Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the report for the week ending March 2, 2018.

1. **Meeting Notes**

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

2. **Sitio Web de la Ciudad de Richmond Ofrece Opción de Traducción**

La Ciudad de Richmond tiene un botón de "Traducir " en su página web principal bajo "SITE TOOLS" (mire la ilustración debajo del párrafo). El botón "Translate Page" se encuentra dentro de la página principal. Individuos pueden traducir la página a otros idiomas; también pueden traducir documentos, incluyendo los programas del Ayuntamiento en un idioma preferido.
The Richmond Community Services Department is proud to present the 15th Annual Chinese New Year Celebration on Saturday, March 3rd from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium.

This year’s event features new performances from the Fei Tian Dancers from UC Berkeley, Queer Taiko, Mexico Danza, and two new Laotian groups. As has been the tradition for many years, White Crane Lion and Dragon Dance Association will open the performance with lions and dragons.

Doors open at 4:00 PM. Dinner will be served from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Tickets are $15 per person and are on sale at:
Richmond Senior Center
2525 Macdonald Avenue, Richmond

For more information contact the Senior Center at (510) 307-8087 or follow us on Facebook.

4. **2018 Historic Preservation Awards**
The City of Richmond and the Richmond Historic Preservation Commission invites nominations for the 2018 Richmond Historic Preservation Awards. The purpose of the Historic Preservation Awards program is to increase public awareness of Richmond's heritage by recognizing individuals, organizations, businesses, and agencies whose contributions demonstrate outstanding commitment to excellence in historic preservation, local history or promotion of the heritage of the City. Awards will be presented in May during National Preservation Month. In addition to public and private buildings and structures, historic preservation projects may include media, publications, presentations and exhibits, parks, burial grounds, public art, oral history, theater productions, events and video presentations.

Eligibility: Any individual, group, organization or agency involved in historic preservation or promoting Richmond's heritage is eligible to receive a Richmond Historic Preservation Award. The preservation project or activity (or a substantial portion of a large-scale multiple activity project) must have been completed no later than December 31, 2017.

Nomination Form: You may nominate an eligible preservation project or activity by submitting a completed 2018 Historic Preservation Awards Nomination Form to the Richmond Planning and Building Services Department. Additional details about eligibility, evaluation criteria used, and submittal requirements are found in the nomination form which can be downloaded at www.ci.richmond.ca.us/preservationaward or you can pick up a nomination form from the Planning and Building Services Department located in the City Hall Building, 450 Civic Center Plaza, 2nd floor, Richmond, CA.

Nominations are due by 5:00 PM on March 30, 2018. Feel free to call Soco Montore at (510) 620-6705 with any questions.

5. Sisters in Solidarity International Women's Day Celebration
The City of Richmond is sponsoring the Sisters in Solidarity 11th Annual Women’s Day Celebration at the Richmond Auditorium on Saturday, March 10th from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

The Planning Committee is proud to announce that Contra Costa County District Attorney Diana Becton will be our keynote speaker along with Councilmember Ada Recinos. The topics will include empowering women through leadership and women in politics. The event will be emceed by Councilmember Jovanka Beckles. The theme is PressForProgress with a focus on the MeToo movement.
This year, the program will include a preconference activity for those who would like a low impact physical activity. Qigong will be offered from 9:40 AM to 10:00 AM. Qigong is a Chinese system of physical exercises and breathing control related to Tai Chi.

By popular demand, we will bring back the table visits to exchange information and gain knowledge on the services and resources available through the various local organizations that will be in attendance.

Please come out and help us celebrate and empower women during Women’s History Month. This is a free family event open to all members of the community. There will be a graphic artist sketching the event, fun activities, lunch, and entertainment: comedian, spoken word artist, and a vocalist.

Please help us to spread the word. We look forward to celebrating International Women’s Day with you!

