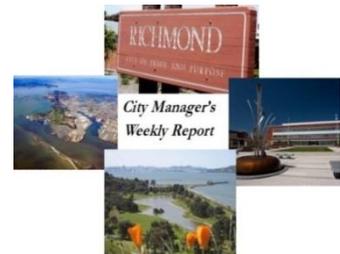




Hon. Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the report for the week ending August 27th, 2021.



1. **Meeting Notes**

The Richmond City Council is on recess, and the next Regular City Council meeting is scheduled for September 14th, 2021. Enjoy the next few weeks off!

2. **COVID-19 Update**

Questions about the COVID-19 vaccines? Ask an expert.

As the Delta variant is spreading rapidly in our community, getting the facts about the COVID-19 vaccines is more important than ever. Understanding that many people have questions about the vaccines, John Muir Health and Kaiser Permanente have partnered to give unbiased, straightforward information that people can trust.

The county's two largest private healthcare providers recently launched www.GetAnswersContraCosta.org, which includes answers to common vaccine questions and issues as well as an online portal where the public can submit questions to be answered.

We encourage you to visit the website and talk to your doctor if you have questions or concerns about getting vaccinated.

3. **Upcoming Events**

Volunteers Needed: Outdoor Sweep at MLK Jr Park!

Volunteer to help keep our community clean as the school year starts! We will be picking up trash at MLK Jr Park in Richmond. We will also be gathering input on outdoor programming for Richmond residents.

Please register to join us! Lunch, gloves, tools, sanitizer, etc. will be available, and restrooms will be available. Please wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty as well as closed-toe shoes.

- **Registration link:** outdoorsweep.eventbrite.com
- **Date:** Saturday, September 4, 2021
- **Time:** 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
- **Location:** MLK Jr Park, Harbour Way S & Virginia Ave, Richmond, CA 94804
- **Location details:** Meet at the bleachers inside the park. There will be canopies set up.
- **Parking:** There is a small parking lot off of Harbour Way S. There are also parking spots available on Virginia Ave between 12th St and Marina Way S, as well as street parking on surrounding streets.

This event is hosted by the City of Richmond Community Services Department, Parks & Landscaping Division, Richmond SOL, Richmond College Prep School, Richmond Love Your Block, and Richmond Tool Library.

Questions? E-mail volunteer@ci.richmond.ca.us or call 510-620-6919



OUTDOOR SWEEP
MLK JR PARK, HARBOUR WAY & VIRGINIA AVE
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2021 • 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

VOLUNTEER TO CLEAN-UP THE PARK
 & PROVIDE INPUT ON OUTDOOR
 PROGRAMMING FOR RICHMOND
 RESIDENTS

REGISTER ONLINE:
[OUTDOORSWEEP.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://outdoorsweep.eventbrite.com)

QUESTIONS?
 510-620-6919
VOLUNTEER@CI.RICHMOND.CA.US




In partnership with Richmond College Prep School

Business Investment and Attraction Strategy

The City Manager's Office, Economic Development Department is thrilled to invite Richmond residents and business owners to a community forum to discuss the Richmond Business Investment and Attraction Strategy. HR&A Advisors drafted this report, with input from multiple stakeholder interviews, discussions with the Economic Development Commission, and constant communication with City Staff. The City and its partners provide a range of services to support new and existing businesses and help residents access employment. Still, the City recognizes the need to do more to improve the impacts and equitable outcomes of its economic development activities, address long-standing

challenges to Richmond’s businesses and commercial districts, and promote economic growth and economic mobility. To address these challenges, HR&A drafted this strategy which outlines actions the City may take to promote equitable economic growth and support business investment and attraction. The Business Development Strategy identifies strategies and actions to attract private investment, support local employment, increase the accessibility of services to businesses and property owners, and enhance the business environment, focusing on promoting inclusive and equitable growth.

HR&A Advisors and Economic Development will host an afternoon [Community Forum 1 on September 13, starting at noon](#), and an evening [Community Forum 2 on September 15, starting at 6:00 PM](#). Please visit the [City of Richmond Economic Development webpage](#) or use the links above to register for the event.

