



## Gathering of the Vibes donates \$75,000 to city to build water park

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The city has received a \$75,000 donation from the Gathering of the Vibes music and arts festival to fund a children's water park in Bridgeport.

The funds were given to the city Parks and Recreation Department to help pay for the installation of a splash pad and water park at the city-owned park adjacent to Luis Munoz Marin School on the East Side, near Boston Avenue.

Vibes Owner Ken Hayes presented a \$75,000 check Dec. 3 to Mayor Bill Finch, Public Facilities Director Charles Carroll, Parks Commission President Mark Marko and other Parks Commission members during a ceremony at the site of the proposed water park.

The Gathering of the Vibes is an annual four-day music event at Seaside Park that attracts tens of thousands of fans, including overnight campers. The 2009 event was headlined by Crosby, Stills and Nash.

The festival has a five-year contact with the city of Bridgeport, and will return to Seaside Park in 2010 from July 29 to Aug. 1.



Vibes owner Ken Hayes