#PressForProgress

6. **City Manager Chronicles**

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

Meetings and events of note during the past week included:

- Attended the staff Parking and Traffic Advisory Working Group, at which the group received a presentation regarding EV parking stations, and car-share programs;
- Attended the regular meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority remedial action plan (PHARS) working group;
- Met with John Stewart and Company representatives, the redeveloper and manager of Friendship Manor and Triangle Court, together with Finance Director Belinda Warner, Housing Authority consultant Tia Ingram, and Development Project Manager Charice Duckworth;
- Met with Ernst Valery, the developer of the 12th and Macdonald property, along with Community and Economic Development Director Shasa Curl and Management Analyst Gabino Arredondo;
- Attended the regular meeting of the City of Richmond Disaster Council, organized by Emergency Services Manager Genevieve Pastor-Cohn and attended by various agencies involved in emergency preparedness activities;
- Participated in a conference call with members of Assemblymember Thurmond’s staff to discuss teacher housing programs.
- Met with Richmond Community Foundation Executive Director Jim Becker and the redeveloper of the Fire Training Center, along with Economic Development
Director Shasa Curl and Management Analyst Gabino Arredondo, to discuss project financing for the Fire Training Center site.

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.

7. **Richmond Promise Scholarship Deadline is Fast Approaching, March 10th!**

To be eligible for the Richmond Promise Scholarship, a student must:

- Be a resident of Richmond or North Richmond (i.e. have a Richmond home address)
- Have graduated from an eligible high school within the West Contra Costa Unified School District boundary area or received your GED/high school equivalency between June 2017-2018
- Have attended an eligible high school, at least, 9th - 12th grade consecutively
- **Complete the FAFSA/Dream Act by the March 2nd Cal Grant deadline.**

The application can be found on the Richmond Promise website: [https://richmondpromise.org/the-scholarship-application/](https://richmondpromise.org/the-scholarship-application/)

Please share this opportunity with eligible students in your life!

The FAFSA application for financial aid can be found at [https://fafsa.ed.gov/](https://fafsa.ed.gov/), and Dream Act application can be found at [https://dream.csac.ca.gov/](https://dream.csac.ca.gov/).

**The Richmond Promise is Here to Help!**

To receive assistance completing your applications, visit your College & Career Center, or stop by Richmond Promise Office Hours at the times below!

- **El Cerrito High School**: Monday – 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM
- **Richmond High School**: Monday – 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
- **Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL)**: Tuesday – 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **De Anza High School**: Wednesday – 1:50 PM - 2:30 PM
- **Greenwood High School**: Thursday – 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
- **Kennedy High School**: Thursday – 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
8. Passengers Needed for Route 72, 72R & 72M Focus Group

The Alameda County Transportation Commission is looking for thirty Route 72, 72R and/or 72M passengers to participate in one of two 90-minute focus groups where participants will discuss the kind of improvements they would like to see on San Pablo Avenue to make taking the bus safer and more reliable and convenient.

Those selected to participate will receive a $100 Clipper card.

One meeting will be for passengers who board in the cities of San Pablo, Richmond or El Cerrito; the other is for those who catch the bus in Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville or Oakland. Both meetings will be accessible by the Route 72, 72R and/or 72M. We are interested in talking with passengers from all cultures, but please be advised that the focus groups will be held in English.

- **Alameda County meeting:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 6:00-7:30 PM at a location served by the Route 72 & 72M (and 2 blocks from a 72R stop)

- **Contra Costa County meeting:** Thursday, April 12, 2018, 6:30-8:00 PM at a location served by the Route 72, 72M & 72R
These meetings are part of the San Pablo Avenue Corridor Project, an effort to develop long term and short-term concepts aimed at improving the safety and experience of all San Pablo Avenue users, from the City of San Pablo to Oakland. The feedback from these focus groups will help ensure that the project considers the needs of AC Transit passengers.

To ensure a diverse group of riders participating in the focus groups, the Commission is using a brief survey to help in selecting the 30 passengers who will participate, and will receive a $100 Clipper card. If you routinely ride the Route 72, 72R or 72M and are available the date and time of the applicable focus group, please take the survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sanpabloave_focusgroup.

For more information on the project, please visit: https://www.alamedactc.org/files/managed/Document/21168/1475000_SanPabloAve_Multimodal_Corridor.pdf.

**Pasajeros de las Rutas 72, 72R y 72M**

¡Pueden ganar $100 ayudando a diseñar las futuras mejoras en San Pablo Avenue!

Se necesitan treinta pasajeros de las rutas 72, 72R y/o 72M para participar en uno de los dos grupos de enfoque de 1.5 horas para que la Comisión de Transporte de Alameda County pueda saber que mejoras querría usted ver en San Pablo Avenue para hacer que subir al autobús sea más seguro, fiable y conveniente.
Aquellos que sean seleccionados para participar recibirán una tarjeta Clipper de $100.

