Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the report for the week ending April 13th, 2018.

1. **Meeting Notes**

   The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17th, beginning with Closed Session at 5:30 PM, followed by a Housing Authority meeting at 6:15 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. **“The Year of the Bird” in Civic Center Plaza – a KCRT Production**

   Last week, I reported on the return of Rosie and Richmond, as well as “The Year of the Bird,” which was celebrated with artists adorning Civic Center Plaza with chalk art depicting various bird species.

   The KCRT staff has prepared a terrific video, which not only chronicles “The Year of the Bird” event, but also showcases the production talent of KCRT staff. Check it out using the link below.

   Video of the Year of the bird event: [https://youtu.be/N0-QFkbqK Ao](https://youtu.be/N0-QFkbqK Ao)

3. **Stand Together Contra Costa**

   [Video by Brian Bland, KCRT](#)
April’s Contra Costa County Mayors Conference featured a presentation by Ali Saidi, Deputy Public Defender Immigration Attorney with the Office of the Contra Costa County Public Defender, who helped develop the Stand Together Contra Costa program, and now serves as the Director of Stand Together CoCo.

As described in its website (www.standtogethercontracosta.org), Stand Together Contra Costa is a rapid response, legal services, and community education project to support safety and justice for immigrant families in Contra Costa County. The program is a partnership between Contra Costa County, philanthropy, and community-based organizations, and provides culturally competent, no-cost rapid response support, legal defense services, and immigrant rights education and training to support families impacted by anti-immigrant policies and practices affecting Contra Costa County residents.

The mission of Stand Together Contra Costa is to ensure that all people in Contra Costa County, regardless of immigration status or ability to pay, are afforded the rights established by the United States Constitution, and are protected from actions or policies that result in disparate, discriminatory, or unlawful treatment.

The 24/7 Stand Together Contra Costa hotline works to provide culturally competent verification and legal observation of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity in Contra Costa County. As noted on the Stand Together website, “ICE enforcement activity in our community tears apart families while spreading an atmosphere of fear and mistrust of civic institutions and services. Stand Together Contra Costa will not only provide accurate information and verification regarding suspected ICE activity in Contra Costa County, but will also ensure that our immigrants and immigrant families have access to legal due process regardless of their ability to pay.”

Stand Together Contra Costa will not only provide legal consultation and representation to those facing the complex system of immigration law, but will also provide community-based education, trainings, and workshops to ensure that Contra Costa’s immigrant families have meaningful access to information about our civil rights while promoting more robust civic engagement with the many programs and services available in Contra Costa.

Please see the following for more information regarding Stand Together programs, or visit the website at www.standtogethercontracosta.org.
En Abril la Conferencia de Alcaldes del Condado de Contra Costa presentó una presentación de Ali Saidi, Abogada de Inmigración Defensor Público Adjunta con la Oficina del Defensor Público del Condado de Contra Costa, quien ayudó a desarrollar el programa Stand Together Contra Costa y ahora se desempeña como Directora de Stand Together CoCo.

Como se describe en su sitio web (www.stangettogethercontracosta.org), Stand Together Contra Costa es un proyecto de respuesta rápida, servicios legales y educación comunitaria para apoyar la seguridad y la justicia para las familias inmigrantes en el condado de Contra Costa. El programa es una asociación entre el Condado de Contra Costa, filantropía y organizaciones comunitarias, y brinda apoyo de respuesta rápida culturalmente competente, sin costo, servicios de defensa legal y educación y capacitación en derechos de los inmigrantes para apoyar a las familias afectadas por políticas antiinmigrantes y prácticas que afectan a los residentes del Condado de Contra Costa.

La misión de Stand Together Contra Costa es garantizar que todas las personas en el Condado de Contra Costa, independientemente de su estatus migratorio o capacidad de pago, tengan los derechos establecidos por la Constitución de los Estados Unidos, y estén protegidos de acciones o políticas que resulten dispares, trato discriminatorio o ilegal.
La línea directa 24/7 Stand Together Contra Costa trabaja para proporcionar verificación culturalmente competente y observación legal de la actividad de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE) en el Condado de Contra Costa. Como se señaló en el sitio web de Stand Together Contra Costa, "la actividad de cumplimiento de ICE en nuestra comunidad separa a las familias a la vez que disemina una atmósfera de temor y desconfianza hacia las instituciones y servicios cívicos. Stand Together Contra Costa no solo proporcionará información precisa y verificación con respecto a la sospecha de actividad de ICE en el condado de Contra Costa, sino que también asegurará que nuestros inmigrantes y familias inmigrantes tengan acceso al debido proceso legal independientemente de su capacidad de pago."

