

CITY OF MARTINEZ

MEMO

Date: October 29, 2008
To: Karen Majors, Assistant City Manager
From: Patty Lorick, Recreation Supervisor
Subject: October Staff Report

ADULT SPORTS

- Men's C/D League ended October 23. Marty O's team won for the fifth consecutive time. Due to multiply rainouts, the Coed League will end November 5.
- Five tournaments were held at Waterfront Park this month: October 3-4, boy's baseball; October 10 County Employees; October 11 DVC Girls Fast Pitch; October 17 Men's.

AQUATICS

- Staff continues to maintain the pool for vector control and good neighbor relations.
- Per the Health Department's request, a letter was sent stating the Martinez Municipal Pool would no longer be operated as a public swimming facility.
- A geotechnical engineer took soil samples of the dirt around the pool. The soil samples are needed to determine placement and construction of the pool

BROCHURE

- Staff has begun working on the new Winter Spring Brochure for 2010. Instructors or businesses are already inquiring about our Summer 2010 brochure and class offerings.

CEMETERY

- Barbara Patchin led three cemetery tours for third grade classes from Morello Elementary School studying local history. Sixty students and twenty adults participated.
- Two evening Cemetery Tours were held in October. Commissioner Patchin lead the October 3 Moonlight tour and Patty Lorick lead the Halloween Tour. A total of 34 people took the tour.
- Staff continues to field calls, visits and e-mails from people researching family members buried in the cemetery.

CLASSES

- The following classes were held this month: Ballet 2; Beginning Piano 2; Belly Dance 7; Bowling 9; Dance 6; Gymnastics & Tumbling 2; Voice 1.
- I taught a CPR & Standard First Aid class to twelve Almar/Martinez Marina and Water Treatment Staff.
- Barbara has been teaching a beading class to kids at Nancy Boyd.

FIELD/FACILITY PERMITS

- Permits for field use were provided for the month of November to club teams looking for practice space.
- AHS/College Park – Cross country meets.

JOHN MUIR AMPITHEATER

- Ferry Point Jug Band Festival was held at Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 9-11. The festival included music by local musicians, choirs and orchestras. Approximately 170 people attended the three day event.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Martinez Restaurant Tour** was held in Martinez, Saturday, October 10, 225 people sampled food from fifteen downtown restaurants. The event was a huge success and was compared to ATrick 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.
- **Oohs, Ahs and Giggles** is a performing art series for children and families – The performers and the size of the crowds attending were as follow: The Silliness of Owen Baker 127; Tony Borders, Ventriloquist 130; Bubble Lady 225; Magic of Timothy James 135.
- **Choo Choo All Aboard** - Twenty-five children and approximately twenty parents enjoyed a hot dog dinner, train stories and crafts and a visit to the old steam engine at Waterfront Park.
- **Marty O's Candy Hunt** – A crowd of over 100 people was expected to attend 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.
- **Halloween Art Soup** will be held at the Library. Recreation will provide activities.
- **Haunted Library**, October 22. One hundred and seventy-five people, many dressed in costume came to the library for the “haunted library, “fortune telling” with Madam Zelda, face painting, crafts and more.
- **Main Street Trick or Treating** – Recreation staff will face paint and provide crafts for the afternoon event.
- **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 4. Activities scheduled included 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. Staff is trying to develop a life sized board game for Main Street.

SPECIAL RECREATION

- Art classes are held every Thursday in the RES building for approximately 5 -15 students. Stringing beads is the most popular activity of the students, along with coloring, gluing and painting. This month crafts included a Halloween theme.

PICNIC RENTALS

- The picnic rental season ended the weekend of October 10-11. Three hundred picnic and facilities were reserved between April 1 and October 25.
- Golden Hills Recreation Room was rented three times this month.
- We had our very first rental of the Nancy Boyd Building for a week long business training.

TEENS

- Seniors have been invited to spend their Community Service Hours with Recreation at upcoming special events and the Holiday Frolic. To encourage more participation, Recreation will teach the teens how to paint faces and make balloon animals over the next month.

YOUTH SPORTS

- After School Sports Flag Football has completed half the season. Practices are held at the elementary schools in the afternoon twice a week. Games are played at Morello Park on Saturdays. Fifty children are playing the sport.
- Preschool T-ball ended this month. Barbara Patchin and her staff had a great time teaching twenty-seven youngsters Tee Ball. Happy dads provided assistance and coaching skills.