

CITY OF MARTINEZ

MEMO

Date: December 12, 2012
To: Alan Shear, Assistant City Manager
From: Patty Lorick, Recreation Supervisor
Subject: November Staff Report

Aquatics

- Benches were cleaned, sanitized and stored inside the bathhouse.

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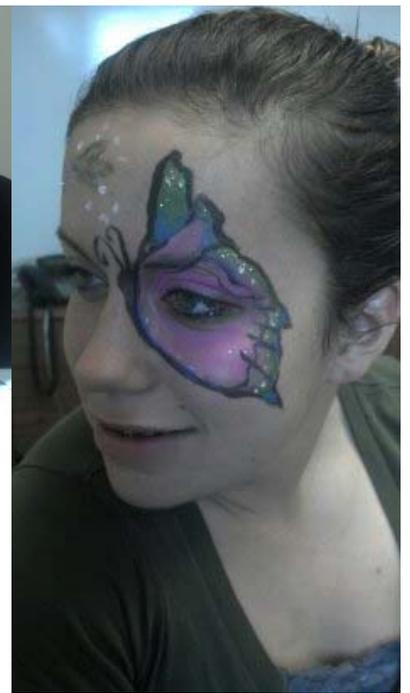
- Staff has begun designing and preparing the 2013 Winter Spring Activity Guide. The final activity guide will have 16-24 pages and will cover Recreation and Senior Services programs from January through April.

Special Events

- **Fall Frenzy Camp** – Twenty children are enjoyed three days of crafts, games, tennis, hiking, and more at Rankin Aquatic Swim Center, November 19-21.
- **Holiday Frolic** – The focus of November was preparing for the Holiday Frolic, November 30, training staff, purchasing supplies and cleaning costumes. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other ideas. Four days of rain and wind sent us into survival mode. The Snow Park was moved indoors. Video games replaced the ice skating rink. The free activities on Main were canceled, crafts, giant board games and jump house. The Parade was also canceled. We did hold the holiday themed activities, indoors along Court Street. Natural Healings was the site of the Hot Cocoa with Frosty. The Reindeer Stop was held at the Veteran's Hall. The Library was hoping as Candy Cane Lane. Our friends at mARTinez Gallery kept the children busy with recycled crafts and the Martinez Museum became the Gingerbread House. Approximately 300 people went to the free activities on Court Street. In between showers, Mark Ross and Frosty the Snow Man lit the "Tree of Spirit." Main Street was able to operate the Snow Park/Santa visits for two of the three days.
- **Letters from Santa** - Recreation Services is now taking requests for Santa Letters. To date, over 200 letters have been reserved. These letters will be mailed out to children around December 14.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

- 11/5: Corvid Connection story time: 26 (Corvid is a type of bird)
- 11/6: Mother goose time: 23, Knitting: 5
- 11/13: Mother goose time: 24, Origami: 5
- 11/14: Wii Wednesday: 5
- 11/20: Logo story time: 26, knitting: 8
- 11/26: Pajama story time: 5
- 11/27: Mother Goose time: 19
- 11/30: Holiday Frolic: I'd say between 150-175



Teenagers learned to paint faces for the Holiday Frolic

TEENS

- **Face Painting Class**, Tuesday, November 20 for Holiday Frolic Volunteers. Four volunteers attended this two-hour class. Volunteers were given an introduction to face painting supplies and taught how to paint small cheek designs up to full faces.
- **Holiday Frolic Staff Training** – Twenty high school students attended event training for the November 30 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** – Seven hundred lighted pinwheels, snow men, crowns, etc were tested for the light parade.
- **Babysitter's Workshop** – November 19, ten participants.

YOUTH SPORTS

- **Football** ended with the Turkey Bowl at Morello Park, Saturday, November 17.
- **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.

SNOW PARK

Holiday Frolic Pictures



Building the snow park



Getting ready to blow snow!



Finally Snow!



Hot Cocoa with Frosty at Natural Healings



Veterans Hall ~Reindeer Stop



Library~ Candy Cane Lane