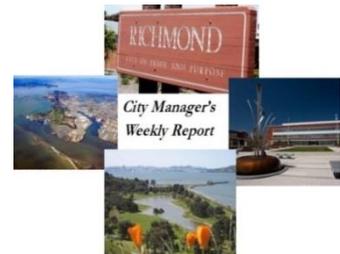




Hon. Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the report for the weeks ending January 29, 2021.

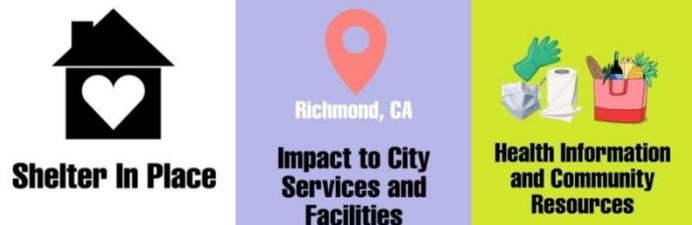


## 1. **Meeting Notes**

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Closed Session will begin at 4:30 P.M., followed by the Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council at 6:30 P.M. The agenda may be found by clicking this link: [February 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council Agenda](#).

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

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



### **Outdoor Dining Update :January 2021**

Once the current [Stay-At-Home Order](#) is rescinded, we will gladly accept new requests for businesses that wish to apply to use public right-of-way such as sidewalks adjacent to their business, to temporarily expand capacity outdoors by applying for a Temporary Outdoor Dining and Retail permit through the Community Services Department.

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. Applications can be requested by contacting us at [CSDregistration@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:CSDregistration@ci.richmond.ca.us).

Visit our website for the application and more information:  
<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4038/Outdoor-Dining-and-Curbside-Retail>



## Contra Costa Health Services COVID-19 Vaccine Update



### COVID-19 Vaccine in Contra Costa

-  Appointment required
  - o Seniors and health workers are now eligible by state guidelines.
-  Residents 75+ eligible
  - o Contra Costa residents who are 75 or older can receive a safe, effective, no-cost vaccine.
-  Thank you for your patience
  - o Residents younger than 75 will have access to vaccine soon.

Details about who can make an appointment, facts about COVID-19 vaccine, and how to ask your healthcare provider for vaccine are available at [cchealth.org/coronavirus](https://cchealth.org/coronavirus).

If you are a Contra Costa resident who is 75 or older, call 1-833-829-2626 for an appointment, or make an appointment online at [cchealth.org/coronavirus](https://cchealth.org/coronavirus). The appointment line is open 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily.

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[cchealth.org/coronavirus](https://cchealth.org/coronavirus)



### Vacunas Contra el COVID-19 en el Condado de Contra Costa



Se requiere cita previa

- o Las personas de edad avanzada y los trabajadores de salud ahora son elegibles según los lineamientos del estado.



Residentes de 75 años y mayores

- o Los residentes de Contra Costa de 75 años y mayores pueden recibir una vacuna segura, eficaz y gratuita.



Gracias por su paciencia

- o Los residentes menores de 75 años de edad tendrán acceso a las vacunas pronto.

Para obtener información sobre quién puede solicitar una cita, conocer datos sobre la vacuna contra el COVID-19 y averiguar cómo solicitar la vacuna a su proveedor de salud, visite [cchealth.org/coronavirus](https://cchealth.org/coronavirus).

Si usted es un residente de Contra Costa de 75 años de edad o mayor, llame al 1-833-829-2626 para programar una cita o visite [cchealth.org/coronavirus](https://cchealth.org/coronavirus). El horario de la línea telefónica es de 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. todos los días.

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[cchealth.org/coronavirus](https://cchealth.org/coronavirus)

### 3. **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

#### **Richmond Fund for Children and Youth FY 2021-24 Request for Proposals and Grant Application Now Available!**

On June 5, 2018, Richmond voters approved Measures E and K, known as the Richmond Kids First Initiative, which approved a City of Richmond Charter amendment (Article 15) to require that a portion of the General Fund be set aside to fund youth programs and services. The total projected amount available for FY 2021-2022 grant awards is approximately \$1.5 million in the initial year.

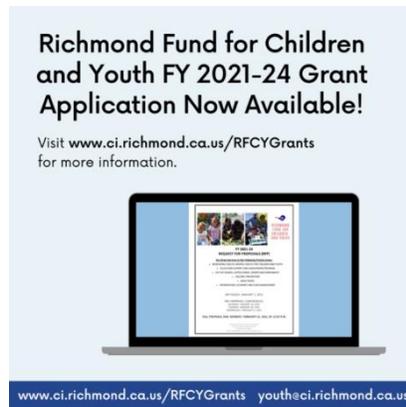
To access the RFCY Request for Proposals and grant application, please visit the RFCY Grants webpage at [www.ci.richmond.ca.us/RFCYGrants](http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/RFCYGrants).

To learn more, Department staff is hosting an upcoming pre-proposal meeting to be held virtually on the following date:

- Wednesday, February 3, 2021: 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

To register for this pre-proposal meeting and inform us of your attendance, please visit the following form: <http://bit.ly/RFCYpre-proposalmeetings>. Zoom webinar information will also be available on our RFCY Grants webpage and E-News Sign-ups 48 hours prior to the meetings.

To make sure you are notified of this meeting and additional updates, please subscribe to our [Richmond Fund for Children and Youth E-News Sign-up](#). Should any questions arise, please contact [youth@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:youth@ci.richmond.ca.us) or (510) 620-6523.



