



Hon. Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the report for the week ending December 4th, 2020.

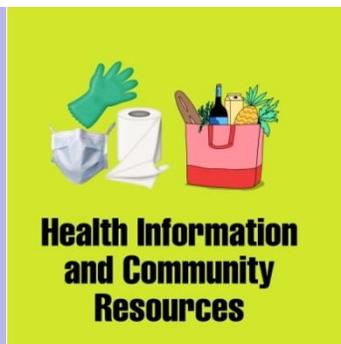
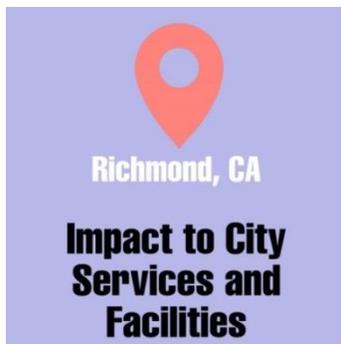


1. **Meeting Notes**

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15th. Enjoy the next week off!

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

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



New Stay Home Order from Contra Costa County

To slow the spread of COVID-19 and prevent healthcare systems from being overwhelmed, Contra Costa County, along with five other Bay Area counties, has implemented the [State's Regional Stay Home Order](#). The following changes are effective Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 10:00 P.M. through Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:00 A.M. A list of impacted business and other functions can be found [here](#). For the full Contra Costa County Health Order, please visit this [link](#).

Richmond Rapid Response Fund seeks Giving Tuesday donations and announces Launch of Rent Assistance Program



NEWS Release

For Immediate Release
December 1, 2020

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Richmond Rapid Response Fund seeks Giving Tuesday donations, announces launch of Rent Assistance Program

RICHMOND, CALIF. – Richmond Mayor Tom Butt and leaders of the Richmond Rapid Response Fund (R3F) including staff from the city, RYSE Center, EdFUND West, Richmond Promise, Building Blocks for Kids (BBK), and the Richmond Rent Program kick off the fund’s Giving Tuesday campaign by sharing the launch of the Rent Assistance Program For Displacement And Homelessness Prevention.

Since the launch of the response fund, R3F has also received several generous contributions from donors including The California Endowment, Contra Costa Regional Health Foundation, East Brother Beer Company, Hellman Foundation, Mayor’s Community Fund, SH Cowell Foundation, Richmond Community Foundation, RYSE Center, The San Francisco Foundation, Chevron, and dozens of individual donors. In October, the Richmond City Council also allocated \$150,000 of the city’s CARES Act funding to the response fund. R3F hopes to receive more contributions on Giving Tuesday and in the days and weeks to come as residents and families continue to grapple with financial and resource insecurity due to COVID-19.

“R3F stands out as one of the most unique and holistic response funds in the Bay Area and maybe the entire country. R3F’s broad coalition of leaders are working to make every dollar and resource count for people in need, and they can use everyone’s support and donations,” said Mayor Butt. “If you have the means to give, show your support and make a donation this Giving Tuesday!” the mayor continued.

To date, R3F has raised over \$600,000 towards its total minimum goal of \$10 million and has supported approximately 600 families and individuals. Donations to R3F are supporting phase one of the fund – providing direct financial disbursement to residents – and phase two, establishing a rent assistance program and providing support for community-based organizations and small businesses.

“This is the time of year where families are excited about the holidays and spending time with folks they love. With the rise in COVID-19 cases, the uncertainty of financial support from the government, and challenges faced by many to pay rent given job losses and increased medical expenses, we just want to make sure people have a warm place to stay and healthy food to eat,” said the R3F Core Team.

R3F’s work has been recognized through the receipt of a National Philanthropy Day Award as the 2020 Outstanding Foundation, among several other award nominations. As R3F leaders continue working to meet their phase one and two fundraising goals, the fund will continue focusing on its core priority areas: Food and Essential Supplies, Education and Learning, Health and Healing, Housing and Homelessness, and Economic Recovery and Security.

For more information about the Richmond Rapid Response Fund, including how to donate and how funds will be distributed to the community, visit www.richmondresponsefund.org. All donations are tax deductible.

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(510) 620-6503 | www.RichmondCaMayor.org

Richmond Promise Launches New Scholar Emergency Fund

Through COVID-19 response efforts, our organization has learned that our Scholars continue to need emergency funding support for unexpected expenses and essentials like computers, wi-fi, rent, and food - necessities that can easily impact their ability to stay enrolled. With campus closures still in place, we now aim to transform short-term learnings into sustained support for RP Scholars through/beyond the pandemic. Our 2020 End of Year campaign aims to raise funds to establish the Richmond Promise Scholar Emergency Fund. This fund will become a long-term pillar of what we “Promise” to our Scholars and offer financial support for the unexpected, immediate emergency needs that will make the difference in their ability to continue to stay enrolled and working toward their college goals. Donate and/or discover the story behind the need at: www.richmondpromise.org/scholar-emergency-fund



Free E-Commerce Site Support & Card Readers with Square

Richmond businesses can get ready for the holiday shopping season with Richmond Main Street’s Free E-Commerce Program. Due to the impacts of COVID-19, it is more important than ever for businesses to start or increase their online presence. Visit the [webinar content on Richmond Main Street’s website](#) and sign-up to receive a FREE card reader while supplies last.

Richmond Main Street will be taking a short break from hosting office hours in December to regroup and revamp the program. Stay tuned for a relaunch in January 2021!

Create Your Own **FREE**
Square E-Commerce
Website  Square

Cree Su Propia Página
Web E-Commerce
GRATUITA en Square  Square

3. **Upcoming Events**

Holiday Arts Festival Returns to Richmond Art Center

Online and in-person event featuring Bay Area arts and crafts

Richmond Art Center (RAC) invites holiday shoppers and art lovers to experience the 58th Annual Holiday Arts Festival! This beloved Richmond Art Center tradition returns in November and December 2020 with a hybrid in-person/virtual event featuring Ceramics Sale and Curbside Market and Online Arts and Crafts Hub.

