

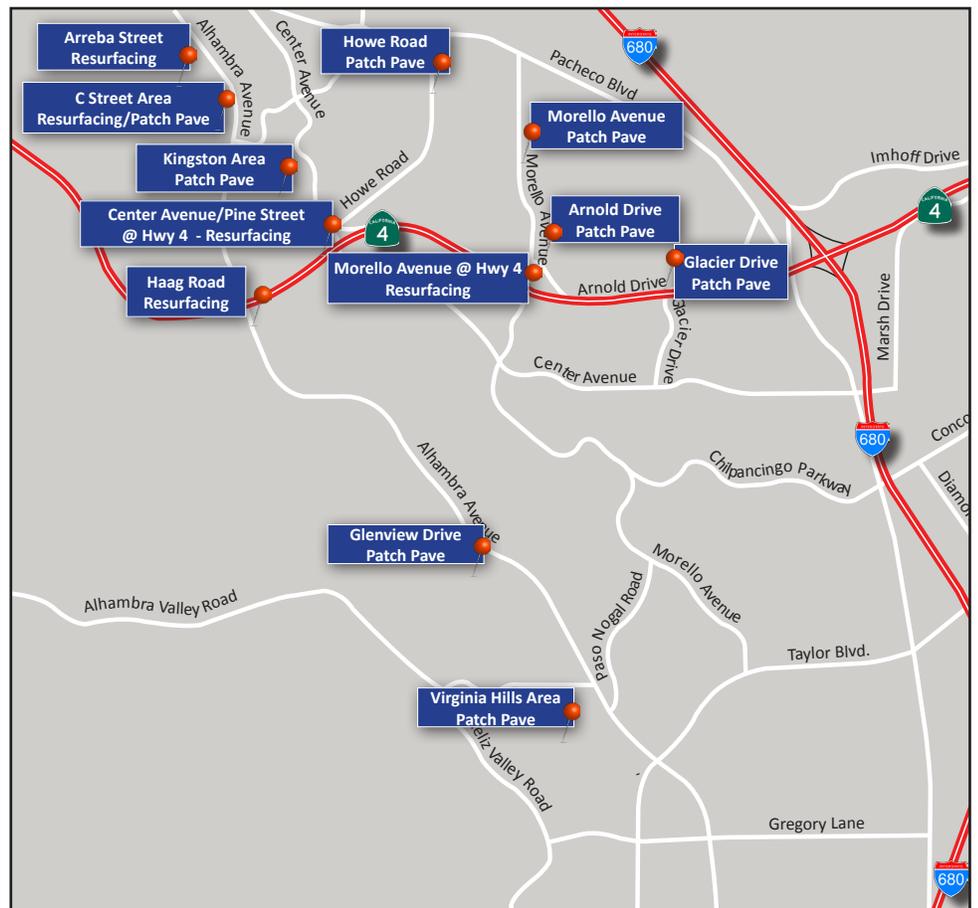
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STREET RESURFACING

Over the next eighteen months, the City will be investing nearly \$2.6M in our roadways. The funds come from a combination of accumulated gas tax, Measure J half-cent sales tax return, to source and grant funds. The City recently received favorable bids to complete the work. And the contract is scheduled for award on October 7th. Work should begin within six weeks of award. Streets included in the base project are Center Avenue, Morello Avenue, and Glacier Drive at Highway 4. Additionally, "C" Street, Arreba Street, and Haag Road will be resurfaced. The project also includes patch paving on several streets in preparation of seal coating. These areas include Glenview Drive, Kingston Avenue area, and Virginia Hills area. With the savings realized with favorable bids, it is anticipated work may be extended to Carquinez Scenic Drive, Pine Street, Center Avenue near Hidden Valley School, and Glacier Drive south of Arnold Drive.

Prior to July 1, 2016, it is planned to award a contract to seal coat the streets receiving preparatory work this fall. The budget for the seal coat project is \$900K. Lastly, the City has received a grant to reconstruct Brown Street and to pave Green Street and, depending on funding, slurry seal Escobar along with installing handicap ramps. The amount of the Grant is



approximately \$1.3M and can only be used in the areas described.

Although the near term funding outlook is good, long-term street maintenance funding is bleak. The State has drastically reduced the amount of gas tax for street rehabilitation. Without new sources of funding, our streets will continue to deteriorate.





