



South Park Queer Pride Picnic 2018

The 8th Annual South Park Queer Pride Picnic was held Sunday, June 4, 2018, on the banks of the Duwamish River in the South Park neighborhood of Seattle. The picnic is organized in partnership with Entre Hermanos, the leading Latinx LGBTQ health and leadership organization in the Puget Sound region for nearly 25 years. Though rain was forecast for the day, it held off until the very end.

The picnic kicked off with State Senator Bob Hasegawa stopping by to say a few words, while the Sisters of the Mother House of Washington graciously and flamboyantly greeted everyone.

Isabella of Noche Latina club night at Neighbours emceed the day's entertainment, which included Aunt Betty Malone, who hosts the Rainbow Bingo games at the South Park Senior Center, as well as singer-songwriter Latin Rose, who is releasing their 4th album. The picnic warmly welcomed Tallulah Banghead to their first public lipsync performance, and dancing filled the park to the lush Latin jazz sounds of Alma y Azucar for the final hour.

Thanks to the generosity of numerous sponsors, the picnic was able to offer free tamales from Carniceria El Paisano Deli in White Center, and entertainment for over 200 people who attended from South Park and Georgetown neighborhoods, as well as Tukwila, White Center, and West Seattle. The picnic organizers would especially like

to thank the Duwamish River Youth Corp, whose enthusiasm shone through as they helped set up and clean up the picnic site, as well as the South Park Arts Council, which once again hosted a kids' art table, and the South Park Branch Library, for their presence and fabulous display of LGBTQ books and resources.

Event organizer Randy on Rose Street is deeply appreciative of the many local South Park and Queer community businesses, organizations, and individuals that helped make the picnic happen. The South Park Queer Pride Picnic continues to be the longest-running and largest Seattle neighborhood pride event that is held outside of Capitol Hill.

For more information or to help with next year's event, please send an email to: gaypridesouthpark@hotmail.com.

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Courtesy of South Park Queer Pride Picnic



Over 200 people enjoying the picnic.



Senator Bob Hasegawa



Isabella of Noche Latina



Sisters of the Motherhouse of Washington with Aunt Betty Malone