

FREEDOM WEST

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Upcoming Freedom West Alumni Events

National Night Out

August 2nd

Freedom West Family Day

September 24th

Holiday Grocery Giveaway

December 10th

Father's Day Celebration Celebrating Fatherhood

Freedom West dads and their families gathered on Saturday, June 11 for a special Father's Day celebration at the community recreation center.

Similar to the Mother's Day celebration organized by the Freedom West Alumni Association in May, the Father's Day event featured an interactive painting session, candid discussions on parenthood and other community building activities.



"We had some really inspiring talks about how to be a better man and a better father," said Richard O'Neal of the Freedom West Alumni Association. "If anyone had anything to share about what it means to be a father, we encouraged them to get up and share those experiences. It wasn't just dads speaking, either. We had sons and daughters up there expressing gratitude and respect for all the sacrifices their fathers have made over the years."

Over the course of the day, some 30 people representing multiple Freedom West generations stopped by to take part in the festivities. Along with the painting and art lessons, the celebration featured

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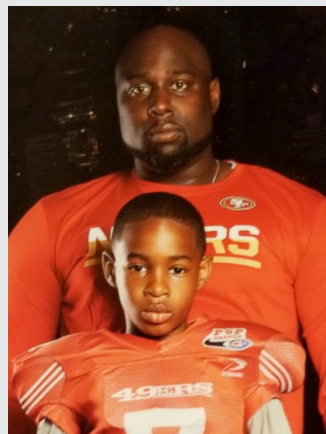
an appearance from Pastor Rob Shaw of Bethel AME Church, who spoke to the attendees about the importance of fatherhood.

While there were plenty of important life lessons disseminated throughout the course of the day, the event was ultimately about enjoying the company of one another, said O'Neal.

"It was just a really fun day," said O'Neal. "This is something the community needs at the moment. There is a lot of heavy stuff happening in the world right now, so when we can all get together and laugh and have fun, it means a lot."

Like many of the events staged this year at Freedom West, the Father's Day celebration was the first of what is planned to be an annual event.

"We definitely want to make this a regular thing," said O'Neal. "Everyone seemed to have a real good time and they all expressed a strong interest in making this a regular event. These kinds of things bring the community closer, and everyone understands the importance of that."



Thomas Bell with his son

Community Profile

Thomas Bell

You're a youth coach, right?

Yeah. Right now, I'm in track season. I also coach football and a little bit of basketball. The majority is football and track, coaching for the Daly City Stars and the San Francisco Striders.

Did you grow up playing sports at Freedom West?

Oh yeah. We used to have buildings games, where Freedom West would play TP [Thomas Paine] and other communities. That's really where I got my love for sports. I played Pop Warner for the San Francisco Seahawks and ended up playing football at Galileo High School and College of San Mateo. It all started at Freedom West though.

Why is Freedom West 2.0 so important?

It's always good to upgrade and this change is much-needed. I know that it's hard for some people to support change, but once change happens, they always like it. But honestly, I know for a fact that Freedom West is going to stay the same as far as the community is concerned. We will always be here, but 2.0 is just a better look.

When did you move to Freedom West?

I was born here in Freedom West in 1982. I lived here ever since.

What are some of your earliest memories of Freedom West?

I remember all the bus trips we used to take as kids. We would go on all these summer trips to places like Great America, the Exploratorium and other museums. We used to have so many activities planned for us when we were kids. It was amazing—just you and your best friends getting out and exploring.

What makes Freedom West so special?

It's so family orientated. Everyone has been here all their lives. You know, our parents grew up here—it's our own community. Freedom West is known everywhere in the Fillmore. We don't have any problems here. People understand that it's our village—the village is raising each other.

Management Corner

Who to contact in emergency situations:

- If you are experiencing a **medical emergency**, please call 911 immediately.
- Freedom West's security company is SVR. The security team can be reached at 415-724-3215

Call the management office if:

- There is a repair needed in your unit
- You have an issue with payment of carrying charges
- You have an issue with registering a vehicle to qualify for parking on a Freedom West lot
- You have a pest control issue. Pest Control service is the 4th Wednesday of every month. Please call the office to get on the schedule.
- You have an issue with a neighbor

Board Meeting Schedule

- June 28th at 6 p.m. On Zoom