Stand Together Contra Costa no solo brindará asesoramiento legal y representación a quienes enfrentan el complejo sistema de leyes de inmigración, sino que también brindará educación, capacitaciones y talleres basados en la comunidad para garantizar que las familias inmigrantes de Contra Costa tengan acceso significativo a la información sobre nuestras derechos mientras se promueva un compromiso cívico más sólido con los numerosos programas y servicios disponibles en Contra Costa.

Consulte lo siguiente para obtener más información sobre los programas de Stand Together o visite el sitio web en www.standtogethercontracosta.org.
4. **Tennis Returns to MLK Park**

The long dormant tennis courts at MLK Park reverberated with the sounds of over 230 joyous and rambunctious middle school youths as they began to develop and refine their tennis skills.

The evolving strategy of bringing tennis instruction to tennis courts in the vicinity of our Richmond schools took another big step forward. The Community Services
Department (CSD) partnered with the ever-active Richmond Tennis Association (RTA) to offer morning (PE class) instruction at the newly refurbished MLK courts.

Prior to last week, there weren’t any tennis nets at MLK Park and the tennis courts were littered with trash, needles and debris. CSD staff (Tetteh and Jose Tirado) and a cadre of RTA volunteers (Garry and David Hurlbut, Mark Duccini, Gary Capra and Laura Imbong) spent a morning filling up numerous trash bags and clearing the tennis courts and the adjoining picnic areas of the trash.

Parks and Landscaping staff repaired the vandalized surrounding fence by patching over 10 breaks in the fence and temporary gates were installed to prevent tennis balls rolling out onto Cutting Boulevard. The weeds and high grass surrounding the courts were mowed.

Tennis net posts were purchased by a grant from USTA/RTA and installed along with nets from Parks and Landscaping over last weekend. Tennis equipment (i.e., rackets, balls, additional portable nets, etc.) was supplied by a collaboration among RTA, CSD and USTA.

The Richmond College Prep School walks their youth over to the courts during their PE periods on Monday and Tuesday. On Monday, the first class of 30 youths ran onto the courts at 8:30 AM to enjoy their first exposure to organized tennis instruction. Additional classes filled up the morning until 11:30 AM. CSD staff and 7 RTA volunteer instructors (Garry and David Hurlbut, Gary Capra, Laura Imbong, John Lee, Curtis Barnes and Burke Treidler) provided tennis instruction and many “high 5s” to the exuberant youths.

This is another great example of collaboration between the City of Richmond departments (CSD and Department of Infrastructure and Maintenance Operations (DIMO) Park and Landscaping Division) and the Richmond Tennis Association (RTA) to provide active and healthy lifestyle activity support and training to our Richmond youths.

5. **8th Annual North Richmond Earth Day Festival – April 21st**

Earth Day in North Richmond is an annual celebration that brings together residents, agencies, and businesses to beautify community spaces and celebrate unity. The event is planned by the North Richmond Earth Day Steering Committee and is made up of residents, community-based organizations, Contra Costa County, and City of Richmond agencies.

This year’s Earth Day will be held on **Saturday, April 21st**, and will host three impactful community service projects during the morning hours with a celebration
in the afternoon. You can sponsor a specific activity, such as a food or kid activity, or you can support the festival as a whole.

Community Service Projects will take place from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM and will include the following:

- **Community Mural**: The launch of Rancho Market and Deli mural on the corner of 5th Street and Market Ave @ 500 Market Street, Richmond, CA
- **Wildcat Creek Clean-up**: Beginning in front of Verde Elementary @ 2000 Giaramita
- **Shields Reid Beautification**: Street and center clean-up at Shields Reid Center, as well as, gardening and tree planting at 1410 Kelsey Street

The Earth Day Celebration will take place from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM and will include the following:

- Kids activities: face painting, jumpers, petting zoo, art activities, and more!
- 40+ interactive and resource booths
- Food and entertainment that uplifts local talent
- Little league baseball games

For more information, please contact Community Services Coordinator, Tania Pulido at (510) 253-9221 or tpulido@chdcnr.com.
#NRED2018 #OurNorthRichmond #NorthRichmondCA
6. **San Pablo Avenue Complete Streets Project is Happening Now!**

Construction on the San Pablo Avenue Complete Streets Project started this week, and is anticipated to last about five months. The project includes installation of new traffic signals at La Puerta Road and Robert Miller Drive, and installation of sidewalk, bicycle facilities, crosswalks, and lighting improvements along San Pablo Avenue from Rivers Street to La Puerta Road.