	<p>The City of Richmond City Manager’s Office Economic Development invites you to:</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Richmond Business Investment and Attraction Strategy Community Forum</h2>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learn about Richmond’s long-term Business Attraction and Investment Strategy - Ask HR&A Advisors and City staff members questions about strategy and its implementation - Provide input and feedback on the strategy 		
<p style="text-align: center;">Community Meeting 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 - Time: 12:00 PM - Register here: tinyurl.com/sp6w7aew 	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Servicios de interpretación en español están disponibles a petición al registrarse 48 horas antes de los talleres (510) 620-6512</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Community Meeting 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 - Time: 6:00 PM - Register here: tinyurl.com/njz9c

***hybrid* Spirit & Soul Festival Streaming Live & VIP Watch Party September 18!**

The 13th annual Spirit & Soul Festival is BACK - **this time with a twist!**
Two Ways to enjoy the festivities - **Free Virtual Broadcast, 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.:**
 Streaming LIVE on [KOFY TV20](#), [Facebook Live](#), [YouTube Live](#), and [Instagram Live](#).
 Featuring phenomenal performances by [Top Shelf](#), [Los Cenzontles](#) w/ Los Originarios, and rising Richmond artist [Wanda Gonzalez](#). **VIP Watch Party, 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.:**
 Hosted at [El Garage](#) in Downtown and featuring the virtual broadcast, fabulous food and

were asked to participate, and now a new group of 4,200 randomly selected households have been selected to participate and share their insight on the city.

Please be on the lookout in your mailbox for a post card from the city of Richmond, as you may be one of the randomly-selected households! Please copy your unique link into the browser address bar and not the search bar (see below) and use any web browser other than Internet Explorer.

Resident participation in the survey is very important and we look forward to hearing from you! If you would prefer a paper copy of the survey and/or have any questions, please contact us at (510) 620-6512.

Access the Online Survey



5. City Manager's Office, Economic Development

City of Richmond Artist Database Form

The City of Richmond Artist Database Form is an opportunity for local artists from all media and genres available for art projects in Richmond to provide their information to the City. If you are a local artist, please fill out this form:

<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/FormCenter/Arts-Culture-Division-20/City-of-Richmond-Artist-Database-149>.

Please note: This survey is a public document and the responses are subject to public disclosure under the Public Records Act. In response to a Public Records Request, the City does not disclose personal emails and personal phone numbers. If a Public Records Act Request arises, the City will produce the record but redact the personal information.

City of Richmond Artist Database

City of Richmond Artist Database

The City of Richmond would like to create a database of artists available for art projects in Richmond. Please note: This survey is a public document and the responses are subject to public disclosure under the Public Records Act. In response to a Public Records Request, the City does not disclose personal emails and personal phone numbers. The City will produce the record but redact the personal information.

Artist Overview

First Name*

Last Name*

Email*

Phone Number

Artwork Type*

Visual Arts

Performing Arts

Literary Arts

Folk and Traditional Arts

Other

Arts and Culture Requests for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P)

FY 21-22 Neighborhood Public Art (NPA) Mini-Grant

Application Release Date: August 3, 2021

Application Deadline: September 13, 2021

NPA Mini Grants are designed, for Richmond, CA only artists, to stimulate arts and culture in Richmond neighborhoods. Categories include but not limited to: Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Literary Arts. Small: \$500 - \$2,999; Medium: \$3,000-\$4,999; Large: \$5,000 - \$8,000. Total Available Awards: \$65,000

COVID-19 Relief Mini-Grant

Application Release Date: August 6, 2021

Application Deadline: October 1, 2021

COVID Relief Mini Grants are designed, for Richmond, CA only artists, to stimulate creative expression, to spark dialogue, and to reinforce a sense of community. Two project types include exterior temporary art; i.e. sculpture, along with graphic design for banners and garbage receptacles. Each Mini Grant not to exceed \$7,000. Total available: \$50,000

West Contra Costa County Family Justice Center Art Drain Pipe

Application Release Date: August 10, 2021

Application Deadline: October 1, 2021

WCCCFJC serves families affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. The exterior art drainpipe is a unique form and function creative opportunity open to artists in the nine Bay Area counties. The selected artist will; design a creative

solution for an exterior drainpipe at the entrance of the building with a positive message for the end users of the facility, understand California Construction Standards and the requirements for stamped engineering drawings. The lump sum budget is not to exceed \$10,000.

Please direct any questions to: winifred_day@ci.richmond.ca.us



Ookwe Park featured on ABC 7's Localish

Ookwe Park was recently featured on ABC New LOCALISH segment highlighting the historical significance of Marina Parkway shellmound site. A new small yet very special shellmound park has opened to celebrate the Ohlone Indian's contribution to Richmond's history. Ookwe means "Healing" in the Chochenyo Ohlone language. The plants in the park are all related healing including; soaproot, elderberry, dogbane and manzanita.

Artist Masayuki Nagase worked with the Ohlone Family and the Richmond Arts and Culture Commission over several years to design, fabricate and install this lovely quiet place to visit in Richmond.

Please enjoy this [story](#) from ABC LOCALISH story on Ookwe Park.