### **Chat With Chief French: Coffee With A Cop Virtual Edition**

On Monday February 8, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. we hope you'll join us for a virtual Zoom conversation over a cup of coffee with Chief French to discuss changes to the RPD in 2021. Please see the Zoom link and call in numbers below:

**Topic:** Chat with the Chief: Changes to RPD

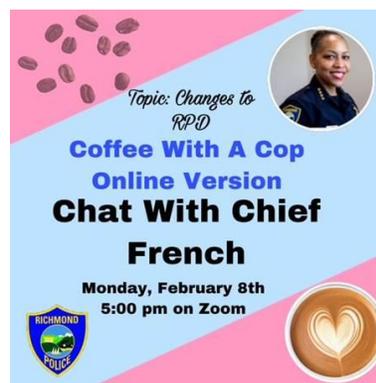
**Time:** Feb 8, 2021 05:00 P.M. Pacific Time (US and Canada)

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5083381060>

**Meeting ID:** 508 338 1060

**One tap mobile:** +16699006833,,5083381060# US (San Jose)

**Dial by your location:** +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)



## Virtual Cooking Class

Join us on Thursdays, starting on February 11, 2021 through March 3, 2021 for our first ever virtual family cooking class series! Hone your cooking skills from the comfort of your home! For more information and registration details, visit [tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation](http://tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation)

Virtual Family Cooking Class	Clase de Cocina Familiar Virtual
<p> <b>Thursdays</b> February 11 2021 to March 3, 2021 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.</p> <p> <b>\$10 Class Fee</b></p> <p></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kitchen equipment and ingredients not provided</li> <li>• Parent/guardian must be present to supervise and assist child/ren</li> <li>• Email <a href="mailto:registration@ci.richmond.ca.us">registration@ci.richmond.ca.us</a> if you need assistance in Spanish</li> </ul> <p><b>REGISTER HERE BY FEB. 8:</b>  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation">tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation</a></p> <p> </p>	<p> <b>Cada Jueves,</b> 11 de Febrero de 2021 al 3 de Marzo de 2021 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p> <b>\$10 tarifa de clase</b></p> <p></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipo de cocina e ingredientes no proporcionados.</li> <li>• El padre / tutor debe estar presente para supervisar y ayudar a los niños.</li> <li>• Envíe un correo electrónico a <a href="mailto:registration@ci.richmond.ca.us">registration@ci.richmond.ca.us</a> si necesita ayuda en español</li> </ul> <p><b>REGISTRARSE AQUÍ ANTES DE FEB. 8:</b>  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation">tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation</a></p> <p> </p>

## Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano: Drive-Thru Food Giveaway: Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

	
<p><b>DRIVE-THRU FOOD GIVE-AWAY</b></p>	<p><b>DISTRIBUCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS A SU COCHE (ESTILO DRIVE-THRU)</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, February 24th 12-2pm</b></p>	<p><b>Miercoles 24 de febrero De 12:00pm a 2:00pm</b></p>
<p><b>Richmond Civic Center 24 Barrett Ave &amp; 25th St</b></p>	<p><b>Richmond Civic Center 24 Barrett Ave &amp; 25th St</b></p>
<p>First come, first served while supplies last.</p> <p>For other distributions visit: <a href="http://foodbankccs.org/getfood">foodbankccs.org/getfood</a></p> 	<p>Servicio sera por orden de llegada, mientras duren los alimentos.</p> <p>Para otras distribuciones visite: <a href="http://foodbankccs.org/getfood">foodbankccs.org/getfood</a></p> 

## 4. City Manager's Office, Economic Development

## **511 Contra Costa Winter Walk Challenge**

Sign up for 511 Contra Costa's Winter Walk Challenge and receive fun weekly walking challenges. Complete the challenge to be entered in **weekly drawings for \$35 Amazon gift cards**. You'll be entered in the **iPad Grand Prize Drawing** just for signing up.

It's free, fun, and open to all ages. Keep your body moving this winter and sign up today!

How to Participate

- [Register to participate](#)
- Walk to local destinations January through March
- Send us selfies showing us how you met weekly challenges
- Five weekly \$35 Amazon gift card winners
- iPad Grand Prize Drawing
- Kids can enter with hand-drawn art titled **"The Best Ever Walk to School"**



## **5. Community Development**

### **Richmond LAND ADU Survey**

Richmond LAND invites Richmond residents to take their survey regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). Richmond LAND is working on an assessment of neighbors with a focus on South Richmond about creating an ADU program, all Richmond residents are encouraged to fill out the survey.

## Impacted by the Housing Crisis?

*Lets find ways to support each other.*

### Accessory Dwelling Units can:

1. Help you stay in your home as a homeowner
2. Create new permanent affordable housing for people you care about
3. Keep our communities together

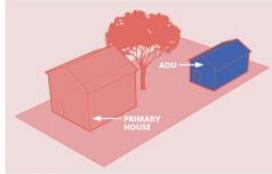


Illustration by LA Max

### What's an ADU?

An ADU is also known as a small house in the backyard. They are smaller than the main house and have their own entrance, kitchen, bathroom, bedroom and living room. Some are detached from primary house, some are attached, and some are a conversion of an existing structure like a garage.

### Win a \$50 Target gift card!!

Richmond residents:

Here are 3 ways to take our survey

Go to the link:

<https://bit.ly/RichmondADUsurvey>

Take a picture of this with your phone:



Text this number to get the survey:  
510-932-6031



### Who are we?

**Richmond LAND's mission** is to build grassroots power for resident-driven and community-controlled land-use through community organizing, land acquisition, development, and stewardship of land and affordable housing for long-term community benefit.



[richmondland.org](http://richmondland.org)  
[dulce@richmondland.org](mailto:dulce@richmondland.org) | 510-932-6031

## ¿Afectado por la crisis de la vivienda?

*Vamos a encontrar una manera de apoyarnos*

### Las unidades de vivienda accesoria pueden:

1. Ayudarle a permanecer en su casa como propietario de su casa
2. Crear nueva vivienda a costo accesible y permanente para las personas que te importan
3. Mantener a nuestras comunidades unidas

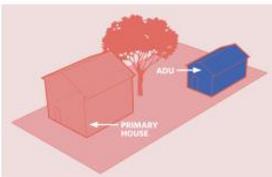


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### ¿Qué es un ADU?

