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POETRY IN THE PARK RETURNS

On Sunday, July 9, the Santa Cruz County Parks Department celebrates the return of Poetry in the Park, featuring Santa Cruz County Poet Laureate Farnaz Fatemi, live music and a poetry-themed afternoon.

From 1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m., Poetry in the Park will be held July 9 at Mesa Village Park in Watsonville. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy and a blanket to sit on while listening to live music from the Rhythm Rangellers and hearing local poets Adela Najarro, Olga Rosales Salinas, and Joseph Jason Santiago LaCour read from their work. All ages are welcome to attend this free series.

Additional Poetry in the Park events will be from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. as follows:

August 6 at Brommer Street Park – Poets: Aideed Medina, David Sullivan, and Dion O'Reilly

October 8 at Mesa Village Park -- Poets: Bob Gomez (Watsonville Poet Laureate), Magdalena Montagne, and TBA

November 5 at Brommer Street Park – Poets TBA

Music will be available at each event. Events presented by Santa Cruz County Parks and Poet Laureate Farnaz Fatemi.

Mesa Village Park is located at 790 Green Valley Rd, Watsonville. Brommer Street County Park is located at 1451 30th Ave, Santa Cruz.