Hon. Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the report for the week ending February 28th, 2020.

1. **Meeting Notes**

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3rd. Closed Session begins at 5:00 P.M., followed by the Regular Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority at 6:25 P.M. The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council begins at 6:30 P.M., and the agenda may be found by clicking this link: [March 3rd City Council Agenda](#).

2. **Upcoming Events**

**Gotcha bike share to launch at a location near you early Spring 2020**

The City of Richmond in partnership with Gotcha is launching a bike share program this spring. We need your input to help our electric bikes find their homes at 22 city locations.

Where would you like to see bike share in Richmond? Before we get bikes on the ground, help us decide where we should place hubs by contributing to this short survey [http://bit.ly/GotchaRichmond](http://bit.ly/GotchaRichmond) or by attending one of the events listed below.

- **3/5** Richmond BART Station Outreach 5PM – 7:00 P.M.*
- **3/9** Richmond Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting 5:30- 7:30 P.M. at City Hall, Pt Molate Room
- **3/11** Economic Development Commission Meeting 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. at City Hall
- **3/26** Point Richmond Business Association Meeting 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. at Hotel Mac Restaurant, 10 Cottage Ave, Richmond, CA 94801

**Would you like Gotcha to join your upcoming meeting or event?** Please reach out to [katie@ridegotcha.com](mailto:katie@ridegotcha.com), or [Denee.Evans@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:Denee.Evans@ci.richmond.ca.us).

For more information visit [ridegotcha.com/locations/Richmond](http://ridegotcha.com/locations/Richmond).
Richmond Art Center: Current Exhibition and Upcoming Events

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

Art of the African Diaspora - On view until March 13

Right Here, Right Now, Richmond - On view until March 6

SPRING EXHIBITIONS

Over and Under – March 17 – May 29, 2020
Reception: Saturday, March 28, 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

55TH Annual WCCUSD Student Art Show – March 24 – April 21, 2020
Reception: Tuesday, April 14, 5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M., Award Presentation: 5:45 P.M.

Dewey Crumpler: Crossings – March 31 – May 30, 2020
Reception: Saturday, March 28, 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Summer Art Camp - June 10 - August 14, Registration opens April 4, 10% Early Bird Discount before May 1
Open House: Saturday, April 4!

Visit and register at Open House for an additional 5% off Summer Art Camp!
If you would like to pre-register and reserve your space, please fill out the Summer Art Camp Release Form. Camp staff will contact you when classes are available.

For more details, visit Summer Art Camp or call 510-620-6772.
¿Habla Español? Martes-Sábado, 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
admin@RichmondArtCenter.org

Art of the African Diaspora Closing Party: Friday, March 13, 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Join us for a closing party to celebrate the achievements of 150 artists participating in Art of the African Diaspora. Mix’n’mingle with artists, share your Open Studios experiences, and enjoy your last opportunity to view Art of the African Diaspora at the Richmond Art Center.
**Ikuko Ito Pop-Up Exhibition and Reception**: Japanese Artist from Richmond’s Sister City Shimada, Japan

Exhibition: March 27 – 28  
Reception: Friday, March 27, 3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

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**See & Make Art!**

Saturday, March 28, 1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. – Youth Studio  
Free art making activities open to the public. All ages and families welcome. All materials included.

See & Make Art! takes place every 4th Saturday of the month in our Youth Studio from 1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. !

Join us for the next See & Make Art!, Saturday, March 28, 1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. , as we learn to paint Picasso style self-portraits!
Youth Art Tours - Open to all K - 12 Schools

Youth Art Tours offer K-12 students opportunities to view, interpret and engage with art. Youth Art Tours run concurrent with exhibition offerings and are always unique to our exhibition content. We are currently scheduling visits for this school year 2020.

Youth Art Tours include:

- View and discuss art in our galleries with our Teaching Artists using Visual Thinking Strategies for students of all ages.
- Visit our active studio spaces and learn about the variety of student-made art.
- Engage in art activities lead by Teaching Artists and understand personal creativity to support learners of all ages and styles.
Ready Together! Organize your Block for Disaster Preparedness Class

We can build community and resilience at the same time and have fun doing it. Join Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Richmond for a free class called Ready Together! Organize Your Block for Disaster Preparedness.

