Hon. Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the report for the week ending July 31st, 2020.

1. **Meeting Notes**

   A Special City Council meeting is tentatively expected to take place on Wednesday, August 5th. The agenda will be made available no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting time, and can be found at this link when it is published.

2. **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates**

   The following information is an ongoing list of resources and significant updates regarding COVID-19.

Update on Outdoor Dining for Local Businesses

Outdoor Dining, Curbside Retail, and Special Event Permits in Richmond, CA

as of July 16, 2020

The City of Richmond is providing opportunities for businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to utilize public and privately-owned outdoor areas, including parking lots, for outdoor dining and retail use.

Richmond businesses may apply for a permit to use a sidewalk or parking space in front of their location for business operation by contacting the Community Services Department, Recreation Division at **csdregistration@ci.richmond.ca.us** or by visiting **www.richca-communityservices.org** to obtain an application.

All business will be required to complete the following for an outdoor dining permit:

1. Outdoor dining and curbside retail application
2. Site diagram
3. ABC permit (if serving alcohol outdoors)
4. Certificate of liability insurance (if operating on public property)

In addition, special event permits are required for the following: protests, vigils, marches, and large gatherings. Visit the website listed for the process and forms.

Questions? Contact us:
510-620-6793
csdregistration@ci.richmond.ca.us
www.richca-communityservices.org

Comida al aire libre, venta al por menor en la acera, y permisos para eventos especiales en Richmond, CA

al partir del 16 de julio, 2020

La ciudad de Richmond está brindando oportunidades a las empresas afectadas por la pandemia de COVID-19 para utilizar áreas exteriores públicas y privadas, incluidos los estacionamientos, para cenas al aire libre y uso de la acera para venta al por menor.

Las empresas de Richmond pueden solicitar un permiso para usar las aceras o espacios de estacionamiento frente a su ubicación para operaciones comerciales comunicándose con el Departamento de Servicios Comunitarios de Richmond, División de Recreación por correo electrónico al **csdregistration@ci.richmond.ca.us** o visitando el sitio web en **www.richca-communityservices.org** para obtener una aplicación.

Todos los negocios deberán completar lo siguiente para obtener un permiso para comer al aire libre:

1. Aplicación para comer al aire libre y venta al por menor en acera
2. Diagrama del sitio
3. Permiso ABC (si va sirvir alcohol al aire libre)
4. Certificado de seguro de responsabilidad civil (si opera en propiedad pública)

Además, se requieren permisos de eventos especiales para lo siguiente: protestas, vigilias, marchas y reuniones grandes. Visite al sitio web para las formas y mas información.

¿Preguntas? Contacta con nosotros en:
510-620-6793
csdregistration@ci.richmond.ca.us
www.richca-communityservices.org

3. <mark>**Upcoming Events**</mark>

Proposed Gross Receipts Business Tax Ballot Measure

During a special City Council meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 5:30 P.M., the Richmond City Council will consider placing a measure on the November 3, 2020 ballot which would change the Business License Tax calculation methodology to be based on gross receipts instead of the number of employees. The City of Richmond is inviting the Richmond business community and interested stakeholders to attend a virtual community meeting on Monday, August 3rd from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. to discuss the gross receipts tax model. We will present an overview of the proposed gross receipts ballot measure and provide an opportunity for feedback and questions. To register for the meeting, visit:
https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJApfu6qqTIuHtQKjHDps1xTwe3uVzlIGl-p.

For more information, please visit http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/65/Finance and/or contact Antonio Banuelos, Finance Department, at antonio_banuelos@ci.richmond.ca.us.

You are invited to attend

Proposed Gross Receipts Tax Ballot Measure Community Meeting

Meeting Details

Monday, August 3, 2020 | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Via Zoom: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJApfu6qqTluHtQKjHDps1xTwe3uVzllGl-p

We will present an overview of the proposed gross receipts ballot measure and provide an opportunity for feedback and questions.

We look forward to your attendance and input!

For more information:
Please visit: http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/65/Finance
Please contact: Antonio Banuelos, abanuelos@ci.richmond.ca.us

Invitación para participar

Junta Comunitaria:
Propuesto de Votación de los Ingresos de Negocio

Información de la Junta

Lunes, 3 de agosto de 2020 | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Por Zoom: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJApfu6qqTluHtQKjHDps1xTwe3uVzllGl-p

Presentaremos un resumen de la propuesta de votación de los ingresos de negocio y ofreceremos una oportunidad para preguntas y comentarios.

Esperamos su asistencia y sus comentarios!

Para más información:
Visite: http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/65/Finance
Contacte: Antonio Banuelos, abanuelos@ci.richmond.ca.us

4. <mark>**Acknowledgements**</mark>

***Heart of Richmond* Series Receives Local & Statewide Kudos**

[Richmond Main Street's Heart of Richmond series](#) has received local and statewide recognition for lifting up the voices of our small businesses. Heart of Richmond was a digital storytelling and marketing series designed to lift up the voices of our local entrepreneurial community. Over the course of 4 weeks in June, Richmond Main Street shared the stories and voices of 12 women-owned, food & beverage, Latinx-owned, and Black-owned Richmond businesses, and sponsored promoted posts for them through RMSI's social media channels.

The series and two businesses were featured in the [cover story for the July 15 edition of East Bay Express](#). [California Main Street Alliance has also published a spotlight](#) of the series, providing some insight on the origin of the series and experiences of two participants.

Heart of Richmond was made possible through a one-time grant from Wells Fargo. Although the series in its original format is on pause, Richmond Main Street continues to add stories about Downtown businesses. Community groups and individuals are also encouraged to highlight their favorite Richmond businesses by using #HeartOfRichmond in social media posts.

More Information: Check out the Heart of Richmond series and learn how you can support Richmond businesses safely at [www.richmondmainstreet.org/category/heart-of-richmond](#).

Richmond and Oakland 2020 Census Challenge: Don't miss being counted and help the City of Richmond win the challenge!

Richmond Mayor Tom Butt and Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf have agreed to a friendly intercity challenge to get as many residents in their cities to respond to the 2020 Census. Richmond has 12 more days left to win the challenge by increasing its self-response rate. The intercity challenge ends August 10, 2020.

For both cities, the goal is to get everyone counted. Even though Richmond has had a 1.4% increase since the beginning of the challenge, Oakland is winning by 0.02% with a 65.0% response rate. As of July 21, 2020, 64.8% of Richmond households have responded to Census 2020 –a 0.4% increase compared to July 7.

Richmond still has one neighborhood with a self-response rate below 50% - North Richmond, including Shields-Reid (48.4%) and five more neighborhoods that are located in the top 10 lowest self-response rate census tracts in Contra Costa County: Iron Triangle, Belding Woods, Coronado, Santa Fe, and Atchison Village. Remember, we all lose when someone is not counted! Please help spread the word of the importance of responding to the census.