Un ADU también es conocido como una pequeña casa en el patio trasero. Son más pequeñas que la casa principal y tienen su propia entrada, cocina, baño, dormitorio y sala de estar. Algunos están separados de la casa principal, algunos están adjuntos, y algunos son una conversión de una estructura existente como un garaje.

### ¡Gane una tarjeta de regalo de Target de \$50!!

residentes de Richmond:

Aquí hay 3 maneras de realizar la encuesta:

Vaya al enlace:

<https://bit.ly/RichmondADUsurveySpanish>

Tome una foto de esto con su teléfono:



Envíe un texto a este número para obtener la encuesta: 510-932-6031



### ¿Quiénes somos nosotros?

**La misión de Richmond LAND** es crear poder de residentes para que nosotros mismos tengamos control de la tierra, el desarrollo y la administración para crear viviendas a costo accesible para el beneficio comunitario a largo plazo.

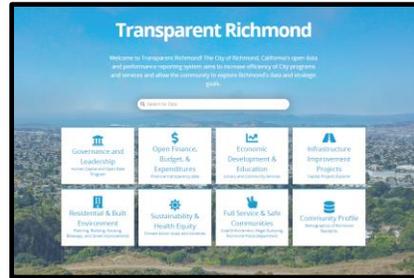


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## 6. Information Technology

### Transparent Richmond

Check out Transparent Richmond ([www.transparentrichmond.org](http://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.

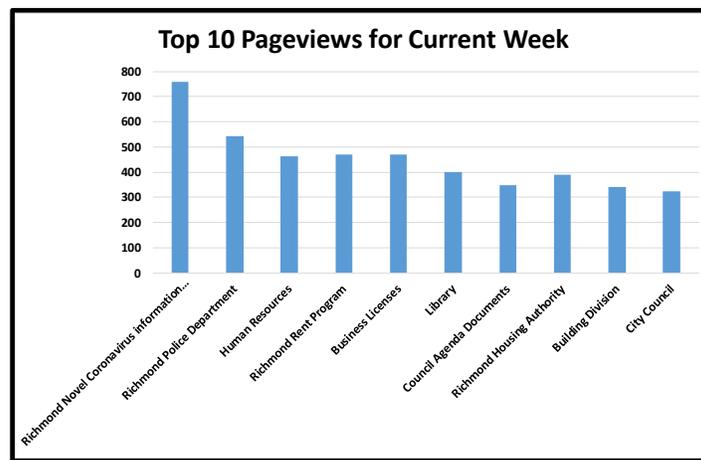


Transparent Richmond aims to accomplish the following:

- 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 Datatnet for the Week

**REGIONAL STAY-AT-HOME ORDER LIFTED,  
CONTRA COSTA RETURNS TO PURPLE TIER**

Health guidelines regarding physical distancing and use of face coverings outside the home remain in effect

Some significant changes resulting from Contra Costa's return to the purple tier include:

- Restaurants may offer outdoor dining \*
- Hair salons, barber shops and personal services may reopen \*
- Outdoor social gatherings involving 25 or fewer people, from three or fewer different households, are now permitted

\*following California State Health Guidelines

Learn more at [cchealth.org/coronavirus](https://cchealth.org/coronavirus)

## KCRT TV Channel 28 – New Episodes of Current Programming

Current recent specials are Michelle Obama Virtual Grand Opening (video courtesy of WCCUSD), “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.

All-new episodes of “Colour in Your Life,” “Creature Features,” “The Jet Set” and “Sidewalks Entertainment.”

You may find the full schedule at <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3176/Schedule>



7. **Internal Services**

**Finance**

Open Requests For Bids/Request For Proposals:

Public Works	Fire Station 66 - Building Remodel and Addition	Due: 2/16/21
Police Department	Promotional Testing for Police Sergeants and Police Lieutenants	Due: 2/18/21
City Manager	Richmond Fund for Children and Youth FY 2021-24 Request for Proposals (RFP)	Due: 2/22/21

8. **Library and Community Services**

**Community Services (Recreation)**

Coming Soon: Love Your Block Mini-Grants

Love Your Block Mini-Grants are coming back, thanks to a partnership between the Community Services Department and City Manager’s Office, Economic Development! Mini-Grants of up to \$10,000 will be available for clean-up and beautification projects that will engage volunteers in City of Richmond. Stay tuned by following our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages, or checking [our website!](#)



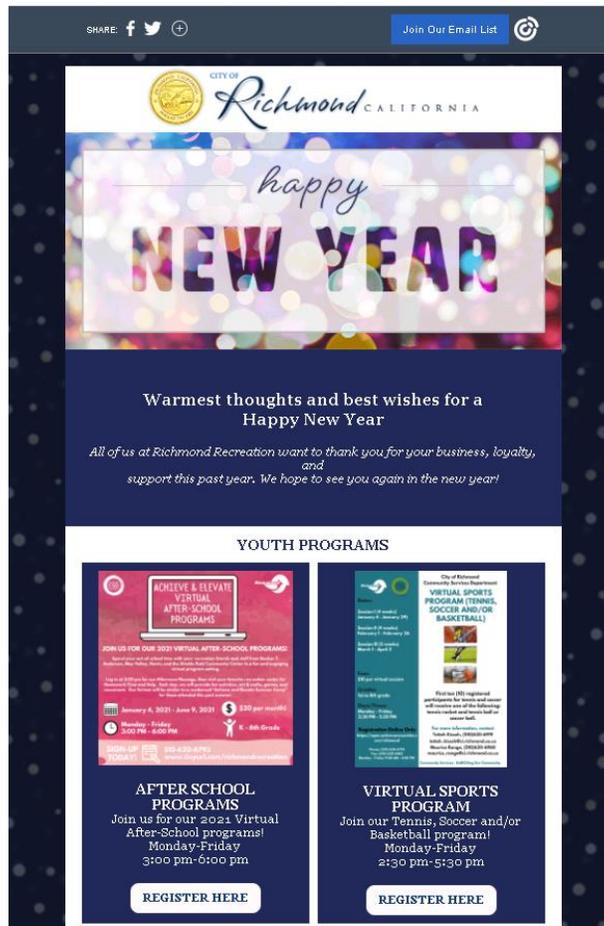
Community Services Newsletter

We have exciting news to share with everyone! To be able to stay connected with our community we have created a Newsletter with updates about the happenings within the

City of Richmond's Community Services Department – Recreation Division. A sneak preview of the Newsletter can be seen by clicking on the below link.

