



District 2 Highlights

Martinez Edition

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Illegal Dumpers: Everybody Pays

There are increasing reports of small independent haulers being paid to haul trash to the landfill only to have them dump the trash illegally. In almost all cases throughout the county, only the garbage company which has contracted with the City or County in your area is authorized to collect and haul away your trash. Contact your garbage company to inquire about free pick-ups or clean-up days in your area as well as optional collection services available for a fee, such as the collection of bulky items.

The costs to local government and industry associated with continuous clearing of illegally dumped waste are significant. In recent years Contra Costa County has spent up to one million dollars per year on the cleanup, hauling, and disposal associated with cleanups. Unfortunately, everyone pays for illegal dumping. Without adequate revenue, the funding available to clean up the debris and to establish and maintain effective illegal dumping prevention programs is limited. These costs may be passed along to residents in the form of higher service fees or property taxes.

Illegally dumped waste contributes to neighborhood blight as well as attracts more illegal dumping and other criminal activities. In many cases, illegal dumpers are breaking other laws relating to vehicle and business licensing/insurance. Although the sites used for illegal dumping vary, it frequently occurs on vacant lots, along rural roads and on other public lands. Railways are also targeted due to their accessibility and poor lighting.

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Supervisor Uilkema presents the Young Woman of the Year award to Jordan Wight.

Martinez Chamber of Commerce Honors Outstanding Volunteers

With a packed house of elected officials, business leaders, and well-wishers, the Martinez Chamber of Commerce acknowledged the contributions of several Martinez residents to their community. Supervisor Uilkema presented certificates of achievement to each of the awardees, praising their leadership and the example they each set as citizens of Martinez.

The awards presented were as follows:

- **Young Woman of the Year – Jordan Wight**
Jordan is an active volunteer at the Monument Crisis Center and has a 4.1 GPA at Alhambra High School.
- **Young Man of the Year – Zachary Farley**
Zachary was named a Scholar Athlete at Alhambra High School and is involved with Give Hope a Hand, raising money for prosthetic hands for third world countries.
- **Woman of the Year – Cathy Roof**
Cathy helped formulate the County plan for the First Five commission and has a long history of advocacy for children.

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Here's what you can do to help reduce illegal dumping:

- To save money and resources, reuse and recycle as many items as possible. This will reduce the amount of waste you might have to pay for disposal.
- Visit www.cccrecycle.org/options or call the County's Recycling Hotline at **800-750-4096** to get information about:
 - local options to recycle a wide range of materials,
 - facilities that accept household hazardous wastes such as cleansers, pesticides, paint, batteries, and fluorescent bulbs, and
 - services provided for the contracted waste disposal company in your community.
- If you need to dispose of non-hazardous waste that can't be reused/recycled and won't fit in your garbage can, you should either haul the material to a permitted disposal site yourself or call your garbage company to schedule a special pick-up. You can find a listing of landfills and transfer stations available to you by using the website or Hotline listed above.

Garbage service is mandatory for all occupied residences located within the unincorporated areas, unless an exemption has been granted by the County Health Officer. Additionally, many of the cities have made garbage service mandatory. To report a residence that does not have garbage service or to request an application for an exemption, call the County Health Services Department – Environmental Health Division at **925-646-5225**.

For information about reporting illegal dumping, visit www.cccrecycle.org/illegal-dumping or call **1-800-NODUMPING**.



Union Pacific's historic steam locomotive No. 844 roared through the Martinez train station on its 32 day, 4 state Western Heritage Tour. A large crowd of railroad enthusiasts gathered for the unique event.



Green Businesses Continue to Grow

The latest additions to the ever growing list of businesses and agencies in Contra Costa County who have been certified "green" by the Bay Area Green Business Program were honored at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Two Martinez businesses, Pacific Coast Construction and Aqua Pro Water Management, were among the more than 50 who have achieved this status. Pictured above, on the far left and the far right, are Gary Anderson and Ali Janbakhshzadeh of Aqua Pro.

Many people moved to Contra Costa County for the beauty of the hills and water. The purpose of the Green Business Program is to help protect the environment by working with businesses to "green" their operations and show them that they can be "green" and profitable at the same time.

For more information about the Green Business Program, visit their website at www.greenbiz.ca.gov or call Carol Pingatore at **925-646-2286**.