The following table has the response rate by neighborhood and the response rate growth over the past two weeks:

Table 1. Census 2020 response-rate by neighborhood in the City of Richmond as of July 21th.

NEIGHBORHOODS	Response rate (%)	Increase (%)
City of Richmond	**64.8**	**0.4**
ATCHISON VILLAGE	**56.7**	**0.5**
BELDING WOODS	**54.8**	**0.7**
CARRIAGE HILLS NORTH	78.6	0.3
CARRIAGE HILLS SOUTH	75.5	0.3
CASTRO HEIGHTS (COUNTRYSIDE)	75.5	0.3

NEIGHBORHOODS	Response rate (%)	Increase (%)
CORONADO	**55.4**	**0.5**
CORTEZ/STEGE	57.3	0.6
COUNTRY CLUB VISTA	71.3	0.2
EASTSHORE	61.3	0.2
EL SOBRANTE HILLS	78.6	0.3
FAIRMEDE HILLTOP	61	0.6
GREENBRIAR	78.6	0.3
GREENRIDGE HEIGHTS	70.8	0.1
HILLTOP DISTRICT	57.9	0.4
HILLTOP BAYVIEW	57.9	0.4
HILLTOP GREEN	67.9	0.5
HILLTOP VILLAGE	57.9	0.4
IRON TRIANGLE	**50.5**	**0.5**
LAUREL PARK	61.3	0.2
MARINA BAY	77.9	0.1
MAY VALLEY	76.1	0.3
NORTH & EAST	65.9	0.3
NORTH RICHMOND (SHEILDS-REID)	**48.4**	**0.4**
PANHANDLE ANNEX	61.3	0.2
PARCHESTER VILLAGE	66.7	0.1
PARK PLAZA	58.3	0.5
PARKVIEW	61.3	0.2
POINT RICHMOND	71.3	0.2
PULLMAN	58.3	0.5
QUAIL HILL	70.8	0.1
RICHMOND ANNEX	76.0	0.3
RICHMOND HEIGHTS	77.3	0.6
RICHMORE VILLAGE/METRO SQUARE	58.3	0.5
SANTA FE	**55.4**	**0.5**
SOUTHWEST ANNEX	76.0	0.3

Census Bureau. Response rate comparison between July 7th and July 21st 2020.

Help the City of Richmond win the friendly intercity challenge with Oakland and get a complete count of our residents! Every person undercounted would represent the loss of around $2,000 per year. So, with Richmond's current response rate (64.8%), our community could miss an estimated $77.8 million of funding per year over the next ten years.

If you haven't completed your census questionnaire, or want to assist your neighbors, family, or friends to complete their census, remember it can be done through one of the following options:

- **Online**. Click this link and start your questionnaire: https://my2020census.gov/
The census questionnaire can be responded to online in 12 languages, besides English.

- **Phone**. Every day from 4:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. on the following phone lines:
    - English: 844-330-2020
    - Spanish: 844-468-2020

Monday through Friday from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. for the following languages on the following phone lines:

- Chinese (Mandarin): 844-391-2020
- Chinese (Cantonese): 844-398-2020
- Vietnamese: 844-461-2020
- Korean: 844-392-2020
- Russian: 844-417-2020
- Arabic: 844-416-2020

- Tagalog: 844-478-2020
- Polish: 844-479-2020
- French: 844-494-2020
- Haitian Creole: 844-477-2020
- Portuguese: 844-474-2020
- Japanese: 844-460-2020

- **Mail**. Since April 8th, if a household has not responded to their census, a paper census questionnaire will be mailed. Completed questionnaires, should be mailed to:

    U.S. Census Bureau
    National Processing Center
    1201 E 10th Street
    Jeffersonville, IN 47132

If you have questions, need assistance to respond to Census 2020, or have ideas on how to inform your neighborhood to respond Census 2020, please email beatriz_guerrero@ci.richmond.ca.us and provide a phone number to contact you.

Please help us spread the word about Census 2020 to make sure we're all counted! You can share the following videos with your friends, neighbors, and family through text messages or social media:
- Census 2020 Video (English and Spanish) https://youtu.be/RbSSpEILSSY
- Census 2020 Video (English) https://youtu.be/Iya3JbpH2cU
- Census 2020 Video (Spanish) https://youtu.be/YiBiFK6CsZc

Reto del Censo 2020 entre Richmond y Oakland: ¡No olvide contarse y ayude a la Ciudad de Richmond a ganar el reto!

Alcalde de Richmond, Tom Butt y la Alcaldesa de Oakland, Libby Schaaf, han acordado participar en un reto amigable para lograr que el mayor número de personas en sus ciudades responda al Censo 2020. Solo quedan 12 días para que Richmond pueda ganar el reto, ya que esta competencia entre ciudades termina el 10 de agosto del 2020.

Reto del Censo 2020:
12 días más para ganar el reto

64.8% Richmond
65.0% Oakland

Llena tu Censo del 2020 por internet hoy mismo.

Responde por internet en 2020CENSUS.GOV/ES
Dale forma a tu futuro EMPIEZA AQUÍ >
United States Census 2020

Para ambas ciudades, el objetivo es una tasa de respuesta del 100%. A pesar de que Richmond ha tenido un crecimiento en la respuesta de 1.4% desde que inició el reto, Oakland está ganando por 0.02% con un 65.0% de porcentaje de respuesta. Al 21 de Julio de 2020, 64.8% de los hogares de Richmond han respondido al Censo 2020 – un crecimiento de 0.4% comparado con los datos del 7 de Julio.

Richmond tiene aún un vecindario con una tasa de respuesta menor del 50% - North Richmond, incluyendo Shields-Reid (48.4%) y otros cinco vecindarios que se encuentran en los 10 tractos censales con la menor tasa de respuesta del Condado de Contra Costa: Iron Triangle, Belding Woods, Coronado, Santa Fe y Atchison Village. ¡Recuerde, todos perdemos cuando una persona no se cuenta! ¡Por favor, ayúdenos a informar lo importante que es responder al censo!

A continuación, se presenta una tabla con el porcentaje de respuesta de cada vecindario de la ciudad y el crecimiento de la tasa de respuesta de las últimas dos semanas:

Tabla 1. Porcentaje de respuesta del Censo 2020 por vecindario en la Ciudad de Richmond al 21 de julio.

VECINDARIOS	Respuesta (%)	Crecimiento (%)
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Census Bureau. Comparación de la tasa de respuesta entre el 7 y el 21 de julio.

