



Martinez

Chamber of
Commerce

VISITOR AND RELOCATION GUIDE





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The Martinez Area Chamber of Commerce & Martinez Visitor's Bureau

603 Marina Vista

Martinez, California

Phone 925-228-2345

Fax 925-228-2356

www.martinezchamber.com

info@martinezchamber.com

Hours: Monday thru Friday 9 am to 5 pm

The Martinez Area Chamber of Commerce is a membership group that is dedicated to the prosperity and growth of the businesses in the Martinez Area. We are happy to serve you. For membership information or any inquiries, please contact us at 925-228-2345.

The Martinez Visitor's Bureau is a small but important part in the life of Martinez. We have a wealth of information from everything to planning a trip to Martinez, to finding information about landmarks and historical facts about our community. We are located conveniently next to the Amtrak Station in Historic Downtown Martinez, just blocks away from fine restaurants and fun retail stores.



The City of Martinez & Its Officers

City offices are located at:

525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA
94553
925-372-3500
www.cityofmartinez.org

Rob Schroder - Mayor

Elected November 2002
Present term expires November 2018
925-372-3501
rschroder@cityofmartinez.org

Mark Ross – Vice Mayor

Elected November 1996
Present term expires November 2016
925-372-3544
mross@cityofmartinez.org

Lara DeLaney – Councilmember

Elected November 2002
Present term expires November 2018
925-372-3542
ldelaney@cityofmartinez.org

Debbie McKillop – Councilmember

Elected November 2014
Present term expires November 2018
925-372-3541
kmckillop@cityofmartinez.org

AnaMarie Avila Farias - Councilmember

Appointed December 2012
Present term expires November 2016
925-372-3543
amafarias@cityofmartinez.org

Eric Ghisletta - Chief of Police

eghisletta@cityofmartinez.org
Police non-emergency: 925-372-3440

Rob Braulik – City Manager

525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA 94553
925-372-3505
rbraulik@cityofmartinez.org

Alan Shear - Assistant City Manager

525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA 94553
925-372-3514
ashear@cityofmartinez.org

Richard G. Hernandez - City Clerk

Elected November 1996
Present term expires November 2016
925-372-3512

Carolyn Robinson – City Treasurer

Appointed April 1999
Elected November 2000
925-372-3504

Dave Scola – Public Works Director

525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA 94553
925-372-3565
dscola@cityofmartinez.org

Parks & Recreation

525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA 94553
925-372-3510

Street Maintenance

525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA 94553
925-372-3580
www.cityofmartinez.org



History of Martinez

Martinez is a small, cozy, historic town nestled between the Mount Diablo foothills and the Carquinez Straights. A bustling shipping and trading town during the 1840's gold rush, it became incorporated in 1876.

Martinez is the original home of the Martini cocktail. It was rumored that an early settler looking for gold

came to town, and wanted something to drink after a long day looking for gold. Not knowing what to order, the bartender suggested the "Martinez Special". But after a few of these drinks, it became far too hard to pronounce the "z" sound, so it was dropped, and is now called the Martini.

Martinez became the county seat for Contra Costa County in 1850, attracting permanent residents which led to its incorporation.

Our local newspaper started the presses in 1858, bringing news to the many settlers of the new town. At the same time, Martinez was growing a reputation as becoming a great shipping port bringing ships in from all over the world.

The Central Pacific Railway arrived in 1877, becoming a part in the Transcontinental Line, and quickly becoming an important aspect in shipping. In fact, Naturalist & founder of the Sierra Club, John Muir, owned property in Martinez from a land grant. When the railway came, in exchange for the line going on his land, he requested a station in order to ship his crops and other good around the country. John Muir Station Road is no longer a train station, but a bustling shopping center located on John Muir Station Road.

The John Muir National Historic Site, where Muir's home still stands, is located on Alhambra Avenue. It also features the Don Vicente Martinez Adobe, built by the son of the ranch owner, Don Ygnacio Martinez.

The Alhambra Cemetery, a California State Point



The Martinez Historical Museum

of Historic Interest, which has the grave of early trailblazer Captain Joseph Walker, attracts visitors from many areas interested in our rich culture.