San Pablo Avenue will remain open to traffic in both directions at all times; however, for safety reasons, there will be times during construction when only one travel lane in each direction is available for vehicular traffic. Construction questions can be directed to the Construction Manager, Jaemin Park, at [jpark@park-eng.com](mailto:jpark@park-eng.com) or (925) 818-3756.
7. **Pt. Molate Open House – Saturday, April 21st**

Please take note of the "open house" to be held at the Winehaven Castle Building at Pt. Molate, which includes an eclectic mixture of food, wine, nature, history, and a flea market. The event is Saturday, April 21st, lasting from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
WINEHAVEN SPRING OPEN HOUSE APRIL 21, 2018

All Day Flea Market - 8AM- 4PM

- Curbed Kitchen Food Truck - 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- A Tale of Time - The History of Pt. Molate - presented by Richmond Mayor Tom Butt - 1:30 PM to 2:15 PM
- Guided walking tours - Choose from Winehaven historical district tour or Scenic nature tour - 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
- Rooftop reception and wine pour - 4:00 PM to 4:30PM

Event takes place at the Winehaven Castle Building at Pt. Molate
Family and Kids friendly - Plenty of free parking
See attached flyer for details and directions
Activities:
On site food truck: Noon to 4:00PM - The Winelhaven Castle will be open all day.
A special presentation inside the Castle presented by Mayor Tom Butt: "The history of Pt. Molate". Enjoy this great talk and slideshow 1:00PM to 2:15PM.
Guided historical walking tour - Explore the historic structures at Winelhaven and learn its secrets from the early 1900’s on. 3:00PM to 3:45PM.
Guided nature walking tour - Discover Pt. Molate’s rare plants, the bird population, and follow the route of the planned Bay Trail. 3:00PM to 3:45PM.
Enjoy a wine pour on the rooftop of the Castle featuring Bock wines 4PM.

Flea Market:
There will be lots of great things on sale from the Pt. Molate tenants - Mid-century fixtures lamps & furniture, Balinese teak indoor and outdoor furniture and decor, a variety of esoteric art lamps, ornamental stone, stainless steel construction materials and fixtures, material handling equipment, printers, computers and tools, also drum sets and wine! All day 8:00AM to 4:00 PM

Adventure:
Wander around the Pt. Molate historic district and see how the winemakers last century lived and how the property was used by the Navy during WWII. A rare chance to walk the pier. Noon to 4:00 PM

Directions:
Pt. Molate is only accessible from Westbound 380. It is the last exit (Stenmark Dr.) before the Richmond/San Rafael bridge toll plaza. Stay left at the fork on Stenmark Dr. and follow Stenmark for 2 miles to the Winelhaven District.

Parking:
There is plenty of parking across the street from the northeast corner of the Winelhaven Castle. Parking lot will be signed.

8. Rent Program Eviction 101 in Richmond Community Workshops

As part of its continuing outreach to landlords and tenants who would like to learn more about Rent Program rules and regulations, the City of Richmond Rent Program is offering the following workshop:

Eviction 101 in Richmond (Tenant Focused)
Saturday, April 21st
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
City Council Chambers
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

Topics for discussion include:

- “Just Cause” for eviction and relocation requirements;
- Termination of tenancy notice requirements; and
- Unlawful detainer (eviction) process.

Space is limited - RSVP today: https://rentprogram.eventbrite.com
9. **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.

Much of my time this past week was spent in budget review meetings with department managers, along with Finance Department staff members. These meetings will continue over the next several weeks as we continue to work on the draft FY 2018-19 budget.

