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All Ages Play at Lafayette Plaza Park

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Osamirho Gloe Stable Martinez (left) and Wahedi Dilara play Giant Jenga. Photo Jeff Heyman

It was certainly a glorious day in Lafayette's Plaza Park this past Sunday, Aug. 27 - all the more beautiful due to the perfect mid-80s degree late summer weather. The All Ages Recreation Pop Up, a joint program of the City of Lafayette, the Community Foundation of Lafayette and a new nonprofit, All Ages Recreation Downtown (AARD), was in full swing.

All ages - and we mean all ages - were serenaded by students and faculty from the Bradley School of Music. Some performances were first-timers for the students and as they played, Plaza Park was filled with tunes familiar to everyone from the Stones and Beatles to Nirvana and Green Day. Just the right beat for kids and those young at heart to play a variety of games such as Giant Jenga, chess, badminton, ping-pong, giant pick up sticks, and dig into kinetic sand, some simple crafts - all this and a chance to win small, fun prizes.

But the games, especially badminton and Giant Jenga were the most popular. Holding forth on the Giant Jenga court were Osamirho Gloe Stable Martinez and Wahedi Dilara (pictured) who enthralled onlookers with their monumental stack of the wooden bricks - just before the carefully constructed pile collapsed to their great delight.

The pop-up has been held all summer long on July 1, 16 and 30, as well as Aug. 13 and 27, at different locations. And if you missed any of those, you have one last chance, on Sept. 17, to take part in what undoubtedly is some of the most all-inclusive family fun you can have on a Sunday afternoon in Lamorinda. Don't miss the fun and check out the Pop Up Recreation webpage on the city of Lafayette's website for details of the last All Ages Recreation Pop Up of the summer at <https://www.lovelafayette.org>.

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