We also have art kit giveaways and thank you gifts to celebrate the Holiday Arts Festival as RAC's largest community fundraising event. Visit richmondartcenter.org/haf to view the event schedule, artist listings, and browse thank you gifts including RAC apparel, unique glass magnets and beautiful, original artwork.

When and Where

Ceramics Sale and Curbside Market

richmondartcenter.org/haf/curbside

Richmond Art Center - Outside Courtyard

2540 Barrett Avenue, Richmond

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

December 4, 5 and 6

11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Arts and Crafts Hub

richmondartcenter.org/haf/online

November 9 - December 31

Press Release: <https://richmondartcenter.org/press-releases/press-release-holiday-arts-festival-returns-to-richmond-art-center/>

Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Avenue, 510-620-6772

Media Contact: Amy Spencer, amy@richmondartcenter.org



Richmond Main Street Virtual Downtown Holiday Festival

Since it's not safe to gather and have folks come to Santa, Richmond Main Street Initiative and East Bay Center for the Performing Arts are bringing Santa and the Downtown Holiday Festival experience to you! Grab some hot cocoa and tune in on Wednesday, December 16, at 6:00 P.M. for an evening of yuletide cheer featuring *Storytime with Santa* and *A Richmond Nutcracker*. This is a free all ages program, presented in English and Spanish. Watch live at www.youtube.com/user/EastBayCenterArts.

For more info, visit www.eastbaycenter.org.



Richmond Senior Centers on Zoom

We are missing you all here at the Senior centers. The holidays will not be the same without seeing you all. So, we decided to ask Santa to come visit and spread some holiday cheer!

Santa and his reindeer will fly into town on December 17th at 1:00 P.M. Please join us on the Launchpad link.

<https://zoom.us/j/99701549683?pwd=TzYxMi82RHRjOVFwcHd5TGpkNm9rZz09>

Meeting ID: 997 0154 9683 Passcode: 501164



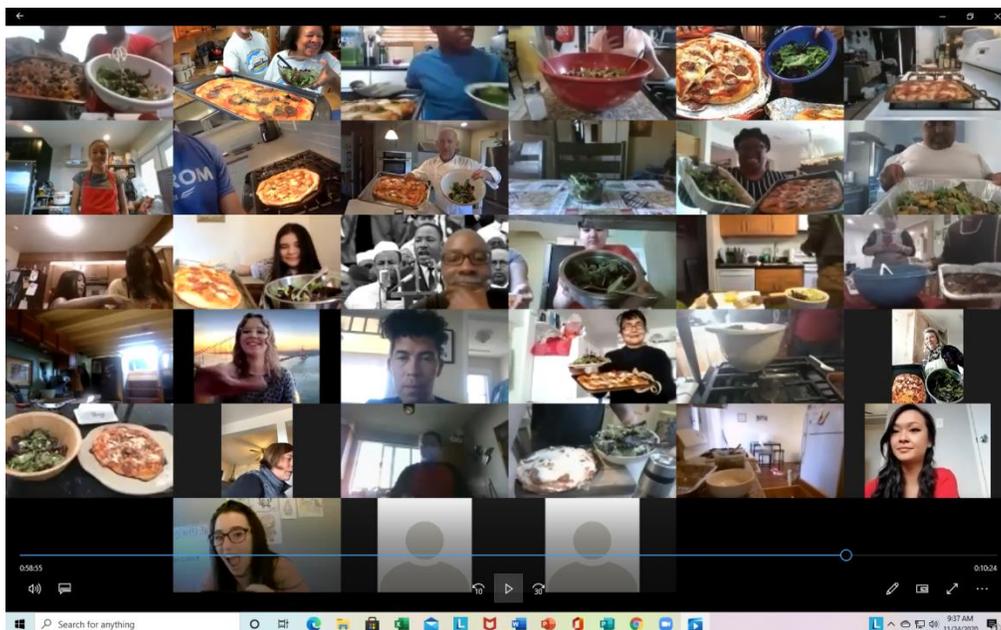
4. **Acknowledgements**

Nystrom students cook with Anaviv Table's Chef Arnon via Zoom

The Santa Fe Neighborhood Neighborhood Council (SFNC) is sharing a video of their Love Your Block COVID 19 Grant Project, "Cooking with Chef Arnon." The project was offered to 24 Nystrom Elementary School sixth graders that were excelling with their virtual lessons. Three sixth grade teachers selected eight students each and Chef Arnon, owner of Anaviv Table (a restaurant located in the Santa Fe neighborhood), prepared boxed ingredients which were distributed to the students and other invited guest for a Pizza & Salad lunch which they prepared for themselves and their family Saturday, November 14, 2020.

Invited Participants include Nystrom Elementary School 6th Graders, Principal James Allardice, 6th Grade Teachers Ibilola Soyode, Siera Robinson, Bernadette McCormick, Com. Outreach Andre Shumake; SFNC Executive Board Vernon Whitmore, Daryl Henline, Suzanne Coffee, Celina Hall, Linda Whitmore; Library and Community Services Department staff member Stephanie Nye, and West Contra Costa Unified School District Representative Robert Jordan.

KCRT Manager Richard Lee has edited the Zoom cooking class and is available KCRT's [YouTube channel](#). Congratulations to Nystrom's sixth graders!



Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP) Gives Thanks

The Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP) is thankful for our students. In these uncertain times our students have continued to utilize LEAP services to further their education and life goals.

