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County Connection Introduces Martinez Community Shuttle



Monday, August 17th marks the launching of Route 3. The Martinez Community Shuttle will provide service between the downtown district and the businesses along Arnold Drive, including the Village Oaks Shopping Center and Walmart. The new shuttle also serves Contra Costa Regional Medical Center, Kaiser, Adult Education Services, and the Senior Center. The Community Shuttle will run hourly between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, and include several new stops on Estudillo St., Pine St., and Arnold Dr. – areas where no transit service currently exists. All standard fares apply, including the free mid-day program for seniors (65+) and disabled passengers. Schedules will be available at Amtrak, the Chamber of Commerce, Martinez City Offices, hospitals and County Connection.

County Connection customer service can be reached by phone at (925) 676-7500, or online at countyconnection.com.

City Completes Upgrade to EV Charging Station



The electric vehicle charging station located near Amtrak has now received major upgrades. The previous station had been inoperable since September 2013 and was replaced with a ChargePoint dual port, Level 2, 240V station designed to accommodate fast and simultaneous charging of two electric vehicles delivering up to 25 miles of Range Per Hour (RPH). Additionally, the station now has two stalls exclusively dedicated for electric vehicle charging.

The project cost approximately \$10K to complete including \$2K in rebates from 511 Contra Costa, and ChargePoint, the station supplier. Pricing on the station is set at \$1/hour, with 24 hour maximum occupancy and charges capped at \$12. Revenues generated from the station are used to pay for station-related expenses.

This new station and the network of over 22,000 charging spots are available to all drivers. Drivers can sign up for an account and receive a charging card at chargepoint.com/get-started. To start charging, drivers simply tap their ChargePoint card in front of the station, use the ChargePoint mobile app, or call the 1-888 number printed on the ChargePoint station. ChargePoint provides 24/7 driver support at 1-888-758-4389.



Joltin Joe
takes 2nd place in
Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic



More information can be found at
<http://tahoewoodenboats.com>

WATER CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

Every Drop Counts. Martinez Water Superintendent Chris Kania, and Contra Costa Water District Water Conservation Supervisor Chris Dundon, kicked off the July Water



Conservation Essentials workshop by explaining and answering questions about the current drought situation and the associated State and local regulatory changes.

Sustainability expert Todd Sutton, aka the “Waste Sleuth”, and the workshop’s lead instructor, explored the various ways residents can conserve water to meet the City’s 25% water reduction requirement. Attendees learned about indoor and outdoor water saving opportunities, greywater systems, and rain barrel catchment systems.

Residents who were unable to attend will have the opportunity to view playback of the workshop on the City Channel (channel 28/29 for Comcast and Astound customers) in the coming weeks. Stay tuned to our website for dates and times when the playback becomes available.

2015 Drought Program

Facing the fourth-consecutive dry year and severely reduced water supplies, Governor Jerry Brown mandated a 25 % statewide reduction in water use. The entire 2015 25% Drought Management Plan is available on-line at www.cityofmartinez.org

Flood Zone Designations

The city has been a participant with the National Flood Insurance Program since 1995. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) publishes Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). FIRM are the official maps of a community. The official map of a community on which FEMA has delineated both the special hazard areas and the risk premium zones applicable to the city.

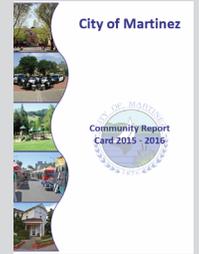
FEMA's recently completed Coastal Study introduced a new flood zone designation (Zone V) for areas along coasts subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event, with additional hazards associated with storm-induced waves.



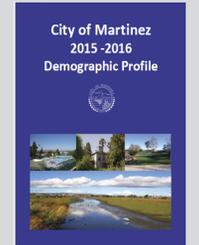
The Study also designated certain properties, generally located near the bay, as being within a flood zone. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements and floodplain management standards apply for areas within these zones. The modified flood hazard determination and the revised map panels will be effective September 30, 2015.

