveals that attendance was 3,106 during the six-week program at Casey, Clifford and Lincoln parks.

Attendance was up 51.4% over last year, when 2,051 children participated in the program. In 2023, 1,325 children attended summer recreation events.

The highest single-day turnout was 344 children for the first week of the program at Clifford Park. The main attraction that day was a giant water slide.

Due to the popularity of the water slides, the city had three at Lincoln Park on July 29. It helped draw the best crowd (228 children) during the six-week program at the park.

Aside from the water slides, the program offered several activities for participants. The Rev Theatre Co. brought its summer outreach tour to Clifford Park and Nick Daloia led culinary lessons. There were tennis lessons provided and the Casey Park pool hosted swimming lessons.



KEVIN RIVOLI, THE CITIZEN

Parents wait in the shade as kids enjoy an afternoon cooling off on the water slides during Auburn's Summer Recreation Program at Lincoln Park July 29.

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