¡Ayude a la Ciudad de Richmond a ganar el reto amigable con Oakland y contar a todas las personas residentes! Cada persona que no se cuente representa la pérdida de $2,000 por año. Con la actual tasa de respuesta de Richmond (64.8%), nuestra comunidad puede perder un presupuesto estimado de $77.8 millones anuales por los próximos 10 años.

Si no ha respondido su cuestionario del censo, o quiere ayudar a sus vecinos, amigos o familiares a completar el suyo, recuerde que se puede realizar a través de las siguientes opciones:

- **Internet**. Dé click en este link e inicie su cuestionario: https://my2020census.gov/ El cuestionario del censo puede responderse en línea, en 12 idiomas, además de inglés.
- **Teléfono**. Todos los días de 4:00 A.M. a 11:00 P.M. en los siguientes números:
    – Inglés: 844-330-2020
    – Español: 844-468-2020

Lunes a viernes, de 5:00 A.M. a 7:00 P.M., para los siguientes idiomas en los siguientes teléfonos:

- Chino (Mandarín): 844-391-2020
- Chino (Cantonés): 844-398-2020

- Vietnamés: 844-461-2020
- Portugués: 844-474-2020
- Ruso: 844-417-2020
- Francés: 844-494-2020
- Tagalo: 844-478-2020

- Coreano: 844-392-2020
- Creole Haitiano: 844-477-2020
- Japonés: 844-460-2020
- Polaco: 844-479-2020
- Árabe: 844-416-2020

- **Correo**. Si un hogar no ha respondido al censo, a partir del 8 de abril recibirá una forma por correo. Los cuestionarios completos deberán enviarse a la siguiente dirección:

  U.S. Census Bureau
  National Processing Center
  1201 E 10th Street
  Jeffersonville, IN 47132

Si tiene dudas, necesita ayuda para responder el Censo 2020 o tiene ideas sobre cómo informar a su vecindario para que responda el Censo 2020, mande un correo electrónico a beatriz_guerrero@ci.richmond.ca.us y por favor incluya su número de teléfono para contactarlo(a).

¡Por favor ayúdenos a correr la voz sobre del Censo 2020, para asegurar que todos y todas seamos contados! Pueden compartir los siguientes videos con sus amigos, familias y vecinos a través de mensajes de texto y redes sociales:

- Video Censo 2020 (Inglés y Español) https://youtu.be/RbSSpEILSSY
- Video Censo 2020 (Inglés) https://youtu.be/Iya3JbpH2cU
- Video Censo 2020 (Español) https://youtu.be/YiBiFK6CsZc

5. **City Clerk's Office**

The Candidate Filing Period for the November 3, 2020, election is Monday, July 13 through August 7, 2020. All candidates, including incumbents, must schedule an appointment with the Clerk's Office to receive a nomination packet.

Face masks are required and physical distancing will be enforced.

The City Clerk's Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Phone (510) 620-6513, Ext. 9
Email: cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us

6. **<mark>Fire Department</mark>**

The Richmond Fire Department takes every precaution to help protect you and your property from wildland fire. However, in a major wildland fire event, there simply may not be enough resources or firefighters to defend every home.

Successfully preparing for a wildland fire enables you to take personal responsibility to protect yourself, your family, and property. In this guide, we provide the tips and tools you need to prepare for a wildland fire threat, to have situational awareness when a fire starts, and to act early as directed by local officials.

This guide works in collaboration with other existing wildland fire public education efforts, but attempts to capture pertinent information into one document for your convenience. Additional resources are listed within this document for further information.

You are a key leader to creating change. You and the members of your community can take simple steps to increase your wildland fire preparedness. Your knowledge and actions may empower others to follow your lead, increasing their safety and potentially decreasing property loss and damage. Being prepared for a wildland fire is vital, as responders' resources can be spread thin quickly during a wildfire event. Taking advanced personal action can result in improved safety for all involved.

Fire is, and always has been, a natural occurrence. Hills, canyons, and forests burned periodically long before homes were built. Wildland fires are fueled by a build-up of dry vegetation and driven by seasonal hot and dry winds, called "Diablo winds." These winds can quickly spread wildfires, making them extremely dangerous and difficult to control. Many people have built homes in the wildland urban interface, or "WUI," without fully understanding the impact a wildfire may have on their lives. Few have adequately prepared their families and homes for a timely evacuation in the event of a wildland fire.

It is not a question of if the next major wildfire will occur, but when. Through advanced planning, understanding, and preparation, we can all be partners in the wildland fire solution. The tips on the following pages are designed to help create awareness and a safer environment for you, your family, and the Richmond Fire Department.
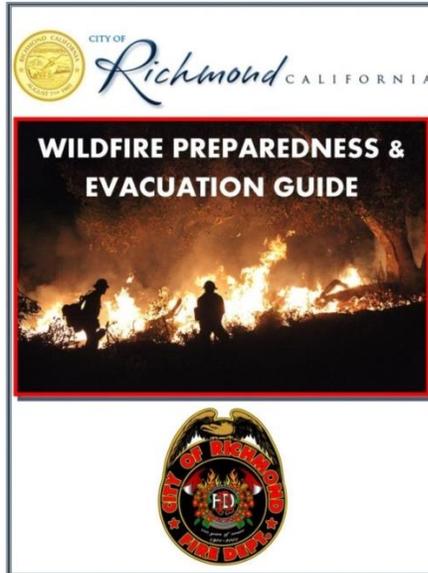
7. <mark>Information Technology</mark>

Transparent Richmond

Check out Transparent Richmond (www.transparentrichmond.org), the City of Richmond's citywide open data and performance reporting system. The open data platform currently spans 11 city departments and contains over 300 datasets, visualizations, and performance measures, many of which feature monthly, weekly or daily updates.
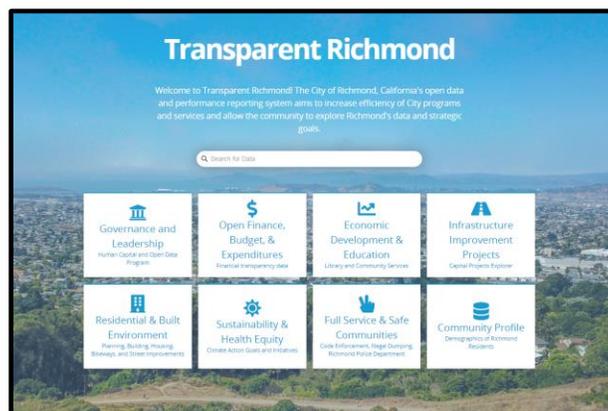

Transparent Richmond aims to accomplish the following:
- Improve the collective understanding of all city services.
- Automate performance data to help track and meet budget and service goals.

- Leverage evidence-based analysis to develop innovative solutions that improve the quality of city services.

