



Hon. Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the report for the week ending July 2nd, 2021.



1. **Meeting Notes**

The following City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 6th, 2021. Closed Session begins at 6:00 P.M., followed by the Special Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority at 6:25 P.M. The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council starts at 6:30 P.M., and the agenda may be found by clicking this link: [July 6th City Council Agenda](#).

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

Message from City Manager Laura Snideman on Reopening City Hall

After over a year of sheltering in place, City Hall is ready to resume in person services.

The City of Richmond follows the guidance of Contra Costa County and Cal/OSHA on matters pertaining to public and workplace health. Last week the county announced that it will align with the state's "[Beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#)" guidance, eliminating the color-coded tier system, and Cal/OSHA has responded similarly. The guidance removes many restrictions on public gatherings, physical distancing, masking, travel, and workplace restrictions. For more information on the new guidance, click here: <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/beyond-the-blueprint>

The City will resume the following services:

- Offices in City Hall (450 Civic Center Plaza) are open to the public during normal business hours, 8:30 A.M. -5:00 P.M. Please note, that for some visits appointments may be required. Residents may check the website or call in advance with questions.
- All visitors are required to sign in at the front desk on the first floor before proceeding to the city department they came to visit and sign out when leaving.
- Fully vaccinated visitors are not required to wear a face covering. **All others must wear face coverings.**

- Library, Parks, Employment and Training and Recreation Services will be open to the public. We strongly encourage residents to visit the city website for updates on programming and adhere to posted and staff-directed safety guidelines, which may include wearing face coverings.
- City facilities with public lobbies are open for use during business hours.
- Public events may resume with proper City permits and adherence to county and state guidelines for large events.

Continued Options:

- For ease and accessibility, residents will continue to have the option to access many pre-pandemic services online. Some departments have moved some of their services online; we encourage residents to check our website or call in advance.
- City Council meetings will continue to be broadcast online in accordance with the updated executive order from the Governor. We are planning for a transition back to in-person meetings, likely this fall.

Get Vaccinated!

Have you been vaccinated? We strongly encourage everyone 12 and older to get vaccinated. There still is a sizable group of Richmond residents eligible for a vaccine that we need to reach. All residents may take advantage of many options to get vaccinated including mobile services that can come to those who are homebound. Vaccinations are being offered Tuesday-Saturday at the Richmond Auditorium. For more information on vaccinations, please visit the county website.

<https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/get-vaccinated>

Let's do this together!

3. Upcoming Events

Redistricting Pre-Draft Public Hearing

The City of Richmond will be changing its City Council voting districts after the 2020 Census count. Join the Richmond City Council meeting on July 6, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. to learn more about the redistricting. The Zoom link and password for the July 6th Council meeting are provided below.

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/99312205643?pwd=MDdqNnRmS2k4ZkRTOWhiUldQOUF1Zz09>

Password: ccmeeting

WHAT DO YOU WANT YOUR CITY DISTRICTS TO LOOK LIKE?



The City of Richmond is redistricting after the 2020 Census count. The first pre-draft hearing will be taking place at a City Council meeting.

Redistricting Pre-Draft Public Hearing

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 | 7:00 P.M.

City Council Meeting, via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/99312205643?pwd=MDdqNnRmS2k4ZkRTOWhlUldQOUF1Zz09>

Passcode: ccmeeting

(Please refer to the City Council agenda for other ways to participate)

Important Date:

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM - City Council Second Pre-Draft Public Hearing

For more information:

www.ci.richmond.ca.us/District-Elections or contact 510-620-6513 (es habla español)



COMO QUIERES QUE SE VEAN LOS DISTRITOS DE TU CIUDAD?



La Ciudad de Richmond está cambiando los distritos de la ciudad debido al Censo del 2020. La primer Sesión Publica acerca del mapa preliminar se llevara a cabo en una reunión del Concejo Municipal.

Primer Sesión Publica sobre el Mapa Preliminar para Nuevos Distritos

Martes 6 de julio 2021 | 7:00 P.M.

