CITY OF Richmond CALIFORNIA

Hon. Mayor and Members of the City Council:

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

1. Meeting Notes

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021. Closed Session begins at 5:00 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: March 23rd City Council Agenda.

2. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

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

Hope and Healing Memorial Virtual Event: Monday, March 22

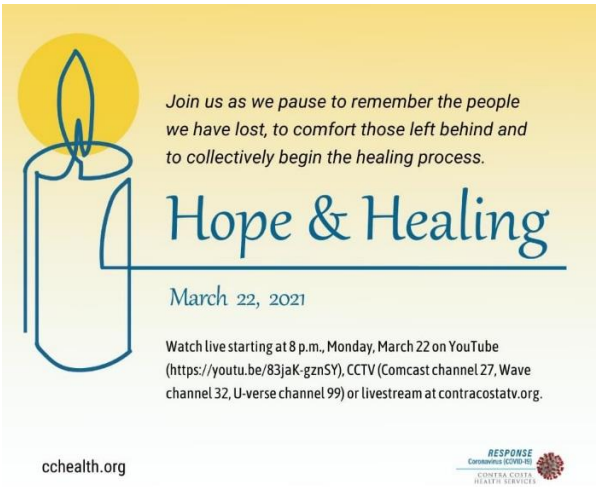
In memoriam of the 82 lives lost to COVID-19 in the City of Richmond and the 700 plus in Contra Costa County, the City of Richmond will participate in the county-wide virtual Hope and Healing Memorial on Monday, March 22, 2021.

A year ago, Contra Costa lost its first member to COVID-19. Over the coming year, that tragedy was to repeat itself more than 700 times, each time claiming a beloved soul and

leaving an ever-widening hole in our community. On this night of hope and healing, we pause as a county, as cities and as individuals to remember those we've lost, to comfort those left behind and to collectively heal and begin the process of moving forward.

Remembrances, words of hope, testimonials and musical tributes will be played throughout the 30-minute memorial event. This evening of Hope & Healing will culminate with a telecast of city centers throughout Contra Costa County emerging from the dark and lighting their city centers in a glow of golden light.

The ceremony will be telecast over CCTV throughout Contra Costa County and simultaneously staged at city centers throughout the county on Monday, March 22nd from 8:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. The event will be broadcast live via Youtube at: **youtu.be/83jaK-gznSY**



3. Upcoming Events

Art of the African Diaspora 2021 - Online Reception

Saturday, March 20, 3:00-4:30 P.M. PST

Celebrate the artists – past, present, and future – who make Art of the African Diaspora possible in this special online reception.

In partnership with Richmond Art Center, Art of the African Diaspora has supported artists of African descent in the Bay Area since 1997 through representation, professional development, and building a creative community. In 2021 Art of the African Diaspora is a hybrid online/in-person event with over 130 artists featured in the main exhibition online presented by the Richmond Art Center.

For more info and to RSVP visit:
richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/aotad2021/reception-and-panel-speaker-events/

For more information contact:
Stephen Bruce, Steering Committee Chair, Art of the African Diaspora
stephenbstudios@yahoo.com, 916-446-3271

Amy Spencer, Exhibitions Director, Richmond Art Center, amy@richmondartcenter.org

Health, Wellness, and Independence Workshop

Join our free workshop on health, wellness, and independence hosted by the Commission on Aging on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. We will be covering topics on COVID-19, vaccinations, nutrition, movement, and more! The zoom link is here!

Special Invite: Richmond Main Street's Annual Stakeholder Meeting

All Downtown Richmond friends, fans, and fam are invited to tune in for Richmond Main Street's Annual Stakeholder Meeting on Wednesday, March 24, 5:00 P.M. -6:00 P.M., via Zoom featuring their 2020 Annual Report, 2021 Work Plan, and Q&A with their new Interim Executive Director. RSVP required.

RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/2021RMSISHM

Richmond Youth Council Discussions, March series: Let's talk about Feminism

The Richmond Youth Council is excited to introduce their March series: Let's Talk About Feminism, dedicated to both learning and sharing experiences about feminism!

Defining Feminism | March 17th, 5:00-6:30 P.M. - What does feminism mean to you? Join them as they discuss different types of feminism, the purposes and goals of feminism, and the effects of deep rooted toxic masculinity and internalized misogyny in our society.

Modern Feminism | March 24th, 5:00-6:30 P.M. - How can we involve all communities and identities in feminism? Join them as they discuss challenges and progress that the feminist movement faces today. They'll be diving into history and legislation, intersectionality within feminism, and people's perceptions of feminism.

The Future of Feminism | March 31st, 5:00-7:00 P.M. - What do you envision for the future of this movement?

RSVP: TINYURL.COM/RYCFEMINISM

Programa de Renta Taller Comunitario: Derechos y Responsabilidades de los Propietarios e Inquilinos de Richmond Durante la Pandemia de COVID-19 (Solo en Español)

Este seminario web comunitario está diseñado para los propietarios e inquilinos de Richmond que estén interesados en aprender más sobre sus derechos y responsabilidades durante la pandemia de COVID-19.

Viernes, 26 de marzo de 2021
4:00 P.M. -6:00 P.M.
Por favor, Preinscríbase: https://bit.ly/3bZzZfi

Después de registrarse, recibirá un correo electrónico de confirmación con información sobre la participación en el seminario web.

¿Preguntas? Visite www.richmondrent.org para obtener más información sobre el Programa de Renta, o llame o envíe un correo electrónico al Programa de la Renta al (510) 234-RENT (7368) o rent@ci.richmond.ca.us.

This community webinar titled, “Rights and Responsibilities for Richmond Landlords and Tenants During the COVID-19 Pandemic,” will be offered in **SPANISH ONLY**. If you would like to attend future workshops or view the English version of this workshop, visit: www.richmondrent.org/workshops.

Drive Thru Food Giveaway: Monday, March 29th

DRIVE-THRU
FOOD GIVE-AWAY

Monday, March 29th
11:00am-1:00pm

Richmond Civic Center
325 Civic Center Plaza
Parking Lot Across from Library

First come, first served while supplies last.

For other distributions visit:
foodbankccs.org/getfood

FOOD BANK of Contra Costa & Solano

DISTRIBUCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS
A SU COCHE (ESTILO DRIVE-THRU)

Lunes 29 de marzo
De 11:00am a 1:00pm

Richmond Civic Center
325 Civic Center Plaza
Estacionamiento frente a la biblioteca

Servicio sera por orden de llegada,
mientras duren los alimentos.

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Arts and Culture Community Workshops

The City of Richmond City Manager's Office, Economic Development, Arts and Culture Division invites you to Arts & Culture Community Workshops. We want to share and seek input on the proposed updates to the Arts & Culture related ordinances, policies, and procedures.

