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Local candidates pull papers to appear on November ballot

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MARTINEZ, Calif. – Potential candidates are starting to trickle in for various seats and positions slated to appear on the Nov. 8 General Election ballot.

In the race for two open seats on the Martinez City Council, incumbent Mark Ross, John Stevens and Noralea Gipner have pulled papers. The other incumbent, AnaMarie Avila Farias, who is challenging Contra Costa County Supervisor Federal Glover for his 5th District seat on the November ballot, is unable to run for her seat on the council.

Incumbent Richard Hernandez is seeking to keep his job as Martinez's City Clerk, as is current Treasurer Carolyn Robinson.

Around the corner, at the Martinez Unified School District, two of three incumbents are looking to hold their seats this Fall. Johnathan Wright, who was appointed to fill a vacancy on the school board, has pulled papers, as has Kathleen

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Fireworks spark fire near Hollyview Drive

MARTINEZ, Calif. – Two minors were arrested Tuesday afternoon after fireworks they set sparked a brush fire in a residential neighborhood.

The fire was reported around 2:30 p.m. July 26, in the vicinity

of Hollyview Drive. It began in the deepest part of the canyon, spreading across an open field and close to another canyon lined with homes before firefighters were able to take control of the blaze.

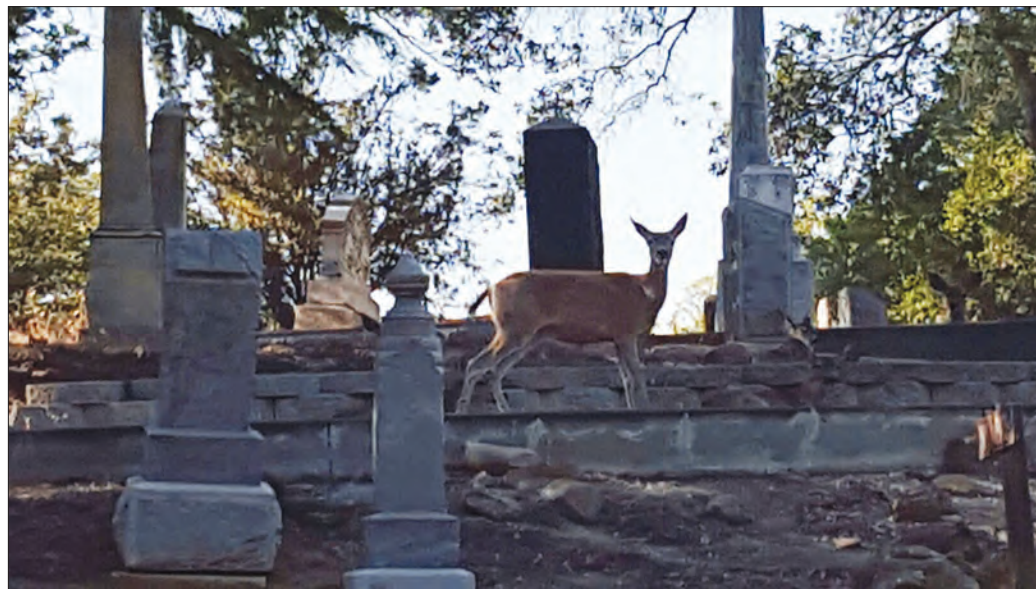
According to ConFire's Cap-

tain George Laing, had a fire engine not have been so close, residences may have been threatened.

No injuries were reported, and no structural damage occurred.

Charges against the minors are pending.

Oh, deer!



PRESTON CLARK / Courtesy

Resident deer lay in the shade Sunday afternoon, among the tombstones at Alhambra Cemetery. Can you spot how many deer are in this picture?

Probation, Pretrial, Parole Supervision Officers recognized

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors paid tribute on Tuesday, July 19, to the professionals who serve the County as Probation, Pretrial and Parole

Supervision Officers, recognizing their often unsung achievements in contributing to public safety, community engagement, and support for victims.

Most public safety professionals don't enter the profession for the recognition, appreciation or financial rewards.

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Farmers market launches contest

Recipes sought during Market Week

Pacific Coast Farmers Market Association (PCFMA), which comes to Martinez every Sunday, will celebrate National Farmers Market Week Aug. 7-13. They're asking the public to join them, along with the USDA and farmers markets across the country, in the first annual #myPCFMAplate Recipe Contest.

Contestants will have a chance to win the grand prize of a harvest dinner for two on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Ballentine Vineyards in Napa Valley, as well as a gift certificate from Bed&Breakfast.com for a one-night stay at a location of the winner's choice.

To participate, contestants are asked to prepare a fresh and simple dish using in-season farmers market produce, to snap a photo of what they have made, and to share why they chose this recipe to represent their PCFMA farmers market. Contestants can submit

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Goodmorning Martinez

All of us at the Martinez Tribune wish subscriber Mike Edwards a good morning and a great week ahead. Thank you for subscribing!

Quote of the Week

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

– H. Jackson Brown Jr., "P.S. I Love You"

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