

CITY OF MARTINEZ

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Date: March 4, 2016

To: Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission

From: Patty Lorick, Recreation Supervisor

Subject: February Staff Report

Amphitheater

- Barbara Patchin, Recreation Coordinator has booked Mini Motorland for April at the Amphitheater. Staff expects about 150 preschoolers on battery operated toy cars, trikes and bikes to visit the interactive riding track. Numerous businesses have asked to participate including Les Schwab, St. Catherine's of Sienna, Martinez Historical Society, Marty O's and ChildTime.

Aquatics

- Staff worked on updating the 2016 Aquatics Brochure.
- Began recruiting for lifeguards, swim instructors and cashiers.
- Held a Job Fair at the pool. Picked up ten applications for summer recreation jobs and had forty people visit the pool, Saturday, February 27.
- The MCST Agreement was approved by Council. MCST will hold their first event, registration night, Wednesday, March 2.

Adult Sports

- The 2016 Spring Softball Packet was completed and sent out to interested players
- Six teams will be playing at Tavan for the Spring Softball League.

Brochure

- Staff is currently working on the summer recreation program and activity guide. The guide is scheduled to be printed and downloaded to the internet April 20.

Field Permits

- Permits for field use were issued to Diablo Coed Soccer and Walnut Creek Christian Academy for their school games.

Picnic Rentals

- Martinez residents were able to reserve picnic areas beginning February 16. Non-resident are able to reserve a picnic areas as of March 1. The picnic rental season will be April 2– October 30. Rentals for this time of the year are down slightly, 54 this year compared to 59 last year. This is due to the rainy weather.

Special Events

- Fireworks have been ordered for Fourth of July. A special event application for East Bay Regional Parks was completed. Porta potties have been ordered.
- Staff is working with Public Works, Martinez Police and Martinez Little League to put on the annual Baseball Parade, Saturday, March 5. Harriett Burt will be announcing.
- Staff is working with the Kevin Searles to hold the Annual Brickyard Run in April 10. The race will begin at the pool and will follow a four mile route along Carquinez Scenic Drive.
- Staff prepped for the big Arbor Day event scheduled for March 9. Staff expects 170 people to attend the Celebration of Trees!
- Valentine's Day at the Library –Forty-five people attended story time with crafts.
- Lunar New Year at the Library – Sixty people attended the Chinese celebration. The library provided stories and recreation provided the crafts and activities.

Youth Sports

- Martinez Youth Baseball & Softball and Martinez Baseball Club began practicing on City fields. Approximately eighty-three teams practice baseball or softball during the week.



Holiday Highlands Sign

A sign went up in February letting park goers know that “Bounce Houses” and “Amplified Sound” were not allowed at Holiday Highland Park. The sign encourages people to rent the picnic area and makes it clear that the playground area cannot be reserved. Staff and the police department are hoping the sign will reduce the complaints and call outs when the weather turns warmer.