Martinez is also the birthplace of Joe DiMaggio, the famous and infamous baseball player for the New York Yankees.

The City also boasts the home of the world famous

Christian Brother's Winery. The winery, now defunct, shipped wine throughout the country until 1932.

The Alhambra Water Company, known throughout the West Coast, was started in Martinez when land owner L.M. Lassell piped water from the Alhambra Valley mineral springs to a plant opposite the Historic Train Depot.

Although the town was leveled three times during the 1890-1904 period, the downtown is still as rich in culture as it has always been.

Gold rushers who couldn't find gold bought land to start their families. Merchants then came to cater toward the needs of the new residents. Many were Irish & Portuguese families who tenant farmed in order to save money for their own property. Many Italians also came to work in the Mount Diablo Mines. The Italians enjoyed fishing in the blossoming Marina, and eventually their families grew to have their own neighborhood in Martinez, complete with Italian bakeries and shops. Across town were the "Portuguese Flats," where many Portuguese settled.

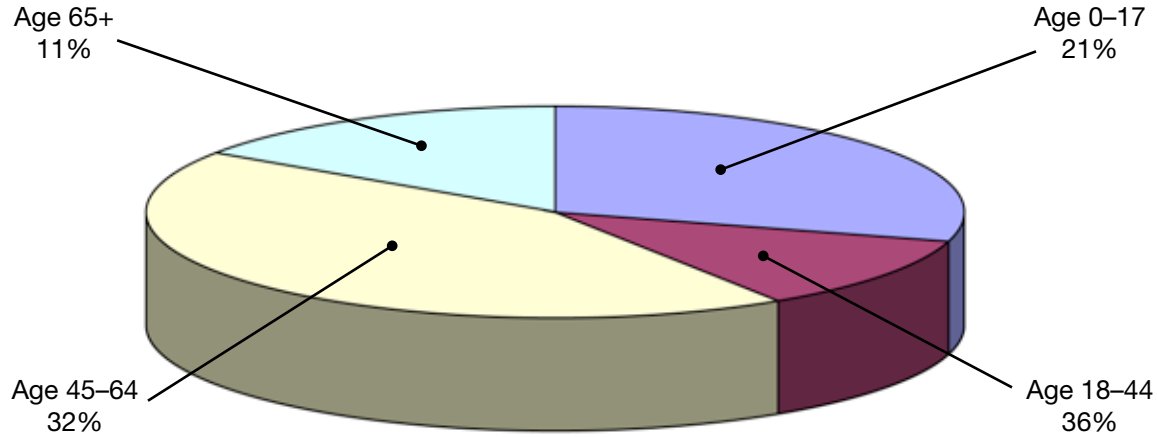
The arrival of the Shell Oil Company in 1915, one of the oldest refineries in the United States created a residential boom, attracting laborers & workers, which led to the formation of younger towns throughout the Diablo Valley.

Martinez is still filled with rich culture, a quaint historic feel, and many bustling small businesses. Come and find the hidden gem in California, and visit Martinez!

Martinez' Demographics

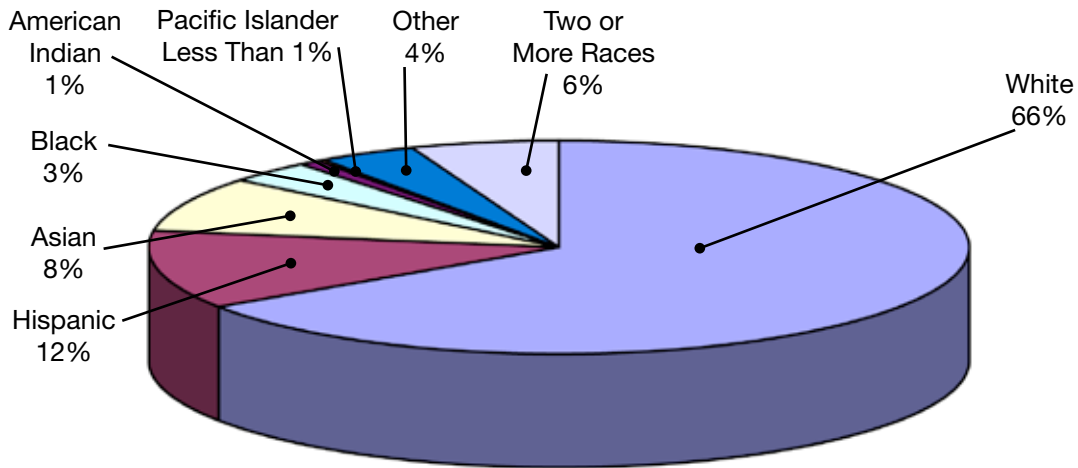
City of Martinez Population by Age

Source: 2007 Claritas Inc.



