

CITY OF MARTINEZ**MEMO**

Date: October 15, 2015

To: Alan Shear, Assistant City Manager

From: Patty Lorick, Recreation Supervisor

Subject: September Staff Report

ADULT SOFTBALL

- Men's softball began at Tavan September 9. Eight teams are playing in an eight-week season, an increase from five teams in 2014.

AQUATICS

- Recreational swim ended September 13.
- Pool parties ended September 13.
- Swim lessons ended September 4.
- The Fall Swim team returned this year, September 8. Swimmers can swim one or two days a week through October 29.
- Growing Gardens Preschool had a welcome back to school pool party, Tuesday, September 15.

BROCHURE

- Staff completed the Fall 2015 brochure and has begun working on activities and classes for the 2016 Winter Spring Brochure.

PICNIC RENTALS

- The number of picnic areas or park building rented to date is 409, an 82% increase from 2014. The current picnic rental season ends October 30.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Mutt Strutt – Thursday, September 18. One hundred people and forty dogs came out for this hilarious family dog show at the John Muir Amphitheater. The dogs were judged in the areas of best costume, best tail, fastest tail, best trick and look most like owner. All dogs were sent home with treats.
- Twilight Fishing derby was held September 11. Approximately 50 people attended this family event. Twelve fish were caught. All the youngsters received prizes for participating.
- Pirate Day at the Library, October 14. Twenty little pillaging pirates attended the fun evening of pirate crafts and stories.
- Mutt Strutt, October 17 – Thirty dogs and sixty people participated in the annual doggy

event. Dogs were judged in the categories of Best Tail, Fastest Tail, Best Truck, Looks Most Like Owner and Best Costume.

- Oohs, Ahs and Giggles – Sixty children came out to Truck Day on the Plaza. Trucks from the garbage company, fire department, city corporation yard and police department were on display. Children were allowed to climb into the vehicles and meet the drivers. Over 100 people attended the event. September 23, ninety people magically appeared for Perry Yan the Magician. September 30, the Bubble Lady had 130 people float into her show.
- Staff is working with Main Street Martinez, Natural Healings, Martinez Historical Society, Veteran's Hall and the mARTinez Art Gallery on the 2015 Holiday Frolic. This year the focus will be the skating rink. The rink will be located in the City Parking Lot at the corner of Marina Vista and Ferry Street. Recreation hopes to compliment the rink with family friendly and free activities.

TOURNAMENTS

- Four tournaments were held in September. Tournaments average 20 teams. Teams travel from as far away as Reno and Southern California to play in these tournaments. One girl's fast pitch and three boy's baseball were held at Joe DiMaggio Ball fields.

YOUTH SPORTS

- The Ed Sias High School Invitational Cross Country Meet was a huge success. About 2000 runners hit the trails of Hidden Valley and Hidden Lakes Parks, Saturday, October 12.