Una reunión será para pasajeros que se suben al autobús en las ciudades de San Pablo, Richmond o El Cerrito; la otra reunión para aquellos que se suben al autobús en Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville u Oakland. Ambas reuniones serán accesibles tomando la ruta 72, 72R y/o 72M.

- **Reunión de Alameda County: Martes 27 de marzo de 2018, 6:00-7:30 PM**
  en una ubicación que recibe servicio de la ruta 72 y 72M (y a 2 cuadras de una parada de 72R)
- **Reunión de Contra Costa County: Jueves 12 de abril de 2018, 6:30-8:00 PM**
  en una ubicación que recibe servicio de la ruta 72, 72M y 72R

Estas reuniones son parte del Proyecto del Corredor de San Pablo Avenue, un esfuerzo para desarrollar conceptos a corto y largo plazo que se enfocan en mejorar la seguridad y la experiencia de todos los usuarios de San Pablo Avenue, desde la Ciudad de San Pablo a Oakland. Las opiniones que oigamos en estos grupos de enfoque nos ayudarán a asegurar que el proyecto tiene en consideración las necesidades de los pasajeros de AC Transit.

Para asegurarnos de que oímos opiniones de un grupo diverso de viajeros, estamos usando una [BREVE ENCUESTA](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sanpabloave_focusgroup) para ayudarnos a seleccionar los 30 pasajeros que van a participar y recibir la tarjeta Clipper de $100. **Si usted viaja en la ruta 72, 72R o 72M y está disponible para la fecha y hora del grupo de enfoque que aplique, por favor rellene la encuesta en:**


9. **I-80 Central Avenue Operations Improvement Project (I-80 and Central Avenue)**

Ghilotti Brothers began installing the protective barrier for the barrier rail removal, and removed and back-filled the obstruction in the way of the signal pole foundation in the North West corner of Central Avenue and Rydin Road.

Next week, Ghilotti Brothers will continue to install the protective barrier on the other side of the 580 over-crossing bridge. They will also be drilling and installing the signal pole foundation in the North West corner of Central Avenue and Rydin Road.
Visit the project webpage for more information: www.ccta.net/projects/project/36

Questions: Call Community Outreach Representative Jacqueline Majors at (510) 882-1603; or email: I80CentralAve@gmail.com.

10. **ECIA Grant Program Applications are Available for Fiscal Year 2018-2019**

In 2014, the Richmond City Council approved the Chevron Environmental and Community Investment Agreement (ECIA), which invests $90 million dollars into the Richmond community over 10-years. $6 million of those dollars have been set aside for a competitive grant program, designed for non-profits who serve Richmond in the areas of community, youth, and youth sports. The ECIA has grant awards that range from $2,500, up to $50,000.

Important changes have been made to the grant guidelines, especially the eligibility criteria, so please read them carefully. **Of special note, organizations awarded grants of more than $10,000 in FY 17-18 and governmental entities are ineligible to apply in FY 18-19.**

To access the ECIA Grant Application, Guidelines, and more check out the ECIA Grants webpage: www.ci.richmond.ca.us/eciagrans
11. S.A.T Preparation Workshop

Richmond Public Library Teens is offering a six-week S.A.T. Preparation Workshop where students will receive a pre-test, four weeks of live instruction from certified instructors, and a post-test. The workshop will be held March 17th – April 28th and is opened to students who live in Richmond, and a limited number of students who attend schools in West Contra Costa County. Enrollment is limited to 25 participants. Registration forms are available at the Richmond Public Library and high school counselor/career offices.

For complete details, go to www.richmondlibrary.org or contact Angela Cox at (510) 620-5516. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Richmond Public Library in collaboration with the Ed Fund.

12. Apply for Your U.S. Passport at Richmond City Hall!

The City of Richmond City Clerk’s Office is accepting passport applications on behalf of the United States Department of State. United States citizens planning international travel may apply for their passport at 450 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 300, during the following hours by appointment only:

- Monday: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Wednesday: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Friday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
  (Closed 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM – days of operation only)

Please recognize that the area is an operational executive office, and a quiet zone. No drop in service for same day appointments or scheduling future appointments is available at this time; you must call (510) 620-6786 to schedule all appointments.
For application forms, information on documentation required, fees, and a wealth of other passport and international travel information, visit the only official website for passport information – [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov).