These community workshops will provide an opportunity for Richmond residents to:

- Learn about the Arts & Culture Division, including the Public Art Program
- Review proposed updates to Arts and Culture documents, including Public Art Program documents, Performing Arts and Temporary Artwork on City-Owned Property document, and more
- Provide input on the upcoming changes to the Arts and Culture ordinances, policies, and procedures

If you require Spanish translation, please request it while registering 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Community Workshop #1
March 30, 2021
11:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.
Register here: http://bit.ly/ArtsandCulture-Registration-1

Community Workshop #2
March 31, 2021
7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Register here: http://bit.ly/ArtsandCulture-Registration-2

4. City Manager's Office, Economic Development

Bay Area Sustainable Business Challenge

The City Manager's Office, Economic Development, Environmental, and Health Initiatives Division encourages Richmond businesses to check-out the Sustainable Business Challenge organized by the California Green Business Network. In addition to long-term cost benefits, the business that completes the challenge may be eligible to receive $500 towards green purchases (while funds last).

Through March, business owners/managers can sign-up at gogreennow.eventbrite.com for a free 30-minute information session to learn more about the challenge. No business is too big or small to participate in the program. Most home businesses are eligible to participate in the challenge.

5. **Fire**

American Red Cross Leadership Development Center for Youth

The American Red Cross is hosting a four-day virtual conference for youth to learn about leadership skills such as teamwork, public speaking, and diversity awareness. The Leadership Development Center (LDC) builds confidence and lasting friendships. Through service learning and hands-on, interactive games, participants leave empowered to serve their communities. Students attending LDC will participate in workshops on topics including disaster preparedness, diversity, public speaking, leadership, and international relations.

The program is accepting students in **grades 9–12 (including graduating seniors)** who are interested in gaining new skills and meeting Red Cross youth throughout our region. Deadline to apply is **April 15, 2021**.

To sign up online, please visit our registration page: http://bit.ly/LDCregistration
Feel free to contact youthNCCR@redcross.org with any questions.

6. Internal Services

Finance

Open Requests For Bids/Request For Proposals

Finance	Consulting Firm to Implement Measure U Gross Receipt Tax	Due: 3/23/21
Public Works	Via Verdi Slope Stabilization Project	Due: 4/02/21
Public Works	Marina Bay Parkway Force Main Relocation Project	Due: 4/23/21

Human Resources

The City of Richmond is looking for friendly volunteers to manage the front lobby customer service desk at the beautiful City Hall complex. This opportunity will afford the volunteer to meet local government representatives, city residents, business partners, city employees, and visitors. The ideal candidate will be dependable and punctual, with great customer service and communication skills, both in person and over the phone. Willingness to learn and apply new skills to assignments is also essential. Knowledge of a second language is not required but is a plus!

Schedule can be negotiated but we are currently seeking Monday through Friday full-time coverage from 8:30 A.M. until closing at 5:00 P.M. Shifts would be at four hour increments, ideally from 8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. or 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Duties include but not limited to:

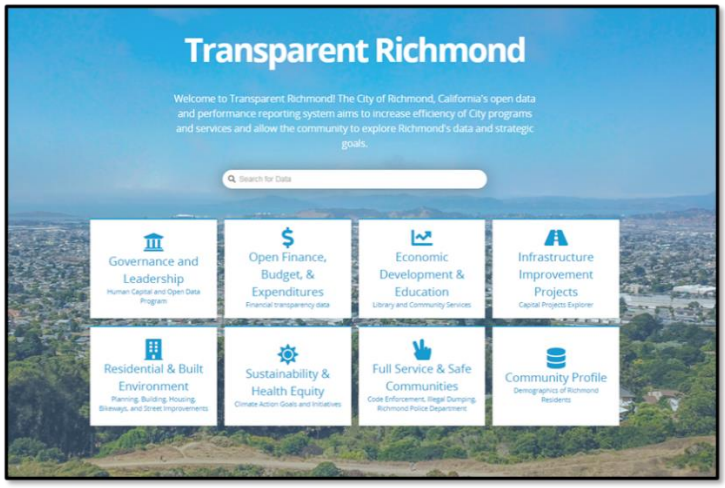
- Greet customers
- Provide customer service and referrals to other departments
- Provide access for individuals with appointments
- Call to various departments for information and/or to inform of the arrival of an appointment
- Monitor a phone line
- Receive packages and deliveries

What are you waiting for? Apply here for the chance to be a volunteer for the City of Richmond!

Information Technology

Transparent Richmond

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



Transparent Richmond aims to accomplish the following:

- Improve the collective understanding of all city services.

- Automate performance data to help track and meet budget and service goals.
- Leverage evidence-based analysis to develop innovative solutions that improve the quality of city services.

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

KCRT Datanet For The Week

KCRT TV Channel 28 - New Episodes Of Current Programming

New Specials/ Segments: Highlights of Women's Day Virtual Celebration and a recut of the Mayor's State of the City Address.

Current recent specials/segments are Tibetan Flag Raising Ceremony on "NewsBytes"; "The Artist in Society: Talking with Hershell West" (produced by filmmaker Eve Ma); three Contra Costa Health Services' COVID videos with Michelle Milan interviewing three African American representatives (being used on KCRT's "NewsBytes"), Michelle Obama Virtual Grand Opening (video courtesy of WCCUSD); "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 multiple episodes of “Sidewalks Entertainment.”

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

KCRT MEDIA

7. Library and Community Services

Community Services (Recreation)

In-Person After-School Program

We are back with in-person after-school programming! The program runs starts on Monday, March 22, 2021 and runs Monday through Friday from 2:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Masks and social distancing protocols will continue to be implemented. Spots are very limited so sign up today at tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation!

Senior Tax Aide

Are you a senior and need assistance for tax season? Don’t fret! Email S73051407@aarpfoundation.org or call one of the numbers listed to get started!

Virtual Egg Hunt

Last week for submissions! We have a few now so submit yours today! All ages welcome!

1. Download any Easter egg coloring sheet (available **here**) or draw your own!
2. Place your egg on a visible spot in your home.
3. Hunt for eggs on windows (snap a pic!) or show us your own *eggsellent* artwork.
4. Share your creations and/or finds (along with your age category) via direct message on our Facebook or Instagram (@richmondcsd) using #RichmondEggHunt or email staff at registration@ci.richmond.ca.us by Friday, March 26 at 11:59 P.M.

Ten prizes are available split amongst the age categories. Winners will be announced on Monday, March 29, 2021.

Virtual Spring Break Camp!

Have you signed up yet? Spots are filling up fast! Join us from Monday, April 5 through Friday, April 9 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. for our virtual spring break camp! We'll have fun activities every day from all of your favorite recreation staff with arts & crafts, fitness activities, online games, and more!

It's only $20 for the whole week! Sign up today at tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation.

