

CITY OF MARTINEZ

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To: Mitch Austin, Recreation Manager

From: Patty Lorick, Recreation Supervisor

Subject: Mid-September to Mid-October Staff Report

ADULT SPORTS

- Men's Fall D League will end October 15. Four teams play Friday nights at Tavan Field. The season is going well and should end with a excitement as two teams play for the title of champion.

AQUATICS

- The Rankin Aquatic Complex Groundbreaking, September 11 went very well thanks to all the commissioners and city council members attending. Staff estimates that sixty people in all attended the short ceremony.
- Demolition of the pool began September 27.
- The building, decks, pools, greenery were completely removed by October 8.

BROCHURE

- Staff has begun working on the new Winter Spring Brochure for 2011. Instructors or businesses are already inquiring about our summer 2011 brochure and class offerings.

CLASSES

- The following classes were held this month: belly dance 5; bowling 6; gymnastics 3; Art for Home Schoolers 4; Dance 2; Lasting Impressions 9, Tiny Tumblers 1.

FIELD/FACILITY PERMITS

- AHS/College Park – Cross country meets.
- Fit Kids – After School Program for Hidden Valley School one day a week.

LIBRARY

- The following themed activities were jointly held by the Library and Recreation: Boats and Birds 6; Choo Choo All Aboard 30. Activities included walking tours of the train and harbor master office, crafts, beading and story time.

MEMORIAL BENCH PROGRAM

- We expect to receive shipment of the new Ignacio Plaza Bench for the Winslow Sisters any day. The Victorian style metal bench will replace one of the worn wooden benches currently in the plaza.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **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.
- **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.
- **Mutt Strutt** – Eighty people and thirty dogs participated in the annual family dog show. The dogs in the categories of best name, looks most like owner, best tail, fastest tail and best trick. All dogs participating were sent home with a goody bag of dog bones and a little prize.
- **Twilight Fishing Derby** - A twilight fishing derby was held for kids ages 3 - 14 at the Martinez Marina, Friday evening, September 18. An estimated 150 parents and youngsters enjoyed an evening of fishing. Nineteen fish and one crab were caught during the two hour derby. Many of the children, introduced to fishing for the first time, quickly became anglers. It didn't matter whether they used a ten-dollar fishing pole or an expensive rod and reel, they excitement over fish caught was enormous.
- **Martinez Restaurant Tour** -The Restaurant Tour was a big success. Two hundred and twenty-five people enjoyed the culinary delights of eighteen restaurants. Downtown merchants generously donated items for the gift basket. All proceeds from this event will be used to hire magicians, jugglers, puppeteers, etc. for free family after school and library shows. Feedback from the participants was excellent, everyone had a great time and look forward to next year's event. Looking at the addressed from the event participants, we had folks from surrounding cities as well as Grass Valley, San Francisco, Mountain View, Newman and Mt. Pleasant, Minnesota.
- **Holiday Light Parade and Holiday Frolic** – Seven hundred light wands have been delivered and Recreation has begun setting in motion staff, volunteers, supplies and equipment. The Martinez Museum will reprise the Gingerbread House, the Library will hold the Reindeer Stop, the mARTinez Gallery will provide a craft project and Natural Healings will host the lighting of the Spirit Tree. Finally, Main Street will be back with the Snow Park.
- **Truck Day, September 23** in Ignacio Plaza. Martinez Police, Valley Waste Disposal, Martinez Public Works and Contra Costa Fire Department provided truck for youngsters to climb in and around. The most popular activity was honking the horn and turn on the siren in all the vehicles. Approximately 100 people attended.
- **Tony Border Puppets** – Well over 120 people attended the puppet show with a message on “Stranger Danger.”
- **Dan Chan the Magic Man** – One hundred and ten youngsters and adults giggled and ahhed at Dan's show.

PICNIC RENTALS

- Three hundred and thirty eight picnic and facility rentals have been taken to date.
- The Kiwanis Building was rented this month for a funeral reception.

TEENS

- High school 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.
- Staff was invited to talk to a career class at Martinez Junior High, Thursday, September 14 about recreation as a profession. It seems that Amy Poehler show, “Parks and Recreation” as spurred an interest our vocation with the teens.

TOURNAMENTS

Tournaments are scheduled until mid-November. Kid’s tournaments have been packing Joe DiMaggio Fields with teams, parents, grandparents and siblings. Staff has been found a number of teams and parents shopping and eating in downtown while waiting for their next games. Here are the tournaments that have been held in at Joe DiMaggio Fields to date:

- September 11-12, boys baseball
- September 18-19, girls fast pitch
- September 25-26, boys baseball
- October 2-3, boys baseball
- October 9, annual county staff softball tournament
- October 10, DVC girls fast pitch

YOUTH SPORTS

- After School Sports Flag Football 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.
- Punt, Pass and Kick – Three ASSP students went on to the Oakland Regional Competition. One youngster took second place and returned to practice excited to talk about his adventures in Oakland.