Other meetings and events of note during the past week included:

- Interviewed firms for Richmond Housing Authority financial audit services, along with Finance Director Belinda Warner and Senior Assistant City Attorney Carlos Privat;
- Met with Mark Lillis, Executive Director of The Leaven, to talk about their new youth-serving location at Westridge Apartments;
- Met with the staff team from the Finance Department, Housing Department, and the City Attorney’s office to review progress on the Housing Authority’s remedial action plan;
- Met with the Hilltop Mall owners to discuss the status of their project to reinvent and bring energy to the Hilltop area;
• Attended the monthly meeting of the Contra Costa city managers association;
• Attended the regular, quarterly meeting of the union leadership to discuss the status of City finances, along with Finance Director Belinda Warner, Human Resources Director Lisa Stephenson, and Human Resources staff members Maria Blue and Veronica de Castro;
• Attended the monthly Richmond Chamber of Commerce mixer;
• Attended the monthly Southeast Shoreline Community Advisory Group meeting, at which issues of soil remediation is reviewed with the State Department of Toxic Substances Control;
• Met with the resident members of the Richmond Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to discuss several upcoming meeting agenda items;
• Met with representatives from Groundwork Richmond, the Miraflores developer Scott Hanks, project consultants Marcia Vallier and Donna Graves, the City’s project consultant Alan Wolken, Community Development Project Manager Charice Duckworth, Parks Maintenance Superintendent Greg Hardesty, and Community Services Manager Ranjana Maharaj to discuss future Miraflores park and facilities maintenance and management;
• Met with representatives from Grid Alternatives to discuss possible solar projects at the Port of Richmond, along with Port Director Jim Matzorkis, Community Development Director Shasa Curl, and Environmental Manager Adam Lenz.

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.

10. Celebrate Bike to Work Day in Richmond & the East Bay

May is National Bike Month! On Thursday, May 10th, the City of Richmond in collaboration with Bike East Bay, 511 Contra Costa, Richmond BPAC, Rich City Rides, and SunPower, will be hosting four Energizer Stations across the Richmond community. Stop by on your way to work for refreshments and a Bike to Work Day bag filled with promotional materials from local businesses.

The Energizer Stations will be located along key bicycle routes and open from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM:

• Richmond BART (open 6:30 AM to 8:30 AM)
• Marina Bay Park (along the Bay Trail)
• San Pablo Ave and the Richmond Greenway/Ohlone Bike Trail
• 16th St and Richmond Greenway (between Ohio Ave. and Chanslor Ave.)
For more information about Bike to Work Day in Richmond visit: www.richmondenvironment.org
Visit Bike East Bay’s website for more national Bike Month events happening in the East Bay: https://bikeeastbay.org/events/btwd_2018

11. Richmond Promise: Save the Date & Next Steps for College Success

Save the Date: Richmond Promise Scholars Celebration is Wednesday, May 23rd!
The Scholars Celebration is an annual community-wide event to honor the 500+ vibrant and unstoppable Richmond Scholars in the class of 2018, to recognize their families, and our education and civic partnerships critical to their success, and celebrate what the Promise means to the Richmond community. Last year, the event drew nearly 1,000 students and families. We hope to see you there! The event is free, but space is limited.
Next Steps for College Success!
Award notifications for the Richmond Promise Scholarship will be emailed to students by May 1st. The Richmond Promise is here to support students through a successful college transition. We are currently hosting “Next Steps” workshops across all eligible high schools. This June and July, we will be hosting a series of Summer Success Workshops. Check out next steps for ALL Richmond Promise Scholars, and specific next-steps for top 10 colleges on our website: https://richmondpromise.org/nextsteps/

Need Help? Have a Question? Call or email Gaby Urías, Richmond Promise Outreach Coordinator, if you would like to schedule time for 1-on-1 assistance with enrollment steps, financial aid, or anything else related to college! gurias@richmondpromise.org | (510) 761-7231
12. I-80 Central Avenue Operations Improvement Project (I-80 and Central Avenue)

This past week, contractors worked to install components of the signals at Rydin Road and Central Avenue, and also performed landscaping. Next week, weather permitting, the contractors will continue with the installation and perform work on the irrigation.

Please visit the project webpage for more information: [www.ccta.net/projects/project/36](http://www.ccta.net/projects/project/36) or call Community Outreach Representative Jacqueline Majors at (510) 882-1603; or email: I80CentralAve@gmail.com.

13. Second Annual “Taste of Richmond”
Don't miss out on this “TASTEFUL” event!

Join us in celebrating the diverse food, beverage, music, and culture of Richmond at the second annual “Taste of Richmond”. This event will feature samples from Richmond’s diverse food and beverage scene, and will introduce guests to spectacular sweeping views of the San Francisco Bay, the San Francisco skyline, and Richmond's treasured shoreline. Local restaurants, caterers, and beverage establishments will offer limited tastes of both food and beverages.

