Welcome and an update from our Neighborhood Council
President Cesar Zepeda

Welcome to our neighborhood! Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. 2016 brought many successes to the Hilltop District Neighborhood. Amongst them was the creation of the Food Emporium, Richmond’s own version of Off the Grid, with live music, food trucks, and local vendors; more info on the next page.

We finished the Vista Del Mar Park, located on the corner of Richmond Prkwy & San Pablo Ave. It took 17 years to be completed. Our Neighborhood Council and the Hilltop District Homeowners & Stakeholders Association (HDHSA) worked together with the City to finalize the park, along with lights, paths, and trees.

Hilltop Drive is fully repaved and Richmond Parkway got the potholes repaired. We have all of our new LED street lights in working order.

We’re looking into additional ideas for the park; maybe part dog-park and bringing in local artists to create a history-art-park.

Come visit the park and the memorial dedicated to a young man who passed away due to a tragic drunk-driving accident.

We started the cleanup of Hilltop Lake. We want to make it more usable and accessible to all our neighbors.
We had our first annual Lights @ The Park,

We will work to make this a community tradition where everyone comes out to help install holiday lights around the trees at our new Vista Del Mar Park, while enjoying some hot cocoa.

In 2017 we will continue working on our gateway entrances to the Hilltop District; on Richmond Prkwy and Blume Dr. (I-80 Richmond Prkwy exit) and Hilltop Dr. and Blume Dr. (I-80 Hilltop Dr. exit).

Here is what the gateways will look like:

Along with the new gateways, which will be paid for by our special assessment for the Hilltop Landscape & Maintenance District (HDHSA), we have plans of redoing the landscaping on Hilltop Dr., from I-80 to Robert Miller Dr. We want to make this a more welcoming entrance into our community. We would do this in a couple of phases to stay on budget and disturb the traffic less. We will be presenting our ideas to the community in future meetings.

The Mall project is still on-going and will most likely be a few years for all the planning and paperwork. Stay tuned for more updates.

The San Pablo Ave. streets will be redone from the City of San Pablo, River Street, to Hilltop Drive. The plan is to install bike lanes, better lighting and landscaping, and most importantly a sidewalk – to make it safer for people to travel.

I look forward to seeing you at our next Neighborhood Council meeting and working together for the betterment of our community.

Cesar Zepeda
President

WHERE IS THE HILLTOP DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL?

This map shows you what the Hilltop District Neighborhood Council boundaries are. We work together with other Neighborhood Councils and the Hilltop District Homeowners & Stakeholders Association (HDHSA) on various projects and ideas.
The HDHSA oversees the $1Mill+ budget for the Hilltop Landscape Maintenance District (HMLD); this special assessment money is for the maintenance of the landscape around our district. The HLMD is the only association of its type in the City of Richmond, which brings together the homeowners, residents, and businesses to work together for the betterment of our community.

For more information on the HDHSA, to see other projects planned, information on your assessment, and to sign up for their newsletter and information emails, visit www.hdhsa.com. Anyone can sign up for newsletters. A link to our Neighborhood Council page is on their website as well.

On the HDHSA website you can report issues and concerns around the community, such as: lights out, pot holes, trash, graffiti, etc. You can also find them on Facebook.

We meet with the City Manager quarterly and review all community concerns, projects, and issues and keep track of the progress.

**FOOD EMPORIUM:**

This is the Hilltop District’s first community event. We created the Food Emporium to help build community and have people get to know our neighbors and district.

This event will take place on the Last Friday of the month; it will start back up again in the spring. For now we are hosting it at Hilltop by the lake. The intent is to move it around the city and have all other Neighborhood Councils host it, this way we all get to enjoy every neighborhood in Richmond and get to meet all of our community members!

The concept is similar to Off the Grid; we have food trucks and live music. Off The Grid did not want to come to Richmond, so we created our own.

You can find more information online at www.FoodEmporium.Online. If you are a merchant and want to come sell, please fill out our form online.

Come out and support local merchants, listen to live music, meet your neighbors, and uncover & discover Richmond!
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING QUARTERLY SCHEDULE:

Our meetings are held quarterly on the following months:

- **Second Wednesdays** in the months of **February, May, August, and November**

Next meeting is February 8th at 7PM

At the **Courtyard Marriott** at Hilltop

3150 Garrity Way

Thank you to Courtyard Marriott for hosting our community meetings!

We will be talking about a new proposed lounge wanting to locate in Hilltop, updates on the District, and discussing new projects in the pipeline.

WE NEED YOU!

Please come to our meetings and volunteer to be on our board and/or sign up to be part of a committee. We welcome any time you can volunteer to help our community.

Committees Available:

- Events Committee
- Landscaping/Parks Committee
- Hilltop Mall Committee

We need more board members! Sign up!

BECOME A MEMBER

Please consider becoming an active member in the Neighborhood Council. The Membership form is attached. Membership dues are $5 per individual annually. The membership dues allow us to pay for the annual membership to the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, snacks for meetings, and helps pay for neighborhood council events.

To be eligible to vote you must be in good standing with the HDNC.

You may mail your completed form and check to:

Hilltop District Neighborhood Council
15501 San Pablo Ave, P.O Box G257
Richmond, CA 94806

Make check payable to Hilltop District Neighborhood Council.

STAY IN TOUCH:

Visit our website at [www.HDHSA.com](http://www.HDHSA.com) and sign up for additional newsletter and community info. Email us on here as well.

Hilltop District Neighborhood Council (HDNC)
Membership Form*

Date: _______________________

Name: ____________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________

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Telephone:

Home: ______________________________________________________

Work: ______________________________________________________

Mobile: ______________________________________________________

E-mail: _____________________________________________________

Annual $5 Dues Enclosed**: Yes ☐ No ☐

Signature***:

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* One form per voting member.
** $5 dues per person for each member of the household 18 years or older. Each member who pays dues has one vote within the HDNC voting body annually.
*** The signing of the form shall constitute acceptance of the stated purpose of the Council
RICHMOND BAY TRACK REPORT:

The 18th Richmond Bay Trail New Year Report prepared by TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee, is available.

The report highlights projects underway to construct 6.7 miles of Bay Trail in Richmond & 4.3 miles across the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge. Featured are new attractions along Richmond's existing 32 miles of Bay Trail: the Every Kid in a Park program, wine tasting, a brewery tap room and a full-size El Toro sailboat sculpture.

To receive it, email tracbaytrail@earthlink.net

www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail/

PREPARE FOR THE STORMS

Free sandbags! Contra Costa County has taken steps to prepare for the heavy rains. We urge residents to also prepare. Check the County's Flood Preparedness Website, which has helpful details and links. The county also provides free sandbags at various filling stations (just bring your own shovel).

www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/5983/Sandbags