Junta del Concejo Municipal por medio de Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/99312205643?pwd=MDdqNnRmS2k4ZkRTOWhlUldQOUF1Zz09>

Contraseña: ccmeeting

(Por favor consulte la agenda de la reunión del Concejo Municipal para otras formas de conectarse)

Fecha Importante:

Martes, 14 de septiembre 2021 a las 7:00 PM - Segunda Sesión Pública sobre el Mapa Preliminar

Para más información:

www.ci.richmond.ca.us/District-Elections o llame 510-620-6513 (es habla español)



Potential Vacant Property Tax Community Workshops

The City of Richmond is analyzing a potential Vacant Property Tax to support City services for blight abatement, code compliance and general revenue enhancement.

The City will be hosting two public workshops to receive feedback from stakeholders and the community including concerns regarding blight, opinions regarding vacant properties, potential exemptions, and services to be funded.

- **Community Workshop #1**

Wednesday, July 7th at 6:00 P.M.

Please register for the workshop at:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3LezzDCUSyuu3nfNvTwrMQ

- **Community Workshop #2**

Tuesday, July 13th at 12:00 P.M.

Please register for the workshop at:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1OG_Qqy6T2KQc38OZuclBg

Spanish translation services can be provided upon request.

4. **Fire**

NorCal Fire Prevention Officers Association - Public Education Monthly Newsletter - July 2021

As the month of July is upon us, please click on the [link](#) to find some additional information/resources for the following; Heat Safety Prevention Resources for heat strokes/dehydration/water safety around water (bathtubs/pool/natural water)/wildfire & defensible space resources/All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) safety resources/and of course 4th of July resources.

5. **Internal Services**

Finance

Sign Up to Receive Business License Tax Updates

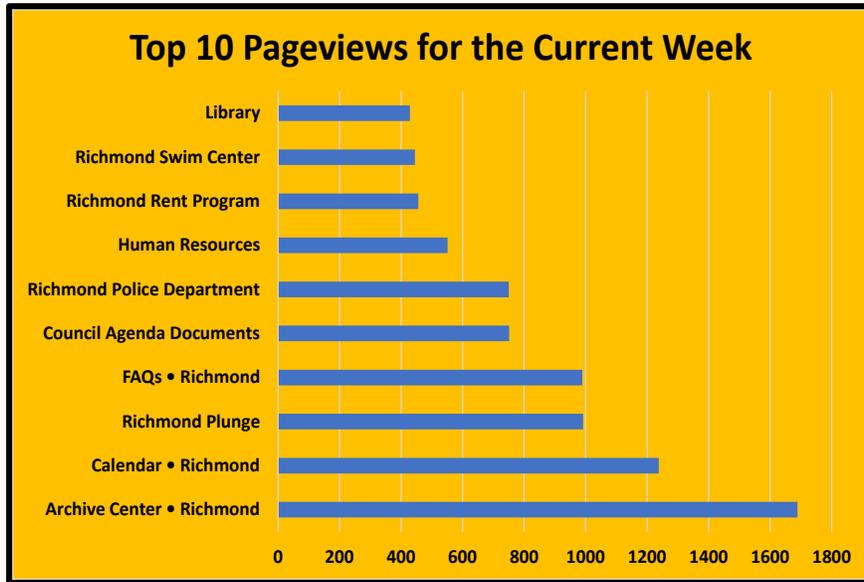
City Council placed a measure on the November 3, 2020 ballot that was approved by the voters, which changes the Business License Tax calculation methodology to be based on gross receipts instead of the number of employees. The implementation date of the new tax calculation is January 1, 2022. Please sign up on the Measure U Gross Receipts Business License Tax page <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/measureu> if you are interested in receiving email or text updates for this project.

COR Business Activity Week Ending July 2, 2021

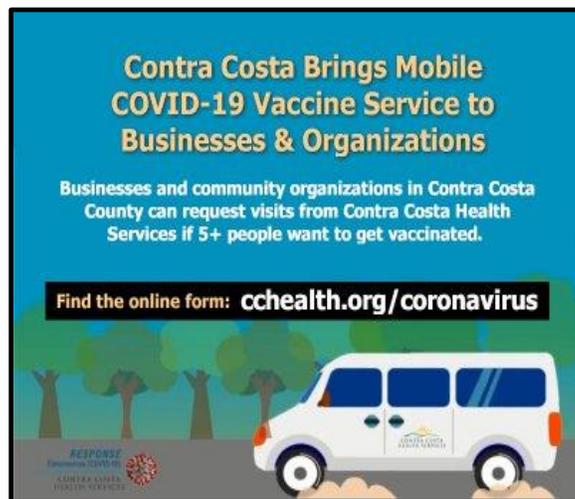
New Vendors Registered	8 (2 Richmond Business)
Total Vendors Registered	9,918