This year we are thankful for one of our students who had been struggling with his education plan and recently lost his housing that resulted in him sleeping in his car before work. His tutor notified the staff at LEAP and we were able to work with our community partners to help him not only secure housing, but help him pay part of his rent and utilities. But the real silver lining to this story is that because of his background as a security officer, his landlord agreed to reduce his monthly rent by him looking out for the property.

We would also like to take a moment to offer special thanks to all of the teachers, tutors, volunteers, and all of the administrators that continue to support our program. These dedicated teachers and tutors cared and checked-in on a regular basis with students who had missed class or tutoring sessions. If we did not have the continued support of the community and stakeholders who believe that education for adults is worth funding, we would not be able to inspire, educate, and provide hope to the students we serve.

If you or anyone you know is interested in enrolling at LEAP or becoming a volunteer, please contact the LEAP office at 510-307-8084 to schedule an appointment or visit our website at <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/788/Literacy-Program-LEAP> to learn more about the program. Also, please check LEAP's revamped Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LEAPRICHMONDCA/>.



Library receives California Library Association Grant

The Library applied for and received a grant from the California Library Association to purchase books for outreach to free school lunch programs. We ordered lovely books from Pegasus in Berkeley, and we will distribute the books at Verde and Peres Elementary schools this week and next week!

5. **City Clerk's Office**

Help represent Richmond on the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District's Board of Trustees!

The application process is now open to represent the City of Richmond on the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District's Board of Trustees. The [Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District](#) is a tax-funded office that provides free services to all county residents for mosquitoes, rats and mice, ground-nesting yellowjackets, ticks, and skunks. The Richmond representative on the District's [Board of Trustees](#) will represent the city's interests on matters related to mosquito and vector control. The first term of service will be two years and additional terms of service will be two or four years. Regular board meetings are held on the second Monday of every other month starting in January. Meetings are held at the District office, [155 Mason Circle in Concord](#) at 7:00 P.M., and the meetings are open to the public. Trustees are not compensated for service but will be paid up to \$100 per month for official business expenses. Mayor Butt has been tasked with nominating an applicant for the trustee position and that individual must then be confirmed by the Richmond City Council. Applicants must be a City of Richmond resident and at least 18 years of age. Please use this [link](#) to complete the online application. Please submit your completed application via email to CityClerkDept@ci.richmond.ca.us.

6. **Fire Department**

Sign-Up to Receive Emergency Notifications

The Richmond Fire Department encourages our staff and community to sign-up to receive alerts and advisories to be notified of incidents that can impact one's daily life such as asking our community to evacuate or shelter-in-place. There are many ways notifications can be received, e.g. phone call, text, email, broadcast news. By signing up for the following notification systems, the City of Richmond will be able to provide timely notification with actions to safely protect you and your community.

How to Sign-Up to Receive Alert and Advisory Notifications:

- Nixle (City of Richmond's messaging platform)
 - Using a smartphone, text your zip code to "888-777"
 - To sign-up on-line or customize your preferences, visit: <https://local.nixle.com/register/>
- Contra Costa County Community Warning System
 - Visit: <https://cwsalerts.com/>
 - Register for alerts in English or Spanish

Social Media:

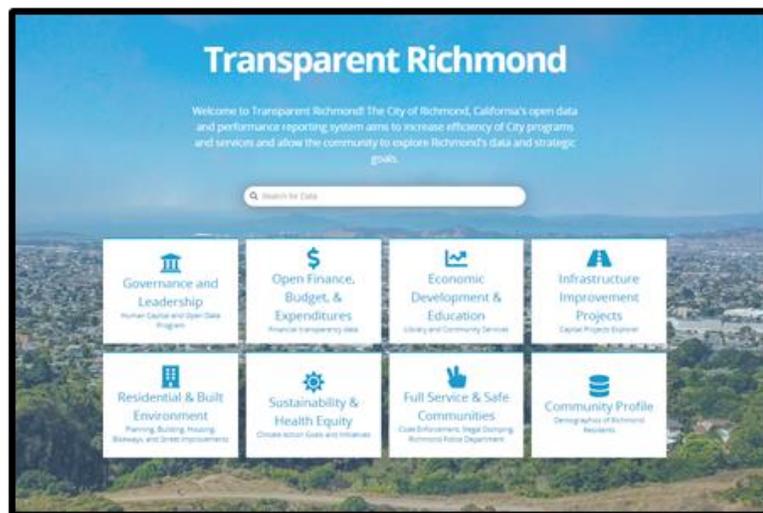
- Twitter
 - Visit: <https://twitter.com> and follow us at “@RFDCAOnline
- Nextdoor
 - Visit: <https://Nextdoor.com>
- Facebook
 - Visit: <https://Facebook.com>
 - Friend us – Richmond Fire Department, CA

For more information, please visit: <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/oes> or call (510) 620-6866.

7. **Information Technology**

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.