If you are interested in signing up for our Newsletter, you can subscribe by clicking on the following link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/OEiBb9M>

We hope you will subscribe and enjoy receiving updates from our division as much as we enjoy creating them for you.



## Senior Yoga Classes

We are starting a new 8-week session of yoga class, free of charge on the Senior Launchpad.

This course will be an introduction to Mindfulness and its role in helping us to navigate the ups and downs of everyday life. For many of us, meditation is not easy. Our bodies are active, which makes it difficult to sit still and focus inwards. Therefore, a good complement to a meditation practice is yoga asanas. Yoga asanas are exercises designed to increase circulation throughout the body, lengthen, and strengthen the muscles resulting in flexibility and calming the nervous system. This enables the body to

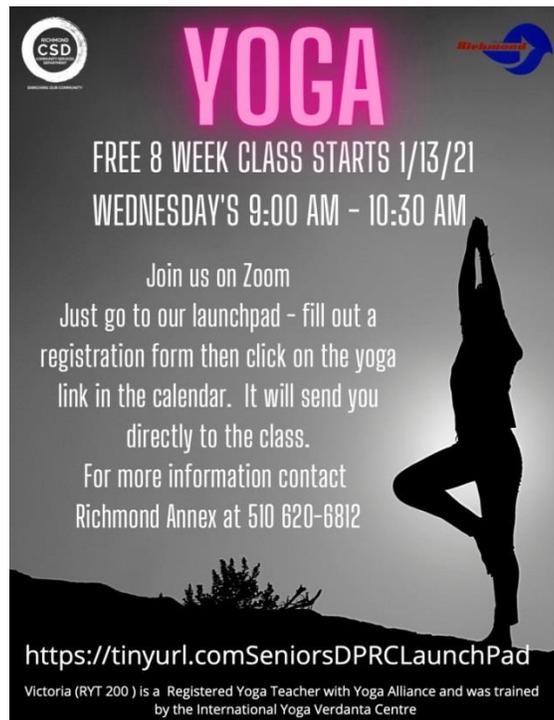
relax in a meditative practice and allows for a mindful state of awareness in everyday life.

This course is offered for FREE on Zoom and each class will consist of 15-20 minutes of lecture and 60 minutes of gentle yoga asanas. This class is ideal for beginners, anyone new to yoga, and anyone just interested. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/SeniorsDPRCLaunchPad> to register and get the link to Zoom class.

Participants must complete a COR Activity Registration Form. For more information contact the Richmond Annex Senior Center at 510 620-6812

Classes start Wednesday, January 13, 2021  
Class times: Wednesdays, 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

Victoria (RYT 200) is a Registered Yoga Teacher with Yoga Alliance and was trained by The International Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centre.



### 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](https://youtu.be/1LkMozN1_nA)



A promotional flyer for Zumba Zoom classes. It features a central image of a person in a blue Zumba tank top and white shorts, seen from behind, with a Zoom meeting grid in the background. The text is colorful and includes the following information:

- UPDATE!! ADDED SESSIONS!! TUE/THR 10AM**
- Pre registrations are required \$5/session (LIVE classes are temporarily suspended per Contra Costa County Health Dept.)
- 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 3730 Macdonald Ave. Richmond, CA (510)620-6793

## Virtual Sports Programs

Join us for our continued series in our virtual sports programs! Find a spot at home or in your yard, 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.



A flyer for the City of Richmond Community Services Department's Virtual Sports Program. It is divided into two main sections: a teal sidebar with program details and a white main area with contact information and images of sports equipment.

**City of Richmond  
Community Services Department**

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

**Dates:**

- Session I (4 weeks)  
January 4 - January 29
- Session II (4 weeks)  
February 1 - February 26
- Session III (5 weeks)  
March 1 - April 2

**Fees:**  
\$10 per virtual session

**Grades:**  
1st to 8th grade

**Days/Times:**  
Monday - Friday  
2:30 PM - 5:30 PM

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

Phone: (510) 620-6793  
Fax: (510) 620-6583  
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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](mailto:tetteh_kisseh@ci.richmond.ca.us)  
Maurice Range, (510)620-6960  
[maurice\\_range@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:maurice_range@ci.richmond.ca.us)

Community Services - EnRICHing Our Community

## Virtual After-School Camps - ACHIEVE and ELEVATE

After-school camps are happening in 2021! We'll have lots of fun and games with your favorite recreation staff and fellow campers. Register online at [tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation](http://tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation).

**ACHIEVE & ELEVATE VIRTUAL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**JOIN US FOR OUR 2021 VIRTUAL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS!**

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.

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.

January 4, 2021 - June 9, 2021

Monday - Friday  
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

\$ \$20 per month!

K - 6th Grade

**SIGN-UP TODAY!** 510-620-6793  
[www.tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation](http://www.tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation)

**PROGRAMAS EXTRACURRICULARES VIRTUALES DE ACHIEVE & ELEVATE**

**¡ÚNASE A NOSOTROS PARA NUESTROS PROGRAMAS EXTRACURRICULARES VIRTUALES 2021!**

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.

Inicie sesión a las 3:00 pm para recibir nuestro mensaje del día, luego visite su centro de recreación favorito para recibir ayuda y tiempo para las tareas. Cada día, brindaremos actividades divertidas, arte y manualidades, juegos y movimiento. Nuestro formato será similar a un "Campamento de Verano" condensado para aquellos que asistieron el verano pasado.