For more information about the City of Richmond Passport Acceptance Facility, please visit [http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/passports](http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/passports).

![Apply for your U.S. Passport at Richmond City Hall!](image)

13. **Community Services Highlights**

**Upcoming Events and Program Activities**

**Senior Forum**
Learn about proposals to cut and privatize Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid at a free workshop sponsored by the Richmond Commission on Aging and the Contra Costa/Solano CARA CAT. The workshop will be held at the Richmond
Auditorium on April 17th from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Light Refreshments will be served and the event is FREE! RSVP to (510) 663-4086 or ksmith.cara@gmail.com.

What’s Happening to Your Social Security, Medicare & Medicaid?

- Learn about proposals to cut and privatize these essential programs and how you can help to protect them.
- Join with other organizations in Contra Costa County to magnify your voice on these and other important senior issues.
- Help build a strong senior movement in California!

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SENIOR FORUM and CALL TO ACTION

Friday, April 17, 2018
9:30am-12pm

Richmond Memorial Auditorium/ 403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond
(72M bus from the Del Norte BART station/ free parking available)

Light Refreshments will be served - FREE
RSVP to 510-663-4086 or ksmith.cara@gmail.com
For more information, call California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) 510-663-4086

Workshop is sponsored by the Richmond Commission on Aging and the Contra Costa/Solano CARA CAT

ServiceWorks Bootcamp - Save the Date – APRIL 7th
Do you know any young adults from the ages of 16-24 interested in becoming a leader? Are you interested in helping out your community? Would you like to host a workshop or mentor a young adult on their pathway to SUCCESS?

ServiceWorks Richmond is hosting a bootcamp to celebrate National Volunteer Week on Saturday, April 7th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Our bootcamp is an energetic, one-day experience, giving participants (16-24) an introduction to how service can be a pathway to college and career. We want to inspire YOU to become agents for change in your own communities, all for FREE! RSVP today!

ServiceWorks Boot Camps are productive, fun and inspiring events--so register today and invite your peers to spread the word!

FREE breakfast and lunch, FREE swag bags, and a chance to win FREE door prizes.

Scholar Participant Sign-Up (16-24 only):  
https://swrichmondbootcamp2018.eventbrite.com

Volunteer Sign-Up for General Volunteer, Workshop Facilitators, or Panel Hosts (18+): https://tinyurl.com/swbootcampvolunteers18
Please contact Vanessa Chau at (510) 620-6552 or email Vanessa_Chou@ci.richmond.ca.us for more information.

Family Chess Night – Weekly!

West Coast Chess Alliance
"Academic Excellence through Chess"

Present

FAMILY CHESS NIGHT 2018

Where: Richmond Recreation Complex
3230 Macdonald Avenue
Richmond, CA 94804

When: Friday Night - 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Dates: March: 9th, 16th, 30th
April: 6th, 20th, 27th
May: 11th, 18th

Want to learn a mentally stimulating game that the whole family will enjoy? Well here is your chance. Everyone is invited to join in on an exciting and challenging evening of chess. Chess sets and instruction provided.

Studies have shown that playing chess:
Improves test scores
Enhances mental discipline
Stimulates creative and critical thinking
Helps develop problem solving skills
Most important it’s fun!

For more information: TC Ball at (510) 439-6311 / info@thewcca.com

The next move is yours, make it a good one!

Job and Volunteer Opportunities

Richmond Tool Library Part-Time Position
The Richmond Tool Library is hiring!
We are seeking a part-time individual to assist with staffing hours, looking over tool inventory, updating social media, organizing, simple bookkeeping, and a few other tasks.

Tool experience is not necessary but is a plus. Must be available Monday and Friday afternoons, some Wednesday evenings, some weekends (as needed), and on-call (as needed). Knowledge of other languages (i.e. Spanish), a plus.

Anyone interested should apply through the City of Richmond’s Office Clerk/Cashier position:

TINYURL.COM/RICHMONDCAOFFICECLERK

510-620-6553

Please send a email to toollibrary@ci.richmond.ca.us letting us know you applied, with a resume attached.

Job Opportunity for North Richmond Residents
We’re hiring two (2) North Richmond Youth Resident Leaders (age 16-24) and two (2) North Richmond Resident Leaders (age 25+) who are passionate about beautifying the community! Resident Leaders will help plan five (5) volunteer community beautification projects in North Richmond. They will also engage in door-to-door canvassing to distribute information about beautification and recruit participants for projects. These positions are only open to North Richmond residents and are jointly funded by Contra Costa County and City of Richmond.