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

Social Media Statistics for this Week

Top 10 Pageviews for Current Week
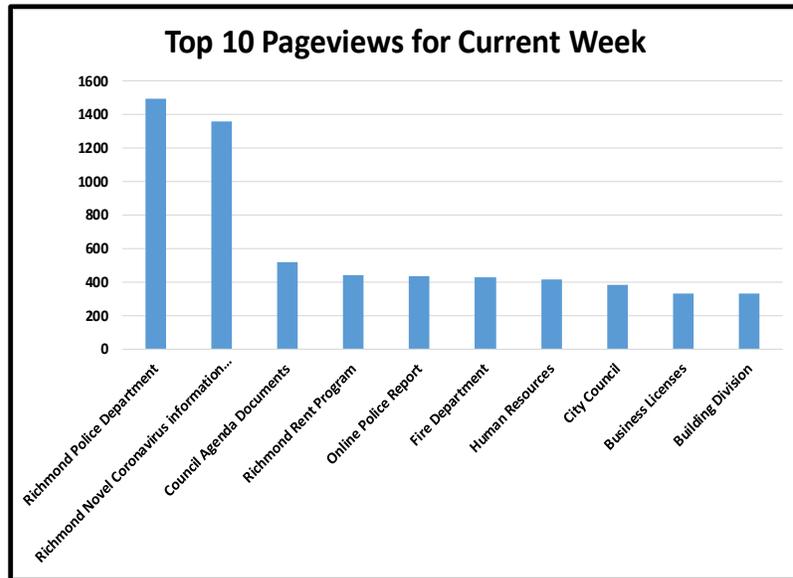
KCRT Datanet for the Week

Get Tested!
1-844-421-0804

Locations near to you include locations
in Richmond, San Pablo, & Pinole

o Get a fast, convenient COVID-19 test at no cost to you*
o Appointment required
o Available 7 days a week
o Testing available for everyone, even if you don't feel sick
o Drive-through & walk-in

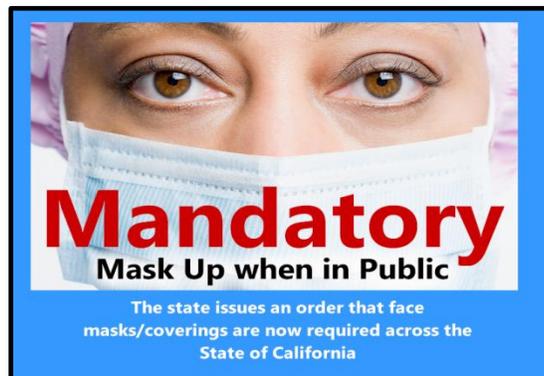*Testing will be at no cost to you and will be billed
through your health insurance or free if you do not have coverage

COVID-19 Testing Site
at Kennedy High School in Richmond
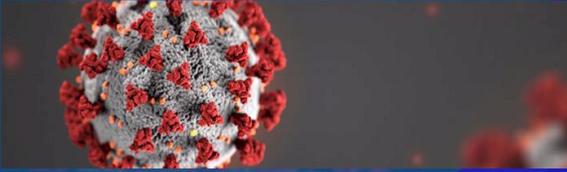
To make an appointment for a fast, convenient,
no-cost test at any site in Contra Costa:
1-844-421-0804
or visit cchealth.org/coronavirus
Online scheduling is available at most sites

Mandatory
Mask Up when in Public
The state issues an order that face
masks/coverings are now required across the
State of California

KCRT TV Channel 28 – New Episodes of Current Programming

Production

This week, KCRT supported Webinars and online meetings including the West County Mayor's Meeting.

Programming

New episodes are "The Jet Set" and "Sidewalks Entertainment." New special was the GRID Alternatives' and City of Richmond's No-Cost Solar Workshop continues to air, as well as John Gioia's videos on Getting COVID-19 tested at Kennedy High and two Census-related pieces.

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

8. **Internal Services**

Finance

Open Requests For Bids/Request For Proposals

| City Manager | Economic Development Action Plan | Due: 8/3/20 |
| Public Works | Field Turf Replacement at Martin Luther King Jr. Field | Due: 8/13/20 |

9. **Library and Community Services**
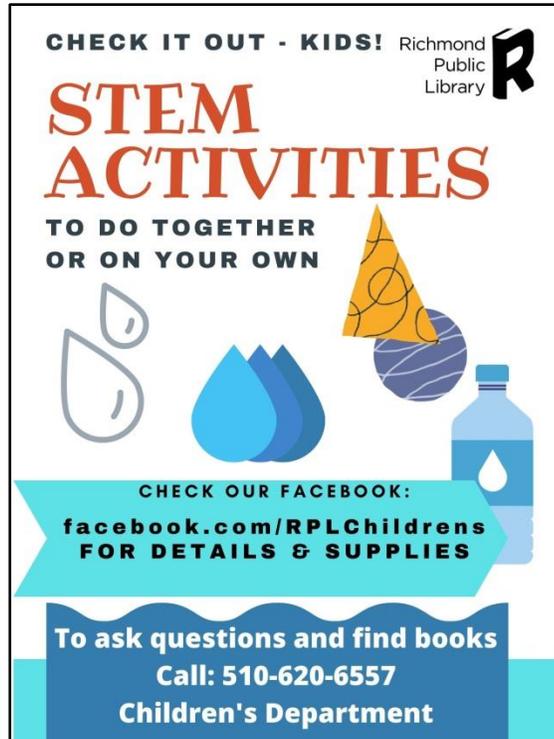
Library

Take-Home STEM Kits

The Children's Department distributed our Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) kits to students at Lovonya DeJean Middle School's lunch site.

Thanks again to a good partnership with YouthWORKS Summer Youth Employment, we had great help from our intern, Amia Bonilla, who is organized, professional, willing to learn, and a self-starter. She and Aaron Gutierrez, our Homework Help intern, helped us make valuable connections with the community and got the word out about Library services. We couldn't have done this outreach project without them!

We reserved a few kits for distribution at the library. Call the Children's Department if you would like a kit for your family at 510-620-6557.