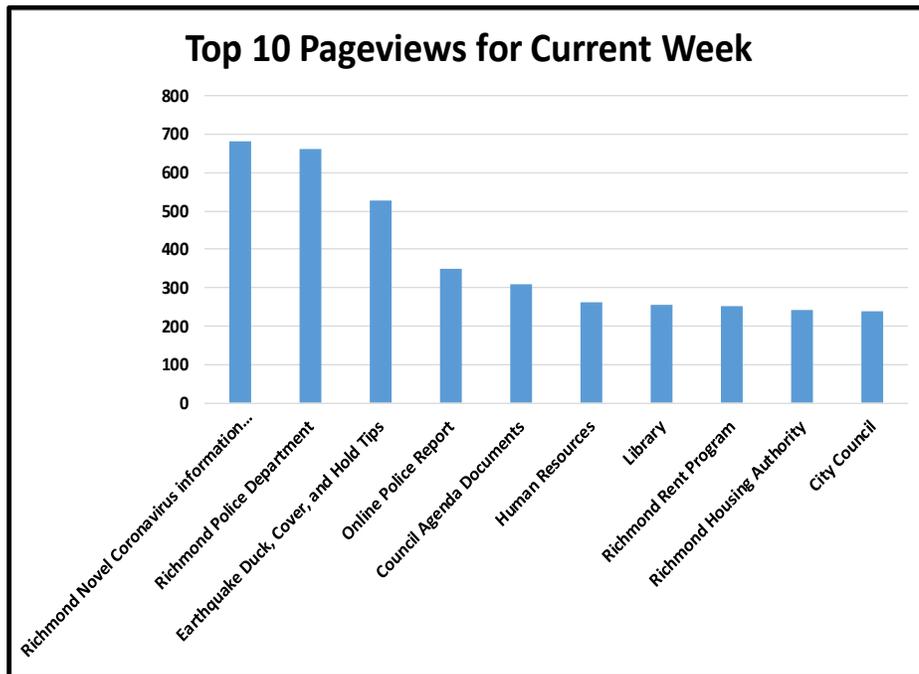


Transparent Richmond aims to accomplish the following:

- 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



KCRT TV Channel 28 – New Episodes of Current Programming

Current recent specials are “RPD Virtual Halloween,” “Virtual National Night Out,” “National Electric Drive Week,” “Chat with Chief French,” “NAACP Policing Forum,” the GRID Alternatives’ and City of Richmond’s “No-Cost Solar Workshop,” and the City’s Mask Videos.

New episodes of series programming are “The Jet Set,” “Creature Features,” and “Sidewalks Entertainment.”

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

Port	Riggers Loft Natural Gas Conversion	Due: 12/10/20
Port	Terminal 2 Maintenance Dredging	Due: 12/10/20
Public Works	Castro Ranch Road Rehabilitation Project	Due: 12/17/20
Public Works	1st St. Relief Sewer and Pipeline Rehabilitation Project	Due: 1/19/21

9. **Library and Community Services**

Community Services (Recreation)

The City of Richmond Community Services Department Proudly Presents the Virtual Snow Ball King & Queen \$2,500 Scholarship!

The Community Services Department is seeking outstanding seniors with academic achievement of 3.5 accumulative GPA, community dedication, and talent to compete for a \$2,500 scholarship. Winning Snow Ball King and Queen will be crowned on the 68th Annual Snow Ball Crowning Ceremony.

Requirements: Winning contestants from each school must attend three (3) phases of meetings before the Snow Ball celebration.

Kings & Queens Orientation Friday, November 20, 2020, 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Meet & Greet, via Zoom ID - 723 439 1724 PC - 950552. Judging of Contestants Saturday, December 12, 2020, 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Judged by a distinguished panel of judges. Three-minute categories: Speech, Talent, Personal Interviews. Crowning Ceremony Saturday, December 19, 2020, 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium

For additional questions, contact your school Activity Director/Leadership Teacher or Sharolyn Babb at 510-620-6814 and check out the video explaining the details: <https://youtu.be/0n4kmOpQr14>

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Speech-Talent-Personal Interviews

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Richmond Memorial Auditorium

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City of Richmond Community Services Department
Orgullosamente presenta

Beca de \$ 2,500 de Snow Ball Virtual - Rey y Reina

El Departamento de Community Services está buscando estudiantes de último año sobresalientes con un logro académico de 3.5 GPA, dedicación comunitaria y talento para competir por una beca de \$ 2,500. El Rey y la Reina Ganadores de Snow Ball serán coronados en la 68a Ceremonia Anual de Coronación de Snow Ball.

Requisitos
Los concursantes ganadores de cada escuela deben asistir a tres fases de reuniones antes de la celebración de bola de nieve.

Orientación de reyes y reinas
Viernes 20 de noviembre de 2020
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Meet & Orient, a través de Zoom
ID - 723 439 1729
PC - 950552

Proceso de evaluación de los concursantes
Sábado 12 de diciembre de 2020, de 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Evaluado por un distinguido panel de jueces.
Categorías de tres minutos.
1) Discursos 2) Talentos 3) Entrevistas personales

Ceremonia de coronación
Sábado 19 de diciembre de 2020 1:00 pm a 2:30 pm
Auditorio Richmond Memorial

*Para preguntas adicionales, comuníquese con su escuela
Director de actividades/Maestro de liderazgo
o Sharolyn Babb al 510-620-6814
<https://youtu.be/0e4kmOpQr14>*

Virtual Cooking Decorating Contest

1) Bake or decorate your favorite holiday cookie! Is baking not your thing? Download any cookie coloring sheet or use the coloring page provided or draw your own holiday cookie!

2) Snap a pic of your cookie creation!

3) Share your picture with us on our Facebook or Instagram (@richmondcsd), using #RichmondVirtualHolidays by Friday, December 18, 2020 at 11:59 P.M. Please tag us in your photo and also DM us your post if your profile is private.

The contest begins Tuesday, December 1, 2020, and ends on Friday, December 18, 2020, at 11:59 P.M. Ten people will be randomly selected to win holiday goodies! Winners will be announced on our social media accounts on Monday, December 21, 2020, by 5:00 P.M. One submission per social media account per day.

Richmond *Virtual Cookie Decorating Contest* **CSD**

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WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS ON MONDAY, 12/21/2020 BY 5:00PM.

ONE (1) SUBMISSION PER SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT PER DAY

Join us for Pickleball!!

The fastest growing and funnest sport comes to RICHMOND

FREE INTRO WORKSHOPS

PICKLEBALL: a cross between tennis & ping pong

2020 Dates: SATURDAY 11/21 or 12/12 - 10am-12pm
2021 Dates : TBD

- ✓ Easy to learn
- ✓ Good exercise, but not too strenuous
- ✓ Equipment provided, wear mask

Booker T Anderson Park Tennis Cts
S. 47th St & Cyrpess Avenue

For more info:
510-459-7780

Space is limited. Reserve your spot for any date above:
darlenedrapkin@gmail.com

Virtual Zumba at Community Services Department (Recreation)

Starting December 8, the Community Services Department will begin a mid-morning virtual Zumba class. All Tuesdays and Thursdays virtual evening classes will still be maintained.