6. Internal Services

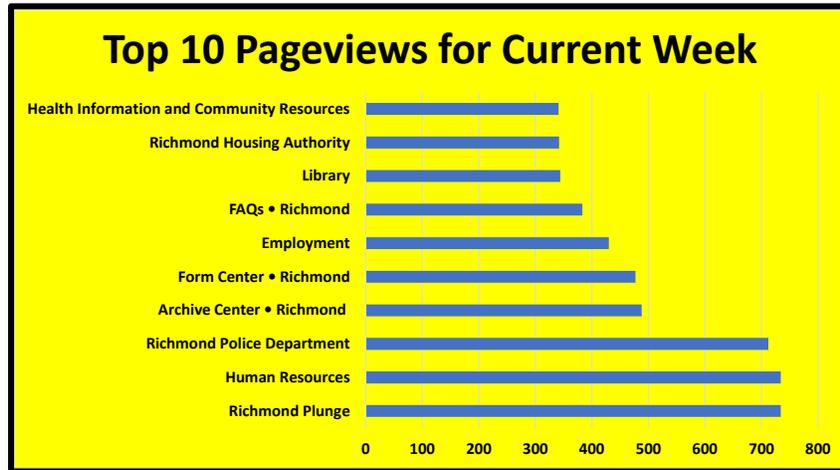
Finance

Open Requests For Bids/Request For Proposals

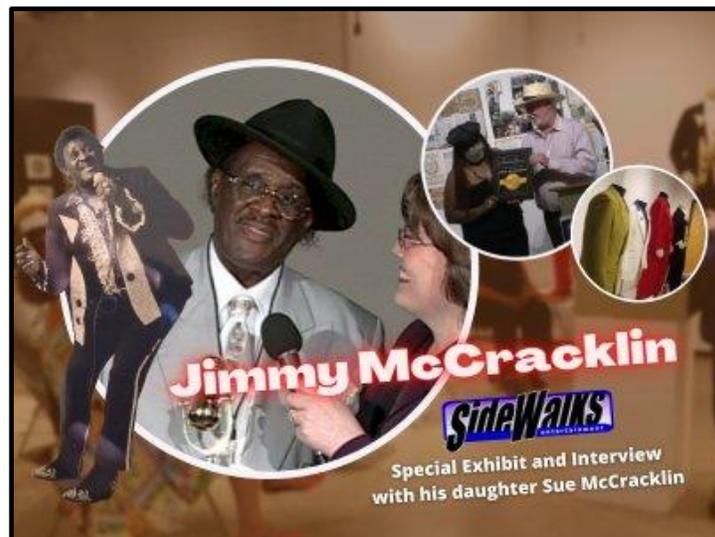
Public Works	Key Boulevard Tree Trimming	Due: 8/31/21
Public Works	Santa Fe Union Park Fence	Due: 8/31/21

Information Technology

Website Statistics



KCRT Datanet For The Week



KCRT TV Channel 28 - New Episodes Of Current Programming

New Segment / Series Episode:

- NEW! "Sidewalks Entertainment" one-hour special on Jimmy McCracklin and his new exhibit at the Richmond Museum.
- New episode of "The Jet Set"
- Multiple new episodes of the regular edition of "Sidewalks Entertainment" during the week

Recent Segments:

- "NewsBytes" Segments: Ookwe Park Celebration, Yellow Brick Road, Transit Re-Grand Opening and BOLT Bike Sharing
- A revised edition of GRIP Alternatives No-Cost Solar Workshop
- 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>

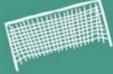


7. Library and Community Services

Community Services (Recreation)

Fall 2021 Sports Programs

Check out all of our upcoming sports program offerings this fall!

