



Hon. Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the report for the weeks ending February 12, 2021.



## 1. **Meeting Notes**

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Closed Session will begin at 4:15 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 16<sup>th</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Once the current [Stay-At-Home Order](#) is rescinded, we will gladly accept new requests for businesses that wish to apply to use public right-of-way such as sidewalks adjacent to their business, to temporarily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 65+ eligible
  - o Contra Costa residents who are 65 or older can receive a safe, effective, no-cost vaccine.
-  Thank you for your patience
  - o Residents younger than 65 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 65 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. **Upcoming Events**

#### **Presidents Day Week Virtual Programs!**

We have some fun programming set up for the Presidents Day Week break! Join us for our fun-filled Zoom Camp featuring all of your favorite Recreation staff. Or, you can just join us for our virtual fitness program instead—the choice is yours! Programming takes place from Tuesday, February 16 through Friday, February 19, 2021. Check out the details in the flyers and sign up at [tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation](https://tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation). Need more information? Contact staff at 510-620-6793 or email [registration@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:registration@ci.richmond.ca.us). We hope to see you soon!



### President's Week Youth Virtual Fitness via Zoom!

Youth fitness is a resource for parents/guardians to keep their child/ren active throughout the vacation week. Each class will consist of 3 components: warm up exercises and stretching, core exercises and theme of the day exercises, and drills including basketball and taekwondo.

The morning class is an introduction to the exercises and drills with plenty of water breaks. The afternoon class is a review from the morning class with a timer and less water breaks.



Tuesday, Feb. 16 - Friday, Feb. 19



11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm each day



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**Register Today!**

[tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation](https://tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation)



## Presidents Week

# ZOOM CAMP

Presented by our Friendly Neighborhood

Community Services Department



Recreation staff from Shields Reid, Booker T. Anderson, May Valley, Nevin, and Recreation Complex will host Arts Crafts, Fitness, On-line Group Games, and Other Entertainment!

**Date: Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**till Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (Lunch 12 noon -1pm)**

**Fee: \$20.00 for Entire Week**

**Must be registered to receive Zoom link for all activities.**

Please call (510) 620-6793 for Registration Information or Email "[Registration@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:Registration@ci.richmond.ca.us)"

## **Richmond Public Library Foundation Speaker Series**

The Richmond Public Library Foundation is presenting a Zoom lecture by Richmond native Dr. Terence Elliott on “Music, Hip-Hop, Culture and History” on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. Dr. Elliott is a professor of Humanities and Music at Diablo Valley College and has been teaching for over 30 years. He is the author of three books as well as an accomplished jazz musician and has performed at music venues all over the world.

Link to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/99651086288?pwd=eVVNdXIMUEIDanVaTDdaRzNVNUVWUT09>

Webinar ID: 996 5108 6288

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Dr. Terence Elliott's Lecture  
"Music, Hip-Hop, Culture  
and History"

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FOUNDATION

Richmond Public Library  
Foundation Presents

Sandi Genser-Maack Lecture Series  
Thursday, February 18th 6:00 pm

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Diablo Valley College. He has been teaching for over 30 years  
and is the author of three books. An accomplished jazz  
musician, he has also performed at music venues worldwide.  
He is a native of Richmond area.

## **History in the Making: A Black History Month Webinar**

Happy Black History Month! Join us on Saturday, February 20, 2021 starting at 2:30 P.M. for an all youth zoom assembly featuring some special guests! Email [bmlive@gmail.com](mailto:bmlive@gmail.com) for more information and the zoom link is listed here: <http://zoom.us/j/83388319204> with password: history. We hope to see you there!

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

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

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

##### **Richmond Business Spotlight – Natrully Herbs and More**

This week the City Manager's Office, Economic Development, toured the Richmond business, [Natrully Herbs, and More](#). The store opened in May of 2019 with the mission to encourage healthy living and self-healing by creating a space where patrons can feel comfortable talking and learning. The store is filled, with knowledgeable staff, including those who have taken formal classes on the healing properties of various herbs to others who are self-taught. In addition to answering the patron's questions, Natrully Herbs and More have hosted multiple zoom meetings to share insight into herbs and their healing properties. During the past year of the Covid-19 pandemic, Natrully Herbs and More have seen a steady level of interest from Richmond residents interested in non-traditional medicine. To support Richmond entrepreneurs, Natrully Herbs and More carry products made by residents in their homes. The store is located at 4113 Macdonald Ave and is open seven days a week.