Safely Dispose of Unwanted Medications

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District has partnered with three other agencies to provide a new program for the safe collection and disposal of unwanted medications. Two collection sites have been set up by CCCSD and the County Sheriff in Martinez:

- **CC Regional Medical Center Sheriff's Substation, 2500 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez**
- **Sheriff's Field Operations Building, 1980 Muir Road, Martinez**

For more information and hours of operation, call **800-646-1431** or visit www.centalsan.org.

Please Don't Flush Your Drugs!

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People Who Make a Difference Awards

Once a year, the Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board acknowledges both volunteers and non-volunteer individuals and groups that have significantly contributed towards reducing substance abuse in our communities at a Board of Supervisors meeting. This year, Martinez resident Brock Nethery, pictured above, was honored as the president of the Discovery House Alumni Association and for the many hours of service he has provided to the Association and to Narcotics Anonymous.

Discovery House is a residential treatment center for adult men who identify substance abuse as a primary problem. Located at 4645 Pacheco Blvd in Martinez, Discovery House has provided quality substance abuse services for over 25 years. For information about the program, call **925-646-9270**. The Alcohol & Other Drugs Services Division can provide information and referral on programs and services available. They can be reached by calling **800-846-1652**.



Young Man of the Year, Zachary Farley receives his certificate from Supervisor Uilkema.

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- **Man of the Year – Justin Kinder**
Justin was recognized for his continual donations of time, food, money and cooking, as well as the strong work ethic he models to youth.
- **Service Without Borders Award – June Rogers**
June organizes activities and fundraisers for the Historical Society, Martinez Land Trust, and the John Muir Association as well as being involved in the Chris Adams School for girls and the Mountain View House.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award – Hulet Hornbeck**
Hulet is a charter member of the Martinez Regional Land Trust Board of Directors and has overseen the East Bay Regional Park District's holdings grow from 8 to 46 parks.
- **Charles Laird Award – Marty Ochoa**
For thirty-five years, Marty has set-up Santa and "Santa's Workshop" in downtown Martinez and has contributed generously to the community by helping families, nursing homes and community groups.
- **Business of the Year Award – California Pacific Federal Credit Union**

The Credit Union is truly a "community" business, through its ongoing efforts to make Martinez a better place to live and work.

Motorcycle Awareness Month is about Safety

Each year across the country, May is designated Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and motorcycle organizations across the country conduct a variety of activities to promote the importance of motorist awareness and sharing the road with motorcyclists. Since 1997, ABATE Local #15, with the Board of Supervisors, has promoted May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in Contra Costa County.

ABATE is an organization dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road, with an emphasis on education and safety. Visit their website at www.geocities.com/abate15 to find information about their meetings and activities.



Supervisor Uilkema, center right, joins ABATE members, from left, Ron Stevens, Ron Dunningway, Martinez resident Beverley Forrest, Greg Howe, and Ken Dias in promoting Motorcycle Awareness Month in Contra Costa County.

Board of Supervisors Actions

February '09 - May '09

Conference with Labor Negotiators

Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Fire Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District.

Proclaim 2/24/09 nat'l "Spay Day USA 09" and to observe/recognize responsible pet ownership and kindness to animals by encouraging citizens to have their pets spayed or neutered.

Presentation on the results of the 08 CCC Combined Charities Campaign.

Report on the Environmental Health Program describing actions taken to address problems and opportunities for improvement identified in IO discussions re: inspections and follow-up processes.

Report re: mid-year status of 08/09 Budget, Dept Head Summit, State Budget, and Economic Stimulus Package; Direct suspension of transfers to Workers' Comp. Internal Services Fund for May and June.

Consider whether to join litigation filed by Sacramento County, challenging the State's deferral of mandated payments for social service programs.

Declare vacant District II Family Member #2 Seat on the CCC Mental Health Commission; Direct the COB to post vacancy, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Re-Appoint Daniel Pellegrini to the Fish and Wildlife Committee, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Adopt Resolution re: compensation/benefits for County Elected and Appointed Dept Heads, Mgmt, Exempt, and Unrepresented Employees to reflect changes

Approve/Authorize notice of Grant Award from CA Health Care Safety Net Institute to pay for the Safe and Efficient Electronic Prescribing Practices for the Underserved and Uninsured in California Public Hospital Clinics Project.

