Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the weekly report for the week ending March 27th, 2015.

1. **Meeting Notes**

   The next meeting of the Richmond City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2015. Enjoy the week off.

2. **City of Richmond 2015 Community Survey**

   One of the best ways to improve Richmond's services is to ask the people that live here what they think. With this in mind, the City of Richmond is pleased to announce the 2015 Community Survey! In the next few weeks, you may be notified that you have been selected to give input that will help the City improve the level of government services and the future of your community. Questionnaires will be sent to a random sample of 3,000 Richmond residents, asking them to comment on the community’s pressing needs and city services.

   The purpose of the survey is to help City officials evaluate services, measure resident satisfaction with current services, and to help plan for Richmond’s future. The results from the survey will be included in a final report available to all City officials, staff and residents.

   If you are selected, please return the survey before the stated deadline. If you know someone that receives one, please encourage them to fill it out and return it. Your input can help make the City of Richmond a better place to live, work and play. Feel free to contact the City Manager’s Office with your questions at 510-620-6512.

3. **Teacher and Civil Rights Activist Edna Coleman Addresses LEAP Students**

   Educator and civil rights activist Edna Coleman addressed a group of 30 participants on March 17th as part of LEAP’s new speaker’s program. Ms. Coleman spoke about her experience growing up in Crowley, Louisiana, during a time of segregated schools. According to Ms. Coleman, “Before it was known as Black History Week,
we were taught about Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, Frederick Douglass, the Underground Railroad and the first Black Governor of Louisiana, Governor Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback.

Ms. Coleman, arrested three times for her activism during the civil rights movement, also started teaching in San Francisco schools when it was nearly impossible to be African American and get a full time teaching position. She is now a retired teacher from the San Francisco Unified School District, but not a retired activist. She continues to work with schools and other community organizations to encourage learners to remain positive and to progress toward their vision for success.

4. **Annual Mayors Day of Recognition for National and Community Service**

Mayor Tom Butt and the Richmond Community Foundation invite Richmond volunteers to a celebratory luncheon in your honor. The event is supported by Richmond’s impact volunteering program, Richmond ESC – Excellence Serving our Community, and will take place on **Tuesday, April 7th, from noon to 1:30 PM**, in the foyer of the Richmond Memorial Auditorium. In addition to honoring Richmond volunteers, local AmeriCorps member-supported programs and projects will be recognized. Please RSVP to (510) 620-5503.
5. **Wall of Service Champions**

Richmond ESC (Excellence Serving our Community), the City of Richmond’s impact volunteer program, is initiating a new project to celebrate the exceptional transformative service of our amazing volunteers who share the value of public service and commitment to making Richmond a better place. To honor our passionate volunteers, throughout the month of April we will exhibit a Wall of Service Champions at the City Hall. The Wall of Service Champions will be unveiled at the Mayor’s Day of Service on Tuesday, April 7th.

Help us show the power of service. We cordially invite you to nominate yourself and others by providing us with the following information:
· Your name
· A brief statement about why you volunteer
· A photo that represents your volunteer experience

Deadline to nominate: Tuesday, March 31, 2015

NOMINATE NOW: wall of service

For more information please contact Jantsan at jantsand@ci.richmond.ca.us and/or (510) 620-6563.
6. **Compost Giveaway & Great Tomato Sale**

On Saturday, April 11 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, the City of Richmond Environmental and Health Initiatives is hosting a Compost Giveaway free to all residents, in conjunction with Contra Costa Master Gardener’s Urban Tilth’s Great Tomato Sale. The Great Tomato Sale provides high quality, affordable tomato and vegetable plants to the community. All plants are $3, and staff will be on hand to answer your questions free of charge. The City hopes to donate compost to support the event and healthy food initiatives here in the City of Richmond. Visit [http://ccmg.ucanr.edu/](http://ccmg.ucanr.edu/) for more information.