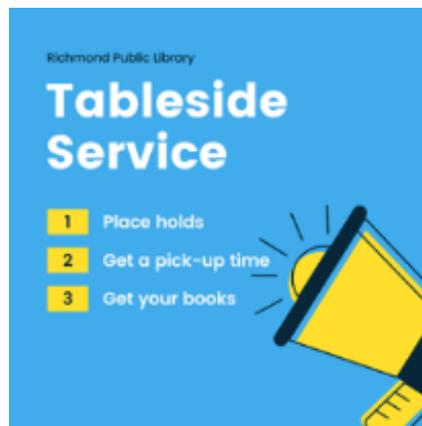Check out the STEM activities we post Tuesdays on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/RPLChildrens and Youtube

Tableside Service

Request books and DVDs for pickup from the Main/Civic Center library! Place holds online at rosie.ci.richmond.ca.us or contact the librarians:

- Voice: 510-620-6561
- Text: 510-621-7346
- Email: rpl_reference@ci.richmond.ca.us

Music Time at the Library with Cascada de Flores

Join Cascada de Flores at 10:30 A.M. Monday, August 3rd, on Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/RPLChildrens/live) for a concert demonstration and sign up for FREE children's music lessons via Zoom the following three Mondays (August 10th, 17th, and 24th). Register at www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3973
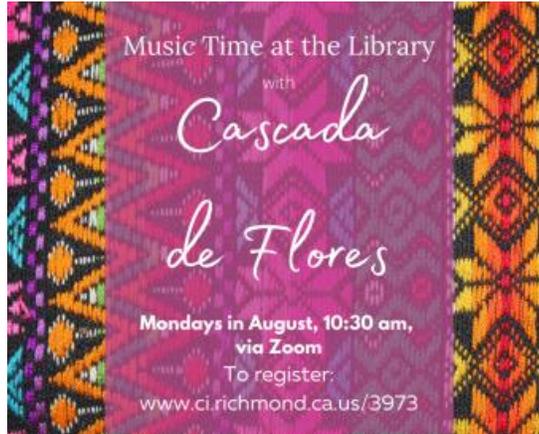
Children's Storytimes

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:30 A.M. on Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/RPLChildrens/live
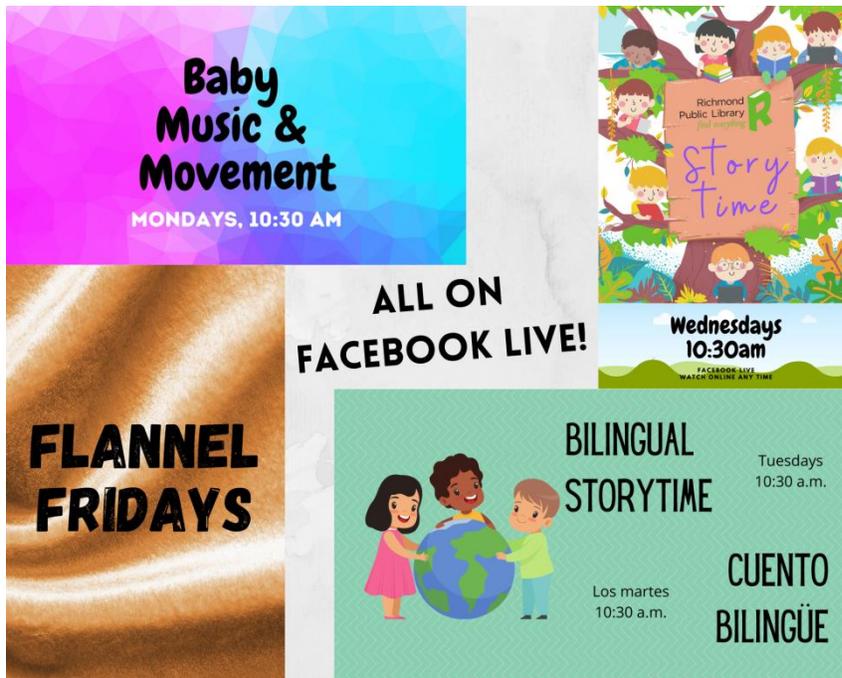
Adult/Teen Craft Kits-to-Go

August 1st through the 15th – Origami paper and instructions for three easy folds. *Available while supplies last.* Call 510-620-6559 to reserve and arrange pick-up.

Hit the ~~Road~~ Books!

Take a summer read trip with the library – your pages count for miles and get tracked on a map. Learn more: www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3967

Library Literary Trivia Night

Trivia happening on Tuesdays at 6:00 P.M. via Zoom! Questions from various books and words, ranging from children's books to classic literature. Register on Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlceqprzIpG9KtkS7EwR1r2kVUPrKZAUst

Bring Your Own Book Discussion

Wednesdays at 12:30 P.M. via Zoom. Let's talk about the books we're reading, have recently read, or want to read! Register on Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIqceisrD8sGdfP3DCf9FEGjRsHj75XNS0e

LEAP Offers Career Online High School

The Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP) would like to introduce and congratulate our most recent graduate from Career Online High School, Mercadez Chatman! Mercadez, a Richmond resident, understood the definition of persistency especially during the current pandemic. She left the program for a year but came back and was able to successful complete her mark of earning her high school diploma. LEAP supported her through the entire process and kept the doors open because we knew she could do it and she did! Mercadez is on track to pursue a career in Office Management and LEAP will continue to provide her with resources that benefit her career path and future goals.

Become Career-Ready! Available by scholarship through the Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP), Career Online High School offers adults the opportunity to complete their high school education and gain career training through a self-paced, supportive, and accredited online program.

High school graduates earn almost $200,000 more over a life-time than those without a diploma, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. With Career Online High School, students will earn an accredited high school diploma while preparing for a career in one of eight high-demand, high-growth fields and gain career readiness with a portfolio including a resume, cover letter, and job preparation support.

If you are interested in supporting LEAP, enrolling in Career Online High School, getting involved in volunteer opportunities or learning about our new class schedule please contact us at (510) 307-8084 or visit our website at

https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/788/Literacy-Program-LEAP to schedule an appointment. Please be mindful that we are unable to accommodate walk-ins at this time.

Transportation Division

<u>The City of Richmond and Volta to Offer Free Public Electric Vehicle Charging</u>

For the First Time in California, a Local Government is Partnering with Volta to Provide Free Charging for Electric Vehicle Drivers Without Spending Taxpayer Money

The City of Richmond announced a partnership with Volta, the industry leader in innovative electric vehicle charging networks. Volta will provide the first free electric vehicle charging stations on a public right of way in California that are not funded by taxpayer dollars. The stations are located next to the BART parking garage at 1501MacDonald Avenue and images of the location are here.

"We are proud to power Volta, whose mission to accelerate electric vehicle adoption aligns well with our city's priority of cleaner air," said Tom Butt, Mayor of Richmond, California. "Available infrastructure is a critical factor in the shift towards electrifying transportation and we are eager to equip the Richmond community with utilities that support this shift, beginning with free public electric vehicle chargers at the local BART station." Volta's digital, place-based media allows forward-thinking brand partners to reach high-value audiences in historically unavailable locations, while simultaneously driving the mission of sustainability forward.