To apply, visit: [http://tinyurl.com/NRleaders](http://tinyurl.com/NRleaders) or pick up an application at Shields-Reid Community Center.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 11:59 PM ON MARCH 11th**  
**CONTRACT PERIOD: MARCH 19 - JUNE 31, 2018**  
**COMPENSATION: STIPEND TO BE PAID UPON COMPLETION OF RESPONSIBILITIES, AT END OF CONTRACT PERIOD**

For more information, e-mail [stephanie_ny@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:stephanie_ny@ci.richmond.ca.us) or call (510) 620-6563.

Leaders-in-Training Program (LITP)
The Community Services Department started the new Leaders-in-Training Program (LITP) that gives teens, from ages 13 to 17, the exciting opportunity and skills needed to jump start a career in the recreation industry while earning service hours and experiencing outdoor adventures. Teens meet at Booker T. Anderson Community Center on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM, and field trips are held on second Saturdays of the month from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The program ends on June 6th and it cost $20 for the entire duration.

Contact Tetteh Kisseh (510) 620-6823 for more information.

ServiceWorks Richmond – Volunteers Needed
ServiceWorks, in conjunction with the City of Richmond Community Services Department, Points of Light, AmeriCorps and Citi Foundation, is actively recruiting volunteers to assist with groundbreaking programming. The program’s primary goal is to engage young adults (16-24 years of age) and bring educational modules that drive skill building, volunteering, and success coaching as strategies to help address barriers to youth economic opportunity.

The program offers the opportunity for participants, also known as Service Scholars, to gain valuable college and career experience to which they may not have easy access. Through developing their own service projects and team exercises, Service Scholars will have the opportunity to gain a range of skills.

Volunteers are vital to the success of this program. We are looking for all who wish to make a positive impact on the lives of the youth within our community. Whether it is for a week, a day, or even just a few hours in a month, you can help empower the
service scholars to face any obstacle that they may block their path towards sustainable community development.

ServiceWorks gives youth the keys to unlock their future; we are looking for volunteers who will give them the means to open the door.

For more information, please contact: Nicholas Delgado (510) 621-1834, or email: Nicholas_Delgado@ci.richmond.ca.us.

Highlights

7th Annual McKinley Williams–John Easterling Community Chess Tournament

Last Saturday, February 24th, the 7th Annual McKinley Williams–John Easterling Community Chess Tournament was held at the Richmond Recreation Complex. This is the longest running community chess tournament in the Bay Area. The free tournament was sponsored by the West Coast Chess Alliance and the City of Richmond Community Service Department. The tournament attracted over 40 chess players, of all ages from 7 to 83 years old.

There were two rated sections which included two USCF Experts with ratings of 2015 and 2110, on the 1st board. John B. Smith, who is a regular at the Richmond Senior Center on Macdonald Avenue and rated 1623, scored an upset beating one of the experts. The top section was won by local Greg Lope with a score of 3-0. He was part of a father-daughter duo; his 7 year old daughter won her section with a score of 3-0. The 2nd board was won by AJ Jelani, the Director of the chess program at the Richmond Senior Center. In addition, one of the featured events at the tournament was a team match between De Anza High School and Kennedy High school. This is the second match between the two schools, with De Anza winning again.

The tournament recognizes the contributions of Dr. McKinley Williams, President Emeritus of Contra Costa College and the late John Easterling, who promoted chess programming in Richmond. Dr. Williams has been supportive of chess initiatives in Richmond, due to the educational impact and benefits of the game on young minds. Furthermore, while President of Contra Costa Community College, Dr. Williams created the concept of community chess tournament.

Mr. Easterling was a mentor to young people in Richmond and the Bay Area who wanted to learn the game of chess. He taught a chess class to thousands of Richmond’s youth, at the Richmond's Children’s Library and started the Family Chess Night to promote class as a family game.

One of the goals of the Richmond Chess Initiative is to establish a youth chess league starting with local high schools and community centers. There are now chess teams at De Anza, Kennedy, and Richmond High School.
Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who came out to participate!