In this 4-series class you’ll learn how to support your community to be better prepared for a disaster. After an earthquake, people will come out in the street, and by taking this class, your block will have a plan of what to do next. This investment in your time will create community and can possibly save lives!

Meeting #1: Overview & Team Size
Overview of the program
Building community on your block
Deciding the size of your team, block gathering area, & area for special needs
Discussing a block map, including gas shutoffs

Meeting #2: Connecting with Neighbors
Reviewing maps
Ideas to connect with neighbors
Identifying neighbors with special needs
Getting neighbors involved

Meeting #3: Get your Team Together
Preparing for a block meeting or party
Reviewing & distributing resources for household preparedness
Creating a contacts, teams, & special needs list

Meeting #4: Incident Command Structure
Connecting to your Neighborhood CERT
Radio training
Explaining the Incident Command Structure
Reviewing resources to get your block team trained

All people who sign-up will get a packet of resources to help their block get organized. It will include steps on how to get individualized households prepared and a block emergency toilet plan. Your block will create a map of gas shut offs, know how to support community members with special needs, and have a plan of what to do after you have made sure your family is safe. We encourage people to take this course with a household member or other neighbor.

Two cohorts are forming now:

1. Fourth Wednesdays: March 25th, April 22nd, & May 27th from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
   Richmond Public Library - Community Room, 325 Civic Center Plaza
2. **First Tuesdays:** March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th, & June 2nd from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
   Richmond Public Library - Community Room, 325 Civic Center Plaza

If you are able to print out a flyer and share with others, that would help. Sharing this email with others or posting on social media is very much appreciated.

The Ready Together! class is taught in English. Bilingual community members are encouraged to take the course to help reach more of our community and, hopefully, some will go on to become trainers of this course. The block resources are available in English and Spanish. Please share with people in your community. We need your help to reach everyone.

CERT Richmond offers other classes including the CERT training at CERTRichmond.org.
3. **Acknowledgements**

On February 27, 2020, the Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP) celebrated Black History Month by organizing a program-wide potluck that paid tribute to the beloved traditions of the “Griot”, an old historian who transmitted oral history from one generation to another through storytelling. We gathered and shared food, a cultural tradition that has been carried on for centuries.
In addition, LEAP surprised our oldest student, Winford Earl Boughton with a 91st birthday celebration along with our youngest student, Zeonta Johnson who just turned 19. Together we celebrated the “19-91” journey!

If you are interested in the LEAP program please contact us at 510-307-8084 or stop by at 440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804.
City of Richmond Awarded $4.1 million in Prop 68 grant!

The City of Richmond was awarded State Park Program (SPP) Proposition 68 grant funds for 2 projects. There were 478 applications were received requesting $2.3 billion for the available $254.9 million in this funding round. Statewide, 62 applications were selected with the average grant amount of $4.1 million.

SPP funds are designed to create new parks and recreation opportunities in critically underserved communities across California. SPP embraces meaningful engagement with local residents where park designs represent each community’s unique recreation needs and creativity.

The selected project in the City of Richmond was Boorman Park Revitalization: $4,165,000

The new project consists of the following:

Construct new Recreational Features including: a multi-use trail with fitness stations, a small skate park, an athletic field, a basketball court, a fitness zone, children’s play areas, and a community gathering area.

Construct new Major Support Amenities including: a public restroom, two parking lots (22 spaces), park beautification (artwork), a shade structure, park landscaping, wayfinding, and safety features.

Boorman Park is located in a community consisting of single family homes and is bordered by railroad tracks; single family homes, and existing manufacturing businesses. Based on a comprehensive, community-led city-wide state park survey, Boorman Park was selected as one of top priority parks that is in need to be renovated, partially due to the park’s current site layout which creates community safety concerns and deters full park usage. Through a series of community meetings, the Community Services Department, and the Public Works Parks Division, along with community partners such as First Five of Contra Costa, West County Regional Group, and Healthy and Active Before 5, created the future design and usage of Boorman Park.
Officer Gary Lewis named RPAL Office of the Year

Congratulations to Officer Gary Lewis. Officer Lewis is the 2019 Richmond Police Activity League (RPAL) Officer of the year! Officer Lewis was selected for his work as a School Resource Officer and the respect and admiration he earned from thousands of Richmond youth during his time in schools and the various housing developments in the city. Gary also supported RPAL during many youth engagement activities and led several basketball camps at RPAL the last four years. Because of Gary’s work with Richmond youth he is the 2019 Richmond PAL Officer of the Year. Congratulations Gary!
4. **City Clerk’s Office**

**Drop-off boxes return to Contra Costa City Halls this month**

Residents can save time with this vote-by-mail program!