City of Martinez Population by Race and Ethnicity

Source: 2007 Claritas Inc.



City of Martinez Principal Employers

Source: Muni Services

Employer	# of Employees	Rank	% of Total City Employment
Contra Costa County	5,079	1	56.1%
Kaiser Permanente	1,097	2	12.1%
Shell Oil Refinery	715	3	7.9%
Veterans Administration Medical Ctr	661	4	7.3%
Martinez Unified School District	425	5	4.7%
Contra Costa Electric	395	6	4.4%
Wal-Mart Store	278	7	3.1%
California Grand Casino	145	8	1.6%
Home Depot Store	135	9	1.5%
City of Martinez	129	10	1.4%
Telfer Oil Lines	—	—	—
Total	9,059		100.0%

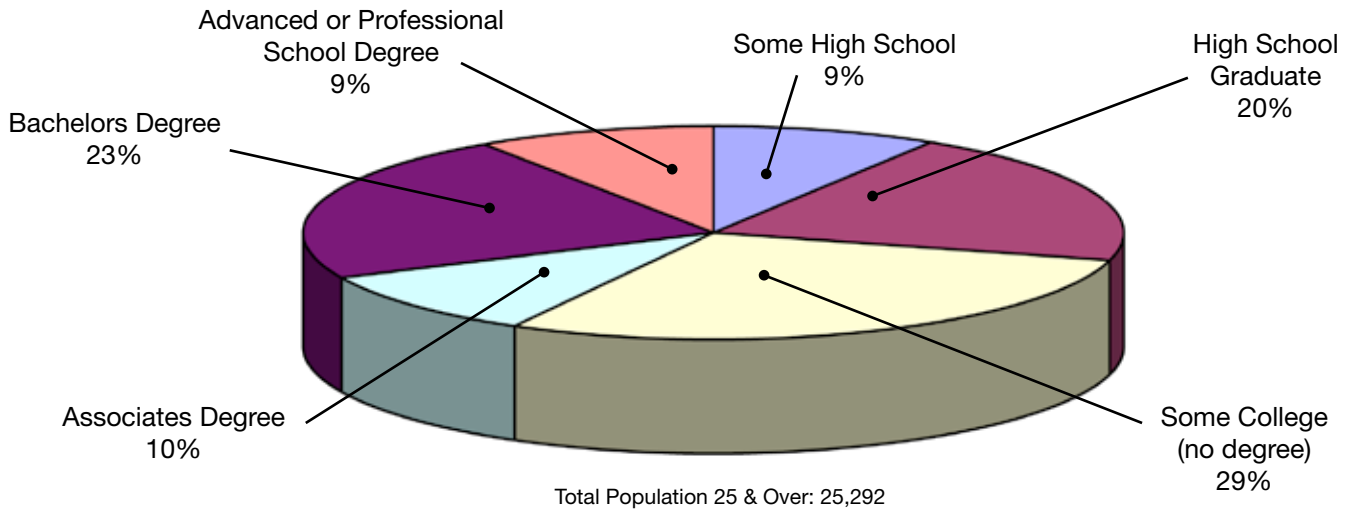
Martinez' Demographics

**City of Martinez 2007 Estimates
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Source: Claritas Inc. Data Services

Population 35,868	Median Age 40.46	Average Household Size 2.41 persons
Median Income \$74,782	Median Home Value \$565,084	

