

CITY OF MARTINEZ

MEMO

Date: November 10, 2014
To: Alan Shear, Assistant City Manager
From: Patty Lorick, Recreation Supervisor
Subject: October Staff Report

ADULT SPORTS

- A great season of fall men's softball ended October 23. Five men's teams participated in the Thursday night league at Tavan. The weather was perfect. The competitors were well matched and the teams were all about fun.

AQUATICS

- Fall Swim Clinic had ninety-eight children swimming one to three days a week at Rankin. Parents and coaches report the program has been successful.
- Five hundred and two people participated in water aerobics in October.
- The Pumpkin Dunkin – See attached pictures.
- Lap Swimming four hundred and twenty-two people participated.

BROCHURE

- Staff has begun working on the new Winter Spring Brochure for 2015. Instructors and businesses are already inquiring about our summer 2014 brochure and class offerings.

CLASSES

- Eleven youngsters participated in a two day first aid and safety program. Participants were local boy and girl scouts working on their first aid badge.

FIELD/FACILITY PERMITS

- Tavan has become a popular place for girl's fast pitch and boy's baseball clubs to hold tryouts and practices.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Martinez Restaurant Tour** was held in Martinez, Saturday, October 11, 165 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.
- **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 9:00 am to 2:30 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 5. 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 ordered for children to carry in the parade.
- **Halloween at the Library** – Twelve people visited the library for a Halloween program for spooky stories and crafts
- **Oohs, Ahs and Giggles** – Attendance numbers; Oct. 1 – Caterpillar Puppets – 40; Oct 8 - The Tim Show – 45; Oct 15 – Fur, Scales and Tails – 45.

PICNIC RENTALS

- The picnic rental season ended the weekend of October 25-26. A total of 417 rentals were taken between February and October. Picnic and facilities were reserved May 3 – October 26. Rentals almost doubled from 2013 due to the completion of Nancy Boyd and Hidden Valley Parks.

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
- Preschool Sports – Eleven preschoolers took up the sport of t-ball and eleven preschoolers learned how to kick a soccer ball.



**Trunk or Treat Spooktacular
Sunday, October 26**

Recreation participated in the Main Street Martinez event. Thousands of people packed the street in costumes carrying goody bags of treats. Recreation provided face painting, crafts and candy.

Marty and Barbara Ochoa's Halloween Candy Hunt

October 23, 2014

The Halloween Candy Hunt was held at Holiday Highlands Park. The hunt started at 4:05 pm and by 4:06 pm not a single piece of candy could be found on the ground. Over two hundred people participated in the annual event.

Recreation would like to thank Marty and Barbara Ochoa for their generous donation of candy to the children. Crafts projects were provided to the children before and after the event. Recreation staff painted faces and hands with Halloween motifs of spiders, ghosts, pumpkins and bats.





Pumpkin Dunkin

Rankin Aquatic Center
Sunday, October 19, 2014

Two hundred people showed up to the floating pumpkin patch. Crafts supplies were made available for the children to decorate their new pumpkin.



One hundred and twenty pumpkins were floated in the pool by lifeguard on a warm and beautiful Sunday afternoon. Participants had pool play time before and after the pumpkin picking.