Contra Costa residents will find it easier to vote in the upcoming March 3rd Presidential Primary Election, as the Contra Costa Elections Office and City Clerks countywide provide convenient Vote By Mail drop off locations, prior to and on Election Day.

The secure drop-off boxes will be in place at Contra Costa city halls, the county Administration Building in Martinez and some select community centers, senior centers and libraries starting the week of February 10th – just days after voters receive their permanent vote-by-mail ballots. New to the drop off program is the addition of a dozen permanent drop off boxes that will be located outdoors. These secure boxes will be conveniently available to voters beyond normal business hours, including nights and weekends.

A full list of drop-box locations is available at [https://www.cocovote.us/ballot-drop-off/](https://www.cocovote.us/ballot-drop-off/).

The City of Richmond’s permanent drop off box is located between 450 and 440 Civic Center Plaza, under the overpass in front of the Council Chamber’s parking lot. Voters may also drop off ballots to a secure drop-off box in the City Clerk’s Office, 450 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 300, from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

The distinguishable boxes inside buildings will be available during normal business hours. Postage is not required for any Vote By Mail return method.

5. **City Manager’s Office**

**City of Richmond Launches Transparent Richmond**

The City of Richmond is excited to announce the launch of Transparent Richmond ([www.transparentrichmond.org](http://www.transparentrichmond.org)), a city-wide open data and performance reporting system. The open data platform currently spans 11 city departments and contains over 300 datasets, visualizations, and performance measures, many of which feature monthly, weekly or daily updates.

Transparent Richmond aims to accomplish the following:

- Improve the collective understanding of all city services
- Automate performance data to help track and meet budget and service goals
• Leverage evidence-based analysis to develop innovative solutions that improve the quality of city services

The city plans to add more datasets and visualizations over time and invites the community to propose additional information for the site. To nominate new data and visualizations, visit https://www.transparentrichmond.org/nominate.

6. **Community Development Department**

**Point Molate Mixed-Use Development Project Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) Available for Comment**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the “Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970” as amended to date, the City of Richmond Planning Division has prepared a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for a proposed mixed-use development project (Modified Project) on the former Point Molate Navy Fuel Depot and Winehaven Historic District Site (Point Molate Site or Project Site).

The Modified Project makes certain changes in land use and intensities to the Point Molate Mixed-Use Tribal Destination Resort and Casino Project (Casino Project) and alternatives analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Point Molate Mixed-Use Tribal Destination Resort and Casino Project that was certified by the City in 2011 (2011 FEIR). These changes include, but are not limited to, the
elimination of the proposed casino, increasing allowable residential units and rehabilitating the buildings that contribute to the historic Winehaven District (similar to the rehabilitation in Alternative B1 of the 2011 FEIR).

The SEIR addresses the potential physical and environmental effects of the Modified Project per the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code [PRC] section 21000, et seq., and the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations section 15000, et seq.). As the Lead Agency, the City will use the SEIR when considering discretionary approval of the Modified Project. Responsible Agencies, which are public agencies other than the City that have discretionary approval power over the Modified Project, also may rely on the SEIR prepared by the City when issuing approvals for the implementation of the Modified Project.

The Draft SEIR is available for review online at Point Molate Mixed-Use Project. Copies are also available for review at the following locations:

Richmond Public Libraries:
- Main Branch 325 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804
- West Side Branch 135 Washington Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801
  (Point Richmond)

City of Richmond Planning Division, City Hall, 450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA, 94804 (The Planning Division public counter is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. A digital copy of all documents incorporated by reference and cited in the SEIR will also be available at the City of Richmond Planning Division.)

**Public Review and Comment Period**
The City invites comments on the SEIR in response to the Notice of Availability. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15105(a), a minimum forty-five-day (45) public review period is required and shall commence on the date of this notice (February 21, 2020). Please mail or email your written comments on the Draft EIR no later than **5:00 P.M. on April 6, 2020** to:

Lina Velasco  
Community Development Director  
City of Richmond Planning Division  
450 Civic Center Plaza-2nd Floor
Richmond, CA 94804
admin@pointmolateseir.com

Please include in your written response the name and phone number of a contact person in your agency. In addition, comments may be provided at the Public Meeting that is noticed below.