7. **Officer Bradley A. Moody Memorial Underpass Project**

The Bradley A. Moody Memorial Underpass Project involves the construction of a roadway underpass on Marina Bay Parkway between Meeker Avenue and Regatta Boulevard, and is intended to resolve long-standing access limitations to the Marina Bay area caused by frequent train crossings. In early September 2013, Marina Bay Parkway was closed to traffic. This closure is planned to remain in place through June 2015.
The week of March 23rd, crews continued the installation of formwork for the raised sidewalks and rebar installation for the transition walls (shorter walls for the areas between the sidewalk retaining walls and roadway curbs). Additionally, work continued on the roadway median south of the bridge, while pump station mechanical installation and traffic signal installation at the Meeker/Marina Bay Parkway intersection continued. For the week of March 30th, sidewalk formwork and rebar will continue, concrete pours for the transition walls are scheduled, and pump station mechanical and electrical and generator building construction will continue.

For additional information and to be added to the project update contact list, please see the project website at www.moodyup.com. You can also follow the project on twitter: @moodyunderpass, or contact the project’s Public Outreach Coordinator Jacqueline Majors at (925) 949-6196.

8. **Fire Department Highlights**

Members of the East Bay Regional Parks Fire Department trained alongside the Richmond Fire Department Hazardous Materials Response Team at the Richmond Training Center. The Richmond Fire Department has a primary responsibility to maintain a force of Hazardous Material Technicians and Hazardous Material Specialists capable of responding to and mitigating hazardous material incidents throughout the area. The training is long and extensive and members are required to attend additional training regularly to maintain their certification.
9. **Port of Richmond Updates – Osprey Nesting in Whirley Crane at Port of Richmond**

The Osprey, also known as a fish eagle, or sea hawk, are fish eating birds of prey. They have decided to make their home atop the Whirley Crane in front of the Port of Richmond’s new Administration Offices at Historic Shipyard Number 3. North American Osprey populations became endangered in the 1950s due to chemical pollutants such as DDT, which thinned their eggshells and hampered reproduction. Ospreys have rebounded significantly in recent decades, though they remain scarce in some locales. These birds greet Port staff each morning as they nest and feed, and many visitors come to observe and take photos of these incredible birds. They have lived on the crane for three or four years and have become quite an attraction at the Port.
10. **City Manager Chronicles**

I have listed below some of the topics for meetings that I have recently attended in the hope that it provides an idea of the varied issues with which our organization deals routinely.

Activities and meeting topics during the past week included:

- Met with Bob Lilley, Assistant Business Manager with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, together with Employment and Training Director Sal Vaca, to discuss community workforce training;
- Attended the orientation and training for the remote sampling component of the air monitoring program implemented through a cooperative agreement between Chevron and the City of Richmond;
- Accompanied University of California Chancellor Nicholas Dirks and Mayor Tom Butt on a tour of a training class at the RichmondBuild facility, organized by Employment and Training Director Sal Vaca and his staff;
- Attended the inaugural Richmond Business Roundtable luncheon hosted by Mayor Tom Butt at the Richmond Country Club;
- Attended a tour of the Rosie the Riveter Memorial by United States Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis, accompanied by Mayor Tom Butt and County Supervisor John Gioia, organized by Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park Superintendent Tom Leatherman and his staff;
- Attended the Richmond Personnel Board meeting;
- Attended the monthly meeting of the Berkeley Global Campus at Richmond Bay Working Group, at which education programs were the major topic of discussion;
- Attended the Richmond Rotary meeting, at which Dan Borenstein, Contra Costa Times columnist made a presentation regarding pension systems;
- Greeted a delegation of students from Richmond’s sister city of Shimada, Japan.

These meetings were in addition to attending the regular management staff meeting, agenda planning, reviewing staff reports to the City Council, doing department head “check-ins,” having discussions on various personnel matters, and having short discussions with staff, community members, members of the press, etc.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the substance of these or any other topics.

11. **City of Richmond NEW Mobile APP UPDATE**

The City has officially launched the City of Richmond Mobile APP and is looking forward to feedback from the community. We welcome your comments at webservices@ci.richmond.ca.us

**UPDATE:** Please make sure to:
• Add a concise description of the issue in the Notes field so City staff will have enough information to be responsive.
• Turn on your Wi-Fi and Bluetooth to improve your location accuracy.