"Volta is dedicated to making electric vehicle charging more accessible, and we applaud the City of Richmond's Transportation Services Division for taking the initiative to provide free and convenient stations to its community," said Scott Mercer, Founder and CEO of Volta. "The additional measure of providing the infrastructure without using taxpayer dollars highlights Richmond's innovative approach to a cleaner, electrified future and we look forward to giving its residents the experience of free charging."

Photo: Wesley Alexander, CoBIZ CEO in front of new Volta Station

The Contra Costa County Food Bank Comes to Civic Center Plaza

On Wednesday, July 29, 2020, the City of Richmond hosted a Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano pick up site in the Barret Avenue parking lot from 11 am to 2 pm. Food Bank Volunteers maintained contactless service while loading the hundreds of vehicles that lined up around the block to receive the support. As they patiently waited in line many of the drivers were overheard expressing their gratitude to the volunteers and their appreciation for the convenience of the Richmond location. This well received joint effort resulted in 556 households and 2,549 people that were provided 697 supplemental food boxes containing nonperishable goods, and 9,108 pounds of produce which totaled 24,442 pounds of food for those impacted by the COVID 19 health crisis.

If you are interested in volunteering or donating to the Contra Costa County Food Bank please go to: info@foodbankccs.org.

<u>Draft Ferry to Bridge to Greenway Complete Streets Plan Available for Comment</u>

The Transportation Division is pleased to announce that the Draft Ferry to Bridge to Greenway Complete Streets Plan is now available for viewing and public comment. The Plan is shaped by feedback received from over 500 community members through online surveys and 15 in-person events held from January 2019 through April 2020. Based on this feedback, the Plan proposes a number of walking and bicycling improvements to promote safe access to the Richmond Ferry, Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Trail, Richmond Greenway and other destinations throughout the City of Richmond.

The Draft Plan will be available for public comment through the month of August 2020, and it is available for download on the Ferry to Bridge to Greenway website at:
http://ferry2bridge2greenway.com/draftplanhttp://ferry2bridge2greenway.com/draftplan

We encourage Richmond residents, employees and visitors to comment on the Plan. The website includes directions on how to provide comments on the Plan, or the public can e-mail comments directly to info@ferry2bridge2greenway.com.

After public feedback is received, we expect the Draft Plan to be presented to the City of Richmond Planning Commission in Fall 2020, with an anticipated adoption of the Final Plan by City Council in Winter 2020 or Spring 2021.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Transportation Division at (510) 620-6869.

10. **<mark>Public Works</mark>**

Abatement

Abatement crews hosted the bi-annual Laurel Park Neighborhood Clean-up event where staff assisted seniors and disabled citizens, abated weeds from public right of ways and vacant lots, removed illegally dumped debris and graffiti from various locations.

Laurel Park Neighborhood Clean-Up

Laurel Park Seniors/Disabled Assistance

City Lots/Alleys Abatement

Illegal Dumping & Graffiti Abatement

Facilities Maintenance

Stationary Engineers performed daily pool maintenance and Civic Center Plaza boiler inspections, completed replacement of a shower mixing valve at Richmond Swim Center, replaced a kitchen faucet spray nozzle at Fire Station #64, completed cleaning maintenance of the coils on the air conditioner at 450 Civic Center Plaza, secured the community room in the Nevin Housing building and repaired the pool deck showers at the Richmond Swim Center.

Utility Workers continued sanitizing areas multiple times a day, pressure washed the Main Library, began cleaning at the Disabled People's Recreation Center (DPRC) and serviced 29 City-owned facilities.

Valve Replacement

Parks and Landscaping

General fund crews removed debris from west side parks, mowed turf at most parks and right of ways, removed debris from the Greenway from 2nd Street to 17th Street, maintenance on medians in Pt. Richmond, repaired the irrigation system at Atchison

Park, performed pest control at multiple parks, weed whipped pathways, weed whipped Cutting Boulevard medians from South 23rd to South 37th Street, assisted with dirt removal at John F. Kennedy Park and removed graffiti from Rain Cloud Park.

Dirt Removal

Cutting Boulevard Median Maintenance

Tree crews cut or removed trees from the following locations: Carlson Boulevard, Fran Way, Grandview Court, Key Boulevard, Macdonald Avenue, Judge Carroll Park and Veteran's Memorial Park.

Marina District crews continued maintenance of all parks and parking lots, removed Scotch Broom vegetation from the Bay Trail, cut vegetation along the Bay Trail, mowed lawns at all locations, trimmed shrubs at Lucretia Edwards Park, hand pulled weeds in planters, installed wattles in parking lots, and removed debris throughout the district.

Removal of Scotch Broom

Hilltop District crews continued general maintenance around the business area, removed debris from all parks, continued the replanting project at Bay Vista Park, continued to prune shrubs and trees at Hilltop Lake and performed maintenance on Lakeside Drive.
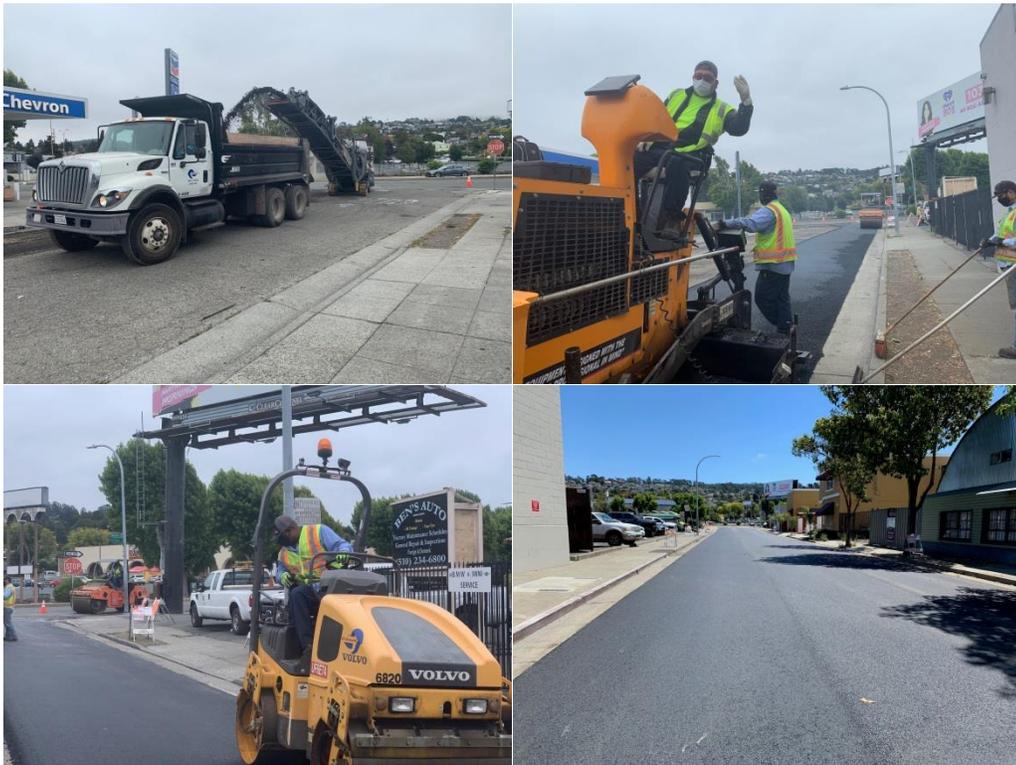

Lake Maintenance

Pavement Maintenance

Paving crews paved Bissell Avenue, paved on Wilson Avenue, addressed complaints and worked from the outstanding pothole list.