Public Meeting
A public meeting to receive written and oral comments on the Draft SEIR will be held at 6:30 P.M. on March 19, 2020 at the Planning Commission meeting held in the Council Chambers at 440 Civic Center Plaza in Richmond, CA 94804.

Subscribe for Updates
Please sign up on Notify Me if you are interested in receiving email updates for this project.

Contra Costa Census 2020 Training Workshops

The future of your community starts with Census 2020. The Census count comes once a decade, to account for every person in the United States. Not only does the count determine congressional districting, it also allocates critical funding for our communities including roads, affordable housing, schools, and parks.

Contra Costa County’s Census 2020 Complete Count Steering Committee has been building a network of trusted messengers to increase awareness and motivate residents to respond to the 2020 Census. In order to get a complete count, it will require strong collaboration between the County, cities, and community partners. As part of this effort, the Committee has awarded Census Outreach and Assistance Grants totaling $280,000 to about 55 organizations to ensure a complete and accurate count, and an additional $70,000 in Phase II mini-grants that are available on a rolling basis through May 2020.

The Committee is hosting a series of Regional Census Training Workshops to better understand the importance of the Census, learn about outreach resources and tools, and how to help our community members complete the Census form. The Training Workshops are mandatory for Contra Costa County grantees and open to anyone interested in volunteering as a Census Ambassador to assist in census outreach and education in Contra Costa County.
The County’s Census effort also focuses on “hard-to-count” Census Tracts, which amounts to 212,356 people in Contra Costa. Every person missed in the Census count is estimated to cost $2,000 a year in lost federal funds. If Contra Costa County undercounts by 5%, we would lose $1.1 billion over the next ten years.

Please join us at one of the workshops to become a trusted 2020 Census Ambassador:

- March 2, 2020, 11:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
  East County Census 2020 Kick-off & Training Workshop
  Oakley Senior Center, 215 2nd Street, Oakley, CA 94561
  Register for East County Census 2020 Kick-off & Training Workshop

Spanish translation services provided upon request. Light refreshments available. Sign up to be a partner or learn more at [www.cococensus.org](http://www.cococensus.org)

7. **Fire**

**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Spring 2020 Training Academy Open for Registration**

The Richmond Fire Department conducts CERT training classes twice a year in English and Spanish. CERT training provides participants with basic skills and knowledge to safely respond to emergencies within their neighborhoods.

The CERT training topics include disaster preparedness, fire safety, basic disaster medicine, light search and rescue techniques, team organization, disaster psychology and homeland security information. The training culminates in an all-day drill giving CERT students the opportunity to apply their newly learned skills.
Registration is now open for the Spring 2020 CERT Training Academy. To earn a training completion certificate, participants must complete all CERT modules and the CERT Drill Day. Training dates are:

- Saturday, March 14\textsuperscript{th} – Sunday, March 15\textsuperscript{th}
- Saturday, April 18\textsuperscript{th} – Sunday, April 19\textsuperscript{th}
- CERT Drill Day is Saturday, May 9, 2010 (8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

Class times are 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. each day unless otherwise noted. Location: City of Richmond, 440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA

To register for CERT Spring 2020 Academy:

- Visit the Eventbrite registration page: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/86739816125](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/86739816125)
  OR
- Visit Richmond Fire’s REACT/CERT Webpage for more information and click on “Online Registration” to register: [http://ca-richmond2.civicplus.com/1595/Course-Schedule](http://ca-richmond2.civicplus.com/1595/Course-Schedule)

Need more information: Call Richmond Fire, Office of Emergency Services, (510) 620-6866.
8. **Information Technology**

**Website and Social Media Statistics for the week of February 28, 2020**

Total time spent by visitors

- City Council Agenda
- Human Resources
- Richmond Police Department

**KCRT DATANET FOR THE WEEK**

**WOMEN’S DAY CELEBRATION**

The City of Richmond and Sisters in Solidarity

Saturday, March 7th
10AM – 2PM
Richmond Memorial Convention Center
403 Civic Center Plaza

For information about the event, hosting a table or becoming a sponsor:
(510) 620-6581
The City of Richmond and Sisters in Solidarity

WOMEN’S DAY CELEBRATION

In recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment, the FREE event will commemorate women’s right to vote, and we will honor past and present women in politics.