MOUNTAIN VIEW PARK

Mt. View Park located on Parkway Drive off of Howe Road: The play equipment areas were combined in a central location of the park and new picnic areas were constructed. The little league field received new fencing, dugouts and seating areas. ADA access and restroom upgrades are also a part of the Project.

Martinez Councilmember's and Park, Marina Cultural Arts Commissioner's took part in the Mt. View Park ribbon cutting ceremony on September 14, 2015. Another measure H project completed. Susana Park will have its ribbon cutting ceremony on October 20. (Left to Right) Councilmember Lara DeLaney, Commissioner Don Pallotta, Commissioner Richard Patchin, Chairman Dylan Radke, Vice Mayor Mark Ross, Mayor Rob Schroder, Commissioner Gay Gerlack and Commissioner Karen Bell-Patten.

SISTER CITY SIGNS

Recent installation of new sister city signs have been installed on Alhambra Avenue near Hwy 4 and on Marina Vista. This is one of many signs to be installed at various locations throughout Martinez. The sign includes the names of the three sister cities: Dunbar, Scotland; Hanchuan, China; and Stresa, Italy.



CITY OF MARTINEZ 2035 GENERAL PLAN AND DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

September 15 marked the beginning of the 45-day public review and circulation period for the 2035 General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). CDs containing both documents were sent out to over 100 interested people. Members of the public and other interested agencies are invited to provide comments on the General Plan and Draft EIR, which can be submitted at City Hall, located at 525 Henrietta Street. The period to submit comments ends October 29, 2015. Both the General Plan and EIR are available for public



GREEN AND ESTUDILLO STREET APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT

The Zoning Administrator recently conducted a public hearing to consider a 12-unit apartment complex at the corner of Green and Estudillo Street. The project was approved; the appeal period has since ended. The project was originally approved in 2005; however, due to a downturn in the economy, was never developed. The current market for rental housing is strong, therefore, the property owner reapplied for the proposed development. The final project plans are now being prepared for submittal and approval.

review on the City's website, at City Hall, and the Martinez library, located at 740 Court Street. The documents and CDs are available for purchase at City Hall during regular business hours.

Please send all comments on the General Plan and Draft EIR to the following address:

City Hall

525 Henrietta St. • Martinez, CA 94553

Deadline is October 29, 2015

NATIONAL CITIZEN SURVEY

The City has commissioned a scientific community survey called the National Citizen Survey (NCS). The survey has gone out to a random group of residents. For those who received, please complete it and send it in. The NCS gathers resident opinion across a range of community issues. Communities using the NCS have reported the tool improved service delivery, strengthened communications with community stakeholders and helped leaders identify clear priorities for use in strategic planning and budget setting. The survey will measure public opinion in eight key areas of community livability in Martinez. Residents are being asked to report their perceptions about the quality of the community and related services, as well as their own engagement within the community.

PIPELINE PATHWAYS PROJECT

PG&E will soon begin the next phase of its Pipeline Pathways Project. The project is a statewide initiative to clear obstructions from the utility company's natural gas lines throughout the state.



PG&E reviewed 326 trees in the public right-of-way in Martinez, and after several field visits with city staff, designated 78 for removal. Work is slated to begin October 5th.



PUBLIC WORKS

Water Distribution maintenance staff replaced the 8" Double Check Valve located at the Veterans hospital this week. The check valve was originally installed in 1989 and was replaced due to test results indicating excessive leakage.



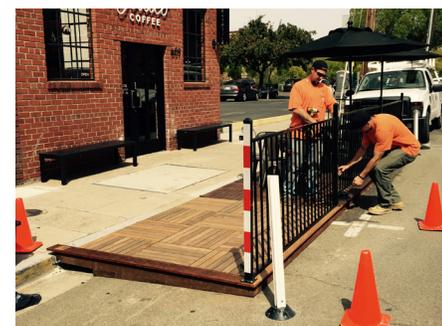
AMTRAK PAINTING

Redwood Painting Company started the painting of the Amtrak station. Work was concentrated on the front entrance side of the station. The crew has made great progress in the prep and painting of the lower doorways and clock tower. The project is expected to take 4 to 6 weeks to complete.

OUTDOOR DINING PLATFORMS

Public Works staff added to the two outdoor dining platforms this week. The first was located on Ward Street for States Coffee. The existing platform was extended by 8 feet with the remaining area to house bike racks and a bicycle work station which will be purchased by States Coffee and installed by the City.

The existing platform located on the 900 block of Main in front of Main Street Deli was enlarged this week. The crews removed a double platform from Barrel Aged Restaurant several weeks ago, cleaned and repurposed the materials before installation.