Paving on Wilson Avenue

Paving on Bissell Avenue

Street Sweeping crews swept the following Neighborhood Council districts on the fourth Monday and Tuesday and the fifth Wednesday through Friday in; Santa Fe, Point Richmond, Marina Bay, Coronado, Metro Richmore Village, Pullman, Cortez/Stege, Park Plaza, Laurel Park and City Center.

Traffic Signs and Lines crews fabricated eight signs in house, installed nine signs, repaired two signs, installed three poles, reset two poles, removed two poles, painted 120 linear feet of red curb, used 500 feet of thermoplastic and used 10 gallons of white paint for pavement markings.
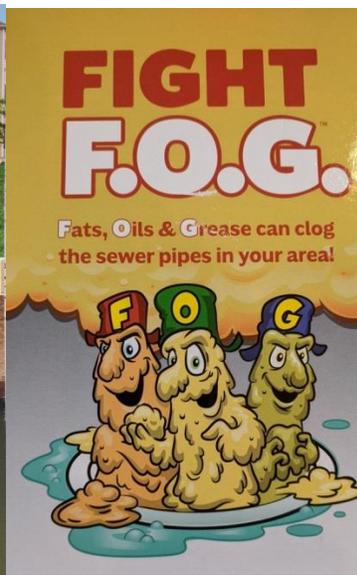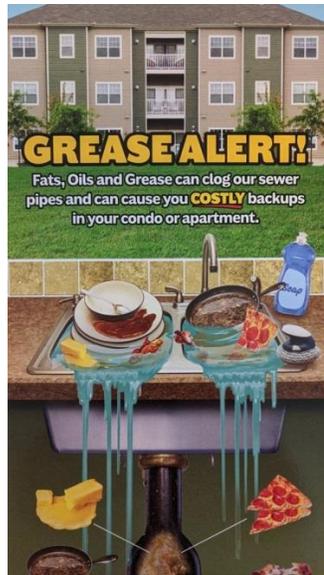
*Richmond Parkway
Pavement Marking*

Crosswalk Refresh

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Fats, Oils, & Grease (FOG)

Please do not put grease down the drain! Heavy grease has been reported at Richmond's sewer treatment plant. Grease clogs pipes and can be detrimental to the function of the plant.

For more information about Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG), please call 510-620-6594.

The City of Richmond was in your neighborhood working to keep the sewer lines clean, which helps prevent sewer overflows that can pollute our creeks, rivers, and groundwater. Help us fight future sewer backups in your area.

By following a few simple steps, you can help prevent sewer backups and spills:

1. Pour cooled fats, oils and grease into a covered, disposable container and throw it into your garbage can. Never pour fats, oils or grease down sink drains or toilets. COOL IT, CAN IT, TRASH IT.™

2. Soak up remaining oils and grease with an absorbent material such as paper towels, and throw it into your garbage can.

3. Before you wash dishes, scrape food scraps, fats, oils and grease into your garbage can.

4. Use sink strainers to catch any remaining food waste while washing dishes.

For more information, contact the City of Richmond at (510) 620-6594

Planta de Tratamiento de Aguas Residuales – Aceites y Grasas (FOG)

¡ Por favor no ponga grasa por el drenaje! Se ha reportado grasa pesada en la planta de tratamiento de alcantarillado de Richmond. La grasa obstruye las tuberías y puede ser perjudicial para la función de la planta.

Para obtener más información sobre aceites y grasas (FOG), llame al 510-620-6594.

油垢警報
油脂、廢植物油與油垢會堵塞污水管道和可能會導致你公寓昂貴的管道堵塞!

Alerta de Grasa!
La Grasas y el Aceite de Cocinar están obstruyendo las tuberías del alcantarillado y pueden causar costosas obstrucciones en su condominio o apartamento.

FIGHT F.O.G.
Grasas y aceites obstruyen tuberías de las alcantarillas en su área.
油脂、廢植物油與油垢會堵塞您所在地區的污水管道

La Ciudad de Richmond estubo en su vecindario trabajando para mantener las líneas de alcantarillado limpias, lo que ayuda a prevenir desbordamientos de alcantarillas que pueden contaminar nuestros arroyos, ríos y aguas subterráneas. Ayúdenos a combatir futuro desbordamientos de alcantarillas en su área.

你身邊的里士滿市正在致力於保持下水道線的清潔,這有助於預防可能污染我們的小溪,河流以及地下水的污水溢出。請協助我們防止您所在地區的污水管道出現倒流現象。

Siguiendo unos sencillos pasos, puede ayudar a evitar los desbordamientos y los derrames de alcantarillas:
這些方法有助於防止管道堵塞和污水管道倒流現象發生

1. Echar las grasas y los aceites enfriados en un recipiente cubierto desechable y tírelo a la basura. Nunca debe echar aceites o grasas en los desagües o drenaje de lavamanos o inodoros. ENFRIAR, EMPACAR, TIRAR.
待油脂、廢植物油與油垢變涼之後,將其倒入一個可棄置的帶蓋容器中,然後放入垃圾箱內。
放涼,密封,棄置

2. Absorba los aceites y la grasa restante con un material absorbente como toallas de papel y tírelo a la basura.
用紙巾蘸吸剩餘的油脂、廢植物油與油垢,並與您的食物殘渣及庭院廢物一起棄置。

3. Antes de lavar los platos, raspe los restos de comida, aceites y grasas y tírelo a la basura.
在洗碗之前,應首先將油脂、廢植物油與油垢刮除並倒入堆肥桶或垃圾箱。

4. Utilice coladores de fregadero para recoger los restos de comida mientras lava los platos.
在洗碗時,應利用水池粗濾器截留剩餘的食物殘渣。

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Para obtener más información, contacte la Ciudad de Richmond (510) 620-6594.
若需要詳細資訊 :(510) 620-6594.