##### **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. **Fire**

### **Richmond Fire at West County Vaccination Site in Hercules**

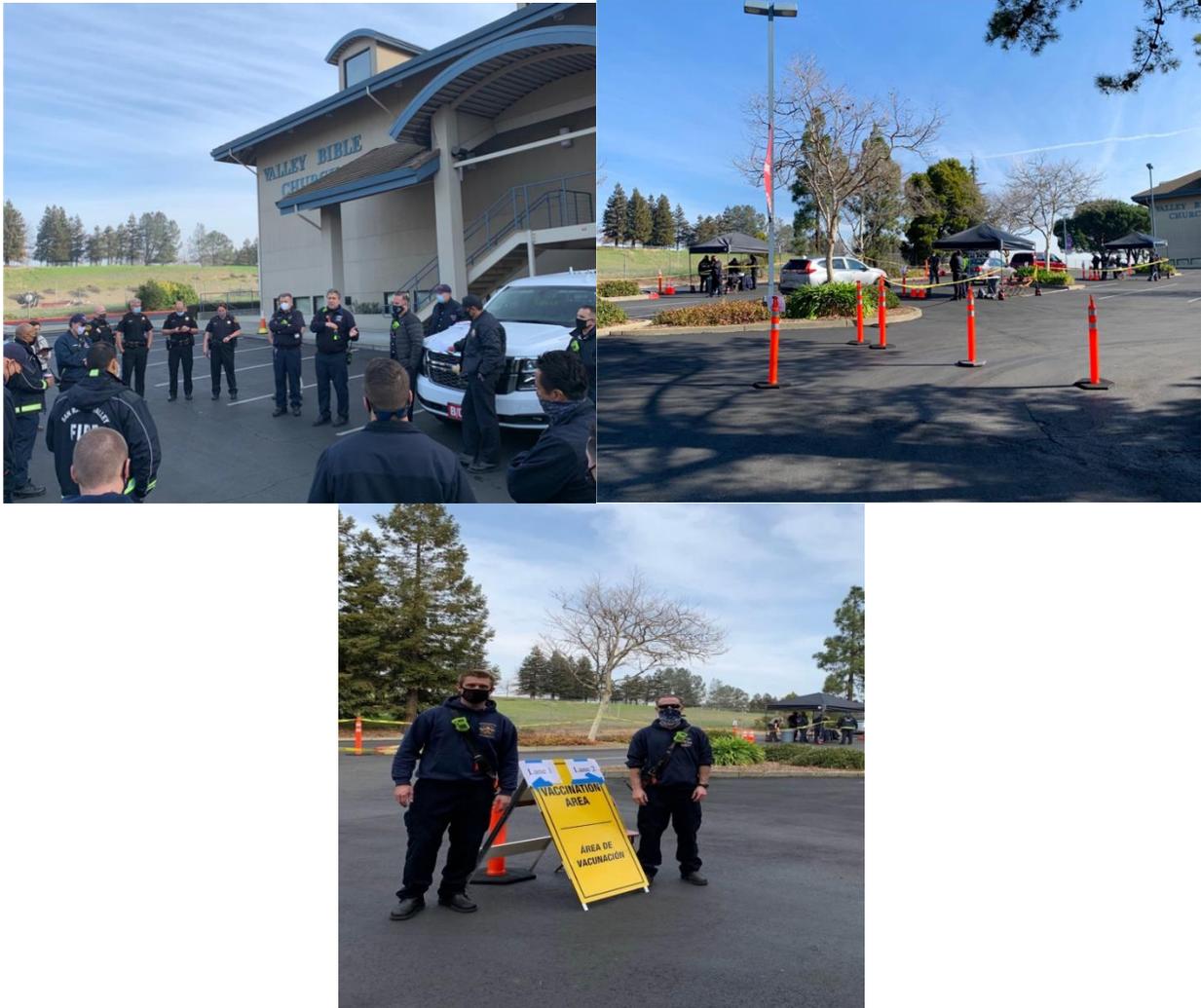
All fire agencies across Contra Costa County are working collaboratively along with Contra Costa Health Services and Contra Costa Sherriff's Department to operate drive-thru vaccination sites throughout the county.

This week the Richmond Fire Department began assisting with the west county site located in Hercules at the Valley Bible Church by providing support functions associated with the site such as patient check-in and screening, setup/tear down of site, traffic control. The west county site is also being staffed with personnel from Rodeo Hercules Fire District, Contra Costa Fire District, El Cerrito Fire Department, Moraga-Orinda Fire District and San Ramon Valley Fire District. Many Richmond residents are utilizing this site which is administering over 500 vaccines a day.

Alongside of the fire agencies are Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers from Richmond, El Cerrito/Kensington, Martinez and Lamorinda (Lafayette/Moraga/ Orinda) who are assigned non-medical tasks such as check-in, traffic management and post-injection observation stations.

For information for about vaccinations, please visit:

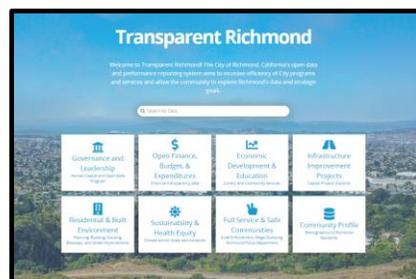
<https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/vaccine>