For more information call the city at (925) 372-3515 or visit <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program>

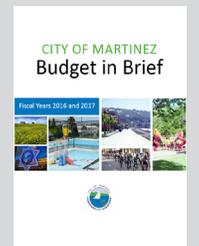
City Publications *now available online*



Community Report 2015-2016



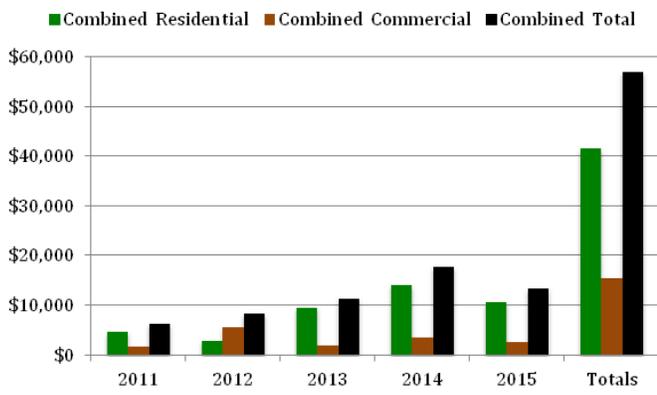
Demographic Profile 2015-2016



Budget in Brief 2016 and 2017

Development Activity

The following chart shows city development activity by type for the last five years (note 2015 data displays through May). As the chart indicates, most of the activity has been residential; residential activity has averaged 70% of total activity over the past five years.



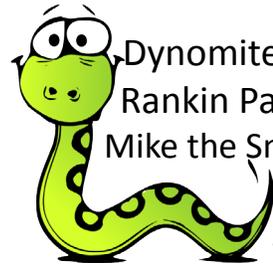
	Combined Residential	Combined Commercial	Total	% Residential	% Commercial
2011	\$4,605	\$1,700	\$6,305	73%	27%
2012	\$2,874	\$5,500	\$8,374	34%	66%
2013	\$9,500	\$1,900	\$11,400	83%	17%
2014	\$14,100	\$3,615	\$17,715	80%	20%
2015	\$10,600	\$2,710	\$13,310	80%	20%
Totals	\$41,679	\$15,425	\$57,104	70%	30%

* Figures in 000's



Community Events -- August

Muir Station Jazz Band
Saturday August 1st @ 2:00 p.m.
Martinez Library presents traditional Dixieland jazz. The solid rhythm and overall uplifting sounds of this band will be the most fun you'll have this summer!



Dynomite Thursdays @ Rankin Park
Mike the Snake Man
August 13th @ 2:00 p.m.

SHAKESPEARE FREE FESTIVAL

Join us for the **Sixth Annual Shakespeare in the Park**

MACBETH

Directed by Clinton Vidal

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

August 1st & 2nd @ 3:00 p.m.

Martinez Waterfront Amphitheater
115 Tarantino Drive

Join the friends of Vallejo Shakespeare in the Park benefits include a wine and cheese reception, reserved seating area, meet and greet with the actors and more. Vallejoshakespeare@gmail.com



46th Annual Art in the Park

August 16th 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This Susana Park event continues to be enthusiastically attended by returning artists, musicians and vendors. Enjoy a tree-lined venue of art, food, and drinks to the background of live music provided by local singers and bands. Visit www.martinezarts.org for more information.



Monday Night Movie

presented by Martinez Library
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
August 31st @ 6:00 p.m.



National Night Out

Tuesday, August 4th

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie with the goal of making our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Activities across the nation include block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and other various community events. Contact your NPA Officer & find out what's going on in your NPA, or to host an event. A list of NPA officers can be found at <http://www.cityofmartinez.org/depts/police>



Playground Program

Rankin Park Playground program reaches week #6 in August! Western week (just one of the varying themes) included a Chuck Wagon lunch served with homemade corn bread. The program is averaging 40/day, with a total of over 120 participants.



More information on Community Events can be found at (925) 372-3510

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.

The City Council generally recesses during August. However, the City is planning an August meeting. Go to our website for scheduling information.

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Finance/Water.....	(925) 372-3575
Building.....	(925) 372-3550
Engineering.....	(925) 372-3515
Planning.....	(925) 372-3515
Public Works.....	(925) 372-3580
Parks & Recreation.....	(925) 372-3510
Senior Center.....	(925) 370-8770
Personnel Job Hotline.....	(925) 372-3513
Information Events Telephone.....	(925)372-3463

MARTINEZ ELECTED OFFICIALS

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AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember
Debbie M^cKillop, Councilmember

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