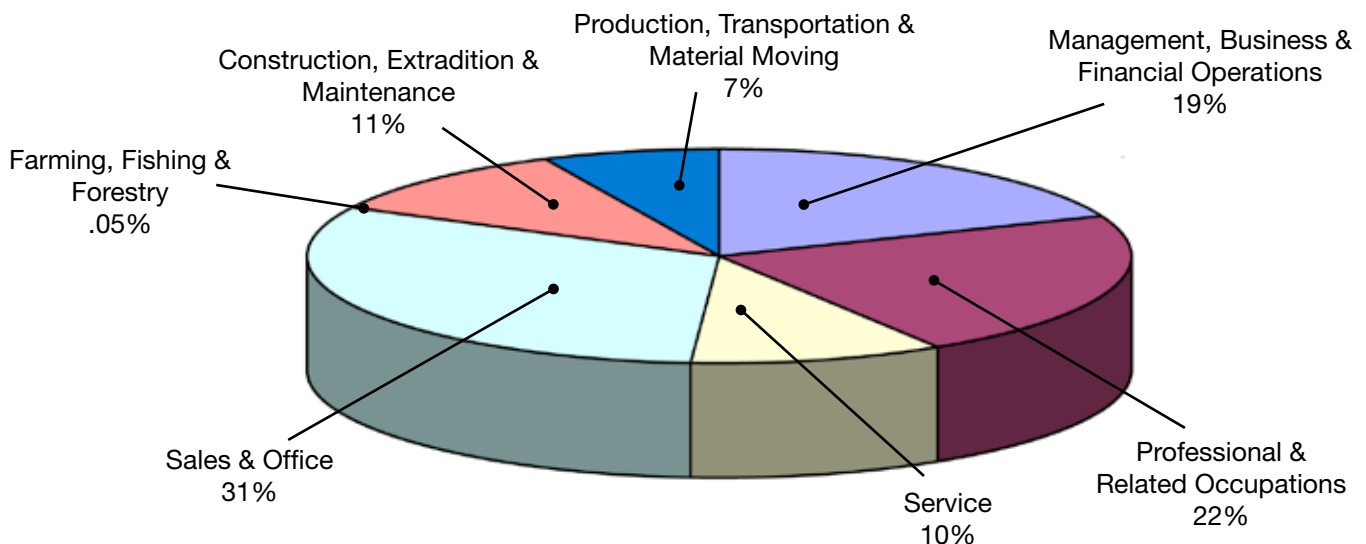
City of Martinez Population Education Attainment

Source: 2007 Claritas Inc.



City of Martinez Population Estimate by Occupation

Source: 2007 Claritas Inc.



New Resident Information

Gas & Electric

Pacific Gas and Electric
800-743-5000
www.pge.com

Garbage

Pleasant Hill Bayshore Disposal
441 N. Buchanan Cr.
Pacheco, CA 94553
925-685-4711/16
www.pleasanthillbayshoredisposal.com

Phone

AT&T
800-310-2355
www.att.com

Cable TV

Comcast
800-945-2288
www.comcast.com

Water

City of Martinez
525 Henrietta St.
Martinez, CA 94553
925-372-3575

Contra Costa Water District

1331 Concord Ave.
Concord, CA 94520
925-688-8044
www.ccwater.com

Sewer

Mt. View Sanitary District
3800 Arthur Rd.
Martinez, CA 94553
925-228-5635
www.mvsd.org

Central Sanitary District

5019 Imhoff Place
Martinez, CA 94553
925-689-3890
www.centrsan.org



Important Phone Numbers

County

Administration Office	925-335-1028
Animal Control	925-335-8300
County Clerk	925-335-7900
Court General Information	925-646-1542
Fictitious Business Name	925-335-7900
Household Hazardous Waste	925-646-2286
Parking Tickets—City	1-800-281-7275
Parking Tickets—County	925-335-8558
County Permits	925-646-1600
Public Works	925-313-2000
Recorder—Birth, Death, Marriage License, Property	925-335-7910
Application for Marriage License	925-335-7910
Recycling	1-800-750-4096
Restraining Orders	925-646-2952
Sheriff Dispatch	925-646-2441
Social Services	925-313-1500
Tax Assessor	925-313-7400
Tax Collector	925-646-4122
Voter Registration/Elections	925-335-7800

