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MARTINEZ – The City of Martinez is pleased to announce it will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, January 28, 2019 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., to commemorate the official renaming of Alhambra Park to John Sparacino Park. The ceremony will be held at the corner of Marina Vista and Alhambra Avenue.

The park is named after former City of Martinez Mayor John Sparacino, who passed away on April 3, 2018. The park's name change was approved by the City Council on September 11, 2018, honoring Mayor Sparacino for his outstanding commitment and service to the Martinez community.

John Sparacino was the City's first publicly-elected Mayor and was admired and respected by all who knew him. He graduated from Alhambra High School and lived only a few blocks away from the park. He was a proud member of various groups including (among others) the Martinez Historical Society, Aahmes Shriners, Martinez Masonic Lodge No. 41, Knights of Columbus, the Elks, Druids and Sons of Italy, and also a longstanding supporter of the Martinez Police Department.

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