Program Schedule

Saturdays: 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. (Mid-Morning)
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. (Evening)
Cost: \$5 per person per class*
Online prepaid participants ONLY

Register and pay online at: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/richmond>

Please see below a link to our first Zumba class: https://youtu.be/1LkMozN1_nA

Richmond

Pre registrations are required \$5/session (LIVE classes are temporarily suspended per Contra Costa County Health Dept.)

**UPDATE!!
ADDED
SESSIONS!!
TUE/THR 10AM**

RICHMOND
CSD
COMMUNITY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT

ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY

The ZOOM classes with Oscar and the Richmond Community Services Department

*Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10AM (starts 12/08/20)
*Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6:30PM
*Saturdays at 9:00AM

Register and sign at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/richmond>
Contact us for further information at
3230 Macdonald Ave. Richmond, CA (510)620-6793

Virtual Sports Programs

Join us for our first ever virtual sports programs! There is still time for the last session! Find a spot outdoors, and you'll be able to master all the skills you need in soccer, tennis, or basketball! For more information, contact the Recreation staff listed in the flyer.



Dates:
 Session IV (3 weeks)
 November 30 - December 19

Fees:
 \$10 per virtual session

Grades:
 1st to 8th grade

Days/Times:
 Monday to Saturday
 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Registration Online Only
<https://apm.activecommunities.com/richmond>

Phone: (510)620-6793
 Fax: (510)620-6583
 Monday-Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

City of Richmond
 Community Services Department

VIRTUAL SPORTS PROGRAM (TENNIS, SOCCER AND/OR BASKETBALL)



First ten (10) registered participants for tennis and soccer will receive one of the following: tennis racket and tennis ball or soccer ball.

For more information, contact
 Tetteh Kisseh, (510)620-6919
tetteh_kisseh@ci.richmond.ca.us
 Maurice Range, (510)620-6960
maurice_range@ci.richmond.ca.us

Community Services - EnRICHing Our Community

Virtual After-School Camps - ACHIEVE and ELEVATE

After-school camps are happening now! You can still join us! We'll have lots of fun and games with your favorite recreation staff and fellow campers. Register online at tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation.

 <p>ACHIEVE AND ELEVATE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS</p> 	 <p>ACHIEVE Y ELEVATE PROGRAMAS DESPUÉS DE LA ESCUELA</p> 		
			
<p>Spend your out-of-school time with your recreation friends and staff from Booker T. Anderson, May Valley, Nevin, and the Shields-Reid Community Center in a fun and engaging virtual program setting.</p>			
<p>Log in at 3:00 pm for our Afternoon Message, then visit your favorite recreation center for Homework Time and Help. Each day, we will provide fun activities, art & crafts, games, and movement. Our format will be similar to a condensed "Achieve and Elevate Summer Camp" for those attended this past summer. Register online or in-person at the Community Centers!</p>			
<p>Starting Aug. 17 - Dec. 18, 2020 Monday - Friday 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm</p> <p>Cost \$20 per month August is free!</p>	<p>Grades: K - 6th</p> <p> 510.620.6793 tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation</p>	<p>Comenzando Agosto 17 - Diciembre. 18, 2020 Lunes - Viernes 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm</p> <p>Costo \$20 por mes ¡Agosto es gratis!</p>	<p>Grados: K - 6th</p> <p> 510.620.6793 tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation</p>

Pase su tiempo fuera de la escuela con sus amigos y personal de recreación de Booker T. Anderson, May Valley, Nevin y el Centro Comunitario Shields-Reid en un entorno de programa virtual divertido y atractivo.

Inicio sesión a las 3:00 p. M. Para recibir nuestro Mensaje de la tarde, luego visite su centro de recreación favorito para la tarea y Ayuda. Cada día, se proporcionarán actividades divertidas, arte y manualidades, juegos y movimiento. Nuestro formato será similar a un "Campamento de verano para alcanzar y elevar" condensado para los asistentes al verano pasado. ¡Regístrese en línea o en persona en los Centros Comunitarios!

New Adopt-a-Senior Program to Serve Residents Over 55

After all of the interest and support we received from residents in May, [Richmond Love Your Block](#) is excited to present: **Adopt-A-Senior**! We are connecting community volunteers and seniors in Richmond and North Richmond.

If you are over 55 and would like to receive FREE maintenance services for your property, go to tinyurl.com/SeniorAdoptionRequest to be adopted! Services may include: cleaning up debris and litter; removing weeds and tall grass; trimming and pruning plant; painting; and more. Eligibility requirements apply.

If you would like to BE a volunteer and adopt a senior to help them maintain their property go to tinyurl.com/AdoptaSeniorVolunteer. (The Adopt-A-Senior program does not provide any home repairs or other services that take place inside of the home.)

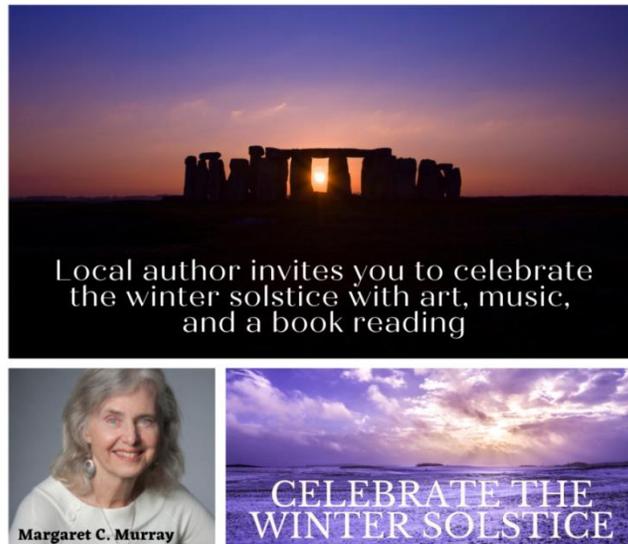
Help us spread the word so we can connect as many seniors and volunteers as possible!