General/City

Acme Landfill	925-229-7099
Alhambra High School	925-313-0440
Amtrak	1-800-USA-RAIL
Allied Waste Services	925-685-4711
Boys & Girls Club of Martinez	925-228-3677
Martinez Area Chamber of Commerce	925-228-2345
Contra Costa Times	925-943-2525
Contra Costa Fire	925-930-5500
John Muir National Historic Site	925-228-8860
Landlord/Tenant Disputes	925-685-9215
Martinez Library	925-646-2898
Martinez Museum	925-228-8160
Martinez News Gazette	925-228-6400
Martinez Unified School District	925-313-0480
United States Post Office	1-800-275-8777

Martinez Area Schools

Alhambra High School

150 E Street, Martinez
925-313-0440

Bianchi School

1285 Morello Avenue, Martinez
925-372-7701

CC County Community College District

500 Court Street, Martinez
925-229-1000

College Park High School

210 Viking Drive, Pleasant Hill
925-682-7679

Hidden Valley Elementary

500 Glacier Drive, Martinez
925-228-9530

John Muir Elementary

205 Vista Way, Martinez
925-313-0470

John Swett Elementary

4955 Alhambra Valley Road, Martinez
925-313-0400

Las Juntas Elementary

4105 Pacheco Boulevard, Martinez
925-313-0464

Morello Park Elementary

244 Morello Avenue, Martinez
925-313-0391

Martinez Adult Education

600 F Street, Martinez
925-228-3276

Martinez Christian School

68 Morello Avenue, Martinez
925-229-9919

Martinez Junior High

Court & Warren Streets, Martinez
925-313-0414

Martinez Unified School District

921 Susana Street, Martinez
925-313-0480

Saint Catherine's of Siena School

604 Mellus Street, Martinez
925-228-4140

Valley View Middle School

181 Viking Drive, Pleasant Hill
925-686-6136

Vicente Martinez/Briones High School

(Alternative Education)
600 F Street, Martinez
925-228-9232



Alhambra High School

Baby/Child Care Information

Bianchi School, Martinez

1285 Morello Avenue
Martinez, CA 94553
925-372-7701

CCC Children's Co, Martinez

920 Susana Street
Martinez, CA 94553
925-374-3732

Childtime Children's Center

6635 Alhambra Avenue, Suite 300
Martinez, CA 94553
925-947-6800

City of Martinez-First Steps

4955 Alhambra Valley Road
Martinez, CA 94553
925-228-5338

Creekside Montessori

1333 Estudillo Street
Martinez, CA 94553
925-228-5718

Helping Hands Christian Preschool

1865 Arnold Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
925-229-2975

Kids At Work

255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
925-313-2380

Morello Hills Christian Preschool

1000 Morello Hills Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
925-372-7155

Sunshine House Children's Center

4950 Pacheco Boulevard
Martinez, CA 94553
925-372-8242

Woodbridge-John Muir Elementary

205 Vista Way
Martinez, CA 94553
925-229-5767

YWCA of Contra Costa County- Hidden Valley

510 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
925-229-5659

Martinez Senior Community Center

818 Green Street
Martinez, CA 94553
925-370-8770

Various resources & information including respite care, hot daily lunches, tours, trips, gambling tours, card games, mah jong, dancing, weekly movies, special lunches, and many more activities. Please call the Senior Center at the number above to find out more.

Membership rates are pro-rated throughout the year.
Please contact the Senior Center to join!

Youth Activities & Information

Pleasant Hill Soccer Association.	925-686-2824
Martinez Youth Baseball & Softball	925-229-3884
Martinez Youth Football.	925-229-1660
Pleasant Hill Wrestling.	925-682-8000 x5046
Pony Baseball	925-228-7156
Martinez Community Swim Team	925-372-SWIM

The Recreation/Leisure Services Offices are located at:

City Hall
 525 Henrietta Street
 Martinez, CA 94553
 Phone: 925-372-3510
 Joanne Tool

Transportation

AC Transit

925-817-1717 then 1111
 (from anywhere in the Bay Area)

Amtrak

601 Marina Vista, Martinez, CA
 1-800-USA-RAIL
 www.amtrak.com

BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit)

Concord, Walnut Creek, Lafayette,
 Antioch, Pittsburg, Livermore
 925-676-2278
 www.bart.gov

County Connection (Public Buses)