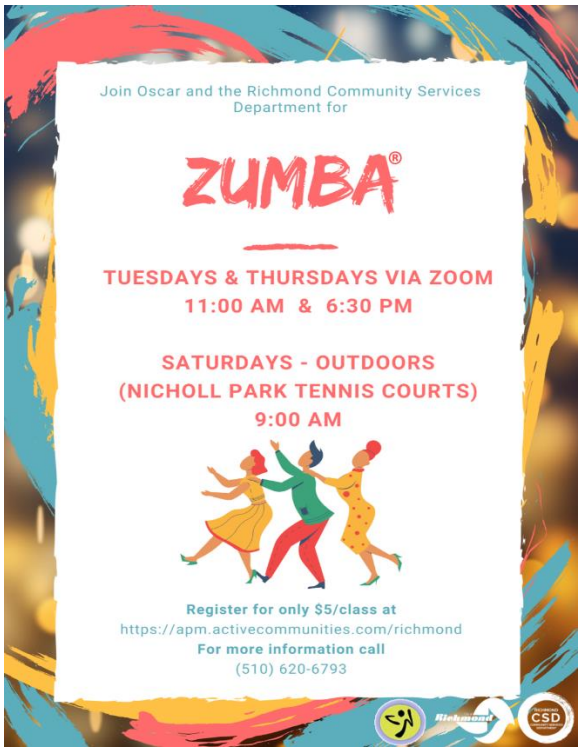
Now Hiring for Lifeguards and Update

Even though indoor pools are not allowed to open during the red phase, Lifeguards have been returning to train and go through recertification. This still requires COVID-19 safety precautions, so rescue techniques are practiced in small groups, with more frequent manikin use, and with physical distancing. Those Lifeguards who are returning will be prepared to keep themselves and pool patrons safe.

However, there is still time to join us as a lifeguard! Must be certified or be registered in a class prior to hiring date (we can help with that). Email Paula Cooper-Tipton at paula_cooper-tipton@ci.richmond.ca.us for more information and check out the job posting here.

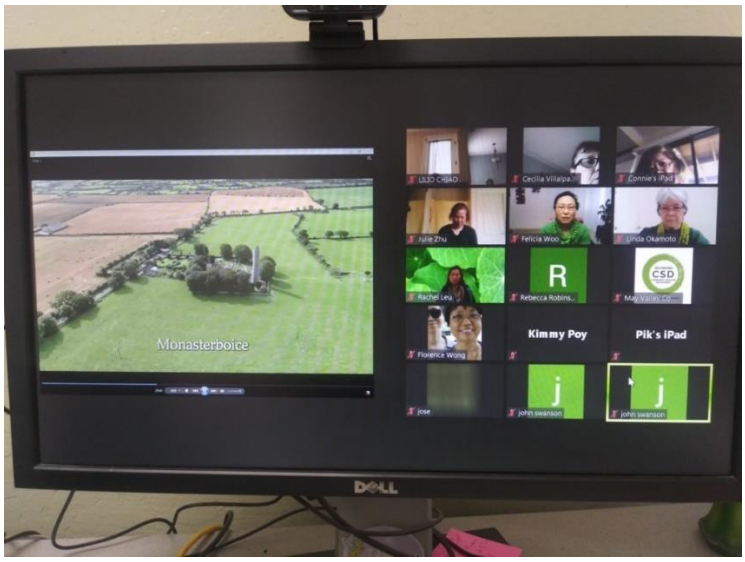
ZUMBA

Zumba is back for outdoor instruction! It's only $5 a class. Can't make it? Don't worry, we still have our virtual classes available on Tuesdays and Thursdays! Sign up today at tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation.



A Trip to Ireland

On St. Patrick's Day, the Richmond Annex Senior Center traveled through the magical hills of Ireland. We learned a lot about the various famous sites and some background historical information. We all got travel fever and can't wait until we can start our adventures once again.



Employment and Training

Public Notice: City of Richmond Workforce Development Board and the EASTBAY*Works* Regional Planning Unit Workforce Development Plans for Program Years 2021-2024

The City of Richmond and the EastBay*Works* Regional Planning Unit will be submitting their Workforce Development Plans for Program Years 2021 through 2024 to the Governor's Workforce Development Board as of April 30, 2021.

As outlined in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Section 108, Local Plans provide an action plan for operationalizing the road map laid out in the Regional Plan by describing how individuals' access services through the America's Job Centers of California^{SM} (AJCC) system. Local Plans are used to articulate how Local Boards will coordinate with local partners to ensure a person-centered service-delivery.

The Richmond Workforce Development Board's Local Plan will be available for its 30-day public review and comments (March 12, 2021 through April 13, 2021) at the following location: Richmond Workforce Development Homepage

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed Local Plan to the City of Richmond, Workforce Development Board; Employment and Training Department at: info@richmondworks.org

East Bay Regional Planning Unit Draft 2021–2024 Regional Plan

The East Bay Regional Planning Unit (EBRPU) is pleased to release the Draft 2021–2024 Regional Plan for 30-day public comment ending April 19, 2021.

The State of California Workforce Development Board requires regions to create new Regional Plans every four years. The EBRPU comprises the four East Bay Workforce Development Boards serving Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and the Cities of Oakland and Richmond.

Developed with input from partners and stakeholders, the regional plan describes goals and strategies for building regionally coordinated workforce services to meet the needs of employers and job seekers anchored by equity and inclusion.

The East Bay Regional Planning Unit, Regional Plan and online comment forms can be found on the **EASTBAY***Works* website at: Regional Plan page. Interested parties may send comments directly to: regionalplancommentebrpu@gmail.com

Local Employment Opportunities Include

- MCE is Hiring! Position: Administrative Assistant-Concord Office; Salary Range for this position: $54,263-$86,460; This role will be a remote role through June 2021. You must submit your resume through "LinkedIn Easy Apply" by using the following link: MCE Administrative Assistant on Linked-in.

- The DoubleTree by Hilton, Berkeley Marina has the following positions available:
  - Guest Room Attendants
  - Housekeeping House-person
  - Steward/Dishwasher

- Live Your Passion--Love Our Culture with Team Crescent. Move your career forward with The Employer of Choice. Apply today: Careers.crescenthotels.com; or for more information, contact Monica Castrillo, RichmondWORKS Career Services, mcastrillo@richmondworks.org.

- United States Postal Service (USPS) is Hiring! Please share this information with your family and friends. Jobs are available throughout the Bay-Valley District. Several positions available.

For more information, go to: How To Apply For U.S. Postal Services Jobs! Positions for your local area are posted weekly.

- Opportunities at Amazon! For more information Text SFNOW8 to 77088 or visit the link www.amazon.com/bayareahourlyjobs

Call RichmondWORKS now at **510-307-8014** to make your appointment for job search and career counseling assistance. To learn more about RichmondWORKS Training Services, please visit our website at:
http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/661/RichmondWORKS

Some local employment opportunities include:

- Senior Helpers of the East Bay is now accepting applications for the Home Care Aide Apprenticeship Program. Apprentices will be paid for time worked not less than
  - $15.00 per hour for the first 0 – 6 months/1000 hours
  - $15.50 per hour for the second 7 – 18 months/1000 hours

For more information, contact Paloma Parra, Senior Helpers of the East Bay, pparra@seniorhelpers.com or Monica Castrillo, RichmondWORKS Career Services, mcastrillo@richmondworks.org.

- Express Employment Professionals has Full-Time Warehouse Positions in Richmond! Multiple shifts are available. For more information, please call Express Employment office at (510) 662-5100.

- Opportunities at Amazon! For more information Text SFNOW8 to 77088 or visit the link www.amazon.com/bayareahourlyjobs

- Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is now hiring!!! Transportation Security Officers (TSOs) at Oakland International Airport (OAK); Part-time positions start at $20.13 per hour. Apply today! Text "OAK" to 95495 or visit https://hraccess.tsa.dhs.gov/hraccess/index.html
  Questions? Email: HelpDesk@mailserver-hraccess.tsa.dhs.gov

Library Updates

March Kits for Kids - Ask for one!