4 de Enero, 2021 - 9 de Junio, 2021

Lunes - Viernes  
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

\$ \$20 por mes!

K - 6to grado

**REGÍSTRATE ¡HOY!** 510-620-6793  
[www.tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation](http://www.tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation)

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

After all of the interest and support we received from residents in May 2020, [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](https://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](https://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

[HelpNow is here for you!](#)

Thanks to the generous donation from the Richmond Public Library Foundation, the Library will offer access to Brainfuse's *HelpNow* tutors for K-12 students. You can access this service with a Richmond Public Library card. For more information on tutoring, call the Children's Department at 510-620-6557. To request a new library card, call 510-620-6559, or request a card online at [rosie.ci.richmond.ca.us/selfreg](https://rosie.ci.richmond.ca.us/selfreg)

## Services include:

- **Live Tutoring:** Submit a question in the online classroom and receive live, one-on-one assistance from a Brainfuse tutor, 1:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., Sunday through Saturday.
- **Writing Lab & Ask a Question:** Submit your writing sample, and tutors offer constructive feedback. Or, ask a homework question. Tutors will respond within 24 hours.
- **Language Lab:** Receive live online help with your homework from fluent Spanish-speaking tutors.



*Do your kids need help with their homework? Do you want access to a live tutor for free?*

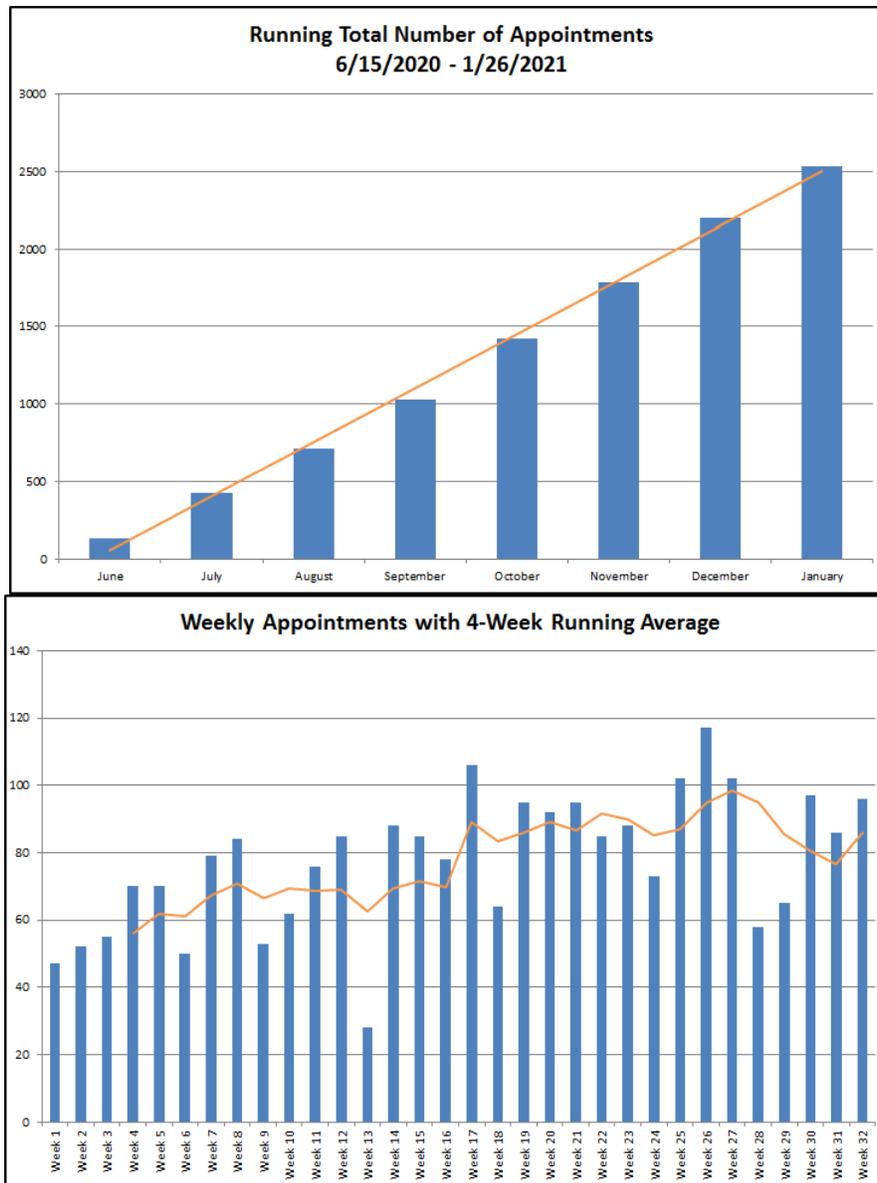
## Tablesides Service Update

The Richmond Public Library began its Tablesides Service on June 15, 2020, 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 2,536 successful appointments, getting tens of thousands of books, magazines, DVDs, craft kits, and more into the hands of our community.

Remember: our Tablesides 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 32 weeks with a 4-week running average.

## Tablesides Service Statistics



**The Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP) Highlights Student Irma Shaw**

Irma Shaw enrolled in the LEAP program just one year ago in the midst of a pandemic when most schools and educational programs in Contra Costa County were shutdown. She dealt with many barriers like working full time to stay afloat and being a non-native English speaker. Regardless, within one year of working towards her GED, Irma has been able to pass two subject tests and is scheduled to take her third test on Monday in Social Studies leaving just one test left before reaching her goal of obtaining the GED.

When asked how confident she felt about passing the test, Irma said, “I am ready because the teachers at LEAP are really helpful and give you the one to one attention and take the time to explain the work until it makes sense to you. I feel like LEAP is very accessible especially with my test coming up in Social Studies in U.S History”.

