

Date: November 8, 2013  
To: Alan Shear, Assistant City Manager  
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Subject: October Staff Report

**AQUATICS**

- The pool is being submitted to the California Park and Recreation Society’s outstanding facility award for 2013. The application process began in October. A police sergeant, also a professional photographer took photos for our submittal.
- Lincoln Aquatics used the pool one morning to train staff on pool equipment.
- I attended the California Aquatic Management School October 23 – 25. Speakers talked on subject ranging critical incidents and death to marketing and special events.

**BROCHURE**

- Staff has begun working on the new Winter Spring Brochure for 2014. Instructors or businesses are already inquiring about our summer 2014 brochure and class offerings.



**CLASSES**

- Six girls took a balloon twisting class at the pool October 3. Eleven youngsters participated in a Boy Scout and Girl Scout Basic First Aid Class, October 28 -29.

**FIELD/FACILITY PERMITS**

- Tavan has become a popular place for girl’s fast pitch to hold tryouts and practices.

*Learning how to dress a bleeding wound with a roller bandage and gauze was fun!*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Martinez Restaurant Tour** was held in Martinez, Saturday, October 6, 181 people sampled food from seventeen downtown restaurants. The event was a huge success and was compared to A Trick or Treating for Adults.



Proceeds from the event will sponsor Oohs Ahs and Giggles, a free performing arts series for children. Folks attended the tour from all over the bay area; Crockett, Walnut Creek, Hercules, Fremont, Lafayette, Concord, Castro Valley, Richmond, Moraga, Pleasanton, Pleasant Hill, San Francisco, Bay Point, San José, Benicia, Carmichael, Pinole, Suisun City, Pittsburg, El Sobrante, Rodeo, and Antioch. **Voted Best Restaurant – Barrel Aged.**

- **Marty O's Candy Hunt** – A crowd of about 250 people attended the Candy Hunt activities. Staff and volunteers threw candy in the grass, painted faces and helped children with crafts. Marty and Barbara Ochoa donated all the candy for the event.



- **Choo Choo All Aboard** – Ten children and approximately seven parents enjoyed a hot dog dinner, train stories and crafts and a visit to the old steam engine at Waterfront Park.

- **Creekside Montessori’s Halloween Parade** –Forty preschoolers and forty parents and teachers Trick or Treated through City Hall. Recreation provided stories, crafts, candy and the tour.



October 22, at the Martinez Library – Twenty-five people attended the Halloween Craft Event.



- **Main Street Trunk or Treat** – Recreation staff provided crafts and face painting for the four hour event. The event was held during the Sunday Farmer’s Market. The streets were packed with people from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- **AHS Homecoming** – Recreation staff assisted the Leadership class with preparations for the Homecoming Parade. Staff worked as liaisons between public works and AHS, developing road closures, stage setup and parade logistics. Public Works did a great job of keeping the parade and traffic moving.



- **Holiday Frolic and Light Parade.** Staff has begun working with Main Street and local merchants on the event scheduled for Friday, December 6. Activities scheduled include the Reindeer Stop at the Library, Snow Park at the Main Street Plaza, Hot Cocoa with Frosty the Snowman, Lighting of the Tree of Spirit, Children’s Light Parade, Visits with Santa, Air Jumps, Crafts, games, face painting and balloon animals. In addition, the Martinez Museum, mARTinez GALLERY will also participate in the festivities. Volunteers are being recruited and will be trained in November. Six hundred light wands have been
- **Oohs, Ahs and Giggles** – October 2 – Tony Border’s Puppets – 102 people, Cowboy Tricks and Roping with Lariat Larry, October 9 - 85; Furs, Scales and Tales November 16 – 90.

### **PICNIC RENTALS**

- The picnic rental season ended the weekend of October 19-20. A total of 221 rentals were taken between February and October. Picnic and facilities were reserved between April 20 – October 20. Rentals were down due to the construction at Hidden Valley and Nancy Boyd Park.

### **REGISTRATION SYSTEM**

- The City purchased a new online registration program for the Recreation Department. The program went live mid-October. It will remain strictly an in-house program until staff can learn the program completely and work out all the bugs. Online registrations for the public will begin mid-April.

## **TEENS**

- High School Seniors have been invited to spend their Community Service Hours with Recreation at upcoming special events and the Holiday Frolic. To encourage more participation, Recreation will teach the teens how to paint faces and make balloon animals over the next month.

## **TOURNAMENTS**

- Four tournaments were held this month at Waterfront/DiMaggio Ball Fields - one adult softball, one girls fast pitch softball and two boys baseball tournament

## **YOUTH SPORTS**

- After School Sports Flag Football will finish their season November 16 with a Turkey Bowl. Practices are held at the elementary schools in the afternoon twice a week. Games are played at Morello Park on Saturdays. Fifty children are playing the sport.
- Registration has begun for After School Sports Basketball. Basketball will begin in December. Games will be held at the USA Gym.
- Preschool Sports – Eleven preschoolers took up the sport of t-ball and eleven preschoolers learned how to kick a soccer ball.



Early October, Recreation Staff went to support the Alhambra High School Water Polo Teams. Both the women's and men's team are made up of Rankin Aquatic Center lifeguards. Go Dogs!