The Children's Department still has a few activity kits! Celebrate Dr. Seuss all month, with a Lorax puppet, as well as some green crafts and a math activity. Ask for one from the Children's Department and we can also recommend and find books for you at 510-620-6557.

STEAM (Science & Art) Thursdays

Check RPLChildrens Facebook every day for story times and flannel board rhymes. On Thursdays, we post a short science activity or craft.

Book Suggestions

Librarians love to help you find books to read (or listen to)! You can ask for a book bundle, based on your families' ages and interests. For families, call the Children's Department at 510-620-6557, or call 510-620-6561 for Adult Reference, 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. You can also fill out a form to tell us your likes and dislikes and books you've read recently and we can create a list of recommendations for you. Visit the Library's website at https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/forms.aspx?fid=239.

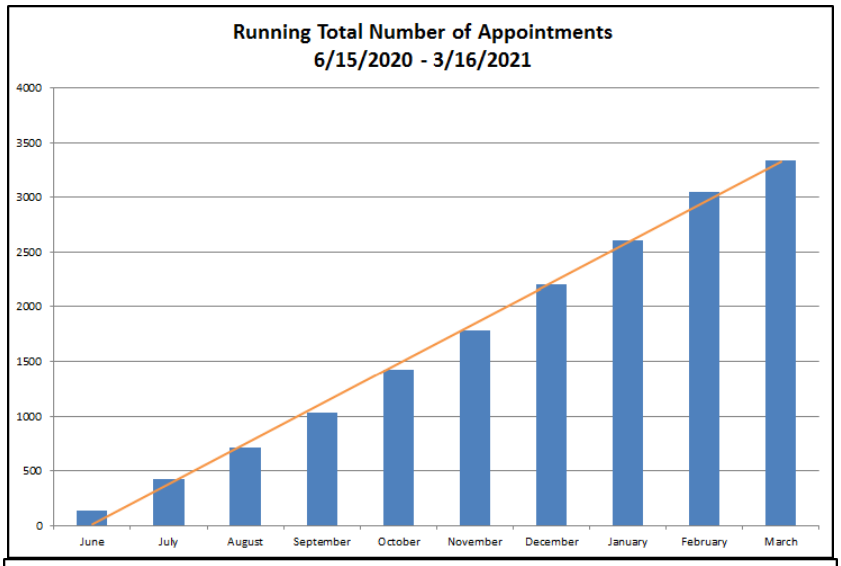
Tableside Service Update

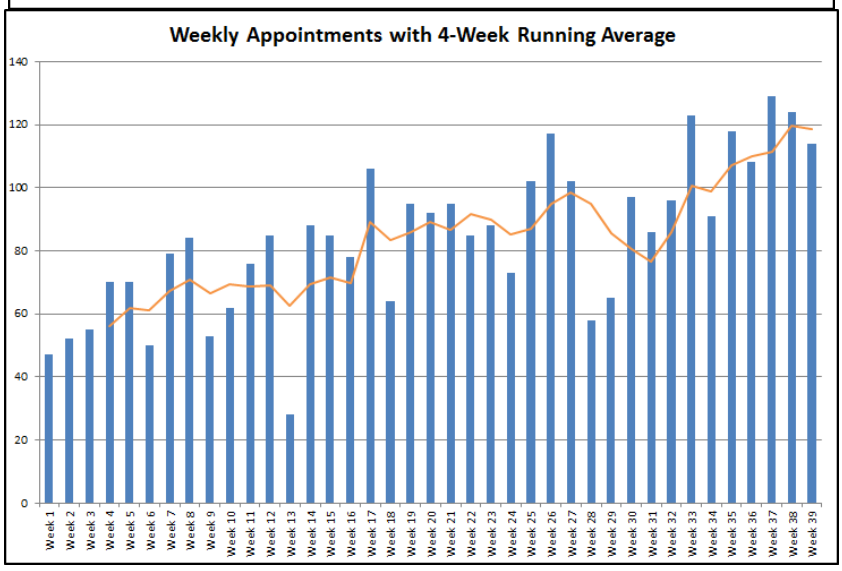
The Richmond Public Library began its Tableside Service on June 15, 2020, in an effort to make library materials available to the community while our buildings themselves remain closed. Since this service has been available, the Richmond Public Library has had 3,337 successful appointments, getting tens of thousands of books, magazines, DVDs, craft kits, and more into the hands of our community.

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

Below are representations of our running total of appointments and the weekly totals for the first 39 weeks with a 4-week running average.

Tableside Service Statistics





The Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP) Makes a Difference!

LEAP makes a positive difference in the lives of individual people and in the community at large. It's a proven fact. During our current fiscal year (i.e. since July 2020), LEAP has aided 14 individuals in earning their GED or High School Diploma. This success is

despite the challenges of COVID, the difficultly of remote learning, and the economic hardships placed on our students.

In the early months of the shelter-in-place order. LEAP staff remained resilient and creative. They adopted a student first teaching philosophy. They worked with the situation that COVID created, listened to their students, and created remote environment of collaboration, community, and learning. After some trial and error, these efforts created success. Students graduated. Since July, LEAP now has 14 graduates, and nine more students who have completed three of the four GED tests, and three more students who are more than 85% complete with their High School Diploma. “It’s important to remember the impact,” LEAP GED instructor John Adams stated. “Success isn’t just about graduation, it’s about better jobs, more food on the table, college participation, and most importantly confidence. When you talk to these students, they tell stories of how their success ripples through the community.”

LEAP plans to continue to build success and service the community with excellence. A graduation ceremony celebrating the success of these remarkable students is being planned for late May. If you are interested in attending the virtual ceremony, volunteering, or learning more about LEAP contact the LEAP office at 510-307-8084 to schedule an appointment, email Jessica Barragan at Jessica_Barragan@ci.richmond.ca.us or visit our website at https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/788/Literacy-Program-LEAP to learn more about the program. Also, please check LEAP’s revamped Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/LEAPRICHMONDCA/.