The silver lining here is that the pandemic has given LEAP the opportunity to offer whole new services in our long-term future in teaching remote GED classes. LEAP is proud to help students like Irma Shaw who has excelled using the Zoom platform and is excited about the many opportunities ahead of her.

If you or anyone you know is interested in enrolling at LEAP, learning more about our program, 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. Also, please check LEAP's revamped Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LEAPRICHMONDCA/>.

## 9. **Police**

### Changes to Richmond Police Department Operations in 2021

We wanted to let the community know about some upcoming changes to the department's 2021 services. You may have already experienced some of these modifications in services due to the pandemic, such as increased online reporting.

It is important that the community to be aware of these changes and be prepared of how some call types will be handled. These changes are necessary due to staffing constraints, reducing the possibility of COVID-19 exposure, and responding to requests from the community to allow other service providers to handle certain issues as opposed to law enforcement.



# What's Changed?

Changes to RPD Operations in 2021



<b>Before</b>	→	<b>After</b>
<b>Patrol Response</b>	→	<b>Dispatch refers some calls to online reporting</b>
<b>Patrol Response for barking dogs</b>	→	<b>Dispatch refers to Animal Control</b>
<b>Noise complaints from businesses</b>	→	<b>Code Enforcement Response. Patrol verifies after hours</b>
<b>Civil Standby</b>	→	<b>During business hours with approval from watch commander</b>
<b>COVID-19 Exposure Impact</b>	→	<b>Continued Effort to minimize public contact risk</b>

**Animal Control (510) 374-3966**  
**Code Enforcement (510) 621-1279**

**Police Non Emergency (510) 233-1214**

**For More Information Contact  
RPDCommunity@richmondpd.net**

## 10. **Public Works**

### **Abatement**

Abatement crews removed illegally dumped debris and removed graffiti from various locations.



*Illegal Dumping*

### **Facilities Maintenance**

Stationary Engineers performed daily pool maintenance, daily Civic Center Plaza boiler inspections, cleared toilets at Fire Station #67, repaired “p-trap” at 440 Civic Center Plaza, replaced pool boilers at the Richmond Swim Center, replaced top panel of the rear middle apparatus door at Fire Station #64, cleared roof drains at the Art Center, completed annual safety training and replaced the sump pump at the Native American Center.



*Roof Drain Maintenance*

Utility workers replaced lights in City Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, removed items from the Recreation Complex, removed old furniture from the Plunge, performed pest control, scrubbed and waxed floors at Shields Reid Community Center, performed daily disinfecting of buildings and performed maintenance of 29 city owned facilities.



*Shield Reid Floor Maintenance*

### **Parks and Landscaping**

General fund crews removed debris from parks in the central area of Richmond, removed debris from the right of ways, repaired running water at Raincloud Park, fixed wooden fencing at Hilltop Park, removed debris from the Greenway, repaired benches at Nevin Park, removed fallen tree from Pt. Richmond, performed maintenance at the Huntington Senior Annex, performed maintenance at the Baxter Creek area, removed debris from Berk Avenue, repaired fencing and removed debris at Boorman Park.



*Fence Repair*



*Fallen Tree Removal*

Marina District crews continued maintenance of all parks and parking lots, removed leaves and branches at Marina Bay Park, mowed and edged all parks, removed tree limbs along the Bay Trail, emptied all refuse receptacles, hand pulled weeds, refilled dog waste bags and inspected irrigation throughout the district.



*Marina Bay District Weed Abatement*

Hilltop District crews continued general maintenance around the business area, removed litter from all parks, performed weed abatement at Hilltop Lake and cleaned

the v-ditch at Hilltop Lake, removed homeless encampment on the hillside of Richmond Parkway, performed irrigation repair on Klose Way and maintenance on Miner Road.



*V-Ditch Maintenance*

### **Pavement Maintenance**

Streets crews performed storm patrols and repaired potholes as weather permitted.

### **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寓昂貴的管道堵塞!

**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.

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洩流現象。

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洩流現象發生

1. Echar las grasas y los aceites enfriados en un recipiente cubierto desechable y tirelo 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 tirelo 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 tirelo 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，應利用水地槽濾網器截留剩餘的食物殘渣。

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

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 2020-2021 Fiscal Year for sewer lateral 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](http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/2130/Sewer-Lateral-Grant-Program) or call 510-620-6594.

**CITY OF RICHMOND**  
**Water Resource Recovery Department**  
 400 Cox Center Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 Richmond, CA 94804  
 Office: (510) 620-6594  
 Fax: (510) 620-6595  
 Email: [wrr@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:wrr@ci.richmond.ca.us)  
[www.ci.richmond.ca.us](http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us)

**Sewer Lateral Grant Program**  
**Application**  
**Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Property Owner(s) Name (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Property Address (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Affiliation:  Primary Residence  Rental Property (answer question below)  Other:  
 Is the rental property currently registered with the City of Richmond Rent Program?  Yes  No

Contractor bid amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount paid to contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this application, I/We hereby certify that I/We have read and understand the "Sewer Lateral Grant Application and Guidelines". I/We am the legal owner or, if the owner is a licensed public service organization, the legal representative of the owner of the subject property described above. I/We recognize the applicability of the sewer lateral grant application and guarantee or promise by the City of Richmond to allocate sewer lateral grant funds for private sewer lateral replacement at the above-described property. I/We understand that the City of Richmond will award the sewer lateral grant reimbursement to property owner(s) on a first-come, first-served basis until all sewer lateral grant funds are exhausted for the subject property described above. I/We warrant that the private sewer lateral at the above-described property is in compliance with Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 12.17, even if the sewer lateral grant application is not approved. I/We have not submitted a claim to the City or any other public agency for reimbursement of costs incurred to make the sewer lateral replacement described above, and I/We understand that the City of Richmond does not guarantee the work of contractors on private sewer laterals. I/We grant the City of Richmond all rights of access to the subject property necessary to process the application, such rights to be exercised only during normal business hours and with reasonable notice to occupants of the subject property.

