

CITY OF MARTINEZ

MEMO

Date: November 10, 2011
To: Mitch Austin, Recreation Manager
From: Patty Lorick, Recreation Supervisor
Subject: October Staff Report

AQUATICS

- Contractors were on site working on punch list items.
- An AED or automatic external defibrillator was purchased for the pool. The aquatic staff is very excited to finally receive this life saving device.

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.

CEMETERY TOURS

- **Elementary School** – Three classes with a total of 116 people toured the cemetery.
- **Adult** – Three evening and one afternoon tour were held. Approximately ninety people participated.

CLASSES

- The following classes were held this month: Architecture for Kids 4; Bowling 3; Hip Hop 1
- The new Red Cross first aid course was taught to the teachers of a local preschool.
- Eleven youngsters participated in a Boy Scout and Girl Scout first aid badge program.

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

- **Darius Jones Run** – A group raising funds to purchase AED (automatic external defibrillators) for high schools held at run at the Amphitheater. Several hundred people participated in the run.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Martinez Restaurant Tour** was held in Martinez, Saturday, October 8, 208 people sampled food from seventeen downtown restaurants. The event was a huge success and was compared to A.Trick 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, ElSobrante, Rodeo, and Antioch.
- **Choo Choo All Aboard** – Eight children and approximately seven 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 attended 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.
- **Creekside Montessori's Halloween Parade** –Thirty-six preschoolers and forty parents and teachers Trick or Treated through City Hall. Recreation provided stories, crafts, candy and the tour.
- **Haunted Library**, October 31. Fifty people came to the library for the “haunted library, “fortune telling” with Madam Zelda, face painting, crafts and more.
- **Main Street Trunk or Treat** – Recreation staff will face paint and provide crafts for the four hour event. Staff estimates about 3,000 people attended the 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.
- **Oohs, Ahs and Giggles** –
 - **Truck Day in Ignacio Plaza**. Martinez Police, Valley Waste Disposal, 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** - 90
 - **Bubble Lady** - 120
 - **Fur, Scales and Tails** - 125

PICNIC RENTALS

- The picnic rental season ended the weekend of October 22-23. A total of 262 rentals were taken between February and October. Picnic and facilities were reserved between April 1 and October 23.

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.

TOURNAMENTS

- Four tournaments were held this month at Waterfront/DiMaggio Ball Fields. One adult softball, two girls fast pitch softball and one boys baseball tournament were held during the month.

YOUTH SPORTS

- After School Sports Flag Football will finish their season November 19 with a Turkey Bowl. 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.