

CITY OF MARTINEZ

MEMO

Date: November 14, 2012
To: Alan Shear, Assistant City Manager
From: Patty Lorick, Recreation Supervisor
Subject: October Staff Report

AQUATICS

- Contractors were on site working on final punch list items. The project will go to council December 5 for acceptance.
- An end of the season party for water aerobics was held October 2.
- Rankin Aquatic Center hosted International recognized speaker on drowning, US Coast Guard Maritime Casualty Specialist, Mario Vittone at the Campbell Theater, Saturday, October 6. Mario gave a presentation to local lifeguards on drowning prevention. The group then headed to the Rankin Aquatic Center for a tour of the new facility.

BROCHURE

- Staff has begun working on the new Winter Spring Brochure for 2013. Instructors or businesses are already inquiring about our summer 2013 brochure and class offerings.

CEMETERY TOURS

- **Elementary School** – Three classes with a total of 120 people toured the cemetery.
- **Adult** – Four evening and two afternoon tours were held. Approximately 120 people participated.

CLASSES

- Twelve youngsters participated in a Boy Scout and Girl Scout Basic First Aid Class.

FIELD/FACILITY PERMITS

- AHS/College Park – Cross country meets.

LIBRARY

- 10/1: Humane Society program on how to interact with dogs: 22, Knitting Class: 15
- 10/2: Mother Goose Story Time: 20
- 10/8: knitting: 19, Pajama Story Time: 7
- 10/9: Mother Goose Story Time: 34
- 10/10: Wednesday board games: 2
- 10/15: knitting: 10
- 10/16: Mother Goose Story Time: 24
- 10/22: meet the candidate story time: 12, knitting: 8
- 10/23: Mother Goose Story Time: 29
- 10/29: Halloween Story Time with activities: 60

- 10/30: origami: 11

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 6, 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, El Sobrante, Rodeo, and Antioch.
- **Marty O's Candy Hunt** – A crowd of about 200 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.
- **Choo Choo All Aboard** – Twelve 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.



*Halloween at the
Library*

- **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. Sixty 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 provided crafts and face painting for the four hour event. The event was held during the Sunday Farmer’s Market. The streets were packed with people from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



- **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, November 30. 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.



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- **Holiday Light Parade and Holiday Frolic Continued** – Six hundred light wands have been delivered and we have 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.



– Performers in October were Tony Borders’ Puppets, Cowgirl Tricks and Fur, Scales and Tails. Over 150 people came to the shows.

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- **Home Tour** – City Hall was a stop on the Historical Society’s Home Tour. Barbara Patchin, Recreation Coordinator prepared the displays, made the refreshments and answered questions. One hundred and seventy-five people came through City Hall.

- **Oohs, Ahs and Giggles**

PICNIC RENTALS

- The picnic rental season ended the weekend of October 20-21. A total of 286 rentals were taken between February and October. Picnic and facilities were reserved between April 1 and October 21.

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.

TOURNAMENTS

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

YOUTH SPORTS

- After School Sports Flag Football will finish their season November 17 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.
- Preschool Sports – Twelve children participated in t-ball and soccer.



*Refused to leave the
Police Car!*



Crafty Ninja's at Trunk or Treat



Martinez PD at Marty O's Halloween Candy Hunt



It's all about the Princess Dress!



Holiday Highlands Park is popular with the Spidey crowd!



Trunk or Treat was a huge success!