EL NINO

Weather Planning & Preparation

To help you prepare for the predicted El Nino weather this coming winter, here are useful links with information on what you can do to prepare to safeguard your home and family.

- <http://www.ready.gov/ready2015>
- <http://www.ready.gov/floods>
- <http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/readiness.asp>
- <http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/pdf/be-ready-floods.pdf>



COOLCALIFORNIA CHALLENGE, RESIDENTS CAN SIGN-UP NOW!

The Energy Upgrade California sponsored “CoolCalifornia Challenge” has officially begun! Help Martinez compete to become “California’s Coolest City” by signing up for the Challenge now through March 31st.

Participating Martinez residents will join thousands of households across California helping their cities save energy, conserve water, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and build more vibrant and sustainable communities. Households are encouraged to track and reduce energy use

and transportation/vehicle miles traveled to earn points for the City. Households and community-based organizations can even work together as “EcoTeams” to share sustainability tips and collectively earn points by reducing their respective carbon footprints.

Points are earned as follows:

Green points – are earned by participants once they provide more than one entry of electricity or natural gas usage, as well as more than one odometer reading over a given timeframe (preferably monthly.)

Golden points – are earned by participants for personal energy and vehicle use reductions made over the duration of the competition.

Bonus points – are extra points earned by taking fun, simple actions to increase the community’s involvement in climate action, such as signing up for the Challenge, uploading a photo, sharing sustainability tips, filling out an online survey, and inviting friends to join the Challenge.

The City will promote the Challenge at a variety of upcoming local events and through the media. The City also plans to hold a special Challenge event at City Hall later this year, so stay tuned for more information.

Sign up at www.CAChallenge.org to join the Challenge and begin tracking your home energy use and vehicle miles traveled!

CONGRATS!

MARTINEZ WATER CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENTS

The City of Martinez is doing a fantastic job with water conservation. Residents helped exceed the goal of 25% – reaching 42% in July and 31% in August. This conservation effort has helped the State exceed the 25% statewide conservation mandated in Governor Brown’s April 1, 2015 Executive Order.

Please continue the City’s water conservation to ensure the target is met in future months.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

As the new Police Chief, I want to extend my gratitude to the community, the Police Department, and City Staff for making me feel welcome. These last few weeks have made it clear that we have a great community and I am certain that we will be able to work together to improve our quality of life in a safe and thriving environment.

We want to thank the families that stopped by the police department on several occasions to express their gratitude to our employees. We had two children stop in to drop off cookies and fruit this month, a family dropped off dinner for the officers one night in light of National Thank-a-Cop day, and we had the “Lady Posse” drop off goodie bags to employees in support of their commitment to serve the community. We had employees from Safeway stop in one morning with some baked goods just to show their appreciation. On top of that, we had two of our youth, Lenore Delfino and Seth Kozlowski, embark on a mission to raise money for our canine program. Their efforts raised over \$13,000 from the community and businesses – it was absolutely amazing to see the level of support and coordination involved that will allow us to acquire a new police

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME PREVENTION



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1. Report crime promptly.
2. Fix the broken window.
3. Take away the opportunity for crime.
4. Reach out!
5. Opportunity knocks.
6. Turn your porch light on.
7. Walk around the block.
8. Drive slowly on neighborhood streets.
9. Take ownership.
10. Grow roots.

service dog in the future. They were recognized at a City Council meeting with plaques and we sincerely appreciate their initiative and support.

We want to thank everyone that showed up at the Paul Starzyk flag raising ceremony this month. For those that may not be aware, Sergeant Paul Starzyk was shot and killed in the line of duty in 2008; he sacrificed his life protecting several people from a gunman that opened fire on him during the incident. The City of Martinez also recognized 9/11 with a flag raising ceremony downtown that was attended by the community, law enforcement personnel, the fire department, and our elected officials.

We also wanted to share that we are in the process of putting together Crime Prevention information to share with the community. As we face crime challenges, we would like to send out information to the community, as well as post it on our website – a process that is still evolving. For this newsletter, we have a Crime Prevention Bulletin that lists ten tasks that everyone can follow to increase safety and awareness in their neighborhoods. Take a look at the flier - we cannot emphasize enough that if you see something in your neighborhood that does not look right or may be suspicious, call us and one of our

officers will come out to investigate.