## 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.

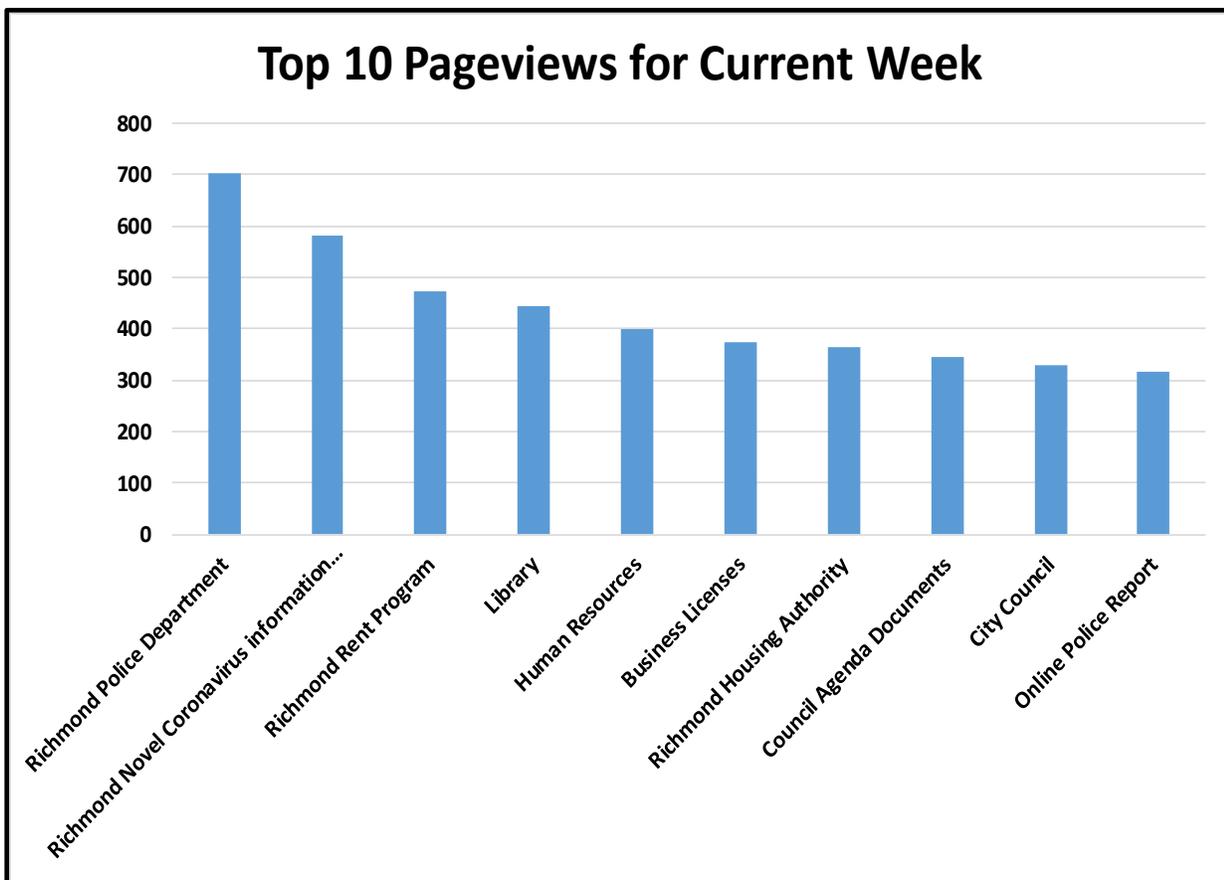


Transparent Richmond aims to accomplish the following:

- 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 Datanet For The Week



### 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,” “Car Guy Channel,” and “Sidewalks Entertainment.” New promo for Food Bank available.

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



### 7. Internal Services

#### 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).

Additional resources are now available on the RFCY Grants webpage including a recording of the February 3<sup>rd</sup> pre-proposal meeting and a list of frequently asked questions.

The RFCY grant application is due on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 11:59 P.M. To make sure you are notified of 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.

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

Grant Application Deadline:  
Monday, February 22, 2021 | 11:59 p.m.

[www.ci.richmond.ca.us/RFCYGrants](http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/RFCYGrants)

**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)**

#### Love Your Block Mini-Grants: Now Accepting Applications

Love Your Block Mini-Grants are back, funded by a partnership between Community Services and city Manager's Office, Economic Development! Mini-Grants will fund proposals that improve environmental quality by engaging community volunteers to clean-up and beautify Richmond.

A total of \$80,000 is available for the mini-grant cycle. Grant awards can be up to \$10,000, and the number of grant awards available will be determined based on the amount of each award.

Check out the Mini-Grant guidelines, application, and more at [www.richmondloveyourblock.org](http://www.richmondloveyourblock.org). You can also schedule one-on-one office hours with Love Your Block for assistance with your application!

Applications will be accepted until February 26, 2021 at 11:59 P.M.



