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Free Outdoor Summer Movie Series Returns to Downtown San Jose

Starlight Saturdays Brings Sports Comedies, Live Entertainment, and Movies Under the Stars to St. James Park

SAN JOSE, CA (July 18, 2026) – Summer nights in Downtown San Jose just got a whole lot better. Starlight Saturdays, the San Jose Downtown Association's beloved free outdoor movie series, returns to St. James Park tonight, with additional events planned for August 1 and 15.

Presented by UA Local Union 393 and co-produced by the San Jose Downtown Association, Viva Parks and Filco Events, Starlight Saturdays features three free Saturday night events packed with live comedy, food trucks, lawn games, face painting, a beer garden, and movies on the big screen. Events run from 6 to 10:30 p.m., with movies beginning at dusk. Admission is free and open to the public.

After a year filled with global sports events, the San Jose Downtown Association polled local audiences to pick their favorite funny sports flicks. Three crowd-winning comedies are hitting the big screen this season.

2026 Starlight Saturdays Schedule

- July 18 – She's the Man (2006) | PG-13: When her brother ditches school, Viola takes his place on the boys' soccer team, disguised as him.
- August 1 – Happy Gilmore (1996) | PG-13: A hot-headed hockey player trades in his skates for golf clubs to save his grandmother's house.
- August 15 – Bring It On (2000) | PG-13: A champion cheerleading squad scrambles to compete after discovering their routines were stolen.

Each night also features live entertainment, lawn games, face painting, movie-themed trivia, prizes, food trucks, and a beer garden, with something for every member of the family. The first event kicks off the series in celebration of the last weekend of the World Cup.

"Active public spaces are paramount to Downtown's evolution into a vibrant neighborhood," said Brian Kurtz, CEO of the San Jose Downtown Association. "We look forward to welcoming our neighbors to Starlight Saturdays as we have for over twenty years, toward that end."

Location:
St. James Park, located at North Third and East St. James streets, across from the Corinthian Grand Ballroom in downtown San Jose.

Transportation and Parking:

St. James Park sits in the heart of Downtown San Jose, easy to reach whether you are walking, biking, or driving in. Five ParkSJ garages offer 90 minutes of free parking for those who drive. Visit www.parksj.org for garage locations.

Public transit is also available via VTA Light Rail, with direct access to the park from the St. James Station. For schedules and routes, visit www.vta.org.

A Summer Tradition
For more than two decades, the San Jose Downtown Association has brought the community together for free outdoor movies in Downtown's beautiful public spaces. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, round up friends and family, and settle in for a great night out under the stars.

The series is also supported by the St. James Park & Public Life grant from the City of San Jose, Councilmember Anthony Tordillos, Visit San Jose, Valley Transportation Authority, Metro, Mix 106.5, 94.5 Bay Country, El Observador, Content Magazine and San Jose Spotlight.

For full event details, visit www.sjdowntown.com/starlight.

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About San Jose Downtown Association (SJDA): Since 1986, the San Jose Downtown Association has provided marketing, advocacy, public art, and clean and safe initiatives on behalf of 2,000+ member businesses and property owners in Downtown San Jose. Through public events, cultural programming, and placemaking, SJDA helps shape how people experience and connect with the heart of the city. SJDA's mission is to support the members' vision of a vibrant Downtown San Jose for everyone.