We also plan on creating a community email Crime Trend alert system that will allow us to send out crime related alerts to help people take crime prevention steps, as well as to serve as a reminder to pay attention to potential activity that may be impacting their neighborhoods. In the event that we see a crime trend or pattern emerge, we would like to notify residents and business owners. While it will take some time for this process to come together, we would request that if you wish to opt in to an email alert, send us an email and in the subject line, indicate you would like to be added to the Crime Alert Bulletin list. Please send your email to RJacobs@cityofmartinez.org. As we build the list, we can start sending out information as crime patterns emerge. We will also be posting information on our website in the future – this is still under construction and we will keep you posted on updates. Finally, as we enter the fall season, please be mindful of locking your car and not leaving anything of value visible in the car. Even something that may not have significant value like an empty backpack or loose change can be an invitation for thieves – it is never fun to find that you were the victim of a car break-in while you were away.



MUTT STRUTT 2015

Thirty dogs and fifty people came to this annual event. This was the 14th year for this entertaining event. Dogs paraded in front of three judges. Awards are given for best tail, best trick, looks most like owner, and best costume. There was a grand prize donated by Petco. A great event held at the Martinez Waterfront Amphitheater.

MARTINEZ RESTAURANT TOUR

Saturday, October 10th

1:30 - 4:00 p.m. \$15.00 per person (adults only)

Tickets sold at:

Martinez Recreation, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez Senior Center, 818 Green Street and online @ www.cityofmartinez.org

Fund Raiser for "Oohs, Ahs and Giggles" and a FREE Performing Art Series for Children

Participating restaurants include Barrel Aged, States Coffee, Haute Stuff, Lemongrass, Whiskey Lane, Nu Rays, Saucie's, Barrelista, Sunflower Garden, La Tapatia, Luigi's, Main Street Sweets, Roxx on Main, Starbucks, and Beaver Creek Smokehouse.

THIRD ANNUAL MARTINEZ REUSE ROUNDUP

Want to help make the holiday season merry for those in need? Clean out your closets and donate gently used house-wares, clothing, bicycles, toys, and costume jewelry to the Third Annual "Reuse Roundup," sponsored by Republic Services.

**When: Saturday, October 24th
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Where: Alhambra High School
Parking Lot (Alhambra Avenue
and E Street)**

Your donations will support Christmas for Everyone, a charity providing a festive Christmas Day to the working poor, seniors, and homebound residents in Contra Costa County.

Please contact Marie Knutson, Recycling Coordinator with Republic Services, for more information either by phone at (925) 671-5814, or by email to mknutson@cityofmartinez.org.



COMMUNITY QUILTS/FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Every Wednesday from 1pm - 4pm, the senior center offers a class that teaches how to do basic quilting patterns. We supply the fabric and equipment. All Quilts made are donated to help out our community. This last quarter, we made 85 quilts and donated to the Bay Area

Rescue Mission and Shelter, Inc. for those in need.

We also have a donation container for the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano and donated over 217 pounds of food last quarter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 12 | Monday

Columbus Day - All City Offices Closed (Except Police)

October 13 | Tuesday

Planning Commission..... Cancelled

October 14 | Wednesday

Zoning Administrator 4:00 p.m.

October 19 | Monday

Public Safety Committee 6:30 p.m.

October 20 | Tuesday

Parks, Rec., Marina, & Cultural Commission..... 7:00 p.m.

October 21 | Wednesday

Zoning Administrator 4:00 p.m.

City Council 6:00 p.m.

October 27 | Tuesday

Planning Commission..... 7:00 p.m.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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| Building..... | (925) 372-3550 |
| City Clerk | (925) 372-3512 |
| City Hall | (925) 372-3500 |
| Engineering | (925) 372-3515 |
| Event Information..... | (925) 372-3463 |
| Finance/Water..... | (925) 372-3575 |
| HR Job Hotline | (925) 372-3513 |
| Parks & Recreation | (925) 372-3510 |
| Police/Non-Emergency..... | (925) 372-3440 |
| Planning..... | (925) 372-3515 |
| Public Works..... | (925) 372-3580 |
| Senior Center..... | (925) 370-8770 |

MARTINEZ ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Rob Schroder, Mayor
- Mark Ross, Vice Mayor
- AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember
- Debbie M^cKillop, Councilmember
- Lara DeLaney, Councilmember
- Richard Hernandez, City Clerk
- Carolyn Robinson, City Treasurer



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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.

Meetings are televised on Friday, following Wednesday's meeting on Public Access Channel 28 (U-Verse Channel 99) at 7:30 p.m.