### **Virtual Cooking Class**

Join us on Thursdays, starting on February 11, 2021 through March 4, 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

 **Thursdays**  
February 11 2021 to  
March 4, 2021  
5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

 **\$10 Class Fee**




- Kitchen equipment and ingredients not provided
- Parent/guardian must be present to supervise and assist child/ren
- Email [registrationci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:registrationci.richmond.ca.us) if you need assistance in Spanish

**REGISTER HERE BY FEB. 8:**   
[tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation](https://tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation)



### Clase de Cocina Familiar Virtual

 **Cada Jueves,**  
11 de Febrero de 2021  
al 4 de Marzo de 2021  
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

 **\$10 tarifa de clase**




- Equipo de cocina e ingredientes no proporcionados.
- El padre / tutor debe estar presente para supervisar y ayudar a los niños.
- Envíe un correo electrónico a [registrationci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:registrationci.richmond.ca.us) si necesita ayuda en español

**REGISTRARSE AQUÍ ANTES DE FEB. 8:**   
[tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation](https://tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation)

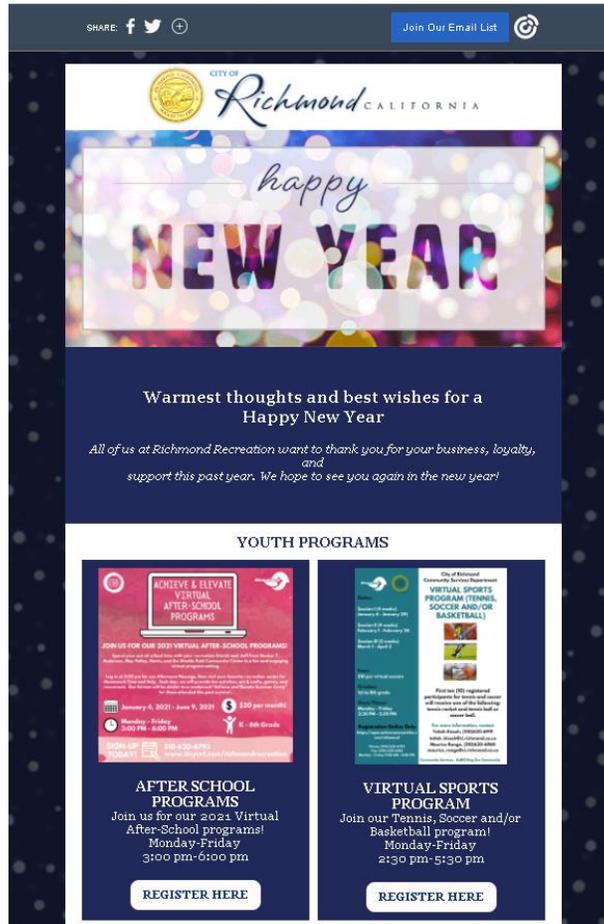


## Community Services Newsletter

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.



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)



**Richmond**

**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 3230 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.



**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

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](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 now! We'll have lots of fun and games with your favorite recreation staff and fellow campers. Register online at [tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation](https://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

\$ \$20 per month!

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

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

\$ \$20 por mes!

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

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**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, [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](http://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](http://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!



## Senior Programs

Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/SeniorsDPRCLaunchPad> to register and get the link to Zoom programs.



## **Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP): Some Tips and Tools from LEAP**

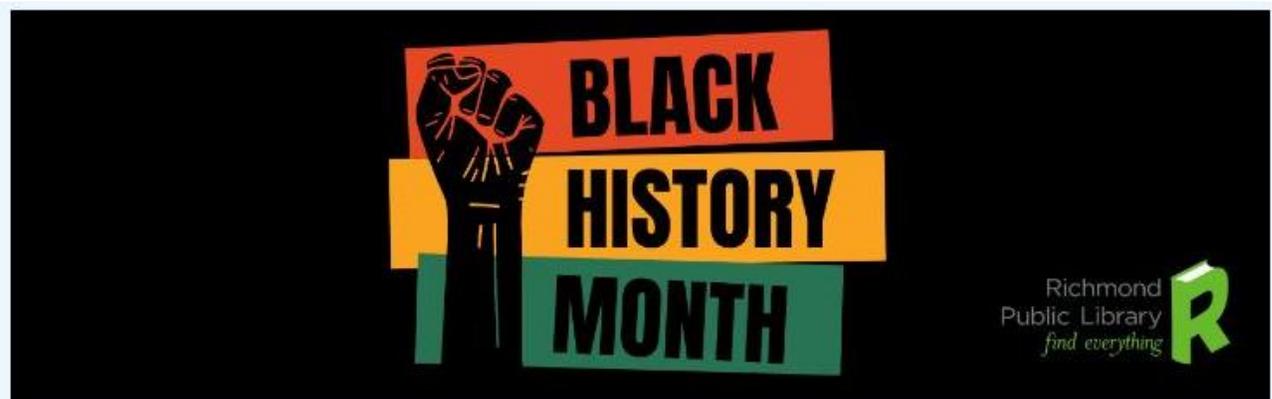
LEAP is often asked, “What kind of materials do you recommend for students who want to pass the GED”? There are many types of materials we use to be effective with our students but most importantly we tell them to practice, practice, and practice! Practice tests give the students proximity of what they will experience. They help to overcome fear and also give LEAP staff an assessment of performance. They rock! GED teachers give practice tests from three locations: The GED Academy, which is an all-around excellent teaching tool, the Kaplan GED Preparation Book series, which we highly recommend for anyone studying for the GED because it will challenge you and build a student’s skills to passing- and the GED.com website itself. These practice tests not only challenge, but give the student the look, feel, and mouse clicks of the actual test.

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/>.

