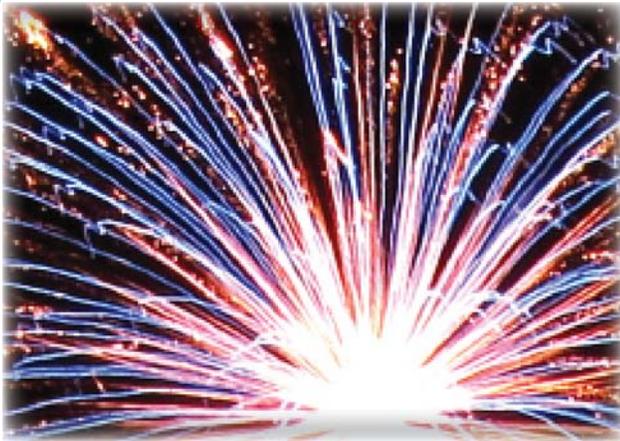


Martinez City News

July 2, 2015



July 4th is approaching and the City of Martinez is gearing up for festivities. Join us to celebrate with the 10:00 a.m. parade and then join the crowd at the Waterfront for the 9:30 p.m. show.

Fireworks are provided by the City of Martinez with assistance from East Bay Regional Park District. Special thanks to Republic Services, Newell Auto Group and Shell for making this event possible. More information pg.4

The 4th of July is one of the biggest holidays of the year. It's a day to enjoy barbeques, firework displays, and it's a chance to kick back and relax. Unfortunately, whether it's too much alcohol, fireworks gone wrong, or potato salad gone funky, many people around the United States find themselves sick or injured. Luckily, if you follow a few simple tips, you can avoid rushing to the emergency room this 4th of July.

Statistics show that over 7,000 people each year get treated for 4th of July related accidents. Don't be one of them. Stay safe this year and have a happy 4th of July!

Safety Tip: Responsible Drinking

Drink responsibly and make sure your guests are drinking responsibly. If you let someone leave your home after consumption of one too many cocktails, you could be at fault in the event of an accident. Make sure to have designated drivers to those who will be heading home.

Safety Tips: Take Care of Your Pets

Each year pets around the country die of preventable heatstroke. The 4th of July is often a warm and eventful day and precautions should be taken to remember the safety of animals. Before taking your pet along on a 4th of July excursion, consider the following: Is the weather too hot for your pet? Will the fireworks scare your pet? Will you be able to supply your pet with much needed water throughout the day? Find more tips on www.petmd.com.

Fireworks are Illegal

Personal fireworks are illegal in Contra Costa County. Fireworks are not toys and under no condition are they safe for children. The California drought will only make these explosives more dangerous and an errant firework could start a major fire.



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Hidden Lakes Park Soccer Field Renovation

In November 2008 Martinez voters approved Measure H providing funding to rehabilitate parks, reconstruct the Municipal Pool at Rankin Park and Renovate our Downtown Library.

The city has kicked off the Hidden Lakes Park Soccer Field Renovation Project proposing to replace the natural turf soccer field with an artificial, multi use field. The track around the field along with paths in the park will also be rehabilitated. Construction of safety fencing and ADA upgrades will be included in the project.



health and safety studies associated with artificial turf fields. Studies cited at the workshop show that turf fields along with infill material meet all environmental and safety standards.

One of several field layouts reviewed at the workshop is depicted to the left. A preferred layout and suggested types of artificial turf and infill materials will be presented to the PRMCC on July 21st for approval. It is anticipated that on September 2nd the City Council will review the PRMCC recommendation.

More information about this and other Measure H projects found here: http://www.cityofmartinez.org/depts/engineering/measure_h_park_improvement_projects.asp

City staff conducted a public workshop focusing on

2015 Bay Area Council Poll:

Bay Area residents say the region's super-heated economy may be reaching a plateau. Topping residents' list of concerns is California's drought, followed closely by housing costs and overall cost of living. East Bay counties of Alameda and Contra Costa identified crime and public safety high on their list of concerns. Full story at www.bayareacouncil.org



Annual Fishing Derby



Kids ages 5-12 are invited to participate **Saturday, July 11th, 10 am to Noon** for a morning of FREE fishing at the Martinez Marina. Bring your fishing rod, we will supply the bait! Everyone who participates receives a prize. A parent or guardian must accompany all children to sign photo/liability release. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, July 9th to participate. To register, go to www.cityofmartinez.org or contact Martinez Recreation (925) 372-3510.

