

CITY OF MARTINEZ

MEMO

Date: November 10, 2016
To: Dylan Radke, PRMCC Chair
From: Patty Lorick, Recreation Supervisor
Subject: October Staff Report

ADULT SPORTS

- A great season of softball ended the week of October 17. Four teams participated in the Tuesday night coed league and four teams in the Friday night men's 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 October 30
- Fall Swim Clinic has ninety-eight children swimming one & two days a week at Rankin. Parents and coaches report the program has been successful.
- Lifeguard and Junior Lifeguard classes have been scheduled for 2017.
- I attended training in Livermore on pool heaters and chemical pumps October 18.
- The Pumpkin Dunkin was held Saturday, October 22 after being postponed a week for weather. One hundred pumpkins were floated in the pool and the children swam to pick their pumpkin. Craft supplies, paints and stickers were provided for the children to decorate their new pumpkin. Approximately 110 people participated staying to the bitter end to swim and play. It was especially fun to have Tim Tucker, City Engineer, his wife Valerie and their granddaughter Juliette at the event. Tim had an important role in creating the pool and to watch him enjoy the facility was so much fun for staff.

BROCHURE

- Staff has begun working on the new Winter Spring Brochure for 2017. Instructors or businesses are already inquiring about our summer 2017 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, practices and games throughout October.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Martinez Restaurant Tour** was held in Martinez, Saturday, October 10. Two hundred people sampled food from fourteen 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. **Voted Best Restaurant – Barrel Aged.**
- **Marty and Barbara's Candy Hunt** – A dreary, rainy day didn't stop a little over 100 people

from attending the Candy Hunt at Holiday Highlands Park. Staff and volunteers threw candy around the play equipment, painted faces and helped children with crafts. Marty and Barbara Ochoa donated all the candy for the event.

- **Choo Choo All Aboard** – Thirty-five children and parents enjoyed a hot dog dinner, train stories and crafts and a visit to the old steam engine at Waterfront Park.
- **AHS Homecoming** – Recreation staff assisted the Leadership class with preparations for the Homecoming Parade, October 21. 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.
- **Creekside Montessori's Halloween Parade** –Forty preschoolers and forty plus parents and teachers Trick or Treated through City Hall and the Police Station. Recreation provided stories, candy and the tour through City Hall.

*Barbara Patchin reading stories
to Creekside Montessori*



- **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 2. Activities will include the Reindeer Stop at the Veteran's Hall, Ice Skating Rink, Hot Cocoa with Frosty the Snowman, Lighting of the Court Street Tree, Children's Light Parade, Visits with Santa, crafts, games, face painting and balloon animals. In addition, the Martinez Museum will be the Gingerbread House for day and the Library will host Candy Dane Lane. Activities and times are attached. Volunteers are being recruited and will be trained in November. Five hundred light wands have been ordered for children to carry in the parade.
- **First Aid for Elementary School Children and Families** – Seven elementary school children attended the Red Cross event. Highlight of the day was giving chest compressions to the mannequins and removing rubber gloves covered in shaving cream.
- **Halloween at the Library** – Sixty people visited the library for a Halloween program for spooky stories and crafts. The children loved having another place to wear the costumes.
- **Oohs, Ahs and Giggles** – October 5 – One hundred and twenty-five people attended the Furs, Scales and Tails show. The children love the snakes!

PICNIC RENTALS

- The picnic rental season ended the weekend of October 22-23. A total of 434 rentals were taken between February and October. This is up twenty rentals from 2015. Picnic and facilities were reserved April 2 – October 25.

TOURNAMENTS

- Five tournaments were held this month at Waterfront/DiMaggio Ball Fields - Two adult softball, and three boy's baseball tournament. Two tournaments were canceled due to rain.

YOUTH SPORTS

- AYSO is enjoying the new soccer fields. They have provided Heritage Soccer Club will a couple of days on the field.
- Little League Fall Ball has been practicing and/or playing games at Joe DiMaggio Ball Fields and Hidden Lakes Upper and Lower Fields.
- The Bears Fast Pitch softball program has been practicing at Tavan Field
- Skyhawks' Preschool Sports Program has been out at Mountain View Park. The children are being introduced to basketball, soccer, track and baseball.

Pumpkin Dunkin

October 22, 2016





Fitting end to the last day of the swim season!



DiMaggio Ball Fields start off a muddy mess

Now gorgeous thanks to the Parks Department



Holiday Frolic Activities

Friday, December 2

Themed activities, crafts, games and so much more will make Downtown Martinez the place to be December 2

Questions? Want to Participate? Call Martinez Recreation at 372-3510

FREE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

<u>Event</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Location</u>
Candy Cane Lane  <i>Candy cane related crafts and a selfie holiday booth.</i>	3 – 5 pm Friday	Library, Court & Ward
Reindeer Stop <i>Includes the famous Reindeer Flight School for kids</i>	3 – 5 pm Friday	Veteran’s Hall, Court & Ward
RC the Recycle Elf’s Workshop	3- 5 pm Friday	Veteran’s Hall, Court & Ward
Gingerbread House	3 – 5 pm Friday	Museum, Court & Escobar
Hot Cocoa with Frosty	3 – 5 pm Friday	Build, Court & Main
Face Painting & Nails	3 – 9 pm Friday	Santa House Main Street Plaza
Main St. Activities <i>Crafts, giant board games, face painters, clown & more!</i>	5 – 9 pm Friday	Main Street Plaza
Child Time’s Edible Holiday Tree	5 pm – Friday	Main Street Plaza
Kid’s Holiday Doo’s by Citrus Salon	5 – 9 pm Friday	Main Street Plaza
Sports Center	5 – 9 pm Friday	Estudillo and Main St.
Court Street Tree Lighting Help dignitaries and the Martinez Choir light this majestic tree! The Wishing Bowl returns!	5:30 pm Friday	Court & Pine
Children’s Light Parade <i>Groups still needed to help bring Santa into town! Call Recreation to order lights for children to wear.</i>	6:30 – 7 pm Friday	City Hall to Main Street
UGLY Sweater Contest <i>Awards for over 12 categories. Check the Barrelista specials for the day!</i>	7:30 pm Friday	Barrelista Café, 734 Main St.

MAIN STREET MARTINEZ ACTIVITIES



Don’t miss the wonderful **Skating Rink** or **Visit with Santa** sponsored by Main Street Martinez and found downtown throughout December. For more information go to www.mainstreetmartinez.org call 228-3577.