Approve/Authorize an agreement with State Dept of Mental Health to pay for specific Prevention and Early Intervention Planning Estimate; sign an agrmt for the following Projects: 1) Suicide Prevention; 2) Student Mental Health Initiative; and 3) Stigma and Discrimination Reduction.

Approve/Authorize contract to provide school/community based mental health services for seriously emotionally disturbed students in MDUSD.

Continue emergency action taken on 11/16/99 re: homelessness in CCC.

Refer to IO for its July 09 meeting the matter of updating the January 06 CC Emergency Operations Plan for review, update, and recommendations, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Recognize Mitch Avalon, Public Works for 30 years of County service.

Proposed implementation of property-tax cost recovery provisions, and on adoption of the report from the Auditor-Controller filed on 1/20/09 of the 07/08 FY property tax-related costs of the Assessor, Tax Collector, Auditor, Assessment Appeals Board, including the proposed charges against each local jurisdiction excepting school entities, for the local jurisdictions' proportionate share of such administrative costs.

Recognition of the retirement of James H. Steffensen III from the CCC Public Works Department.

Consider transfer of appropriations from Contingency Reserve to Conflict Defense; approve/authorize contract amendment w/CCC Bar Assoc. to continue to provide mandated criminal conflict defense and other legal service.

Hearing on FY 09/10 Recommended County and Special District Budgets.

Hearing on the elimination of and/or reductions in the level of medical services provided by the County.

Approve/Authorize grant for boating safety enforcement and abandoned vessel removal.

Approve/Authorize contract w/CA Dept of Food & Agriculture to pay CCC to provide trapping services for the detection of the Light Brown Apple Moth.

Authorize the Tax Collector to accept partial payments of defaulted taxes as provided in Revenue & Taxation Code section 4143.

Adopt 09-10 Proposed Budget Schedules for Countywide Funds and Special Districts.

Consider transfer of court facilities in CCC from County to State, consistent with the Trial Court Facilities Act of '02; adopt related findings under CEQA.

Continued Hearing on FY 09-10 Recommended County/Special District Budgets; elimination of and/or reduction in level of medical services provided by CCC, on the following issues only: funding for the U.C. Coop Extension Program, Library, Arts Commission, provision of health care for undocumented adult aliens; Authorize program changes in HSD; Consider adoption of FY 09-10 County/Special District Budgets and related actions.