925-676-7500 (Customer service/TDD/TTY)
 925-938-RIDE (Dial a Ride Reservations)
 www.transitinfo.org/cc

Greyhound Bus Line

1-800-231-2222
 (Spanish 1-800-531-5332)

Martinez Link Westcat

510-724-7993



Oakland International Airport (OAK)

1 Airport Drive
 Oakland, California 94621
 510-577-4000
 www.flyoakland.com

San Francisco International Airport (SFO)

Airport Information Recording 650-821-8211
 Airport Paging Recording 650-876-2377
 Airport Travel Agency Recording
 650-877-0422
 www.flysfo.com

Tri-Delta Transit

925-754-4040

Pets & Animal Services

Martinez Animal Shelter

4849 Imhoff Place
Martinez, CA 94553

Main Desk 925-646-2995
Pet License 925-646-2958
Volunteers 925-798-1773
24-hour emergencies 925-646-2995

Hours: Tuesday thru Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm, Wednesday, open until 7 pm

Martinez Spay/Neuter/Vaccination Clinic (by appointment only)

4849 Imhoff Place
Martinez, CA 94553

Main Desk 925-646-4484

Hours: Tuesday thru Friday 8 am to 12 pm, and 1 pm to 4:30, Saturday, 9 am to 12 pm



Medical Facilities

Contra Costa Regional Medical Center

2500 Alhambra Avenue

Martinez, CA 94553

925-370-5000

ICU, CCU, OB, GYN, Emergency Services, urgent care, pediatrics, psychiatry, geriatrics, medical-psychology for older adults, outpatient surgery, outpatient clinics. Also facilities in: Antioch, Richmond, Concord, & Brentwood. 154 Beds.

Kaiser Permanente Martinez

200 Muir Road

Martinez, CA 94553

925-372-1000

Clinic, Outpatient surgery

VA Northern California Health Care System

150 Muir Road, Building AB26

Martinez, CA 94553

925-372-2000

Offers a continuum of medical, surgical, psychiatric, and ancillary services for eligible veterans, including primary care, psychiatric care, physical therapy, home health care, clinical dependency treatment, radiology, geriatric services, alcohol treatment, cancer treatment, ambulatory treatment, substance abuse, and psychiatric day treatment service.



Contra Costa Regional Medical Center

East Bay Golf Courses

Private Courses

Blackhawk Country Club

599 Blackhawk Club Drive
Blackhawk, California
925-736-6500

Contra Costa Country Club

801 Golf Club Road
Pleasant Hill, California
925-680-9887

Crow Canyon Country Club

711 Silver Lake Drive
Danville, California
925-735-8200

Diablo Country Club

1700 Clubhouse Road
Diablo, California
925-837-4221

Discovery Bay Country Club

1475 Club House Drive
Byron, California
925-634-0700

Mira Vista Golf & Country Club

7900 Cutting Boulevard
El Cerrito, California
510-233-7550

Orinda Country Club

315 Camino Sobrante
Orinda, California
925-954-4313

Pleasant Hill Country Club

1093 Grayson Boulevard
Pleasant Hill, California
925-932-2615

Richmond Country Club

3900 Giant Boulevard
Richmond, California
925-232-1080

Rossmoor

Rossmoor Parkway & Stanley
Dollar Drive
Walnut Creek, California
925-933-2607

Round Hill Golf & Country Club

3169 Round Hill Road
Alamo, California
925-934-8211

Public Courses

Bethel Island

3303 Gateway Road
Bethel Island, California
925-684-2654

Boundary Oaks

3800 Valley Vista Road
Walnut Creek, California
925-934-6211

Buchanan Fields

3330 Concord Avenue
Concord, California
925-682-1846

Canyon Lakes

640 Bollinger Canyon
San Ramon, California
925-735-6511

Diablo Creek

4050 Port Chicago Highway
Concord, California
925-686-6262

Diablo Hills

1551 Marchbanks Drive
Walnut Creek, California
925-939-7272

Franklin Canyon

Highway 4
Rodeo, California
925-799-6169

Lone Tree

1200 Lone Tree Way
Antioch, California
925-737-5200

Oakhurst

2500 Indian Head Way
Clayton, California
925-762-0044

Pine Meadow

451 Vine Hill Way
Martinez, California
925-372-9559

Pittsburg

Golf Club Road
Pittsburg, California
925-427-4950

Parks & Recreation

Park Reservations

Any group, organization, company, or family may make a guaranteed park reservation through the Leisure Services Office. Reservations are taken beginning February 15 of the current year for City Residents. Non-residents may make reservations beginning March 1 of the current year. Fees for deposits and rentals vary, depending on facility desired. Call to obtain rates and availability by calling the Leisure Service Office at 928-372-3510.