APPLICANT NAME (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_  
 APPLICANT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/> Contractor's Bid Number	APN: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Property Ownership (PG&U/Save Deed/POB)	FE: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Rental Property	LGA #: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Payment	Approved Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Lateral Compliance	Approved Amount: _____
Contracted Property sponsored by a Public Organization: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Has the applicant previously received a lateral grant reimbursement: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED FOR REIMBURSEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> INCOMPLETE <input type="checkbox"/> DENIED	
Notes: _____	

**Sewer Lateral Grant Program**  
**Application Guidelines**

Application and copies of the required documents listed below must be submitted to:  
**Water Resource Recovery Center - 400 Cox Center Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Richmond, CA 94804**  
**Counter Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30am-4pm**  
[www.ci.richmond.ca.us](http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us)

The City of Richmond recommends obtaining estimates from at least three (3) contractors.

**Eligibility:**

- Parcels served by the City of Richmond Sanitary Municipal Sewer District.
- Sewer lateral replacement must be completed **BEFORE** applying for the Sewer Lateral Grant Program.
- A full line replacement must be completed during the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.
- If you have previously received a Sewer Lateral Grant reimbursement, you will not be eligible to apply.

**Required Documents:**

- Only Lateral Grant Applications dated 6/30/2020 or newer will be accepted.
- Contractor's final paid-in-full invoice.
- Proof of payment (copy of cancelled check, credit card receipt, or bank statement are accepted).
- Certificate of Lateral Compliance (issued by the City after encroachment permit inspections are approved).
- Grant Deed (change of ownership taken place within last 3 months and/or if property is under a Trust).
- Tax-exempt organizations must submit proof of tax-exempt status.

**Award Limits:**

- Each fiscal year the City allocates sewer lateral grant funds to be awarded for private sewer lateral replacement.
- This program can be suspended at any time without prior or advanced notification or posting.
- Property owner(s) are eligible for **ONE (1)** sewer lateral grant reimbursement award in a lifetime on a first-come, first-served basis until all sewer lateral funds are exhausted.
- Starting July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, the complete sewer lateral grant reimbursement amount is \$1,800 per application.
- Incomplete applications will **NOT** be accepted.
- Applications will be accepted via email and mail at this time. This is subject to change.
- No applications will be accepted after the sewer lateral grant funds are exhausted.
- Reimbursement may take approximately 3 weeks from the date the completed application is received and approved by the City.

**PLEASE NOTE**  
**Sewer Lateral Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**  
**ONLY work completed during the fiscal year (7/1/20-6/30/21)**  
 will be eligible for sewer lateral grant reimbursements.

## Macdonald & Virginia Wet Weather Improvement Projects

Local contractor is continuing work on this project. See picture and description below.



Local contractor is completing manhole restoration at 30<sup>th</sup> Street and Nevin Avenue and elsewhere.

## Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System Upgrade Project

The project is approximately 72% complete overall, and the contractor is working on plant system programming upgrades and Piping and Instrumentation Diagrams (P&IDs).



*SCADA contractor is installing, connecting and testing the Cisco Managed Network System Switch in the Secondary Control Room, as part of the SCADA Network upgrade.*



*SCADA contractor completed the SCADA Managed Network System upgrades in the Secondary Control Room.*

## **11. Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL)**

### **Lego Robotics**

Through a guided, global robotics program, students are introduced to STEM learning and exploration at an early age. Children can begin with Discover (ages 4-6) and progress through Explore (ages 6-10) and Challenge (ages 9-16) or join at any division based on their age or grade level.

Young children are introduced to STEM concepts and develop habits of learning through engaging, fun challenges and competitions using LEGO® Education materials.

Students gain real-world problem-solving experiences that inspire them to experiment and grow their critical thinking, coding, and design skills while building confidence, growing their knowledge, and developing habits of learning.

Interested parties can contact Brandon Evans Mentor Program Coordinator at 510-621-1290 or via email at [Bevans@rpal.org](mailto:Bevans@rpal.org)

### **Be A Mentor**

#### **Participants:**

Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) serves low-income, at-risk youth ages 7-18 offering them recreational, educational, cultural and social activities that build positive character and help them transition from adolescence to adulthood. Many are living with parents and grandparents or other family members and 85% are eligible for reduced lunch.

#### **Project Overview:**

Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) provides both 1:1 and small group mentoring. Mentors participate in an orientation to mentoring; and are trained in facilitating mentees development of a "Life Map" using curriculum designed by The Life Plan Institute and the California Mentor Foundation; and have monthly check-ins with the mentor coordinator. They meet with mentees for an hour each week virtually via our Be A Mentor platform or as part of structured activities such as coaching sports, fishing, dirt bike riding, community service events, and outings to sporting events and performances (prior to and after Covid 19).

Interested in becoming a mentor? Please sign up at the link below:

[https://beamentor.org/linkpages/mentorasp/specialprojects/project\\_description.asp?ProjectID=RPAL1!POLINPERSONMENTO](https://beamentor.org/linkpages/mentorasp/specialprojects/project_description.asp?ProjectID=RPAL1!POLINPERSONMENTO)

Interested in your student being a mentee? Please contact Brandon Evans Mentor Program Coordinator at 510-621-1290 or via email at [Bevans@rpal.org](mailto:Bevans@rpal.org)

*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](http://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.