8. Police

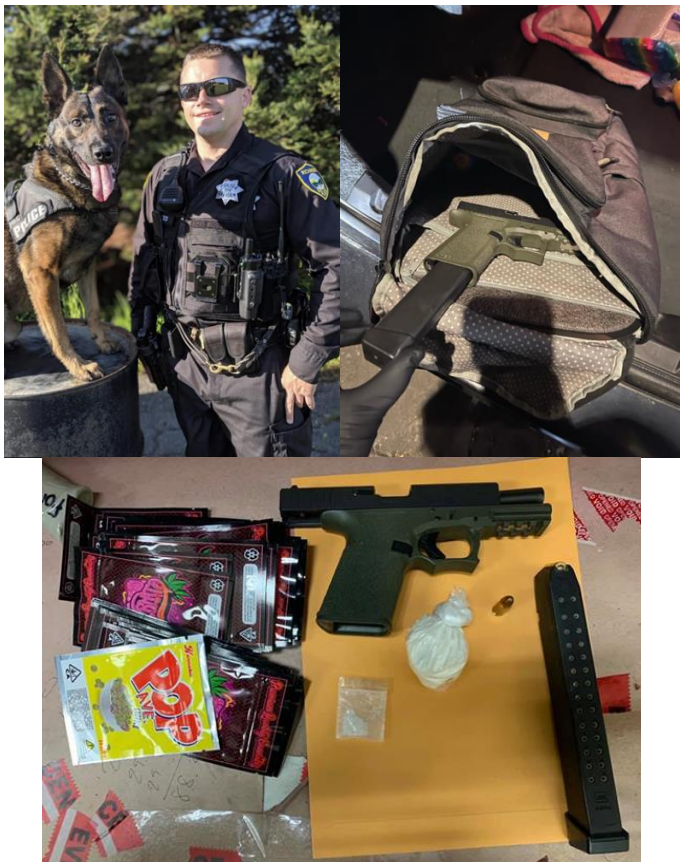
Detectives Improve Community Safety

Based on complaints from community members, Richmond Police Department Criminal Intelligence Unit started investigating allegations of illegal and violent activities in the city’s Southern District.

Detectives received information regarding an individual who was in possession of an illegal firearm. K9 Officer Hodges saw the suspect in a car, in the city’s Southern District, and conducted an enforcement stop based on a vehicle code violation. During their investigation, Officer Hodges and detectives found – you guessed it! – a loaded gun in the vehicle. The suspect was arrested without incident.

Later that evening, detectives saw a known gang member and parolee driving in the city’s Southern District. Detectives conducted an enforcement stop for multiple vehicle code violations and later found a loaded 9mm gun and illegal drugs in the car. The driver was arrested and taken to jail.

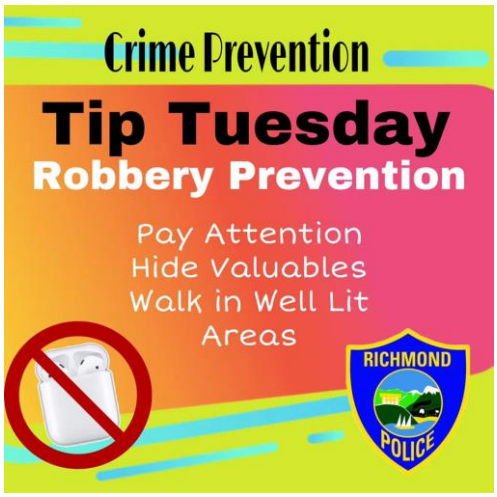
The department is proud of our detectives’ continued efforts to improve our community’s safety and quality of life. Great work, detectives!



Tip Tuesday: Robbery Prevention

The department has been working on preventing a recent spate of robberies. You can help by following the tips below and sharing with neighbors.

The Crime: Theft of personal property from a person or place by force or threat of force.
What Thieves Look For: People who are walking alone with valuables, especially those who aren't paying attention, or listening to music through earbuds.
How to Prevent It: Pay attention when walking, especially when listening to headphones. Do not carry large amounts of money, flash electronics or other expensive items. Be observant. Walk in well-lit areas. Be cautious when getting in and out of your car.
If Confronted: No amount of property is worth your safety. Turn it over and seek help.



Officer Gault and K9 Major sniff another gun off the street!

While on patrol in the Central District, Officer Gault conducted a traffic enforcement stop for a vehicle code violation. The driver fled from the vehicle stop and crashed into an innocent motorist.

With the help of residents, Officer Gault located the driver who fled nearby.
Using his K9 partner Major, a loaded firearm was recovered in a nearby driveway.
Great job Officer Gault and K9 Major!

Please Designate A Sober Driver!

Last Saturday, officers arrested numerous suspected DUI drivers, all within a 4-hour time span.

At approximately 8:00 P.M., a motorist reported a suspected DUI driver in the 4000 block of Fieldcrest Drive. Officers found the car as it pulled into a nearby driveway. The driver was arrested after a series of field sobriety tests and provided a breath sample registering .377, which is OVER FOUR TIMES the legal limit!

Several minutes later, at around 8:15 P.M., paramedics flagged down an officer when they observed a suspected DUI driver. Officers contacted the driver and, after a series of field sobriety tests, he was ultimately arrested. The driver's blood alcohol content was over twice the legal limit, at .20!

At approximately 11:00 P.M., officers responded to a 911 call regarding a rollover traffic accident, with someone trapped inside the car, in the 2300 block of Garvin Avenue. Arriving officers rescued the driver through the car's rear window. The driver was taken to the hospital for his injuries, but he appeared to have been driving under the influence.

It doesn't end there! At around midnight, officers responded to the 600 block of Harbour Way regarding a car that had crashed into another parked vehicle. Upon contact, the driver appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. After a series of field sobriety tests, the driver provided a breath sample of nearly three times the legal limit, at .22! He was subsequently arrested.

The department is relieved that no one was injured or killed by the irresponsible actions of these drivers. Richmond PD is committed to protecting our community, with a zero-tolerance approach if you are caught driving under the influence.

9. Public Works

Abatement

Abatement crews abated encampments blocking sidewalks, cleared debris near homeless encampments, removed illegally dumped debris and graffiti various locations throughout the city.

Encampment & Debris Abatement

Illegal Dumping Removal

Graffiti Abatement

Facilities Maintenance

Stationary Engineers performed daily pool maintenance and Civic Center Plaza boiler inspections, , installed a water meter, repaired the toilet in a handicapped stall and replaced a float switch at the Plunge, repaired a toilet at 450 Civic Center Plaza, fixed the security gate at Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL), repaired the showers at the Swim Center, and installed a new tankless water heater at the Richmond Swim Center.

Pool Water Meter Installation

Utility Workers cleaned carpets at the Macdonald Avenue sub-station, cleaned the Transit Center, cleaned the Main Library courtyard, performed pest control at various locations, removed debris from the Plunge, assisted with repairs at the Housing Authority, repaired the flag rope on the pole in Civic Center Plaza, disinfected buildings daily, and maintained 29 city owned facilities.

Rope Repair at Civic Center Plaza

Parks and Landscaping

General fund crews mowed and removed debris from parks in the central area of Richmond and from right of ways, repaired fencing in multiple locations, removed litter from soundwalls, cleared fallen tree branches and fixed a broken pipe at Booker T. Anderson Park, weed abated around the Swim Center, removed trees at Mira Vista Park, removed debris from 13th at Macdonald Avenue, performed pest control at two parks, cleared weeds at multiple city facilities and repaired the header board at Kern Park.

Irrigation Repair

Weed Abatement

Marina District crews continued maintenance of all parks and parking lots, pruned shrubs and hand pulled weeds on medians along Regatta Boulevard, removed graffiti from signage, removed weeds from Marina Bay Parkway, prepared various locations on Marina Way and Regatta Boulevard for new landscaping, emptied all refuse containers and replenished dog waste stations.

Regatta Boulevard Median Maintenance

Hilltop District crews continued general maintenance around the business area, removed litter at all parks, abated weeds along Atlas Road medians, repaired fencing on Hilltop Drive, mowed turf and edged three parks, removed poison oak and continued weed abatement at Hilltop Lake Park.