Sports Facility Reservations

Reservations for City Park & athletic facilities are made through the Leisure Services office. Recognized youth sport organizations and sanctioned Leisure Services Programs have first priority for field use. Contact the Martinez Leisure Services at 925-372-3551 for facility availability.

Cappy Ricks Park

Brown & Arriba Streets. Two lighted tennis courts and backboard, basketball court, playground area, and picnic & rest room area.

Foothills Park

Alhambra Avenue & Chatswood Drive. Neighborhood recreation site, one basketball hoop.

Golden Hills Park

Berniece Lane, off of Blue Ridge. Two lighted tennis courts, multi use facility, rest rooms, playground facility, picnic area, basketball court.

Hidden Lakes Park

Morello Avenue at Chilpancingo Parkway. Two ball fields, multi-use field, jogging track, concession building, two tot play areas, rest rooms, trails to Hidden Valley park, large parking lot.

Hidden Valley Park

Center Avenue at Redwood Drive. Two lighted tennis courts, picnic areas, playground, two ball fields, rest rooms, bicycle/jogging path, 1 mile exercise course, 2 mile pathway to Hidden Lakes Park.

Highland Avenue Playground

Highland Avenue & Merrithew Drive. Basketball court, picnic area, large playground area.

Holiday Highlands Park

Fig Tree Lane & Eastwoodbury Lane. Large playground area, picnic area, bike racks & lighted pathways.

John Muir Park

Vista Way & Pine Street. Next to John Muir school, playground and multi-use next to field.

Morello School Park

Morello Avenue at Joe Garcia Drive. Play areas, multi-use field, small baseball field & picnic area.

Mountain View Park

Adjacent to Parkway Drive off of Howe Road. Play areas, basketball court, baseball field, multi-use field & picnic areas.

Nancy Boyd Park

Pleasant Hill Road East & Church Street. Ball field, basketball court, three lighted tennis courts, 2 playground areas, picnic area, rest rooms.

Plaza Ignacio Park

Alhambra Avenue & Henrietta Street. Park benches, Spanish fountain, tile plaza & raised flower beds.

Rankin Park

West End of Buckley Street. Swimming & diving facilities, picnic areas, horseshoe pits, lighted baseball field, play areas, rest rooms.

Susana Park

Susana & Estudillo streets. Picnic area, park benches, lighted pathways, lots of shade, built-in concrete stage.

Waterfront Park

North Court via Ferry Street. A 4-ball field complex with concessions & rest rooms, soccer fields, picnic areas, playground areas, horseshoe pits and bocce ball courts, the marina & fishing pier.