Father and daughter Quad winners

Members of the De Anza High and Kennedy High chess teams
14. Information Technology

Website Statistics for the Week Ending 03-02-2018

Followers are up

KCRT DATANET OF THE WEEK
Contra Costa District Attorney Diana Becton will be our keynote speaker.

Celebrate 11 years of solidarity and the efforts of the women in politics. The event will promote leadership, empowerment and support for the #MeToo effort.

FREE! Activities, Speakers, Entertainment, and Lunch
UPDATE and Rescheduled Event:

On **Wednesday, April 4th**, the City of Richmond and Golden Gate Audubon will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

This celebration includes:
- 🦅 Opening of Golden Gate Audubon’s Centennial Exhibit in City Hall
- 🦅 Richmond Chalk ART
- 🦅 Join the fun at Richmond Civic Center 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON
- 🦅 Enjoy the early bird video [https://youtu.be/2tBRY4i4MIs](https://youtu.be/2tBRY4i4MIs)
15. Engineering/CIP Departments

Streets Division:
Paving crews performed base repairs on Nichol, Silva, Humboldt, and Mount Avenues. They also worked from the outstanding pothole list in various locations around the City.
Street sweeping staff performed residential sweeping services for the fourth Monday through Wednesday and first Thursday and Friday in the Santa Fe, Point Richmond, Marina Bay, Coronado, Metro Richmore Village, Pullman, Cortez/Stege, Park Plaza, Laurel Park, City Center, Carriage Hills Northside, El Sobrante Hills, Greenbriar, Hansford Heights, Via Verda, San Pablo Dam Road, May Valley, Vista View, and Clinton Hill I neighborhood council areas.
Signs and Lines repaired 5 signs and poles, installed 19 new signs, and painted 20' of curbs and zoning.

16. **Infrastructure Maintenance and Operations**

Several of the Department of Infrastructure Maintenance and Operations (DIMO) staff attended the American Public Works Association (APWA) Module 3: Basic Public Works Management Skills training held in Berkeley. The program consists of 90 hours of basic and advanced supervision and management training over a two-year period with a certificate of completion awarded after the final module. The program is geared towards Public Works professionals and taught by practitioners and employees of Public Works. With the completion of this module, Tim Higares and Mario Vaz completed the course and received their certificates. Congratulations!

**Code Enforcement:**
There has been an illegal occupant of a vacant lot on Espee Avenue for some time, and that illegal occupant caused a fire destroying fencing at a property located on 18th Street. Staff posted a notice to the illegal occupant notifying them to vacate the property and staff returned and cleared the property without incident.
Facilities Maintenance Division:
Carpenters installed fencing near the main Library, installed one way screen film to department entry doors, and continued the new concrete pad at the Plunge for the tennis club.

Painters continued with the painting of the exterior of the Dispatch Center, painted and repaired walls at the Recreation Complex, and continued painting the kitchen of the Men and Women of Valor building.

Stationary Engineers conducted daily building and pool checks, repaired the apparatus door at Fire Station #67, fixed the shower door at Fire Station #62, cleaned the sewer line at the YouthWorks building, repaired the furnace at Fire Station #62, cleared various waste lines on city facilities, configured desks, replaced door locks, serviced refrigerators, and replaced air filters at various locations.

Utility Workers removed weeds from a parking lot at the Civic Center, unclogged the sink in Fire Administration, set-up various rooms for events, set-up the Council Chambers, and maintained 29 City-owned facilities.
Parks and Landscaping Division:
General maintenance crews continued with baseball field maintenance, weeded and trimmed South 55th and Creely Avenue sitting area, repaired restroom doors at Nicholl Park, and weeded and mulched Macdonald Avenue medians.
Hilltop District crews continued general maintenance around the business area, completed weed abatement and mulch installation at Bay Vista Park, abated weeds at Country Club Vista Park, and completed weed removal on Blume Drive.

Marina District crews pruned and weeded the rose beds at Lucretia Edwards Park, performed storm patrol, and removed graffiti at the South 51st Street trail head.
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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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 to see options for connecting with the City of Richmond.
Connecting with the City of Richmond

Richmond Residents

Want to report a service concern or issue?
Use CORConnect to contact City of Richmond

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.

ci.richmond.ca.us
Connect with the City of Richmond

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, or, if you don’t receive a call back (which should not happen) from your original call or message, 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 a concern, pose a question, or acknowledge the City’s work in some way. These 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**

**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.

![App Image]

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