

CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

**ORANGE MEMORIAL PARK
SPORTS FIELD UPDATE**

**PRESENTATION TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024**



CURRENT USAGE

- Orange Memorial Park: most used park in the City
- Parks staff opens the facility at 8 a.m.
- Field staff closes the facility after permitted use
- Youth Baseball on field 5 times a week - permitted
- Youth Soccer on field 3 times a week - permitted
- City Adult Softball League – Spring season, twice per week in the evenings (Monday, Tuesday)
- City Junior Giants program
- Due to construction for the new Aquatic Center, Summer Camp will be using part of the field - permitted
- Public use: Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. depending on permits
- 1– 2 staff assigned in the afternoon
- Fridays closed for maintenance 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday – Sunday is typically reserved for City or co-sponsored group use

THE SUCCESSES

- Weather does not deter schedules
- High usage and high demand for all fields
- Only lighted outdoor field
- Web-based lighting and score boards
- Positive reviews from leagues
- Multi-use (baseball, soccer, rugby, you build it they will come)
- Teamwork with leagues
- Allows for large scale tournament play for leagues

THE CHALLENGES

- High demand from leagues and public
- Clearing the field
 - Closing for permitted use
- Parking
 - Weekend picnic season and tournament play at Orange Memorial Park
- Other leagues/teams squatting on the field not getting permits
- Member of the public moving equipment around
- Staffing
- Safety during open play with multiple sports
- Field equipment set up
 - Baseball fencing, mounds, bases, goals



FINDING A SOLUTION

- Opening one day for all public use down the road as it is currently permitted out
- Install kiosks around the facility to allow for information sharing, i.e., public use times and permit policy - in progress
- Updating website with monthly schedule for public use - in progress
- Keep lights on for public use
- Allow for parking along North Canal St.
- Provide parking maps for leagues to share for tournament play

QUESTIONS?