Places of Worship

Bethany Baptist Church

5550 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez
925-228-7282

First Baptist Church of Martinez

1802 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez
925-228-6457

Foothill Baptist Church

333 Center Avenue, Pacheco
925-686-1919

Morello Avenue Baptist Church

68 Morello Avenue, Martinez
925-228-4284

Second Baptist Church

1020 Las Juntas Street, Martinez
925-228-3860

Blessed Sacrament Church

1150 Mellus Street, Martinez
925-228-9852

Polish Community Center & Church

909 Mellus Street, Martinez
925-229-9197

Central Church of Christ

245 Morello Avenue, Martinez
925-228-4346

Martinez United Methodist Church

100 Church Street, Martinez
925-228-1233

Morello Hills Christian Church

245 Morello Avenue, Martinez
925-228-4346

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints

940 Palisade Drive, Martinez
925-372-4749

Christ Lutheran Church

2370 Harbor View Drive, Martinez
925-228-5120

Grace Episcopal Church

130 Muir Station Road, Martinez
925-228-6574

Saint Catherine of Sienna Parish

1125 Ferry Street, Martinez
925-228-2230

First Congregational Church/ United Church of Christ

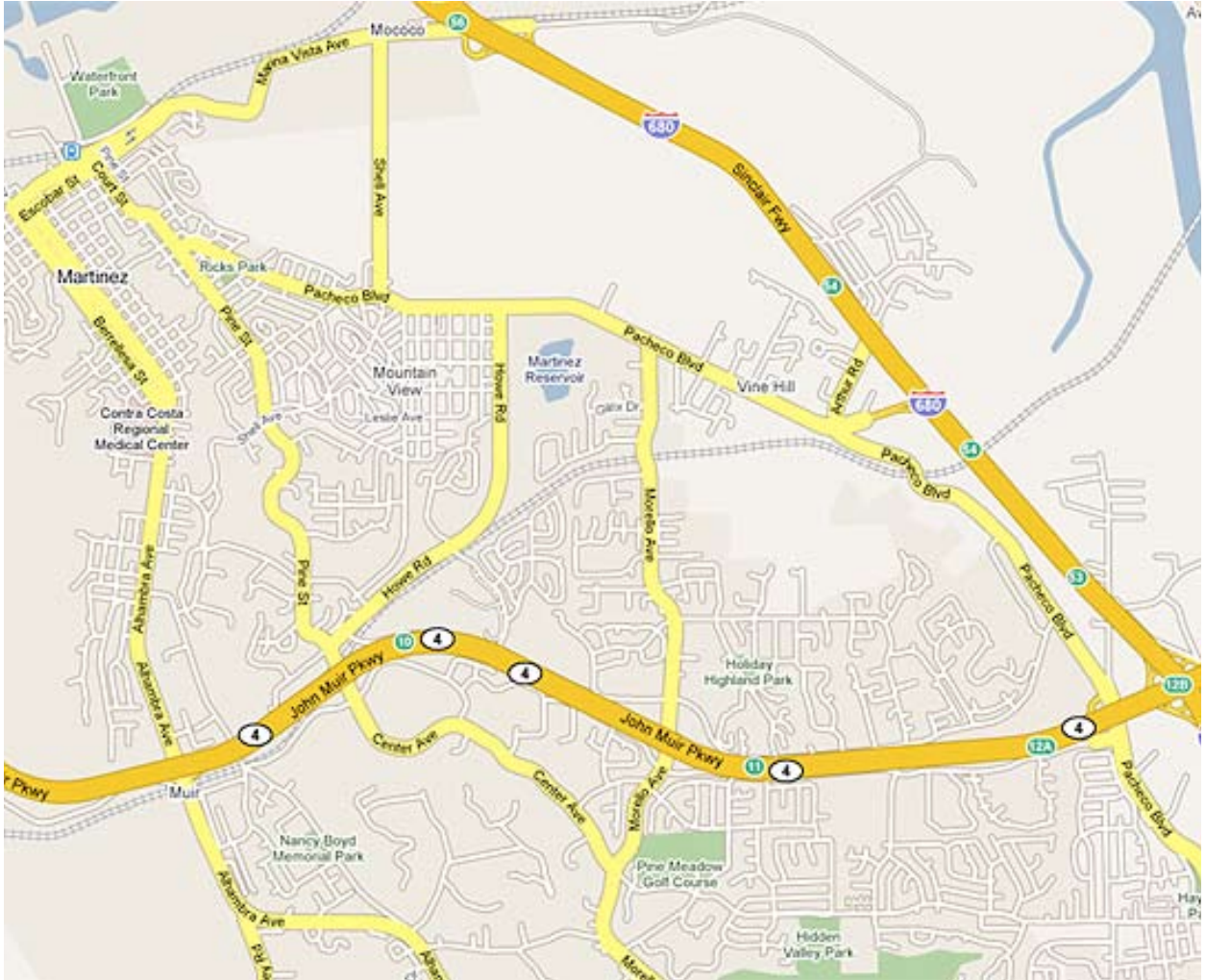
Court & Susana Street, Martinez
925-228-0549

Creekside Church

444 Figtree Lane, Martinez
925-228-8156



City of Martinez Map



Downtown Martinez Map