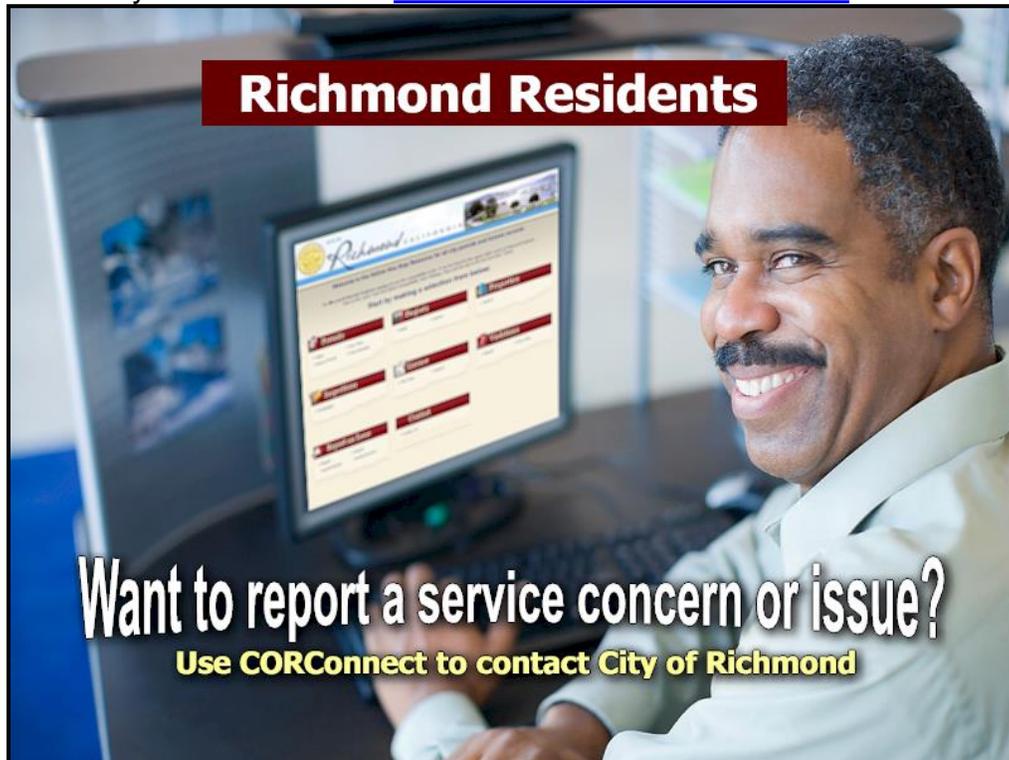
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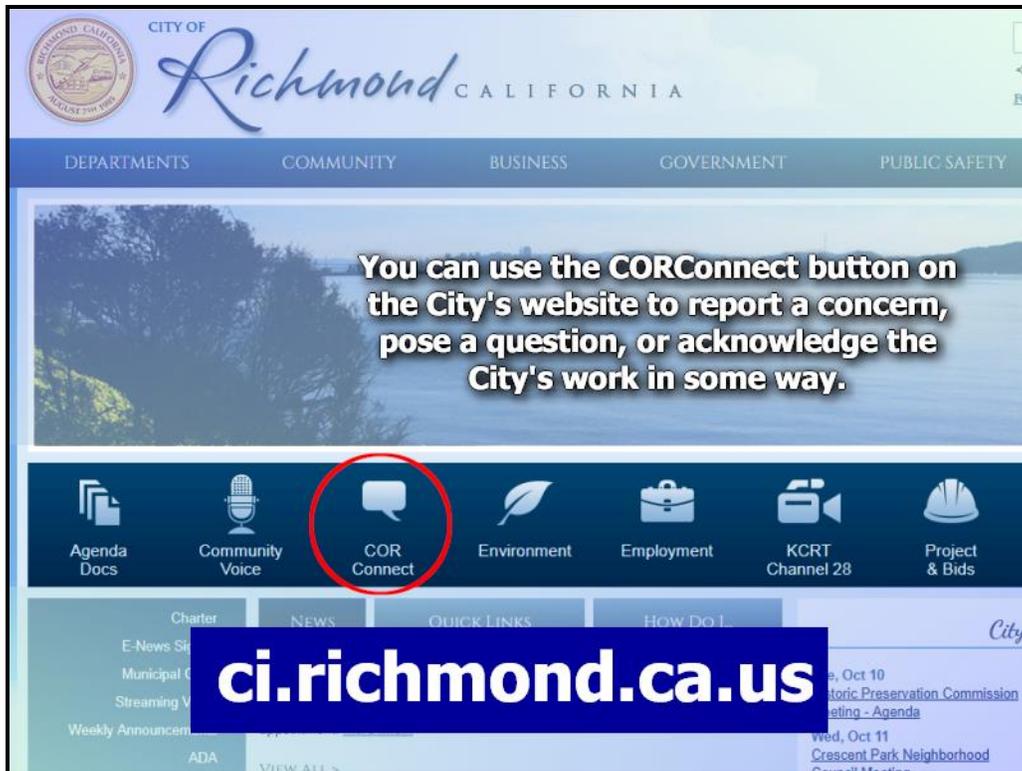
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**Android version of APP**



We welcome your comments at [webservices@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:webservices@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.

**Want to report a service concern or issue?**



**Use the City of Richmond Mobile Application:**

Available on the iPhone  Available on the Google play 

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**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.

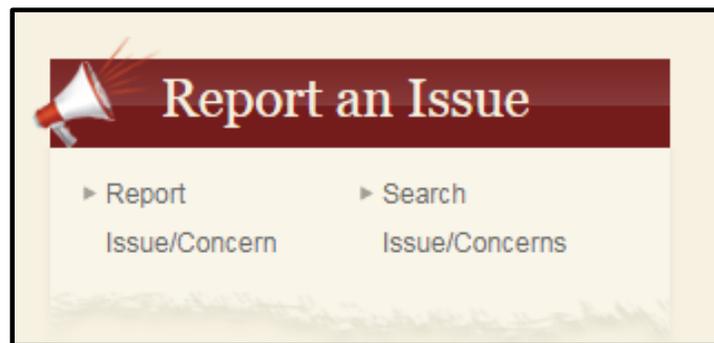
To access **CORConnect** select the CORConnect button on the homepage of the City website.



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](mailto:webservices@ci.richmond.ca.us)