

CITY OF MARTINEZ

MEMO

Date: November 10, 2015
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 28. Eight men's teams participated in the Wednesday night league at Tavan. The weather was perfect. The competitors were well matched and the teams were all about fun.

AQUATICS

- The pool closed for the season November 1.
- Fall Swim Clinic has ninety-eight children swimming one & two days a week at Rankin. Parents and coaches report the program has been successful.
- Two hundred and seventy-seven people participated in water aerobics in October. This down 45% from 2014 (502 people)
- Three hundred and thirty-eight swimmers swam lap and 11% decrease from 2014 (378 swimmers).
- Staff attended a Chemical Safety Training in San Ramon, October 20.

BROCHURE

- Staff has begun working on the new Winter Spring Brochure for 2016. Instructors or businesses are already inquiring about our summer 2016 brochure and class offerings.

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 10. Over 200 people sampled food from seventeen downtown restaurants. The event was a huge success. 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 and Barbara'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. A small therapy pony walked through for petting.

- **Choo Choo All Aboard** – Eight 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, October 16. 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, Alhambra High School and local merchants on the event scheduled for Friday, December 4. Activities will include the Reindeer Stop at the Library, Ice Skating Rink, Hot Cocoa with Frosty the Snowman, Lighting of the Tree of Spirit, Children's Light Parade, Visits with Santa, 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. Five hundred light wands have been ordered for children to carry in the parade.
- **Halloween at the Library** – Forty people visited the library for a Halloween program for spooky stories and crafts
- **Oohs, Ahs and Giggles** – October 7 – Eighty people attended the Furs, Scales and Tails show. The children love the snakes!
- **Susana Park Dedication** – Held October 20. City Council and PRMCC Commissioners rededicated to the park with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Members of the Community stopped by for wine, cheese and walk through the trees.

PICNIC RENTALS

- The picnic rental season ended the weekend of October 25-26. A total of 413 rentals were taken between February and October. Picnic and facilities were reserved May 2 – October 25.

TOURNAMENTS

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

YOUTH SPORTS

- Six children participated in the Skyhawks Tot Sports program at Nancy Boyd Park.