Library Updates

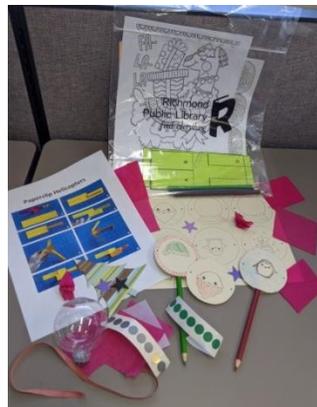
Save the Date – Celebrate the Winter Solstice December 21, 2020

The Richmond Public Library and the Friends of the Richmond Public Library will present Margaret C. Murray, local author, as she leads an online celebration of the Winter Solstice with art, music, drumming, and shares readings from her books. Stay tuned for more information on how to register to view this live streaming program.



Activity Kit for Kids

For December, we're offering a small activity kit for kids. Included in the kit is a DIY ornament with stickers and other "starters," a paperclip helicopter, coloring sheets, pencils, and other activities. Please call the Children's Department at 510-620-6557 and ask for one! For children ages 5 and up.



December Activity Kit for Kids

Richmond Public Library Adult/Teen Craft Kits

Attention all adults and teens! You are invited to explore your creativity with Richmond Public Library's free craft kits. From December 1st to December 15th call the Main Library at 510-620-6559 for an appointment to pick up a kit. No previous art experience needed. This kit is for drawing flowers with crayons. It's a tribute to when you were a kid and enjoyed coloring! The kit includes three crayons, two sheets of mix-media paper, two squares of contact paper, and three vase templates. Pick your two favorite vase styles and cut out the vase using the contact paper. Stick the vase to the paper then draw your flowers. You are only limited by your imagination. Have fun making your piece of art! If you would like more information, call the Adult Reference Desk at 510-620-6561.



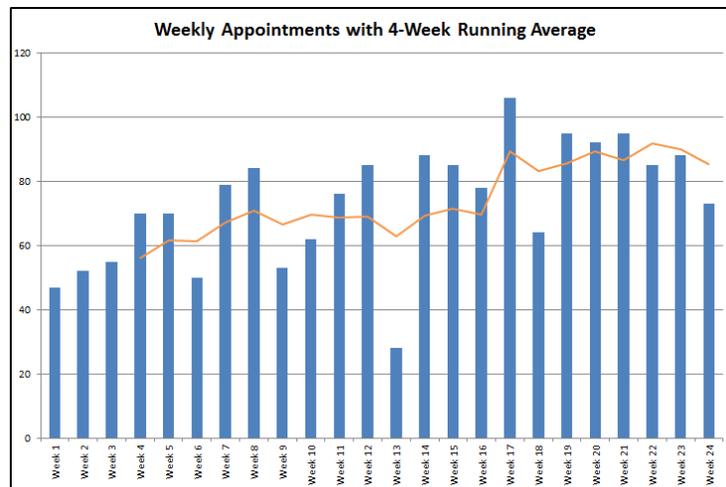
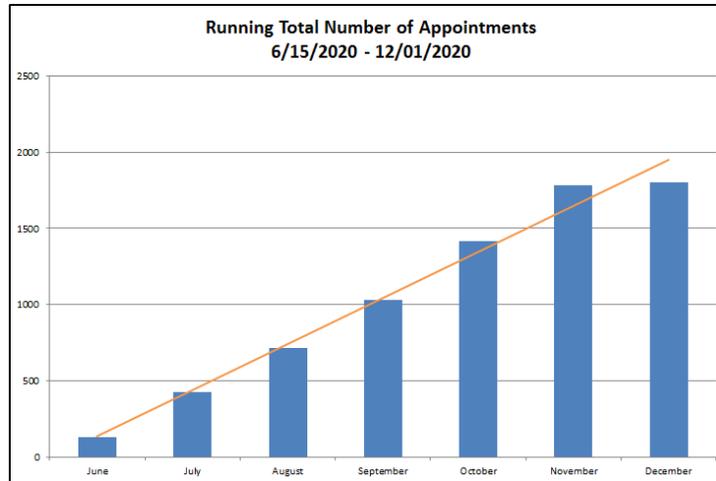
Tableside Service Update

The Richmond Public Library began its Tableside Service on June 15th in an effort to make library materials available to the community while our buildings themselves remain closed. Since this service has been available, the Richmond Public Library has had 1,805 successful appointments, getting thousands of books, magazines, DVDs, craft kits, and more into the hands of our community.

Remember: our Tableside Service is available by appointment 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, at the Main Library and 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M., Tuesdays and Thursdays, at the Bayview and West Side branches. Call us at 510-620-6561 for more information or visit us online at <http://richmondlibrary.org>

Below are representations of our running total of appointments and the weekly totals for the first 24 weeks with a 4-week running average.

Tableside Service Statistics



Transportation Division

Richmond Food Bank Distribution Update

On Monday, November 30th, the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano held its third city hosted distribution at the Civic Center Library parking lot. The distribution served 444 households, 1,805 individuals, provided 525 Supplemental Boxes containing dry and canned goods, and 3,119 total pounds of produce. It was the first time that 77 families received any food assistance.

The city has tentatively scheduled to host additional distribution events at the same location on Wednesday, December 30th and Friday, January 29th from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

For more information to volunteer or to donate contact: info@foodbankccs.org .



