

# VILLA PARK INDEPENDENT

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## Skateboarders celebrate opening of 2-4-8 Skatepark

VILLA PARK — On Friday, June 12 about 50 skateboarders age from 8-18 years old came to celebrate the opening of the 2-4-8 skate park. There was food, games and a raffle of a new skateboarding deck. Scott Mitchell from Motiv8 Skate Shop came to watch the skaters and gave prizes to the best skaters.

The 2-4-8 skate park is the temporary location where the users can skate legally until the new park is completed. There is new generation of young skaters coming and is important that they understand the history of the skate park and the need to need to take care of the current facilities and the new park that is planned for next year.

The Park and Recreation Department performed repairs and painted the equipment to enable the use of the park until the new one is completed.

“We realize that the existing location for the skate park is not ideal because of its proximity to the residential neighbors,” said Paulina Jiménez of the Villa Park Skatepark Com-

mittee. “It is not in a visible area and is known for gangs to come to hang out and to do illegal activities. But at least it is a temporary location for the skaters instead of them using the streets and parking lots, until the new skatepark is completed.”



photo provided

### ***Celebrate the skate!***

On Friday, June 12 about 50 skateboarders ranging in age from 8-18 came to celebrate the opening of the 2-4-8 skatepark in Villa Park. The site will serve as a temporary location to skate legally until the new skate park is completed.