Information Technology

Website Statistics



KCRT Datanet For The Week



KCRT TV Channel 28 - New Episodes Of Current Programming

New Segment / Series Episode:

- A revised edition of GRIP Alternatives No-Cost Solar Workshop
- "Colour in Your Life"
- "The Jet Set"
- Multiple episodes of "Sidewalks Entertainment"

Recent Segments:

- Hacienda Groundbreaking
- Diversity Flag Raising
- RPD: Stop The Hate
- Redesign Shields-Reid Park
- Hope and Healing

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



6. **Library and Community Services**

Library

Branch Libraries Open

The Bayview and West Side branches are now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Come in to browse, check out books, or use a computer for up to one hour! As always, you can place books on hold to pick up at the branches. Use the catalog: rosie.ci.richmond.ca.us to find something interesting, or call us:

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Bayview • 510-620-6566

West Side • 510-620-6567

Monday through Friday

Main Library Reference • 510-620-6561

Children's Room • 510-620-6557

We hope to see you soon!



Early Literacy Kits Available

Let's Read/Leamos early literacy kits are now available to check out for use at home or school. The Richmond Public Library wants to make reading to your young one fun and meaningful. Book sets for toddlers and preschoolers were chosen to reflect the diverse culture of our community. Kit themes were selected to honor a young child's interests. Kits are bundled in a convenient, easy-carry bag. Each kit includes an early literacy tip. Call the Children's Room for more information or to reserve one at 510-620-6557.



LEAP welcomes Summer YouthWORKS Intern Saira

The Literacy for Every Adult Program is excited to continue our summer partnership with the City of Richmond's YouthWORKS Employment Program and we welcome our new intern Saira! Saira is a rising senior at John Henry High School and is truly wise beyond her years. Being the oldest of five siblings, Saira's goal in life is to support her parents financially and strives to be an independent business owner. She wants to travel all over the world and is already saving up for her trip to Spain next year with her classmates. Please feel free to send a message welcoming Saira to LEAP. Saira will be working with us until the end of August and would benefit from meeting and networking with all the different City of Richmond departments.



7. **Public Works**

Abatement

Abatement staff hosted the Iron Triangle/Atchison Village Neighborhood Clean-up event, staff provided assistance to seniors and disabled citizens, abated weeds from vacant lots, abated public right of ways, removed illegally dumped debris and graffiti from various locations throughout the City.



Neighborhood Clean-Up/Seniors Assistance





Weed Abatement



Illegal Dumping & Graffiti Removal

Building Maintenance

Stationary Engineers performed daily pool maintenance and Civic Center Plaza boiler inspections, rebuilt a hot water pump at 440 Civic Center Plaza, posted elevator permits throughout, cleared the main sewer line at Fire Station #62, fixed the sink in the Streets division break room and replaced air filters at the Corporation Yard, tested condenser units relocation at Fire Station #63, replaced condenser fan motors on the Police Activities League (RPAL) building, and replaced flush cartridges at the Parks Yard.



Line Clearing

Utility workers cleaned windows at the Main Library, hung shower curtains at the Police Department, delivered and picked up chairs for Ookwe Park, assisted with staff office moves, assisted the Housing Authority with maintenance, sanitized common areas and cleaned 29 City-owned facilities.



Window Cleaning

Engineering

Castro Ranch Road Project

The contractor is working with the City's Construction Management Consultant, Ghirardelli Associates, and the project designer, NCE, on some challenging issues with the installation of metal beam guardrails along the tops of some crib retaining walls on the north side of Castro Ranch Road. The team is also working on storm drain improvements. Below is a picture of the Contractor flooding the road at a certain area to make sure it will drain properly. It passed the test. Also below is a picture of the eastbound lane, just west of Amend Road. We regraded the road at this location by raising the right shoulder. Cones remain at this location because the contractor will be coming back to compact fill against the shoulder. This will remove the small drop off and provide support for the asphalt.