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Macdonald & Virginia Wet Weather Improvement Projects

Local contractor is continuing work on this project. See pictures and descriptions below.
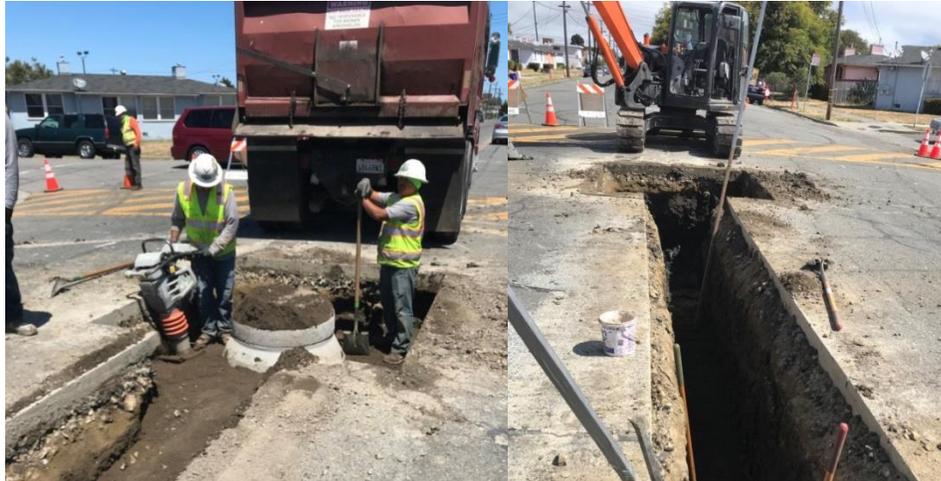
Installation of new manhole and sewer pipe on Marina Way

Restored pavement with temporary center line at Marina Way

Sewer Lateral Grant Program

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

The program is open and accepting applications for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. There is limited availability – work must have been completed between 7/1/2019-6/30/2020.

The 2020-2021 Fiscal Year is now open and we are accepting applications for work completed between 7/1/2020-6/30/2021.

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

Thank you for keeping up with the activities in the City of Richmond. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about these or any other items of interest to you.

Thank You!

Laura Snideman

City Manager
City of Richmond

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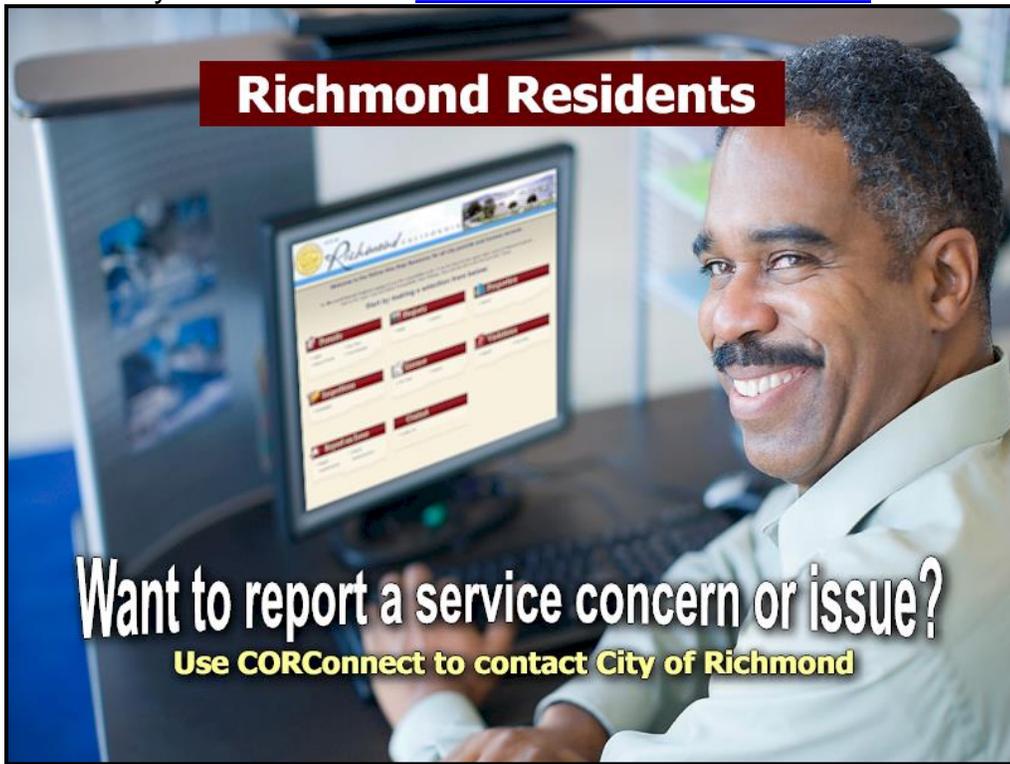
Connecting with the City of Richmond

Using the City of Richmond Mobile Application:

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

QR Codes are available for easy downloading of this APP:

Apple version of APP   **Android version of APP**

We welcome your comments at webservices@ci.richmond.ca.us

You can use the CORConnect button on the City's website to report a concern, pose a question, or acknowledge the City's work in some way.

ci.richmond.ca.us

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

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

To contact us by phone:

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

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

Using the CORConnect Application on the City's Website:

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

To access **CORConnect** select the CORConnect button on the homepage of the City website.

Alternatively, you can select the **COR Connect** button on any other webpage on the left hand side of the page.

On the next screen under Report an Issue select Report Issue/Concern to create a report or Search Issue/Concerns to look up a previously reported issue. You can also look up previously submitted issues to check on the current status if you provided you name, phone number or email when you submitted it.
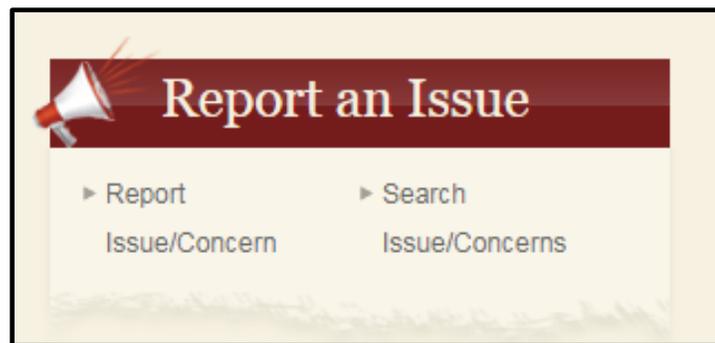
On the page, you can also look up information on a parcel, see permits issued and look up business license information. If you have a current business license you can pay to renew it online with a credit card.

The recommended browsers are: **Microsoft Edge**, or **Microsoft Internet Explorer** version 11 using the compatibility mode. It can be found in the upper

right corner of Internet Explorer: click on the "gear" icon and select Compatibility View Settings, then add the site to the list and click "Close".

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