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Adult Protective Services	(925) 313-2659
Agricultural Department	(925) 646-5250
Airport, Buchanan Field, Keith Freitas	(925) 646-5722
Animal Services Dept., Martinez – Glenn Howell	(925) 335-8300
Animal Services Dept., Pinole	(510) 374-3966
Area Agency on Aging, John Cottrell	(925) 313-1700
Auditor-Controller, Stephen Ybarra	(925) 646-2181
Building Inspection Division, Jason Crapo	(925) 646-2300
Building Application & Permits	(925) 646-1609
CCTV, Patricia Burke	(925) 313-1180
Children's Services – Adoptions	(925) 313-7770
Children's Protective Services – Central County	(925) 646-1680
Children's Protective Services – West County	(510) 374-3324
Clerk-Recorder, Stephen Weir	(925) 335-7899
Code Enforcement, Central County, Tim Honea	(925) 335-1147
West County, Tyrone Ridgle	(925) 335-1147
Lamorinda, Greg Wixom	(925) 299-0116
Community Development Division, Aruna Bhat	(925) 335-1221
Community Services, Pat Stroh	(925) 646-5990
Community Substance Abuse Services	(925) 313-6300
County Employment Information	(925) 335-1701
Contra Costa Health Plan, Milt Camhi	(925) 313-6000
Contra Costa Regional Medical Center	(925) 370-5000
County Administrator, David Twa	(925) 335-1086
County Assessor, Gus Kramer	(925) 313-7400
County Librarian, Ann Cain	(925) 927-3205
Central Library	(925) 646-6434
Library –Crockett Branch	(510) 787-2345
Library –Hercules Branch	(510) 245-2420
Library –Lafayette Branch	(925) 283-3872
Library –Martinez Branch	(925) 646-2898
Library –Moraga Branch	(925) 376-6852
Library –Orinda Branch	(925) 254-2184
Library –Pinole Branch	(510) 758-2741
Library –Rodeo Branch	(510) 799-2606
Library –Walnut Creek Branch	(925) 646-6773
County Road Maintenance, Joe Yee	(925) 313-7000
District Attorney, Robert J. Kochly	(925) 957-2200
Employment & Human Services, Joe Valentine	(925) 313-1500
Environmental Health, Sherm Quinlan	(925) 646-5225
Fire District of Contra Costa, Chief Keith Richter	(925) 930-5500
Crockett-Carquinez Fire Protection Dist.	(510) 787-2717
Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection Dist.	(925) 258-4599
Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection Dist.	(510) 799-4561
First Time Home Buyers	(925) 335-7235
Grand Jury	(925) 646-2345
Hazardous Materials Ombudsman, Michael Kent	(925) 313-6587
Head Start Programs	(925) 646-5540
Health Services, William Walker, MD	(925) 370-5003
Homeless Programs	(800) 808-6444
Household Hazardous Waste	(800) 750-4096
Housing Authority, Joseph Villarreal	(925) 957-8011
In-Home Support Services	(925) 313-1770
Juvenile Hall	(925) 646-4800
LAFCO, Lou Ann Texeira	(925) 646-4090
Law Library	(925) 646-2783
Legal Assistant for the Elderly	(510) 374-3712
Martinez Detention Facility, Inmate Info	(925) 646-4495
Medi-Cal Services Eligibility	(925) 646-2941
Mental Health Services, Donna Wigand	(925) 957-5150
Mosquito Abatement/Vector Control	(925) 685-9301
Office of Emergency Services	(925) 646-4461
Private Industry Council	(925) 646-5239
Probation Department, Lionel Chatman	(925) 313-4023
Public Defender, David Coleman	(925) 335-8000
Public Works, Julie Bueren	(925) 313-2201
Retirement Office	(925) 646-5741
Sheriff-Coroner, Warren Rumpf	(925) 335-1500
Superior Court, Clerk of the Court	(925) 646-2951
Superior Court, Jury Services	(925) 646-2002
Superior Court, Richmond	(510) 374-3800
Superior Court, Richmond, Jury Info	(510) 374-3803
Treasurer-Tax Collector, William Pollacek	(925) 646-4122
Veterans Service Office, Phil Munley	(925) 313-1481
West County Detention Facility, Inmate Info	(510) 262-4200

Additional county departmental information can be found on the county website: www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/

Board of Supervisors Actions *(continued)*

Direct the DCD and Office of County Counsel to evaluate the 2nd Unit Ordinance to facilitate establishment of 2nd units in CCC.

Declare vacancy on the Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board, due to resignation, and direct COB to post the vacancy, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Appoint Chris J. McDonald to the CCC IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committee, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Support AB1625: a bill that would: 1) re-enact CA's existing Kin-GAP Program to align it with new federal requirements and 2) provide transitional support to qualifying foster youth until age 21.

Acceptance and Notice of Completion of work performed for the Median Landscaping Project at Pacheco Blvd between Second South Avenue and Center Avenue, Pacheco.

Authorize a warrant to the Martinez USD from Park Dedication Trust Fund to finance the purchase and installation of a playground shade structure at the Las Juntas Elementary School, 4105 Pacheco Blvd.

Approve Mt. Diablo USD Parcel Tax Measure D Election Consolidation request for the 5/19/09, Statewide Special Election.

Authorize Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program by designating developers and implementing activities to purchase, rehabilitate and sell vacant foreclosed properties, and authorizing the execution of project documents and related actions.

County Response to Grand Jury Report "Aquatic Junkyards Exist In CCC."

Sixteenth Annual Cesar Chavez Commemorative Celebration

Authorize the Ninety-Nine's International Organization of Women Pilots to sponsor an Aviation Open House celebrating the organization's 80th anniversary at Buchanan Field Airport on 6/21/09.

Authorize deletion of certain positions in affected County departments.

Increase fees imposed on recording of certain real estate instruments from \$2 to \$3 and imposing a fee of \$3 on additional real estate instruments.

Recognize the new Green Businesses certified in the past year.