To download the FREE City of Richmond smartphone app to your Android phone, Apple iPhone or iPad: open the Apple App Store for your IOS device or the Google Play Store for Android smartphones. Enter Richmond California to search for the app. Download the app to install it.

After downloading the app open it. It is ready to use.

**With the app you can:**
• Report and track issues
• Get information on the City Council and City departments. You can also call them or initiate an email with one touch icons
• Read information on City Parks, Public Buildings and Community Centers and be able to use the built in navigation features of your phone to get there
• Receive City newsflashes
• Access information and directions on Richmond dining and shopping establishments
Connect to the City's online recreation system to sign up for programs and reserve facilities (coming soon)
Access a calendar of City events
Display the current weather in Richmond
Opt in to receive emergency alerts issued by the City

12. Iron Triangle Theater of East Bay Center for the Performing Arts Presents the Premiere of FREEDOM CHANGE

The Iron Triangle Theater at the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts will be performing FREEDOM CHANGE. This theater production was constructed using a series of devised theater techniques with contributions from a large group of local teens, young adults and emerging resident theater artists. This piece is a compilation of their work and strives to represent the complexities of lived injustice while balancing the Center's mission of supporting artistic training and re-imagining our world. Following each performance, there will be a facilitated dialogue with actors, creators and the public around our collective response to the questions posed by the work — especially as it relates to our community here in Richmond and the surrounding neighborhoods. This piece includes mature themes.

FREEDOM CHANGE is part of the Iron Voices Project, an ongoing public dialogue about race and opportunity with a special focus on young men and boys of color. The project was initiated and is led by the Center and involves Young Artist Diploma students, community partners, local youth, young adults and professional theater, music, film, and dance artists. FREEDOM CHANGE was developed with support from The California Endowment and the City of Richmond Neighborhood Public Art Program.

Performances will be on Friday, March 27th; Saturday, March 28th; Friday, April 3rd; and Saturday, April 4th. All performances start at 8:00 PM. Tickets are $15 for adults, $5 for seniors (65+), and students under 18 are free. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. There is limited seating, so we encourage you to RSVP at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1369808.

*If you have questions about tickets or would like to request tickets as a Community Partner Organization, please contact us at boxoffice@eastbaycenter.org or call 510-221-6353.
13. **How to Do Business in the City of Richmond – Vendor Workshop**

The City of Richmond will host a “How to do Business in the City of Richmond – Vendor Workshop”. This workshop will take place on Thursday, April 2nd from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at 440 Civic Center Plaza. Vendors are invited to attend and learn the procurement process and how to do business with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), UC San Francisco and UC Berkeley, Chevron Corporation, West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) and the City of Richmond. RSVP at cor-business.eventbrite.com by March 31, 2015. For more information, please call 510-620-6732.
Leaders from Northern California to Convene in Richmond to Discuss Challenges and Solutions to the Diversity and Gender Gaps in STEM Careers

Lack of diversity in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields received national attention recently when the largest technology companies in the country released their diversity numbers. Across the board, African Americans and Latinos made up barely 2% of the workforce. And although women make up more than 50% of college graduates, they represent less than 30% of those working in STEM fields.

This year’s Northern California Summit on Children and Youth, an event that is organized annually by the Richmond Community Foundation, will focus on the complex topic of “Bridging the STEM Diversity Gap – Building the Next Generation Workforce.” The summit will be held on April 30th in the Richmond Auditorium, and will convene more than 200 educators, community organizations, community leaders, elected officials, businesses, and area foundations to share innovative approaches, research driven models, and best practices for building STEM career pathways for our children and youth. The goal of the summit is to demonstrate successful STEM pathways and replicate and scale them up throughout the Bay Area.