Dynamic speakers, live entertainment, opportunities to mix and mingle, and an event focused on youth.

Ready Together! Organize Your Block for Disaster Preparedness

Develop a plan. Create community. Get Ready Together!

You’ll learn how to create a basic map of utilities and how to organize your block for a rapid response after a disaster in a 4-series class.

Two cohorts forming now:

Fourth Wednesdays
Feb. 26th - May 27th

First Tuesdays
March 3rd - June 2nd

Richmond Public Library
Community Room
325 Civic Center Plaza
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

For More Information and to Register
CERTRichmond.org
Art of the African Diaspora Exhibition: January 14 – March 13, 2020

Summer Youth Employment is NOW OPEN

The deadline for Completed Applications is
SUNDAY, March 1, 2020 or
when the first 200 completed applications are received

For more information: 510-412-2044
www.ci.richmond.ca.us/662/YouthWORKS
KCRT TV Channel 28 - NEW EPISODES OF CURRENT PROGRAMMING

KCRT aired Council and West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) meetings.
Programming:

“Classic Movies” (Classic Hollywood Movies)
“The Kamla Show” (Talk Show)
“Car Guy Channel” (Auto series)
“Sidewalks Entertainment” (Celebrity, Music, Lifestyle and Arts)
“The Jet Set” (Travel)
“Creature Features” (Horror Movies)

All of the above shows have encore runs throughout the week.
You may find the full schedule at http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3176/Schedule

9. Internal Services

Finance

Open Requests For Bids/Request For Proposals

| Housing Authority | Real Estate Listing Agent | Due: 3/11/2019 |

10. Library and Community Services

Transportation Services Division

Are you interested in learning more about what services the City of Richmond’s Transportation Services Division is working on for you?

Subscribe to receive updates: http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/list.aspx?ListID=374
Or Go To: http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/2876/Transportation

Get rewarded for trying a Green Commute! Get up to $50 in cash rewards!

Do you currently drive alone? Are you tired of sitting in traffic? Looking to jump start your New Year with a green commute?
The Challenge is a fun and exciting opportunity to explore alternative modes of transportation to get to/from work.

Text **START** to 925-905-TRIP (925-905-8747)

You will get daily texts at 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. asking you about your commute for the next three weeks.

Respond by texting your commute mode for three weeks. If it’s a green mode (transit, carpool, vanpool, bicycling), you’ll tally up points for cash rewards – up to $50!

Visit [www.511cc.org/TYC](http://www.511cc.org/TYC) for full program rules

Participants must currently live or work in Contra Costa County and be 18 or over.

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**Recreation Services/Community Services**

**Community Services Mini-Grants Available Now!**

Our 2020-2021 CSD Mini-Grant Application Cycle is now open! Apply now for grants up to $5,000. The deadline to submit is Friday, March 13, 2020. Visit the [website](http://www.511cc.org) for more information!
Adult Soccer Sign-Ups

Join the Adult Soccer 8V8 league series! There is plenty of space for this league!

Teams will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Teams will be allowed to have a roster of 14 players. Team trophy and medals will be awarded to the 1st place and 2nd place teams. All teams must submit team roster, government ID, and a picture. This must be turned in when payment is made. Practice space is available on Wednesday to paid teams once registered.

Games take place on Fridays from March 6 – May 29, 2020 from 6:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. at Martin Luther King Jr. Park (1300 Virginia Ave.). Cost is $650 for residents or $675 for non-residents. Registration deadline is February 29, 2020.

Contact Christian Tirado at christian_tirado@ci.richmond.ca.us or (510) 621-1821 for more information.
Park Rx Day Coming Near You!

Save the date for Saturday, April 25, 2020 for our annual Park Rx Day event! This year’s event will take place at Martin Luther King Jr. Park from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. There will be lots of fun and free activities like free fitness classes, sports clinics, free lunch, raffles, and more! Details to come!