## **Library Updates**

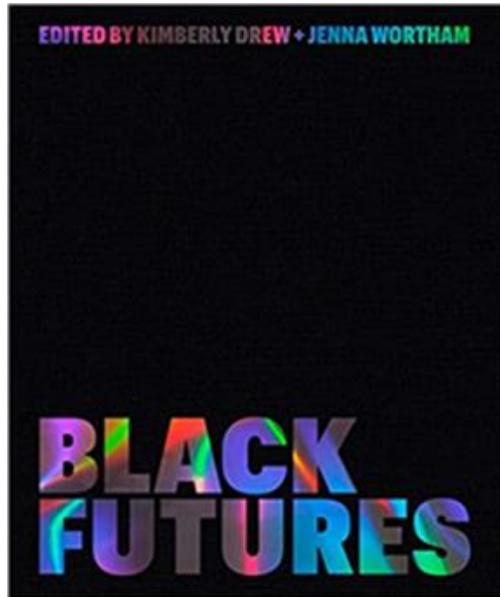
### **Black History Month**

The Richmond Public Library honors Black History Month online with links to a lecture, new books, a database, and documentaries. To see what Librarians have put together in one place to showcase and celebrate African American’s contributions to our history, visit [www.richmondlibrary.org](http://www.richmondlibrary.org) and click on the *Featured Program & Services* link.



## Featured Book for African American History Month

*Black Futures* is a kaleidoscope of stories, essays, photographs, poems, thoughts and questions surveying the significance, importance, and the meaning of Black identity both currently as well as in the past. What does it mean to be Black and alive right now? Request it [here](#).



## HelpNow is here for you!

Thanks to a generous donation from the Richmond Public Library Foundation, the Library now offers 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 most school subjects from fluent Spanish-speaking tutors.
- **Skillsurfer & "Leap" Learning Platform:** Take tests to determine what skills you need to improve your grades. Work with a live tutor, or use videos, to help you practice and improve those skills.



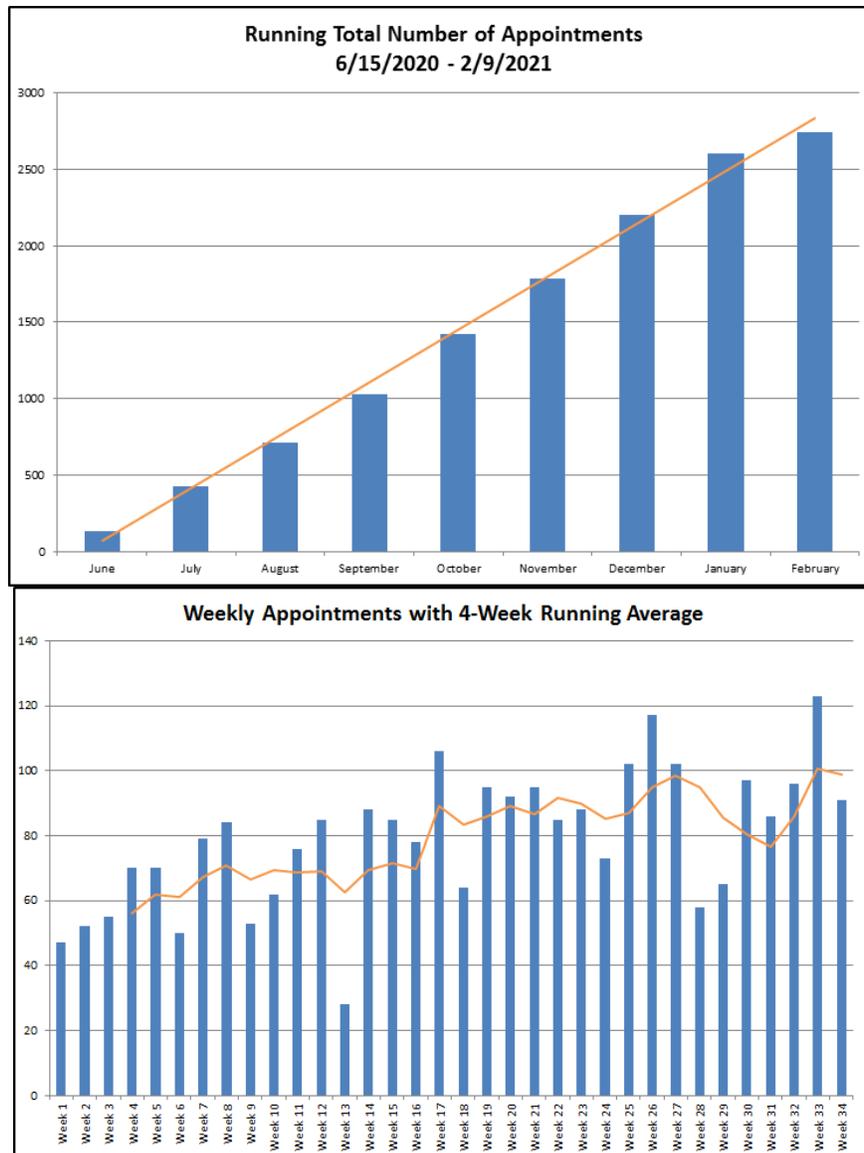
### Tablesides Service Update

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 2,741 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 34 weeks with a 4-week running average.