The Second Annual Taste of Richmond will be held on Sunday, May 20th from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Riggers Loft Winery in the Historic Point Richmond Ship Building District, presented by the City of Richmond Economic Development Commission.

All samples and tastes are included in the Early Bird (before May 1st) single admission price of $15 or two tickets for $25. After May 1st, ticket prices will increase to $20 each and will be sold as single admission only. Children 10 years and under are admitted free.

Free Home Solar Systems Available for Qualifying Richmond Residents!

Richmond homeowners can qualify for a FREE home solar system funded by the City of Richmond and the State of California. To be eligible, Richmond and North Richmond residents must meet the following program requirements:

- Own and live in a home in Richmond or North Richmond;
- Have a monthly electric bill above $30;
- Have household income that is the same or less than 80% of area median income (income limits are included in the flyer below and at www.richmondenvironment.org).

For more information, please contact GRID Alternatives at (510) 731-1333 or visit http://www.gridsolar.org/richmond.
15. **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.

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

16. Community Services Highlights

Upcoming Events and Program Activities

Senior Forum
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

Tuesday, 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

Learn about proposals to cut and privatize these programs. This is 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 Tuesday, 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.

Commission on Aging Recruitment
The Richmond Commission on Aging is looking for seniors age 55 or over to become a member of the Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to enhance the quality of life for older adults with an emphasis on health, wellness and independence. If you are age 55 or older and reside in the West Contra Costa County which includes areas within WCCUSD boundaries, consider joining this active Commission that is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of seniors.

Please contact Chair, Myrtle Braxton, at (510) 233-0777 for additional information.

3rd Annual Park Rx Day
The City of Richmond Community Services Department, ServiceWorks, Contra Costa Health Services, and the National Park Service teamed together to organize one of the premier celebrations happening around the Bay Area. Join us on April 29th as Richmond hosts their 3rd Annual Park Rx Day from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at John F. Kennedy Park.

Join us for fun activities such as giveaways, fitness obstacle courses, “Walk with a Doc”, bike rodeo, health screenings, face painting, mixed martial arts demonstrations and much more!

Interested in volunteering to help the event? Sign up at: tinyurl.com/richmondparkrxday

Park Rx Day is organized by Healthy Parks, Healthy People: Bay Area, a collaborative comprising more than 30 park, health, and community-based organizations united by a vision to improve the health and well-being of all Bay Area residents, especially those with high health needs, through the regular use and enjoyment of parks and public lands.

For more information, contact Vanessa Chau at Vanessa_Chau@ci.richmond.ca.us or at (510) 620-6552.
Rancho Market Community Paint Days

Want to make a difference this Earth Day? Join the Community Paint Days at Rancho Market located at 500 Market Avenue on Saturday April 21st and Sunday April 22nd, both days from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. The mural installation will begin on the 21st.

On April 21st, a mural installation will begin in honor of North Richmond's rich history and promising future, with images that include blues music, African American cowboys, fertile agricultural lands, Black and Brown solidarity, and sports.

Following the first community paint day on Saturday, April 21st, you can head over to Shields-Reid Park for the Earth Day celebration. There will be live entertainment from local performers, family-friendly activities, free food, and more!

No art experience is necessary to join in the painting. Bring yourself, and wear closed-toed shoes and clothes that you don’t mind getting dirty. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact Richard Salazar at (510) 221-7221.

The Rancho Market Mural Project is supported by the Richmond Arts and Culture Commission Neighborhood Public Art Grant.

East Bay Contra Contra Costa (EBCC) STEM Games
Join us on Saturday, April 28th for the East Bay Contra Contra Costa (EBCC) STEM Games! Elementary, Middle, and High School students are strongly encouraged to sign up for this special event.

The games consist of 28 competitive team events which require knowledge of science and math topics applied by engineering and technology skills. The competition, similar to athletic games, captures the commitment, enthusiasm, and interest in STEM careers.

All East Bay and Contra Costa County schools, communities, groups, and organizations can sign up for the competition. Teachers, parents, organization leaders, and adult mentors can participate as coaches.
The entry fee per team is $100 and includes an EBCC STEM Games membership. Register online at www.tinyurl.com/2018stemgames. Scholarships are available!

Follow updates and more on our Facebook page!