We are seeking vendors that promote healthy living in Richmond! Contact Tetteh Kisseh at tetteh_kisseh@ci.richmond.ca.us or call (510) 620-6919 to join us!
38th Annual Senior Information and Health Faire; May 13th, 2020

The City of Richmond Community Services Department and the Richmond Commission on Aging are proud to sponsor the 38th Annual Senior Information and Health Faire. This event will be held at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium at 403 Civic Center Plaza, on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

All businesses, agencies or individuals who are interested in senior health and wellness are cordially invited to participate in this festive day. Space will be made available for groups to display information, give demonstrations, hand out information and/or register prospective clients. All businesses, agencies or individuals interested in participating must complete the an application form and return by Friday, May 1, 2020, to Richmond Senior Center (RSC) Staff.

If you have any questions, please contact RSC Staff at 510-307-8087. Thank you and we look forward to another successful event with your participation.
Chief French participates in African American Police Chiefs Panel Discussion

On Wednesday February 19th, Chief French participated on a panel at the University of Southern California (USC). The panel featured four current and former African American Chiefs of Police to examine the racial challenges they experienced within the law enforcement culture to reach the highest rank at their agencies. The conversation explored issues such as racism within the profession and how departments are trying to build trust and legitimacy as national polarization increases. The panel was moderated by professor, Dr. Erroll Southers.
Officers take another firearm off the streets

On the night of February 21st, while conducting proactive patrols in the city’s southern district, officers contacted an individual sitting in a car, illegally parked in a handicapped spot. After speaking with the suspect, he was removed from the vehicle. While stepping out, a loaded firearm fell from his waistband. The department is proud of the officers’ continued efforts to make the city safer by taking guns off the streets.
Richmond kids take the wheel!

Officer Middleton takes time out of his busy day to entertain a couple of little ones. The kids had a great time playing with the gadgets in the police car and on his uniform. Some of the best times spent on the job are making kids happy.

RPAL Annual Luncheon
Chief French, along with RPD officers and sheriff deputies, served food at the Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) Annual Luncheon. RPAL is doing a great job of supporting, uplifting and empowering our youth!

12. **Public Works**

**Abatement**

Abatement crews performed weed abatement and encampment removal along the Richmond Parkway, dismantled a recreational vehicle (RV) as requested by the Police Department to allow towing, removed illegal dumping throughout the City and graffiti from various locations.

*Richmond Parkway Weed Abatement*
Encampment Abatement Richmond Parkway
RV Dismantling

Weed Abatement
Facilities Maintenance

Stationary Engineers performed daily pool maintenance, daily Civic Center Plaza boiler inspections, replaced the wand shower hose in the handicapped stall at the Richmond Plunge, fixed the entry door to Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP), replaced the hose on the condensate drain pump at the Plunge, installed the air sensor at the Richmond Swim Center, replaced the washing machine handle at Fire Station #68 and assisted with the fire extinguisher inspections at Civic Center Plaza.

Utility Workers replaced damaged light fixture covers at the Recreation Complex Day Care area, cleared line in the men’s restroom of the Main Library, pressure
cleaned the court yard of the Main Library, set up meeting rooms and serviced 29 City-owned facilities.

**Meeting Room Set-Up**  **Main Library Court Yard Cleaning**

**Parks and Landscaping**

Due to vandalism at Nicholl Park, staff has been overseeing the repair of the lighting. All of the fields and pathways are without lighting, the tennis courts were not affected. All lighting should be restored soon.
General fund crews mowed and removed trash from all Westside parks, repaired plumbing at the south side park, homeless abatement at Booker T. Anderson Park, encampment abatement along the Greenway, weed whipped the medians on Cutting Boulevard from 37th Street to 49th Street, repaired the irrigation at the Main Library, weeded Cutting Circle, removed debris from the Mira Vista access road, repaired the play equipment at Solano Playlot and general maintenance throughout.
Tree crews cut or trimmed trees at/on: South 49th Street, Andrade Avenue, Clarence Street, Green Ridge Drive, Maricopa Avenue, Tewksbury Avenue and Booker T. Anderson Park.