The summit will open at 9:00 AM with a welcome by Vice Mayor Jael Myrick, who is launching a local initiative to support President Obama’s “My Brother’s Keeper Initiative”. The Opening Plenary Panel features Dr. Helen Benjamin, Chancellor for the Contra Costa Community College District, Darien Louie, Executive Director of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, and Miriam Karpilow, University Programs Manager for Pandora, Inc. Sunne McPeak, President and CEO of the California Emerging Technology Fund, will moderate the panel.

Erik Moore, Founder and Managing Director for Base Ventures, a company investing in seed-stage technology companies, will be the keynote speaker, and will describe “The Long Walk from Richmond to Silicon Valley.”

The concluding session for the Summit, “I Bridged the Gap,” features a panel of STEM field leaders who will describe their experiences overcoming challenges to pursue careers in STEM-related fields.

Experts from a variety of STEM fields will also present workshops that focus on challenges, learnings and opportunities in STEM education and STEM-related fields, and demonstrate successful programs in practice. An “Interactive Resource Village” will feature information and interactive exhibits from organizations including Chabot Space and Science Center, Contra Costa College, Community Resources for Science, Richmond Solar and Nerd Crossing.

For more information about the Summit program, or to register, visit: Summit.
15. UC Berkeley Summer Programs for Richmond Students – Apply Now!

**CY-BEAR @ BERKELEY: Computing for Youth at Berkeley with Education and Research**

CY-BEAR is a pilot program developed by UC Berkeley and will be held on the UC Berkeley campus Monday through Friday from June 28 to July 24, 2015, from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. The program will provide students with exposure to cyber security and privacy principles by offering the ability to learn how to code, build simple websites and apps, and understand network vulnerability and protection. Students will have fieldtrips to local tech companies and get exposure to computer scientists and
software engineers. In addition, students will receive college counseling from UC Berkeley Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department staff. Lunch and transportation costs will be covered by the CY-BEAR program.

Eligibility: You must live in San Francisco, Alameda, or Contra Costa County and be entering the 9th – 12th grade in the fall of 2015. No coding experience is required.

All applications must be received by Wednesday, April 1, 2015. Applications can be downloaded here and are available on www.richmondhealth.org.

**SUCCESS @BERKELEY: Summer University Camp for Computer, Engineering, and Science Scholars**

The SUCCESS program is a pilot program developed by UC Berkeley to engage students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. SUCCESS will be held on the UC Berkeley Campus Monday through Friday from June 22 to July 31, 2015 (except July 3rd), from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The program will provide students with exposure to a wide variety of science activities and includes field trips to the Autocad 3-D printing museum, NASA’s Ames Research Center, Bay Area ecological reserves and research sites. In addition students will also receive college counseling. Lunch and transportation costs will be covered by the SUCCESS program.

SUCCESS is designed to introduce and prepare participants for the wide variety of high-paying and exciting jobs that await the next generation of science and engineering college graduates, with field trips to industry leading corporate headquarters and college advising.

Eligibility: You must live in San Francisco, Alameda, or Contra Costa County and be entering the 9th 10th or 11th grade in the fall of 2015.

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16. **Information Technology (IT) Department Updates**

**Website Statistics**: Top 10 Webpage visits for the week ending March 25, 2015:
**Top 10 Webpages for Last Week**

- Police Department: 750 Pageviews
- Human Resources: 450 Pageviews
- Employment: 350 Pageviews
- Library: 300 Pageviews
- Housing Authority: 300 Pageviews
- Planning and Building Services: 250 Pageviews
- Richmond Plunge: 200 Pageviews
- City Council: 150 Pageviews
- Council Agenda Documents: 100 Pageviews
- Finance: 50 Pageviews

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City of Richmond's 2015 Community Survey

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The survey is available in Spanish.

Feel free to contact The City of Richmond with your questions:

(510) 620-6512
17. **Recreation Highlights**

**Booker T. Anderson Community Center**

Caliber Schools hosted their Science Fair at the Booker T. Anderson Community Center on March 17th and 18th. Parents, educators, and youth were enthralled with the many interesting science projects.

