



PRESS RELEASE

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- SUBJECT: MARTINEZ OUTDOOR DOWNTOWN PROGRAM WEEKLY UPDATE:**
- **700 AND 900 BLOCKS NOW EXPANDING TO INCLUDE THURSDAY EVENING**
 - **900 BLOCK NOW EXPANDING TO INCLUDE SUNDAY**
 - **WHISKEY LANE NEW PARTICIPANT STARTING THIS WEEK**
 - **MAIN STREET BETWEEN CASTRO AND ESTUDILLO WILL CONTINUE TO BE OPEN TO CARS ON SATURDAY 7AM-2PM**
 - **PATRONS MUST FOLLOW COUNTY AND STATE GUIDELINES IN ORDER FOR THE OUTDOOR DOWNTOWN PROGRAM TO CONTINUE**

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MARTINEZ – Launched on June 12, the City of Martinez Outdoor Downtown program gives merchants the opportunity to provide outdoor dining and shopping experiences for their customers, while facilitating the physical distancing of patrons to comply with the current County Health Order.

By allowing businesses to use portions of City sidewalks, streets, and parking lots during specified days and times to spread out their dining and retail services, the Program aims to give a boost to our downtown business owners.

As an important reminder: patrons may not move the chairs and tables or other items provided by the participating businesses. In addition, customers may not bring their own chairs or other furniture for use on the sidewalk or in the street while dining or drinking at an establishment. Patrons are responsible for following the State and County regulations for masks and social distancing when engaged in outdoor activities like this Program. We are counting on you to help keep our community safe and to keep the Outdoor Downtown Program alive and well in Martinez!

The City is pleased to announce the following details for the seventh week of this economic recovery initiative, beginning on Thursday, July 30th:

Businesses with an approved Outdoor Dining/Retail Display City Permit:

Bar Cava, Barrelista, Copper Skillet, Del Cielo, Five Suns, Lavender Moon Interiors, Mighty Market, Lemongrass, Nu Rays, Roxx on Main, Taco Daddy, Troy Greek Cuisine, and Whiskey Lane.

Additional businesses wishing to participate can submit a no-fee Application [here](#). Application questions? Contact cratcliffe@cityofmartinez.org.

This Week's Program Hours:

- Thursday, July 30th, from 3 p.m. until 10 p.m. (700 and 900 blocks of Main Street only)
- Friday, July 31st, from 3 p.m. until 10 p.m.
- Saturday, August 1st, from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. (except for the 600 Block of Main Street, which has Saturday Program Hours of 3 p.m. until 10 p.m.)
- Sunday, August 2nd, from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. (only on Estudillo Street, the 900 Block of Main Street, and a portion of the parking lot adjacent to Ward and Las Juntas); and 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. (only in a parking space on Ferry near Ward).

This Week's Street Closures:

- Main Street between Castro and Estudillo (600 Block) and Estudillo from Main Street to Escobar from:
 - 2 p.m. on Friday, July 31st through 7 a.m. on Saturday, August 1st
 - 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 1st through 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 2nd (timeframe also includes the Sunday Farmers' Market, which will close Main Street from Castro to Las Juntas on Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
 - Note: closures include two curbside pickup spaces located on the northeast side of Main at Castro
- Main Street between Estudillo and Ferry (700 Block) from:
 - 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 30th until 7 a.m. on Friday, July 31st
 - 2 p.m. on Friday, July 31st through 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 2nd (timeframe also includes the Sunday Farmers' Market, which will close Main Street from Castro to Las Juntas on Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
- Main Street between Las Juntas and Court (900 Block) from:
 - 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 30th until 7 a.m. on Friday, July 31st
 - 2 p.m. on Friday, July 31st through 7 a.m. on Monday, August 3rd
- Estudillo between Marina Vista and Escobar, from 2 p.m. on Friday, July 31st until 7 a.m. on Monday, August 3rd.

In addition to outdoor seating and retail, the City of Martinez has created 26 downtown curbside pickup spaces in 16 locations. These 20-minute pickup spaces make it easy and convenient for residents and visitors to pick up to-go food and retail goods from our downtown businesses. [Click here](#) to view a map with the locations of all temporary downtown curbside pickup zones.

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