Space is limited to 40 children.

No fishing license is required.



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Citizens Fundraise for Police K9



Seth Kozlowski and Lenore Delfino, both members of Martinez Grange, spearheaded the fundraising of the newest member of the Martinez Police Department K9 unit. The initial fundraising campaign included representation at the Bay Area Blues Festival as well as donation jars in local businesses. These donation jars received several hundred dollars as well as increased publicity leading to fundraising efforts from several other Martinez citizens. Two 'Go Fund Me' accounts were created to promote donations for the canine, along with several businesses and organizations making substantial donations to the program. Seth and Lenore's goal of raising the \$10,000 was achieved less than a year later from creation. The Martinez Police department thanks them for their efforts.



(Photo taken along Marina Vista west of shell ave.)

Help Keep Martinez Clean!

Public Works crews worked with Union Pacific Railroad to abate some graffiti on railroad over passes this June. Union Pacific provided safety flagging while city crews painted over the graffiti. Tips on Preventing/Removing Graffiti may be found at www.cityofmartinez.org/depts/police.

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Rising Sun Energy Center's California Youth Energy Services (CYES) program provides residents with no-cost energy and water conservation services. This program helps cities reach Climate Action Plan targets and addresses California's drought. Since 2000, Rising Sun has provided no-cost energy and water conservation services to over 28,000 residents throughout the Bay Area: 214 of which were located in the City of Martinez.



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Fourth of July Events

The 7th Annual 4th of July Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. in downtown Martinez. Over 40 entries including many community groups will march down Main Street. More information on Pancake Breakfast, Flag Raising Ceremony and Hometown Parade visit www.mainstreetmartinez.org.

Pyrotechnics begin around 9:30p.m., lasting approximately twenty-five minutes. Waterfront Park will be closed to cars after 6 p.m. with limited Handicapped Parking available. Please help keep the community clean by packing out all garbage or place it in the receptacles provided.



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Planning	(925) 372-3515
Public Works	(925) 372-3580
Parks & Recreation	(925) 372-3510
Senior Center	(925) 370-8770
Website	www.cityofmartinez.org

MARTINEZ ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Mark Ross	Vice Mayor
Lara DeLaney	Councilmember
AnaMarie Avila Farias	Councilmember
Debbie McKillop	Councilmember
Richard Hernandez	City Clerk
Carolyn Robinson	City Treasurer

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

July 4 th	9:30 p.m.	4th of July Fireworks
July 11 th	10:00 a.m.	Annual Fishing Derby
July 13 th	6:00 p.m.	DRUMMM circle, Library Event
July 27 th	6:00 p.m.	Bonnie Lockhart, Library Event
July 30 th	2:00 p.m.	Magic of Bill, Dynamite Thur.

AUGUST

August 1	8:00 a.m.	Martinez Peddlers Faire
August 1	11:00 a.m.	Beaver Festival
August 1	2:00 p.m.	Muir Station Jazz Band
August 1 st & 2 nd	1:00 p.m.	3 rd Annual Shakespeare in the Park
August 4 th	Evening	National Night Out
August 6 th	2:00 p.m.	MiketheSpiderMan, Dynamite Thur.
August 7 th	2:00 p.m.	MiketheSnakeMan, Dynamite Thur.
August 15 th	10:30 a.m.	H.A.L.O Angel Ears, Library Event
August 16 th	10:00 a.m.	46 th Annual Art in the Park

City Council Meetings

Regular City Council Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. City Council adjourns for a Summer Recess during the month of August. Meetings are televised on Friday following Wednesday's meeting on the Public Access Channel 28 (U-Verse Channel 99) at 7:30 p.m.