

## CITY OF MARTINEZ

## MEMO

Date: November 24, 2009  
To: Karen Majors, Assistant City Manager  
From: Patty Lorick, Recreation Supervisor  
Subject: November Staff Report

### Adult Sports

- A three softball tournaments were held at Waterfront/DiMaggio, November 7, 14 & 15. Softball tournaments will begin again, March 2010.
- Tournament Directors are being contacted about securing softball/baseball tournament dates in 2010.
- Coed Softball ended November 4. Elite took the championship from the Bunnies in the last game of the season. Winning teams from Men's and Coed will be awarded shirts they help to design.

### Aquatics

- I attended a Bay Area Public Pool Operator's Meeting in Pleasant Hill, November 17.
- The basic pool design was presented to the City Council, November 18 and was adopted at the meeting. The Council provided high praise to the committee members working on the project.
- Recreation is fielding calls from residential and commercial pool contractors.
- Ken Moeller of Archpac and an architect inventoried all the trees and bushes at the pool. They determined that only eleven trees were worth saving. Dave Lusty, Park Supervisor, agreed with their assessment. The remaining vegetation will be removed and replaced with something more appropriate. All the Oleander will be removed.

### Brochure

- Staff has begun designing and preparing the 2010 Winter Spring Activity Guide. The final activity guide will have 16-24 pages and will cover Recreation and Senior Services programs from January through April.

### Cemetery

- Halloween Cemetery Tour was held October 31. Thirty people attended the tour.
- Staff continues to field questions about the cemetery and its residents.

### Fee Classes

The following classes were held in November: Instrumental Music at Morello Park 15; belly dance 6; dance 2; gymnastics 2; Lasting Impressions 14; Music classes 1, Tiny Tumblers 2; Children's Stranger Danger.

### Special Events

- Down Town Halloween Event – Six to seven hundred people went Trick or Treating throughout the downtown businesses. Recreation provided face painting and crafts.

- **Holiday Frolic** – The focus of November is getting prepared for the December 4 event. Seven hundred lights will be distributed to children walking in the parade. Air jumps, games, face painting, balloon animals and crafts will be offered free to families. Recreation Services is working with Joseph and Judye Palmer, Main Street Martinez, Martinez Library, Martinez Museum and mARTinez Gallery and city staff to make Friday, December 4, an outstanding evening for everyone. Ice skating begins at 11:00 a.m. The Snow Park opens at 1:00 p.m. Hot Cocoa with Frosty, The Gingerbread House and Reindeer Stop at the Library will open at 3:00 p.m. and the Tree of Spirit will be lit at 5:30 p.m. The Children’s Light Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. free activities on Main Street will be held from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. and Santa will visit with children from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. New this year is the giant board game area.
- **Library – Mad Hatter’s** crafts and stories were held November 17. Thirty-five people attended.
- **Letters from Santa** - Recreation Services is now taking requests for Santa Letters. To date 105 letters have been reserved. These letters will be mailed out to children around December 14.
- **Fall Frenzy Camp** – Twenty children are enjoying three days of crafts, games, tennis, hiking, and more at Golden Hills, November 23-25.

### **SPECIAL POPULATIONS PROGRAMS**

- Residential and Educational Services Art - Barbara Patchin and I visit RES each Tuesday and provide crafts, music and activities for the students at the Ferry Street Center. We serve approximately five to ten students each day.

### **TEENS**

- **Face Painting Class**, Tuesday, November 24 for Holiday Frolic Volunteers. Three volunteers attended this two-hour class. Volunteers learned how to paint small cheek designs up to full faces.
- **Holiday Frolic Staff Training** – Forty high school students attended event training for the December 5 event. Five to six thousand people are expected to attend the event. We trained volunteers and paid staff on rules and regulations, safety, and event details.
- **Light Wands** – We have teen volunteers testing 720 light wands; checking costumes and group supplies.

### **YOUTH SPORTS**

- **Football** ended with the Turkey Bowl at Morello Park, Saturday, November 14.
- **Basketball** registrations are now being taken for the upcoming season.
- **Scholarship Program** – Recreation is seeing an increased need for scholarships this fall.
- **AYSO** – Winter Select permits were issued.

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**AQUATICS**

- Staff is working with Martinez Unified School District to secure swim time for lessons for 2010 at the Alhambra Pool.
- I met with Jennifer Chirelli MCST president and Coach Keelan Kirshen to discuss their Alhambra High School Pool use request.

**ADULT SPORTS**

- Staff is working on packets for Spring / Summer softball.

**BROCHURE**

- The Winter/Spring Activity Guide is now on line.
- Recreation is working with instructors and camps to provide activities and classes for summer 2010.

**CEMETERY**

- Periodically the Recreation Office answers inquires on ancestors in the cemetery to more difficult questions concerning the procedure for burying remains

**FEE CLASSES**

- The following classes were held this month: Belly Dance 7, Stranger Danger 6, Dance 2, Lasting Impressions 14
- Recreation has just added for Pre-schoolers, New Toy Ride at the Amphitheatre, Spring Fling, Jr. Crime Fighters, Pre-school Drawing, Young Rembrandts also for elementary children. Adult classes: Piano for busy people, Twitter for busy people and Maximum Health, Maximum Happiness.

**FIELD PERMITS**

- Staff is working with leagues to secure dates, times and fields for youth and adult use.
- Soccer permits were issued for AYSO.
- Staff is working with the Little League and Martinez Baseball Club to secure date and fields.

**LIBRARY EVENTS**

- Reindeer Stop had 125 people attend.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Recreation Staff picked up Santa at the train depot on Saturday Dec. 5 to take to Santa House.
- City of Martinez and the Recreation Dept. is now using Twitter.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

- Holiday Frolic was another huge success. Staff handed out 700 lights to the children for the parade. Thousands of people braved the cold weather to participate in the downtown holiday activities. The giant games were a big hit for young and old. Thanks to a number of groups and organizations, collectively we brought a wonderful family event to Martinez. The participating groups were the Martinez Library, Martinez Historical Society, mARTinez Gallery, Child Time, Natural Healings, Marty Ochoa, Cole Real Estate, RCM rentals, First Congregational Church and our own Public Works Department. Martinez Police Department Cadets, Additionally, Main Street/Shell Oil's Snow Park and Visits from Santa were also very successful.
- Letter's From Santa – 226 letters were mailed to youngsters in California and across the nation.

## **TOURNAMENTS**

- Staff is working on scheduling tournaments for the 2010 season at Waterfront Park.

## **SPECIAL POPULATIONS**

- Santa stopped by both RES Centers for a pre-holiday visit.

## **WINTER MINI CAMP**

- Was held at Nancy Boyd, we are starting over again with the young children. Arts and Crafts, hot cocoa and sports were a big hit.

## **YOUTH SPORTS**

- After School Basketball practices are being held at Las Juntas, Hidden Valley, John Swett, John Muir and Morello Elementary. Sixty-eight children are participating. Games are held Saturday Mornings at the Boys and Girls Club.