10. Public Works

Abatement

Abatement crews hosted the bi-annual Iron Triangle/Atchison Village Neighborhood Clean-up event where collected 20 40-yard dumpsters of debris and provided assistance for seniors and disabled citizens, abated homeless encampments from public right of ways, abated weeds along Collins Ave (Parchester Village), removed illegally dumped debris and removed graffiti from various locations.





Iron Triangle/Atchison Village Neighborhood Clean-Up/Seniors Assistance





Homeless Encampments Abatement



Collins Ave Abatement





Illegal Dumping & Graffiti Abatement

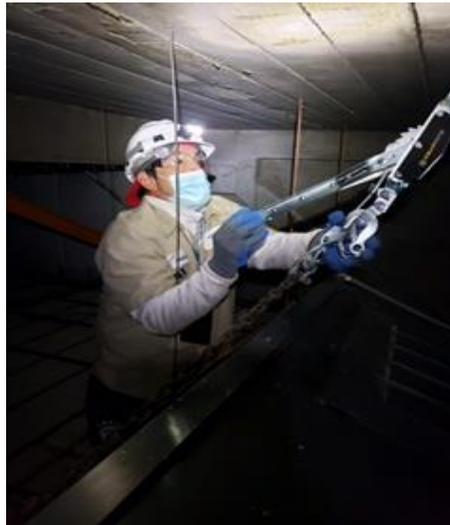
Facilities Maintenance

Stationary Engineers performed daily pool maintenance and Civic Center Plaza boiler inspections, replaced the flame sensor on a furnace at the Corporation Yard, repaired a roof leak at the Main Library, installed a new condenser fan motor on an air conditioning unit in the 450 Civic Center server room, replaced an apparatus door springs at Fire Station #68, cleared a sink drain at Fire Station #63, replaced the door gasket on the freezer door at Fire Station #64, installed ergonomic office equipment in the Finance Department and removed sediment from the boiler at the Main Library..



Air Conditioner Repair

Utility Workers replaced bulbs and cleaned picnic tables at the Main Library reading room, pressure washed the Transit Center, cleaned floors at the Plunge, performed daily disinfecting procedures of buildings and maintenance of 29 city owned facilities.



Main Library Bulb Replacement

Parks and Landscaping

General fund crews mowed west side parks, removed illegal dumping from South 55th and Creely Avenue, performed weed abatement and maintenance along the Carlson Boulevard medians, removed graffiti at Boorman Park, mowed Booker T. Anderson Park, trimmed shrubs at South Side Park, removed shrubs from Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, performed maintenance on Santa Rita Road, repaired fencing at Nicholl Park, conducted pest control at multiple parks, trimmed trees along right of ways and performed litter removal throughout the city.



Carlson Boulevard Median



South Side Park Maintenance

Marina District crews continued maintenance of all parks and parking lots, string trimmed tree wells at Marina Bay Park, emptied refuse containers, trimmed shrubs at the Marina Bay Park parking lot, cleaned the play lot at Barbara J. Vincent Park and removed debris throughout the district.



Shrub Trimming

Hilltop District crews continued general maintenance around the business area, continued with the replanting project Bay Vista Park, completed tree planting project at Country Club Vista Park, installed irrigation at Country Club Vista Park, installed mulch along Garrity Way, repaired the backflow on Klose Way, fixed fencing at Hilltop Lake and grinded stumps at Hilltop Lake.



*Tree Planting
Country Club Vista Park*



Mulch Installation

Pavement Maintenance

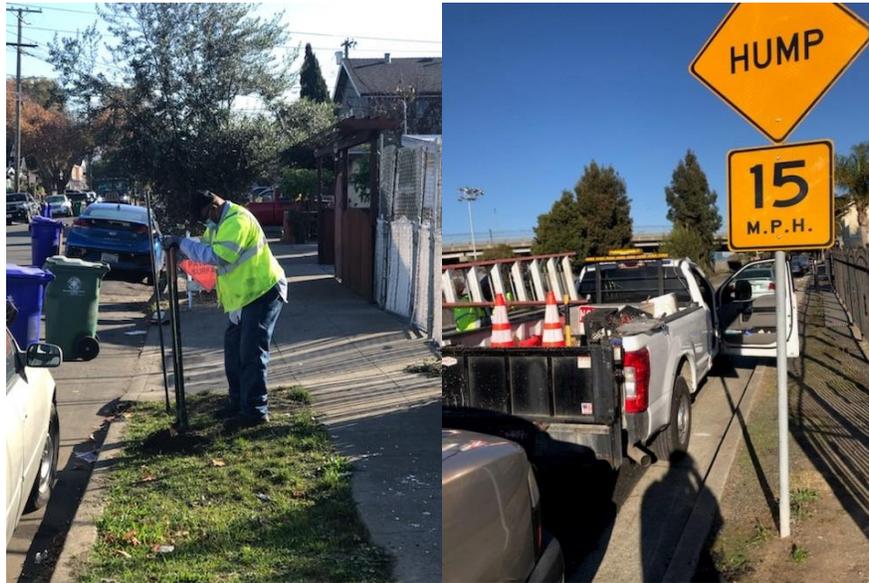
Paving crews installed speed humps on Hillview Drive, addressed complaints and worked from the outstanding pothole list.



Speed Hump Installation

Street Sweeping crews swept the following Neighborhood Council districts on the fifth Monday and the first Tuesday through Friday in; Parchester Village, Hilltop Bayview, Hilltop Village, Hilltop Green, Fairmede/Hilltop, Carriage Hills North Side, El Sobrante Hills, Greenbriar, Hansford Heights, Via Verde, San Pablo Dam Road, Bristole Cone, May Valley, Vista View and Clinton Hill I.