The most noticeable activity in the next two weeks will be:

- Landscaping in the median between Olinda and Amend,
- Drainage Inlet improvements
- Roadway stripping (includes pedestrian crossings and bike lanes)



Pavement/Gaurdrail Installation

Richmond Wellness Trail Project

Construction of Phase 1 continues with the general contractor (Ghilotti Bros., Inc.) continuing to install the storm drain main line on Marina Way South from Virginia Avenue to Maine Avenue. The storm drain work is anticipated to continue through early July. During the latter part of July, the contractor will start work on the rain gardens.

For more information on construction, please visit:

<https://www.tpl.org/media-room/trust-public-land-city-richmond-announce-construction-richmond-wellness-trail>

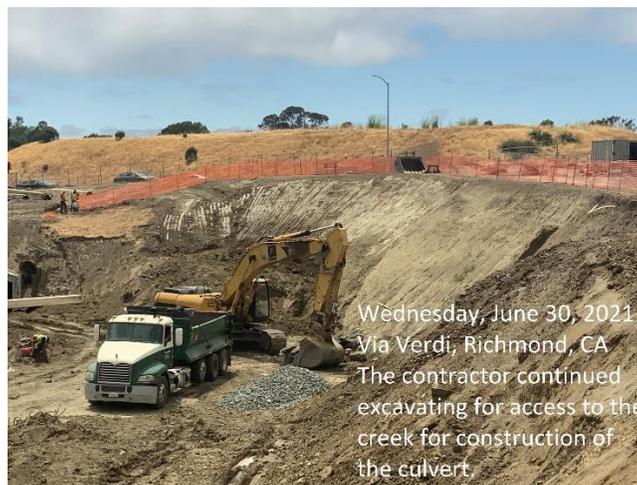


Storm Drain Installation

Via Verdi Slope Stabilization Project

The work includes construction of a culvert in San Pablo Creek, earthwork and utility work, reconstruction of the damaged portion of Via Verdi Drive, and removal of the temporary detour road. Until the new road repairs are complete, safe access for traveling in both directions along Via Verdi Drive will be maintained at all times. Activity for the next week will include starting rebar installation and continuing excavating for the new culvert. The project is scheduled to complete in February 2022.

Construction questions can be directed to the Construction Manager, Ben Kellman of mack5, at bkellman@mack5.com or (510) 595-4725.



Parks and Landscaping

General fund crews performed maintenance on Nunn Pathway, mowed turf at all Central Richmond parks, weeded John F. Kennedy Park, cleared sidewalks of weeds on Cutting Boulevard near John F. Kennedy Park, removed debris and weeds from the San Joaquin sound wall, performed maintenance at Boorman and Booker T. Anderson

Parks, removed debris from the Greenway, repaired irrigation at multiple parks, weeded Cutting Boulevard right of ways, removed graffiti from Rain Cloud Park and removed weeds from the Humphrey Playlot.



Maintenance San Joaquin Sound Wall



Irrigation Repair

Marina District crews performed weed abatement on Marina Bay Parkway from Regatta Boulevard to the tennis courts, hand watered medians on Marina Way South, hand pulled weeds on the corner of Regatta Boulevard, performed pest control in multiple areas, performed maintenance at Ookwe Park, performed maintenance along the Brad Moody underpass, replaced decomposed granite, manually watered lawns while awaiting controller repairs, refilled dog waste bags and emptied all refuse cans throughout the district.



Weed Abatement

Hilltop District crews performed weed abatement on Richmond Parkway medians and right of ways from Lakeside Drive to Interstate 80, trimmed bushes on the Richmond Parkway medians, repaired fencing on Hilltop Drive, removed graffiti and abated debris throughout the district.



Weed Abatement Richmond Parkway

Street Maintenance

Paving crews grinded and paved 24th Street from Macdonald Avenue to Broadway and worked from the outstanding pothole list.