### Tablesides Service Statistics



## Transportation Division

### Richmond Food Bank Distribution Update

On Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano held the first city hosted distribution of the year in front of the Richmond Main Library with the following increased statistics from the previous December 2020 event:

- 398 Households served (increased 128 or 32%)
- 1,580 Individuals (increased 476 or 30%)
- 455 supplemental food boxes distributed (increased 130 or 28.5 %)
- 4,612 pounds fresh produce distributed (increased 1,810 or 39%)
- 14,622 total pounds of food distributed (increased 575 or 4%)

Of the clients served, 107 Households reported that they had not received any food assistance prior to this event. The City of Richmond will continue to partner with the Food Bank to provide monthly distributions as long as needed to provide support to those who are experiencing food insecurity. Whether on foot or in a vehicle, the support is free to all no proof of residency or income is necessary. The next distribution event will be at the same location on **Wednesday, February 24th from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

View a short film of the services courtesy of KCRT TV Manager Richard Lee:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVQL0XGnfPI&feature=youtu.be>

For more information, to volunteer, or to donate contact: [info@foodbankccs.org](mailto:info@foodbankccs.org) or call the Richmond Transportation Department at (510) 621-1718.



### Grants for E-bikes Announcement

#### **Scrap your old clunker car for zippy fun e-bikes!**

The Bay Area Air Quality District (BAAQMD) is providing grants of \$7,500 under the Clean Cars for All program for **income-qualified Bay Area residents of Disadvantaged Communities to retire an older high polluting car and replace it with E-bikes.** [www.BAAQMD.GOV/CleanCarsforAll](http://www.BAAQMD.GOV/CleanCarsforAll).

The grant can be used for up to one e-bike per household member and accessories like helmets, lights and cargo equipment. The remaining grant amount can be converted to Clipper public transit card credit.

Applicants must have income at or below 400% of the current Federal Poverty Level and live in zip codes that include Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) defined by the state of California as most affected by many sources of pollution. Qualifying Richmond zip codes are 94801, 94802, 94804, 94805, and 94806.

*¿Tiene preguntas sobre el programa de Clean Cars for All? Llámenos al 855.256.3656. ¡Hablamos español! Para obtener más información sobre el programa, descargue [este](#)*

[folleto](#). Para obtener más información sobre vehículos eléctricos, descargue [este folleto](#).



## 9. **Public Works**

### **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:

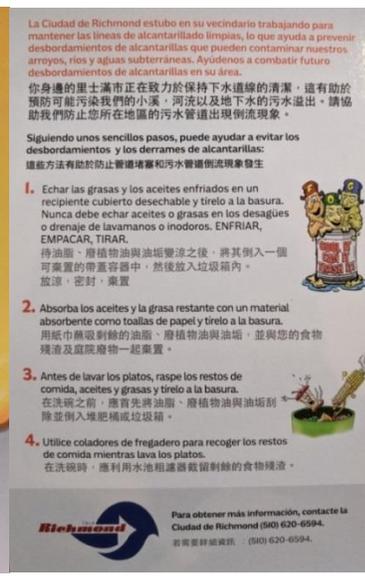
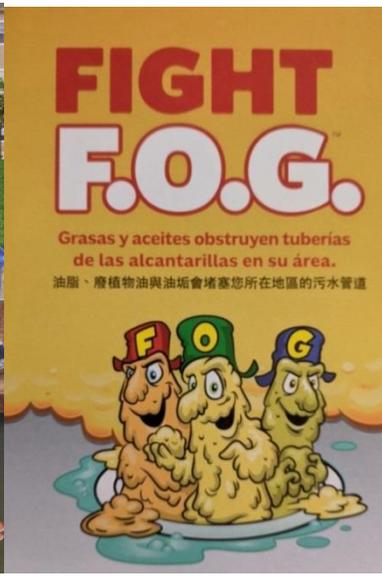
1. Pour cooled fats, oils and grease into a covered, disposable container and throw it into your garbage can. Never pour fats, oils or grease down sink drains or toilets. COOL IT, CAN IT, TRASH IT.
2. Soak up remaining oils and grease with an absorbent material such as paper towels, and throw it into 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.

**Richmond**  
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.



## 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**  
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**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: \_\_\_\_\_ CO: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Property location:  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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration:** I certify that (I) have read and understand the "Sewer Lateral Grant Application and Guidelines", (II) 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, (III) recognize the acceptance of this sewer lateral grant application is not guaranteed or promised by the City of Richmond to approve sewer lateral grant funds for private sewer lateral replacement at the above-described property, (IV) understand that the City of Richmond will award only (1) sewer lateral grant reimbursement to property owners in a first-come, first-served basis until all sewer lateral grant funds are exhausted for the subject property described above, (V) I must maintain the private sewer lateral at the above-described property in compliance with Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 12.17 even if this sewer lateral grant application is not approved, (VI) there will not be any other public agency for reimbursement of costs incurred to make the sewer lateral replacement described above, and (VII) understand that the City of Richmond does not guarantee the work of contractors on private sewer laterals. I hereby grant the City of Richmond all rights of access to the subject property necessary to process the application, with 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. \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKLIST:**