Hearing on itemized costs of abatement for 1000 Central Avenue, Martinez.

Resolution regarding "Human Services in a Time of Economic Crisis."

Approve the Pacheco Blvd Sidewalk Gap Closure Project; find it is exempt from CEQA; Authorize advertisement of the project, Pacheco.

Accept as complete the Alhambra Valley Rd Ped Bridge Project, Martinez.

Recognize Sabiha Gokcen for 16 years of service to Haz Mat Commission.

Introduce Ordinance amending the County's Better Government Ordinance to exempt MACs whose membership composition is the same as the elected members of a CSD; Fix 4/28/09 for adoption.

Approve/Authorize FY 08/09 Martinez Transfer Station Mitigation allocation plan for specified projects; Authorize appropriate docs for execution of agrmts necessary to provide services as approved in the action plan by the BOS, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Refer to the Finance Committee a review of County employee's cost saving suggestions and evaluation of the organizational structure of CCC.

Proclaim May 3-9, 2009 as 95th Annual "Be Kind to Animals Week" in CCC.

Proclaim May '09 "Motorcycle Awareness Month."

Response to Grand Jury Report "The Lost Generation The Elderly Citizens of CCC"; Direct the COB to forward response to the Superior Court on 5/4/09.

Receive an update from the County Librarian on discussions with cities relating to library funding for Fiscal Year 2009/10 and library hour reductions

Report from HS Director, William Walker, M.D., on CCC's preparations for Swine Flu and other pandemic influenza.

Support AB 286: extends until 2018 existing provisions that allow counties to impose a \$1 vehicle registration fee to be used to enhance the capacity of local police and prosecutors to deter, investigate, and prosecute vehicle theft crimes.

Support AB 89: imposes additional excise tax on distribution of cigarettes, requires revenues collected be deposited in Tobacco Excise Tax Account, would be allocated for certain education, health, child-related purposes.

Approve/Authorize grant from Target to support '09 Library Reading Festival.

Approve/Authorize contract amendment for environmental consulting services related to proposed Air Products hydrogen and fuel pipeline project, Martinez.

Proclaim May 09 as "Foster Care Month in Contra Costa County."

Note: this is a partial list of Board activities. A complete record of Board activities can be found at the County's web page: www.co.contra-costa.ca.us

Volunteer Opportunities

Have you been looking for an opportunity to become more involved in your community? Are you interested in meeting new and interesting people? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then here is your opportunity! Below is a list of available County positions, please take a moment to peruse the list and see if something is of interest to you.

Application forms for **Volunteer Opportunities** are available from Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema's office at **925-335-1046**, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors office at **925-335-1900** or can be downloaded from the District 2 website at www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/dis2/

Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board

Applicants shall have a professional interest in, or personal commitment to, alleviating problems related to drug abuse and inappropriate alcohol use in their community. Any individual who is a paid employee of or a paid consultant to any agency which contracts with CCC on behalf of its Health Services Department for any drug or alcohol-related programs is prohibited from serving on this Board. Any individual who is a volunteer member of the Board of Directors of any agency which contracts with CCC on behalf of its Health Services Department or any drug or alcohol-related program is discouraged from serving. The Board meets the Fourth Wednesday from 3:45 to 6:15pm.

Contra Costa County Library Commission

This Commission serves to advise and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian as to the needs of the public as well as to develop and recommend proposals for the betterment of the County Library including such efforts as insuring a stable and adequate funding level for the libraries in the County; to provide a link between the community and the Library System; and to establish a forum for the community to express its' views regarding goals and operations of the County Library. The Commission meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7pm.

Womens Commission

The Commission serves to identify major economic, educational and social concerns of women in CCC as well as to reach and inform all women on a variety of issues. Meets in Concord, 3rd Tuesday at 3pm.

Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission

This Commission serves to review and evaluate CCC's mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems; advise the governing body and local mental health director as to any aspect of the local mental health program; review CCC's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the State Mental Health Commission; assess the impact of the realignment of services from the State to the County on services delivered to clients and the local community. Meets in Martinez, 4th Tuesday at 4:30.

If you believe that you, or someone you know, are the victim of elder abuse, Adult Protective Services operates a 24-hour response telephone line.

Call 925-646-2854 or toll free 877-839-4347.