Marina District crews hand-pulled weeds in the corner planter of Regatta Way and Marina Parkway, hand pulled weeds in the planters at Sand Beach, emptied trash receptacles throughout, pruned roses on the medians of Marina Parkway, performed routine maintenance on the east side of the medians of Regatta Boulevard and Marina Parkway, repaired irrigation breaks in the drip line at Regatta Boulevard and Marina Parkway, removed debris from the tennis courts and removed graffiti throughout.
Hilltop District crews continued general maintenance around the business area, trimmed the willow trees in front of the sitting area at Hilltop Lake, completed weed abatement along Bloom Drive, performed drainage maintenance at Bay Vista Park, removed fountain grasses in the planter at bay Vista Park and removed debris throughout the district.
Pavement Maintenance

Staff is overseeing and assisting with the installation of a new automatic gate at the Corporation Yard on the Harbour Way side. The new gate will provide additional vehicle parking, space for electric vehicle charging and improved security.

Gate Replacement

Paving crews completed base repairs on; 39th Street, Banks Drive and Highpointe Court, began repairs to portions of the Richmond Parkway and worked from the outstanding pothole list.
Crews swept the following Neighborhood Council districts on the fourth Monday through Friday in; Santa Fe, Point Richmond, Marina Bay, Coronado, Metro Richmore Village, Pullman, Cortez/Stege, Park Plaza, Laurel Park, City Center, Richmond Annex, Parkview, Panhandle Annex and Eastshore.

Street Sweeping
Traffic Signs and Lines

Staff fabricated 13 signs, installed nine signs including in Civic Center Plaza, repaired two damaged signs, reset two poles, removed a sign, painted red curbs, painted white medians and curbs and placed various street markings.
**Water Resource Recovery**

Macdonald & Virginia Wet Weather Improvement Projects

The contractor is continuing to excavate to replace defective pipes.

*Local Richmond contractor is connecting a lateral to newly installed sewer main of the Macdonald and Virginia Project.*
Local Richmond contractor is compacting backfill after sewer installation near 31st Street.

Cutting/Carlson & Hoffman Wet Weather Improvement Project

The majority of the project work has been completed. The contractor is working to complete the easement portion of the project.

Local Richmond contractor has dug a pilot hole for a new sewer line at the easements on Florida Street (installed using pipe bursting method).
Sewer Lateral Grant Program

The City of Richmond’s Water Resource Recovery Department administers the Sewer Lateral Grant Program. The program reimburses eligible homeowners in the Richmond Municipal Sewer District (RMSD No. 1) for some of the cost to replace their sewer lateral.

The program is open and accepting applications for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

For more information about the Sewer Lateral Grant Program, please visit www.ci.richmond.ca.us/2130/Sewer-Lateral-Grant-Program or call 510-620-6594.

13. Rent Program

Rent Program 2020 Community Workshop Calendar

Community education is a core component of the services provided by the Richmond Rent Program. In 2020, the Rent Program will continue to host monthly Community Workshops on Saturday mornings to educate tenants, landlords, and other community members on the requirements of the Fair Rent, Just Cause for Eviction, and Homeowner Protection Ordinance.

Dates and topics for all 2020 Community Workshops are listed in the table below.
Rent Program 2020 Community Workshop Calendar
City Council Chambers
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Space is limited – RSVP today: [https://rentprogram.eventbrite.com](https://rentprogram.eventbrite.com)

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<th>WORKSHOP</th>
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<td>Understanding the Statewide Anti-gouging and Eviction Protection Law (AB 1482) in Richmond</td>
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14. **Richmond Promise**

**Career Coffee Chats – Mentor a Richmond Promise Scholar!**

Richmond Promise invites you to become a part of our new career-exploration program, Career Coffee Chats! This program provides Richmond Promise Scholars and alumni access to professionals in their perspective fields to conduct informational interviews in order to gain industry knowledge, build a professional network, and discover potential internship and employment opportunities. In order to
formally launch the program in December, our goal is to recruit at least 30 professionals who are interested in becoming available for informational interviews. There is no long-term commitment and individuals choose their own availability.

The application can be found at [bit.ly/RPcoffee](http://bit.ly/RPcoffee)
Feel free to share company-wide and with your networks!
For questions, email [bquarles@richmondpromise.org](mailto:bquarles@richmondpromise.org)

**Interested in applying for our 2019-20 Scholarship Application?**

If you are interested in applying or learning more about the 2019-20 Richmond Promise Scholarship, please visit our home website at [richmondpromise.org](http://richmondpromise.org) or click on the following link to begin your application --- [bit.ly/RPScholarship2020](http://bit.ly/RPScholarship2020)

The Richmond Promise Scholarship is a $1,500 college scholarship, renewable for up to 4 years, with an additional 2 years available for students who want to petition for extra funding. Students may attend a 2-year or 4-year college, and/or pursue a Career Technical Education Certificate at any not-for-profit institution in the United States.