Atlas Road Median Maintenance

Pavement Maintenance

Streets crews performed hotmix patching on 8th Street, filled sandbags and potholes from the outstanding list as weather permitted.

Hotmix Patching

Sandbag Filling

Street Sweeping crews swept the third Monday through Friday in the following neighborhood council areas: North Richmond, Iron Triangle, North Belding Woods, South Belding Woods, Atchison Village, Santa Fe, Coronado, Marina Bay and Point Richmond as weather permitted.

Signs and Lines crews fabricated 49 new signs, installed 14 new signs in various locations, installed a pedestrian guardrail, installed white pavement markings and painted curbs in various locations.

Pavement Markings

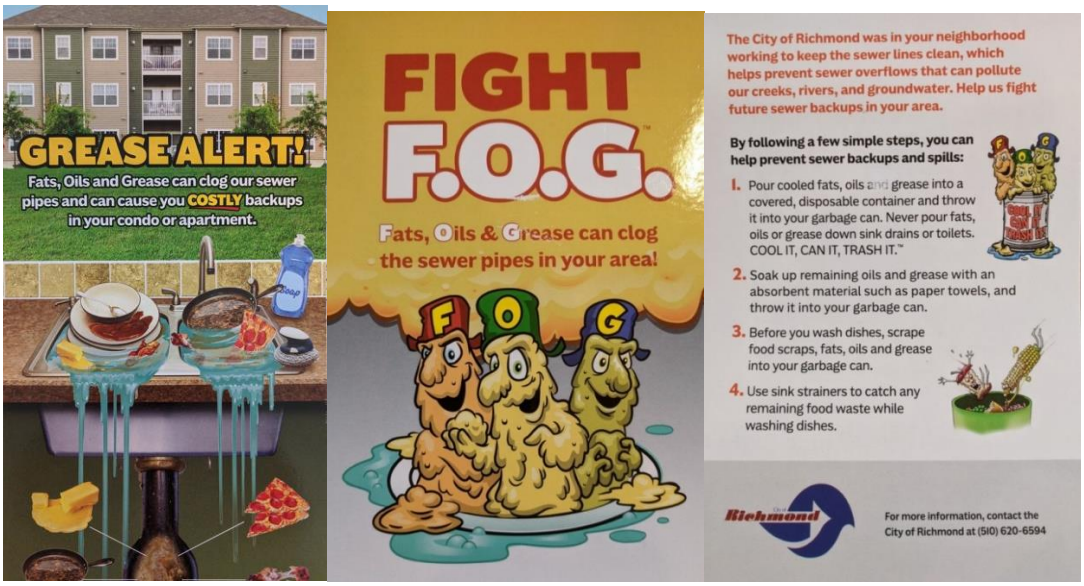
Pedestrian Guardrail Installation

Water Resource Recovery Division

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

PLEASE! DO NOT PUT GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN! Heavy grease has been reported at Richmond's sewer treatment plant. Grease clogs pipes and can be detrimental to the function of the plant.

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



<u>Planta de Tratamiento de Aguas Residuales – Aceites y Grasas (FOG)</u>

¡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 or call 510-620-6594.

CITY OF RICHMOND
Water Resource Recovery Department

Sewer Lateral Grant Program
Application
Fiscal Year 2020-2021

APPLICANT INFORMATION

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

Sewer Lateral Grant Program
Application Guidelines

Eligibility:

Required Documents:

Award Limits:

PLEASE NOTE

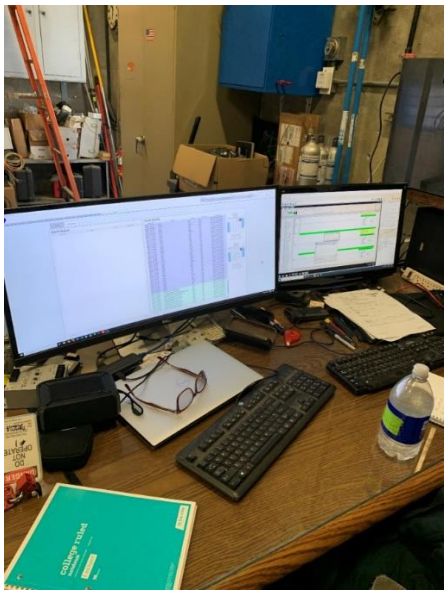
Cogen Project, Phase 1

The contractor is continuing work on this project. See pictures and descriptions below.

Staff is investigating hot water piping to determine cogeneration connection requirements.

Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) System Upgrade Project

The project is approximately 78% complete and the contractor is working on plant system programming upgrades and Piping and Instrumentation Diagrams (P&IDs).