Contractor's final invoice  
 Proof of Payment (copy of cancelled check, credit card receipt, or bank statement are accepted)  
 Proof of Payment  
 Certificate of Lateral Compliance  
 Commercial Property ownership by a Non-Profit Organization  Yes  No  
 Has the applicant previously received a lateral grant reimbursement?  Yes  No

APPROVED FOR REIMBURSEMENT  RECORDED  COMPLETED

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 Civic Center Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Richmond, CA 94804  
 Counter Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4pm  
[water@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:water@ci.richmond.ca.us)

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

**Eligibility:**

- Projects 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).
- Non-profit 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 \$1,500 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.

## **Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) System Upgrade Project**

The project is approximately 76% complete and the contractor is working on plant system programming upgrades and Piping and Instrumentation Diagrams (P&IDs).



*Technicians worked to install and connect the Managed Network System (MNS/Cisco) switch at the Wet Weather Station SCADA Panel, required to operate the Waste Water Treatment Plant.*



*Contractor installing and connecting MNS (Cisco) switch at the Dissolved Air Flotation Thickening Facility (DAFT) panel.*

*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  
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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.

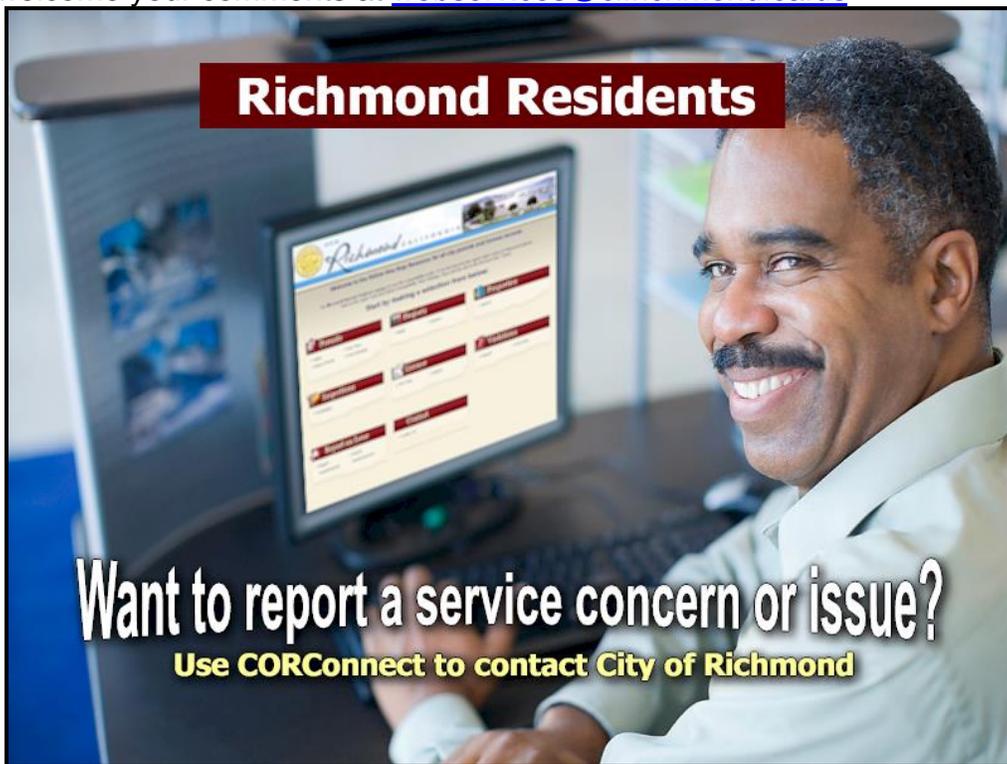
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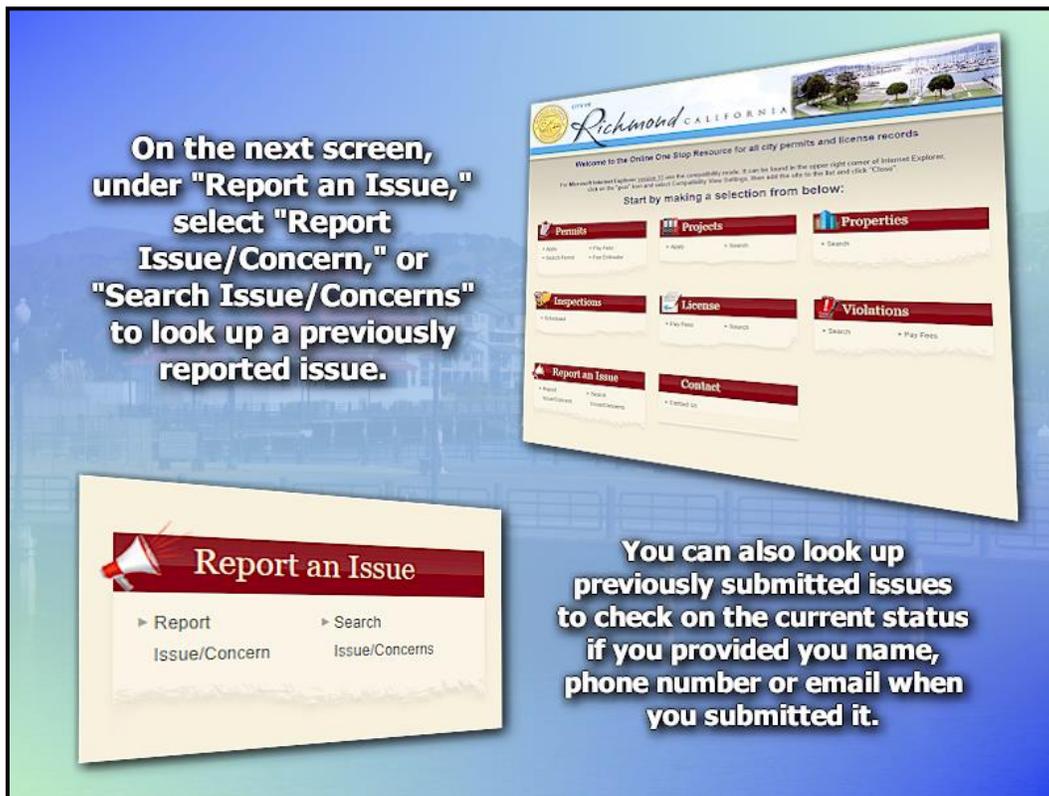
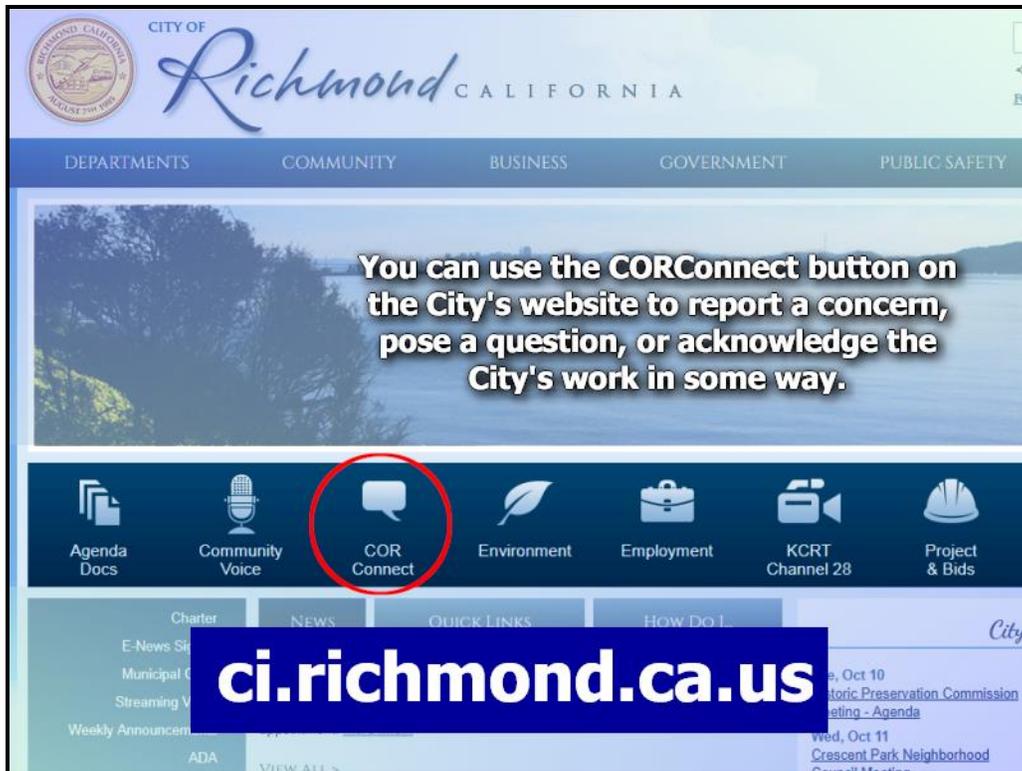
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We welcome your comments at [webservices@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:webservices@ci.richmond.ca.us)





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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.

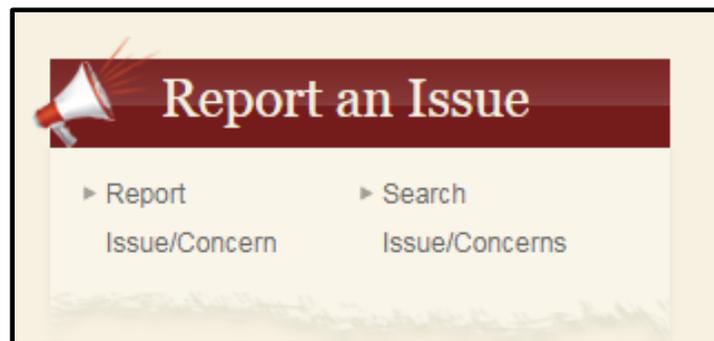
To access **CORConnect** select the CORConnect button on the homepage of the City website.



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)