**Shields-Reid Community Center**

The Shields Reid Afterschool Program celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with a “Green Party” on Tuesday, March 17th. The children were treated to *Green Eggs and Ham*, both the Dr. Seuss story and the actual food; yummy! The children also made clover men and green slime. Everyone was careful about not pinching.

**Richmond Annex Senior Center**

Nomura Preschool’s children visited the seniors at the Richmond Annex Senior Center for an afternoon of fun activity. The Spectacular Magic of Heather Rogers kept everyone engaged, and later the children and seniors enjoyed snacks of popcorn and apple juice.
Over 40 seniors also enjoyed St. Patrick’s Day at the Richmond Annex Senior Center with traditional fare of corned beef, cabbage, carrots and potatoes. Japanese dancers performed for everyone’s entertainment.

Richmond Senior Center

The Richmond Senior Center had a surprise visit from a very special leprechaun in honor of St. Patrick's Day.
The Richmond Shimada Friendship Committee held a meet and greet event on Saturday, March 21st from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The ambassadors from Shimada, Japan felt very welcome.

18. **Public Works Update**

**Facilities Maintenance Division:** Carpenters installed service cabinets at the Riggers Loft, rebuilt the reception table for the City Manager’s lobby, removed surplus furniture from the Main Library, and completed the south entrance repair of the Sign Shop at the Corporation yard.

Painters completed the outer wall of the south entrance of the Sign Shop, repaired damage at the Auditorium, painted the ticket booth of the Auditorium, interior painting at Fire Station #67, and repairs to the equipment room at the Booker T. Anderson Community Center.

Stationary Engineers installed new refrigerators at the Nevin Community Center, replaced damaged thermostats at the Plunge, serviced furnaces and replaced thermostats at the Men and Women of Valor building, fixed a leak in a floor drain at 450 Civic Center Plaza, repaired a gas line in the kitchen of the Recreation Complex, and repaired two backflow devices at the Plunge.
Utility workers removed old bulbs and installed shelving for the Recreation Complex, cleaned and waxed the 2nd Floor at 450 Civic Center Plaza, and serviced 29 City owned buildings.

Electricians replaced breakers for the Nevin Community Center kitchen, replaced overhead wire for three street lights, installed new cross walk beacon on Marina Bay Parkway and Bayside Drive, removed power from Carpenter Shop saw, addressed several damaged traffic control cabinets due to motor vehicle accidents, and repaired street light circuit at 37th Street and Carlson Boulevard.
Wire Installation for Street Lights

Parks and Landscaping Division:  General maintenance crews repaired the irrigation systems at Nicholl Park, Civic Center, Parchester, Lucas and Burg Parks, cut back bushes along the Greenway, weeded and trimmed on South 55th Street and Creely Boulevard, weeded medians on Castro Ranch Road and bus stop on Valley View Road, placed four benches at the Nicholl Park tennis courts, installed cage around the air conditioning unit at the Parks Yards, repaired gate at the Nevin Community Center, cleaned medians on Carlson Boulevard, and completed pathway repairs at Parchester Park.
Hilltop District crews started weed abatement and maintenance on Atlas Road, continuing work at the AM/PM landscaping project, started grading of the sidewalk on the Richmond Parkway, started weed abatement and maintenance on the off ramp to Giant Road, and repaired leaks on the Richmond Parkway irrigation main at Atlas Road.

Tree crews cut or trimmed trees on: 25th Street, Humphrey Avenue, Ohio Avenue, Parr Boulevard, Washington Street, West Richmond Avenue, and Richmond Parkway.
**Streets Division:** Paving staff ground and paved on South 25th Street from Cutting Boulevard to the end and worked from the outstanding pothole list with hot and cold asphalt.

**Parking Space Painting**

Street sweeping performed commercial and residential sweeping services for the fourth Monday through Friday in the 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 neighborhood council areas.

Signs and Lines staff installed 30 new signs and poles, repaired 82 signs and poles, placed pavement markers such as stop messages, and repainted 158’ of curb.
Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about these or any other items of interest to you.

Have a great week!

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