Paving 24th Street

Street Sweepers swept in the following neighborhood council areas on the fourth Monday, fifth Tuesday and Wednesday and first Thursday and Friday: Santa Fe, Point Richmond, Marina Bay, Coronado, Carriage Hills North, El Sobrante Hills, Greenbriar, Hansford Heights, Via Verdi, San Pablo Dam Road, Bristole Cone, May Valley, Vista View and Clinton Hill I.

Signs and Lines crews painted red curbs on Fresno and San Joaquin Streets, fabricated 10 signs, installed signs and messages at Pt. Isabell and installed messages and markings on 24th Street.



Curb Painting



Pt. Isabell Markings

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.

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導致你公寓昂貴的管道堵塞!
Alerta de Grasa!
La Grasas y el Aceite de Cocinar están obstruyendo las tuberías del alcantarillado y pueden causar costosas obstrucciones en su condominio o apartamento.

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

La Ciudad de Richmond estubo en su vecindario trabajando para mantener las líneas de alcantarillado limpias, lo que ayuda a prevenir desbordamientos de alcantarillas que pueden contaminar nuestros arroyos, ríos y aguas subterráneas. Ayudemos a combatir futuro desbordamientos de alcantarillas en su área.
你身邊的里士滿市正在致力於保持下水道線的清潔。這有助於預防可能污染我們的小溪、河流以及地下水的污水溢出。請協助我們防止您所在地區的污水管道出現倒流現象。
Siguiendo unos sencillos pasos, puede ayudar a evitar los desbordamientos y los derrames de alcantarillas: 這些方法有助於防止管道堵塞和污水管道倒流現象發生
1. Echar las grasas y los aceites enfriados en un recipiente cubierto desechable y tirelo a la basura. Nunca debe echar aceites o grasas en los desagües o drenaje de lavamanos o inodoros. ENFRIAR, EMPACAR, TIRAR.
冷油膩、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，然後投入垃圾筒內。
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.
用紙巾吸收剩餘的油膩、廢植物油與油垢，並將您的食物殘渣及廢紙屑物一起棄置。
3. Antes de lavar los platos, raspe los restos de comida, aceites y grasas y tirelo a la basura.
在洗碗之前，應將食物殘渣、廢植物油與油垢刮除並倒入帶蓋桶或垃圾筒。
4. Utilice coladores de fregadero para recoger los restos de comida mientras lava los platos.
在洗碗時，應利用水池篩濾器攔阻剩餘的食物殘渣。

Para obtener más información, contacte la Ciudad de Richmond (510) 620-6594.
如需更多詳情，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 administered a total of 109 grant reimbursements during the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year for a total of \$259,200. Applications for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year for sewer lateral work completed between 7/1/2021-6/30/2022 will be accepted starting July 1, 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.

High Priority Critical Improvements Projects

The City of Richmond and Veolia Water (Veolia) are implementing High Priority Critical Improvements Projects at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), which is managed and operated by Veolia. The purpose of the projects is to replace aging and unreliable infrastructure, improve treatment operating efficiency, comply with future

discharge regulations and improve the functionality of the existing WWTP. The improvements were identified through previous planning efforts, including the 2010 WWTP Master Plan and the 2016 WWTP Facility Plan, to construct the following elements of the WWTP Critical Improvements Projects: (1) New screening and grit removal facilities; (2) Aeration upgrades; and (3) Demolition of existing facilities and site clearing in preparation for future WWTP Facilities. The projects are expected to take approximately 2 ½ years to complete.

Shimmick Construction's subcontractor Restec continued HAZMAT remediation at the old digester's area and the solid handling building. The temporary scrubber is for the odor control of the influent pumping station wet well. Currently, odor control is carried out through the existing biofilter, which will be replaced by a new and more sophisticated one through the scope of the project. While demolition and construction are taking place, the temporary scrubber will carry out the odor control. See pictures and descriptions below.



Per Veolia's request, signage and delimitation of working areas is in place.



Old digester after significant amount of pipe dismantling.



Shimmick working on the concrete pad for the temporary scrubber.



Temporary scrubber's main unit placed on its concrete pad behind the pretreatment building.



Shimmick's subcontractor Restec removed pipes outside of old digesters as part of the hazmat abatement.



Restec doing hazmat abatement in the old digester area.



Shimmick locating utilities in the yard between the old grit facility and the solids handling building.

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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