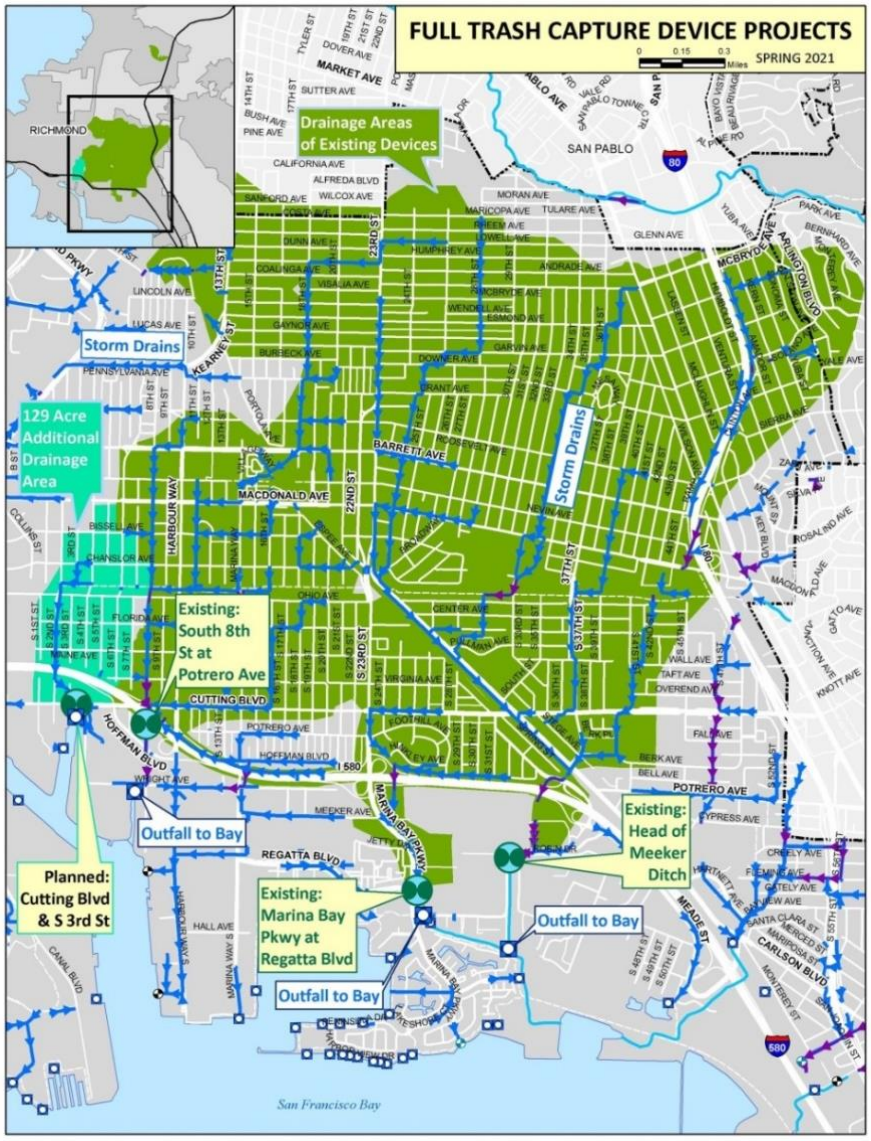
Trash Capture Devices

To reduce the amount of trash and pollutants entering the bay and to comply with State stormwater regulations, the City of Richmond will be installing an additional hydrodynamic separator trash capture devices, on Cutting Blvd near South 3rd Street. The device will clean the surface runoff before reaching the bay on South 8th Street north of Hoffman Blvd, and near the intersection of Marina Bay Pkwy and Regatta Blvd. Because this drainage area include parts of Interstate 580, Caltrans has provided funding for design and construction.

Construction begins March 22, 2021 and will require lane closures on Cutting Blvd for the duration of the project.

The City and our contractor Veolia Water will be responsible for maintenance and the periodic cleaning and removal of the collected debris. Existing trash capture devices are located on South 8th St near Hoffman Blvd, near the intersection of Marina Bay Pkwy and Regatta Blvd, and at the top of the Meeker Ditch on Regatta Blvd.

For more information about the Trash Capture Devices, please visit https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3493/Trash-Capture.



10. Richmond Police Activities League

Be A Mentor

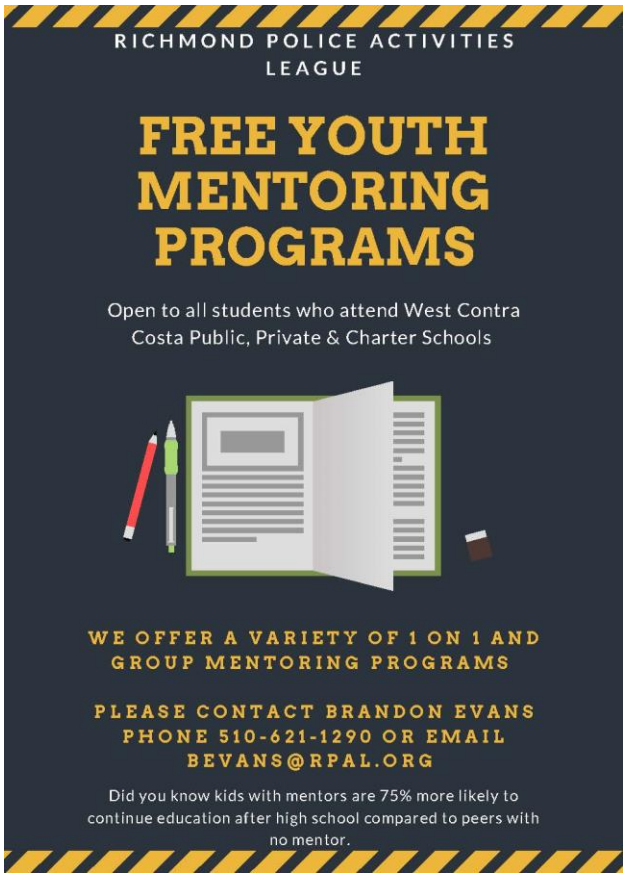
Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) serves low-income, at-risk youth ages 7-18 offering them recreational, educational, cultural and social activities that build positive character and help them transition from adolescence to adulthood. Many are living with parents and grandparents or other family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

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

Interested in your student being a mentee please contact:
Brandon Evans Mentor Program Coordinator at 510-621-1290 or @ Bevans@rpal.org



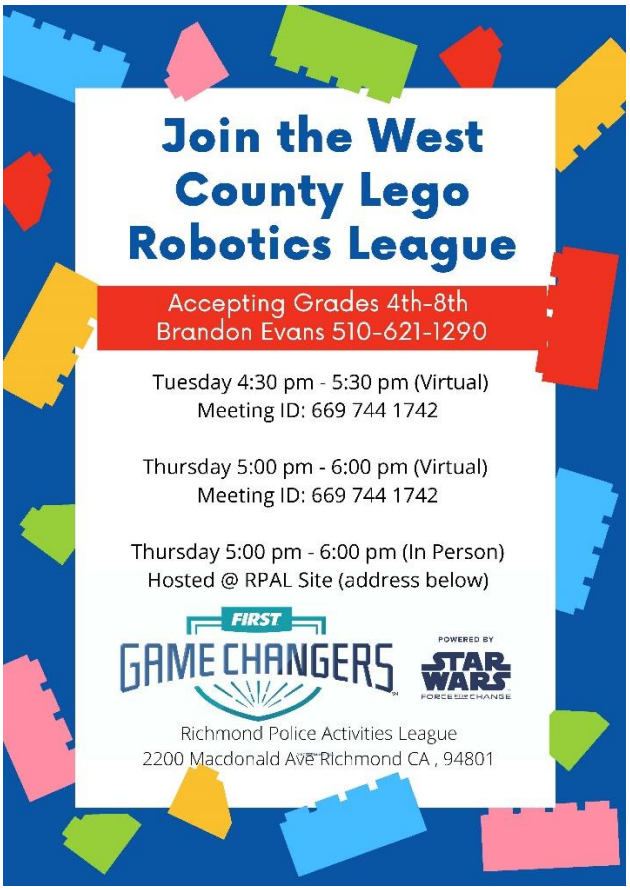
Join the West County Lego Robotics League!

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



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

Thank You!

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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

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

Connecting with the City of Richmond

Using the City of Richmond Mobile Application:

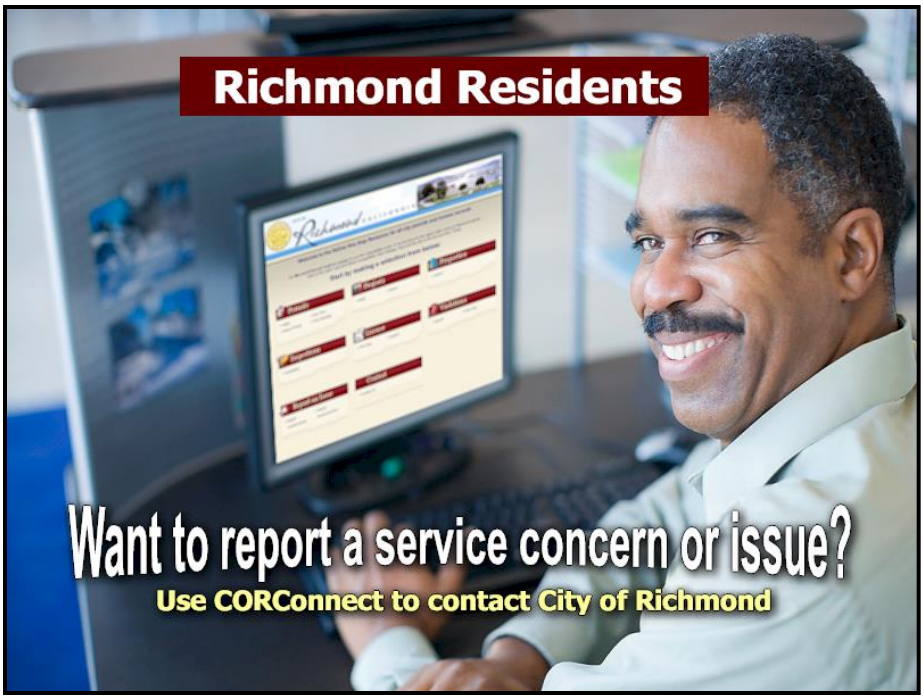
The City of Richmond mobile app provides Richmond's community members with one-stop access to City services and information via mobile devices. The app allows quick and real-time reporting of neighborhood-related issues; viewing the City's events calendar; finding addresses and phone numbers of local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

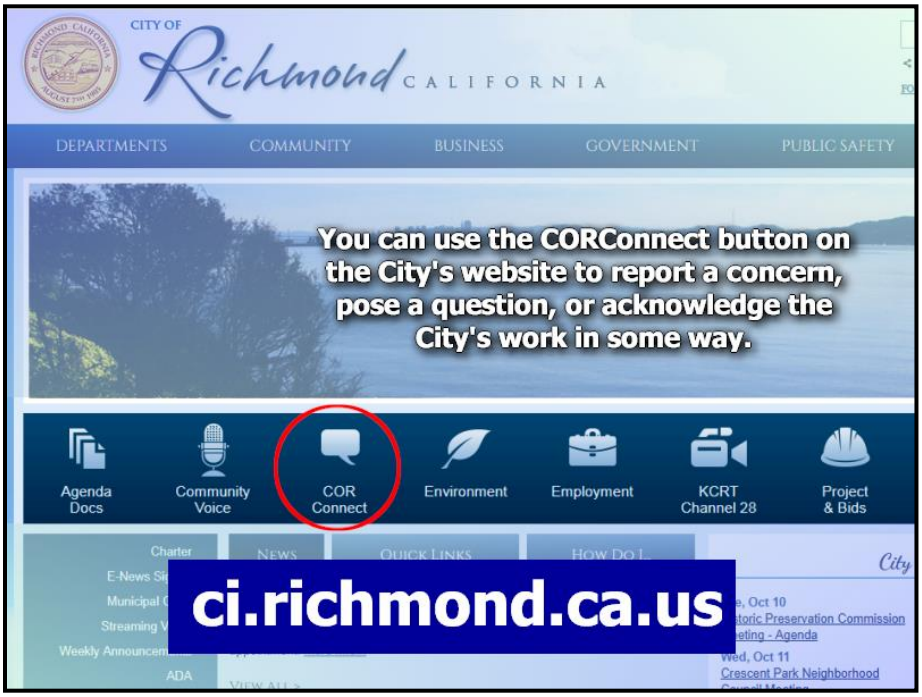
QR Codes are available for easy downloading of this APP:

Apple version of APP

Android version of APP

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


Richmond Residents
Want to report a service concern or issue?
Use CORConnect to contact City of Richmond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DEPARTMENTS
COMMUNITY
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PUBLIC SAFETY
You can use the CORConnect button on the City's website to report a concern, pose a question, or acknowledge the City's work in some way.
Agenda Docs
Community Voice
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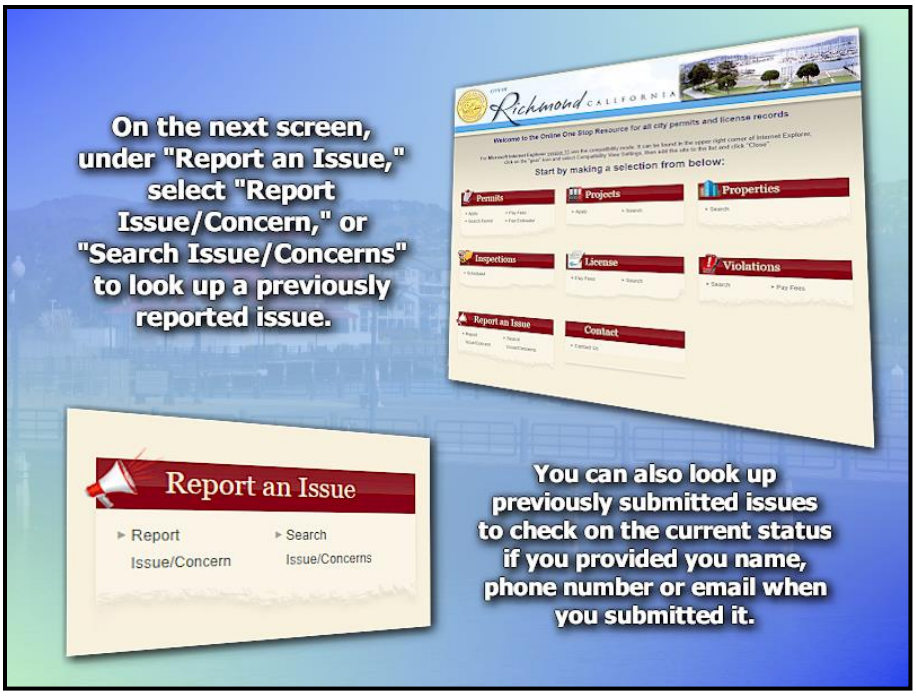

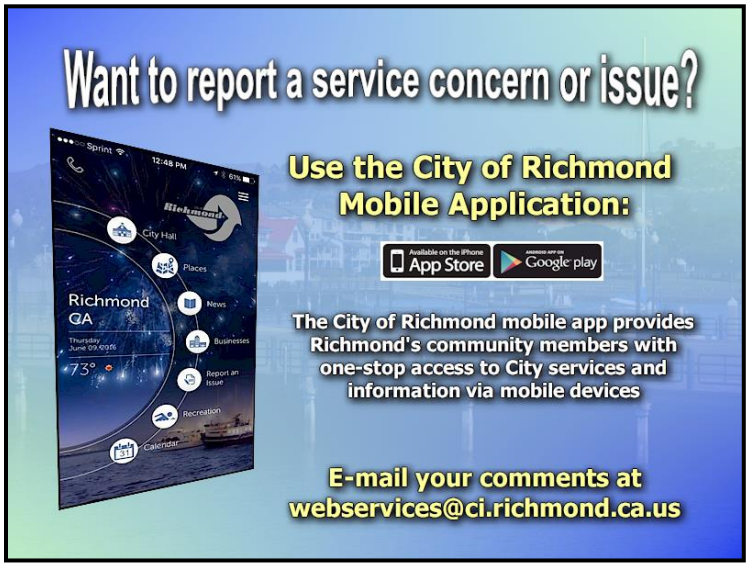

To contact us by phone:

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