To be eligible for the Richmond Promise Scholarship, you must:

1. Be a resident of the City of Richmond or North Richmond (i.e. have a Richmond home address)
2. Have graduated from an eligible high school within the West Contra Costa Unified School District boundary area or received your GED/high school equivalency this academic year or the year prior
3. Have attended an eligible high school at least 9th-12th grade consecutively
4. Complete the FAFSA/Dream Act by the March 2 Cal Grant deadline (unless not AB 540 eligible)
5. Submit a Richmond Promise Scholarship application by the application deadline

*Our 2019-2020 Richmond Promise Scholarship will be open from December 1st, 2019 – March 14th, 2020!

Contact us at 510-230-0422 or at scholarships@richmondpromise.org if you have any questions!

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**We’re Hiring -- Communications & Development Coordinator: Americorps VISTA:**

The VISTA Richmond Promise Communications & Development Coordinator will build capacity to help us build the identity of the Promise, tell our story, and raise funds. This is a 12 month term of service.

Applications due March 13.
To apply, visit: [https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/publicRequestSearch.do](https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/publicRequestSearch.do)
Thank you for keeping up with the activities in the City of Richmond. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about these or any other items of interest to you.

**Thank You!**

**Laura Snideman**  
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City of Richmond  
450 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, California 94804  
(510) 620-6512

You can sign up to receive the City Manager’s weekly report and other information from the City of Richmond by visiting: [www.ci.richmond.ca.us/list.aspx](http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/list.aspx)

See below for options to connect with the City of Richmond.

**Connecting with the City of Richmond**
Using the City of Richmond Mobile Application:

The City of Richmond mobile app provides Richmond’s community members with one-stop access to City services and information via mobile devices. The app allows quick and real-time reporting of neighborhood-related issues; viewing the City’s events calendar; finding addresses and phone numbers of local businesses, city departments and council members. The City of Richmond’s mobile phone app is available on the Apple App store and Google Play store.

QR Codes are available for easy downloading of this APP:
Apple version of APP

Android version of APP

We welcome your comments at webservices@ci.richmond.ca.us
You can use the CORConnect button on the City’s website to report a concern, pose a question, or acknowledge the City’s work in some way.

On the next screen, under "Report an Issue," select "Report Issue/Concern," or "Search Issue/Concerns" to look up a previously reported issue.

You can also look up previously submitted issues to check on the current status if you provided your name, phone number or email when you submitted it.
To contact us by phone:

The City’s website (http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/) provides a department and staff directory at http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/Directory.aspx.

If you’re not sure which department you need to contact, we encourage you to phone the City Manager’s office at (510) 620-6512.

Using the CORConnect Application on the City’s Website:

You can use the CORConnect button on the City’s website (http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/) to report any comments, questions or concerns regarding the work being done by City staff. The CORConnect issues go directly to the responsible department, and the city manager reviews reported issues on a regular basis to determine if City staff members are responding appropriately. If you do not feel that you have received a satisfactory response, please contact the City Manager’s Office at (510) 620-6512.

To access CORConnect select the CORConnect button on the homepage of the City website.
Alternatively, you can select the **COR Connect** button on any other webpage on the left hand side of the page.

On the next screen under Report an Issue select Report Issue/Concern to create a report or Search Issue/Concerns to look up a previously reported issue. You can also look up previously submitted issues to check on the current status if you provided you name, phone number or email when you submitted it.

On the page, you can also look up information on a parcel, see permits issued and look up business license information. If you have a current business license you can pay to renew it online with a credit card.

The recommended browsers are: **Microsoft Edge**, or **Microsoft Internet Explorer version 11** using the compatibility mode. It can be found in the upper right corner of
Internet Explorer: click on the "gear" icon and select Compatibility View Settings, then add the site to the list and click "Close".

The City of Richmond is looking forward to feedback from the community on CORConnect. We welcome your comments at webservices@ci.richmond.ca.us