For more information, please contact:

Kymberlyn Carson-Thrower
Kymberlyn_Carson-Thrower@ci.richmond.ca.us
(510) 620-6789

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 simulating 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
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

On April 7th, ServiceWorks hosted a very successful bootcamp! The community gathered to support six scholars who attended the ServiceWorks College and Career Readiness Bootcamp. Festivities began with a riveting speech from Vice Mayor Willis and a conversation with Community Services Director, Rochelle Monk. Following this, six scholars participated in multiple workshops featuring public
speaking, resume building, networking and a college and career panel. The scholars were also eligible for a college and career readiness door prize giveaway where the winner received a free tablet!

A portion of the curriculum featured creating blessing bags for the Bay Area Rescue Mission. Scholars constructed, personalized and delivered 90 blessing bags to the Bay Area Rescue Mission. Scholars also engaged with topics such as homelessness and sex trafficking. Throughout the course of the day, scholars engaged in a curriculum that gave them the skills needed to develop solutions to assist the greater Richmond community.

Altogether, the event had 20 community members and scholars participate. ServiceWorks is incredibly grateful for the community participants and is looking forward to continuing community enrichment.

17. **Information Technology**

![Top 10 Pageviews for Current Week](chart.png)

- Page actions on page are up 100%
- Post Engagements are up 237%
Followers are up

Your Tweets earned 6.5K impressions over this 7 day period

KCRT VIDEO OF THE WEEK
Video of the Year of the Bird event: https://youtu.be/N0-QFkbqKAo

Video by Brian Bland, KCRT

KCRT DATANET OF THE WEEK
18. Engineering & Capital Improvement Department (ECIP)

Streets Division:
Paving crews installed speed bumps on Costa Avenue from 13th Street to 18th Street, and worked from the outstanding pothole list in various locations around the City.
Street sweeping staff performed residential sweeping services for the second Monday through Friday in May Valley, Vista View, Clinton Hill I, Clinton Hill II, Clinton Hill III, Clinton Hill IV, and East Richmond neighborhood council areas.

Signs and Lines repaired 9 signs, installed 25 new signs and poles, and installed 154’ of thermoplastic for pavement messaging.

19. **Infrastructure Maintenance and Operations (DIMO)**

**Abatement:**
Abatement crews demolished and fenced a property in the Belding Woods Neighborhood, abated and secured a private property in the Park Plaza Neighborhood, assisted with the Parchester Village clean-up for seniors, responded to an emergency call from the Police Department for a board-up, removed a homeless encampment, and continued to remove tons of illegal dumping and graffiti throughout the City.

Demolition and Fencing
Abatement and Board-Up

Neighborhood Clean-Up
Code Enforcement:
Code Enforcement staff was contacted by a concerned citizen in regards to an overgrown tree that was growing onto the roof of a neighboring apartment complex. A Notice of Violation letter was sent to the property owner and the tree was cut away from the roof.
Facilities Maintenance Division:
Carpenters and Building Trades Workers repaired cabinets in various offices, re-keyed locks, installed fencing near the Main Library, fixed a damaged door at the Bayview Library, built sheds for the Richmond Plunge and Nicholl Park, and performed routine inspections at Point Molate.
Painters completed various patching and small paint jobs indoors, and painted doors at the Fire Training Center.

Stationary Engineers performed routine pool test, routine boiler inspections, repaired the front doors at the Bayview Library, replaced valves on the sump pumps in the Auditorium, replaced fan belts in various buildings, fixed a sink in the Auditorium, repaired the roof hatch on the Auditorium, replaced an ignition module on a boiler at the Recreation Complex, repaired a roof leak, cleaned the Auditorium roof drains, and replaced restroom partitions and toilets at Fire Station #67.

Utility Workers removed old furniture from the Police Department, scrubbed and waxed the floors at the Police Department, set-up poles in Civic Center Plaza, set-up various rooms for events, set-up the Council Chambers, and maintained 29 City-owned facilities.
Parks and Landscaping Division:
General Maintenance crews weed-whipped the medians on Castro Ranch Road and at the Solano and Humboldt Play Lots, installed a drinking fountain at the Humboldt Play Lot, and removed graffiti from John F. Kenedy Park.
Hilltop District crews continued general maintenance around the business area, continued center median clean-up on the Richmond Parkway, and started weed abatement at Vista Del Mar Park.
Marina District crews continued with the Regatta Boulevard improvements on the medians, mowed and edged turf, moved mulch, and performed a large field clean-up.

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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To contact us by phone:

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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:**

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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".

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Using the City of Richmond Mobile Application:

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