Traffic Signs and Lines crews fabricated 13 signs, installed 15 signs, reset three poles, installed two electrolier brackets and installed thermoplastic pavement markings including railroad crossing messages.



Sign Installation

Water Resource Recovery Division

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.

GREASE ALERT!
Fats, Oils and Grease can clog our sewer pipes and can cause you **COSTLY** backups in your condo or apartment.

FIGHT F.O.G.
Fats, Oils & Grease can clog the sewer pipes in your area!

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.

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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萬昂貴的管道堵塞!

Alerta de Grasa!
La Grasa 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 estuvo 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.
您身邊的里士滿市正在致力於保持下水管道的清潔，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。

Si 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 tirarlo a la basura. Nunca debe echar aceites o grasas en los desagües o drenaje de lavamanos o inodoros. **ENFRIAR, EMPACAR, TIRAR.**
待油脂、廢植物油與油垢變冷之後，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 tirarlo a la basura. Use papel absorbente para limpiar los derrames de aceites y grasas. **ENFRIAR, EMPACAR, TIRAR.**
用紙巾吸收剩餘的油脂、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 tirelo a la basura. **ENFRIAR, EMPACAR, TIRAR.**
在洗碗之前，應將剩餘的油脂、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. **ENFRIAR, EMPACAR, TIRAR.**
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.
如需詳細資訊，請電 (510) 620-6594。

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



Local contractor is assessing utility anchorage systems within the Wastewater Treatment Plant pipe chase to aid in the evaluation of their adequacy as part of the Seismic Analysis Project.

11. Richmond Main Street Initiative

Richmond Main Street Meal Giveaway Program

Richmond Main Street Initiative and Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL), with support from many community partners, are distributing free, healthy meals to Richmond residents. Anyone in need of a meal for themselves or family members are invited to visit the RPAL parking lot (entrance on 23rd Street) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., December 1 - 24, 2020. Drive-thru and walk-in visitors are welcome; face coverings are required. For updates and more info, visit www.tinyurl.com/RichmondMainStreetMeals or call (510) 621-1221.

RICHMOND MAIN STREET MEAL GIVEAWAY

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

RPAL PARKING LOT, ENTRANCE ON 23RD ST.

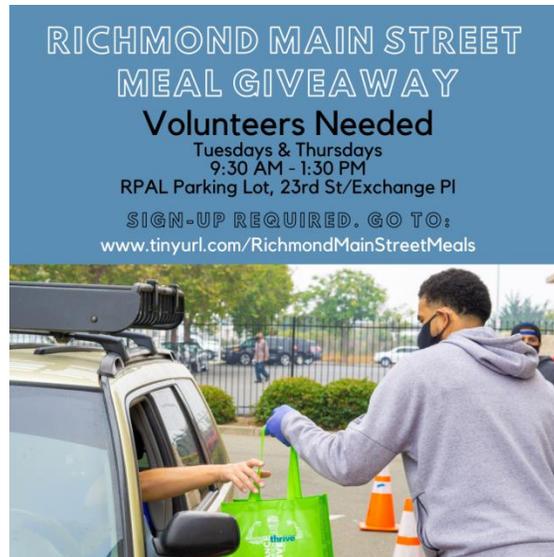
DECEMBER 1-24, 2020

DRIVE THRU & WALK-INS OK. MASK REQUIRED.

www.tinyurl.com/RichmondMainStreetMeals



Call for Volunteers! Volunteers are needed Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. to assist with set-up, distributing meals, and clean-up. Anyone interested in volunteering must sign-up ahead of time. More info and links to sign-up are available at www.tinyurl.com/RichmondMainStreetMeals



12. **Richmond Promise**

Early Application Deadline Approaching for Richmond Promise Scholarship!

High School Seniors and General Educational Development (GED) students who live in Richmond and attend public, private, or charter schools under the age of 24 in West Contra Costa County are highly encouraged to apply for our scholarship by the December 31st Early Application deadline. Students must also complete the Federal Application for Federal Student or the California Dream Act Application by March 2, 2021 (Cal Grant Deadline) to be eligible for the Richmond Promise Scholarship. Visit richmondpromise.org to find our application, make an appointment with our college access team for one-on-one support, and view a list of our college readiness workshops for Fall 2020.

Don't miss out on the following extended deadlines for college scholarships and applications!

1. California State University (CSU) System: Thursday, December 15, 2020 at 11:59 P.M.
2. University of California (UC) System: Friday, December 4, 2020 at 11:59 P.M.

Make a virtual appointment with our College Access team for application help with these and more at bit.ly/virtualsupport_rp



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
450 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, California 94804
(510) 620-6512

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

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

Richmond Residents

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

The screenshot shows the City of Richmond website header with the logo and navigation menu. Below the navigation menu is a banner with text explaining the use of CORConnect. At the bottom, a row of service icons is displayed, with the COR Connect icon circled in red. A large blue banner at the bottom of the page contains the website URL.

CITY OF
Richmond CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENTS COMMUNITY BUSINESS GOVERNMENT PUBLIC SAFETY

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.

Agenda Docs Community Voice **COR Connect** Environment Employment KCRT Channel 28 Project & Bids

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Oct 10
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting - Agenda
Wed, Oct 11
Crescent Park Neighborhood Council Meeting

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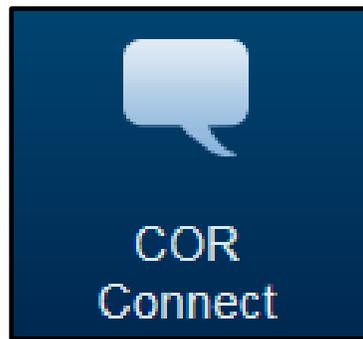
The City's website (<http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/>) provides a department and staff directory at <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/Directory.aspx>.

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