<h3>ADULT TENNIS</h3> <p>Staff will lead small groups in games and tennis drills that teach important hand-to-eye coordination, footwork and the rules of the game. Our instructional tennis will meet the needs of any level player.</p> <p> AUG. 30, 2021 – SEPT. 30, 2021 TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 6PM - 7PM NICHOLL PARK TENNIS COURTS</p> <p>AGE: ADULTS RESIDENT \$40/MO NON-RESIDENT \$50/MO REGISTRATION OPENS AUG. 9 </p> <p>(510)620-6919 TETTEH_KISSEH@CI.RICHMOND.CA.US (510)620-6960 MAURICE_RANGE@CI.RICHMOND.CA.US</p> <p> TINYURL.COM/RICHMONDRECREATION 510-620-6793</p>	<h3>YOUTH TENNIS</h3> <p>Staff will lead small groups in games and tennis drills that teach important hand-to-eye coordination, footwork and the rules of the game. Our instructional tennis will meet the needs of any level player.</p> <p> AUG. 30, 2021 – SEPT. 30, 2021 TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 2:30PM - 6PM NICHOLL PARK TENNIS COURTS</p> <p>AGES: 6-12 RESIDENT \$40/MO NON-RESIDENT \$50/MO REGISTRATION OPENS AUG. 9 </p> <p>(510)620-6919 TETTEH_KISSEH@CI.RICHMOND.CA.US (510)620-6960 MAURICE_RANGE@CI.RICHMOND.CA.US</p> <p> TINYURL.COM/RICHMONDRECREATION 510-620-6793</p>
<h3>INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL</h3> <p> There is a lot of space for this program. Participants will be introduced to the rules and techniques of basketball. </p> <p> SEPT. 4, 2021 – OCT. 9, 2021 SATURDAYS 9AM - 11AM 3230 MACDONALD AVE.</p> <p>AGE: 6-12 RESIDENT \$40/MO NON-RESIDENT \$50/MO REGISTRATION OPENS AUG. 9 </p> <p>(510)620-6919 TETTEH_KISSEH@CI.RICHMOND.CA.US (510)620-6960 MAURICE_RANGE@CI.RICHMOND.CA.US</p> <p> TINYURL.COM/RICHMONDRECREATION 510-620-6793</p>	<h3>INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER</h3> <p> There is a lot of space for this program. Participants will be introduced to the rules and techniques of soccer. </p> <p> SEPT. 4, 2021 – OCT. 9, 2021 SATURDAYS 9AM - 11AM 3230 MACDONALD AVE.</p> <p>AGE: 6-12 RESIDENT \$40/MO NON-RESIDENT \$50/MO REGISTRATION OPENS AUG. 9 </p> <p>(510)620-6919 TETTEH_KISSEH@CI.RICHMOND.CA.US (510)620-6960 MAURICE_RANGE@CI.RICHMOND.CA.US</p> <p> TINYURL.COM/RICHMONDRECREATION 510-620-6793</p>

Join us for our Flag Football League Series! No experience necessary for all players ages 7-13! Call 510-621-1221 for more info.



NOW RECRUITING!

49ER PREP

FLAG FOOTBALL

PRACTICE DATES
AUG. 16 - OCT. 15

LEAGUE EVENT DATES
WEDNESDAYS,
SEPT. 15 - OCT. 20
4PM-7PM

REC COMPLEX
3230 MACDONALD AVE.
RICHMOND, CA 94804

RPAL
2200 MACDONALD AVE.
RICHMOND, CA 94804

FREE

LIMITED SPACE
AVAILABLE
REGISTER NOW!

NO EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY - ENTRY
LEVEL FOR ALL PLAYERS
OF ALL GENDERS!

AGES: 7-13 YEARS OLD

☎ 510-620-6793
☎ 510-621-1227

Elevate After-School Program

Our programs have started but new students are always welcome! Sign up today at tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation.



ELEVATE
After-school Program

 Starts August 16, 2021
Monday - Friday

 Grades: K - 6th

 Afterschool - 6:00 PM

 \$200/month
\$250 non-residents

 May Valley Community Center
3530 Morningside Drive
Richmond, CA 94803

 Richmond Recreation Complex
3230 Macdonald Ave.
Richmond, CA 94804

SIGN-UP TODAY!  tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation 



ACHIEVE After-school Program
*in-person programming

 Starts August 16, 2021
Monday - Friday

 Afterschool - 6:00 PM

 Grades: K - 6th

 **\$80**

Session 1
Aug. 16, 2021 - Dec. 11, 2021

Session 2
January 2022 - June 2022

 Shields-Reid Community Center
1410 Kelsey St.
Richmond, CA 94801

 Nevin Community Center
578 Nevin Ave.
Richmond, CA 94803

SIGN-UP TODAY!  tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation

Family Recreation Swim Information

Family Recreation swim is now available by reservation only! Check out the Aquatics [website](#) for details.



Family Recreation Swim

NOW AVAILABLE by Reservation Only

Richmond Plunge – 510-620-6820	Richmond Swim Center - 510-620-6654
Days & Times*	Days & Times*
Mon-Fri: 10:00, 11:00am	Tu & Th: 5:00, 6:00pm
Tu & Th: 12:00pm	Saturday: 12:00, 1:00, 2:00pm
Mon & Fri 4:00pm	Sunday: 10:00, 11:00am
Sunday: 12:00, 1:00, 2:00pm	<i>*enter on the hour, exit the facility on the 50</i>
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- Reserve your 45 minute time block [online](#) (Don't be late. Times are strictly followed, as outlined above)
- Once you are registered—there are NO refunds, credits, transfers, changes. NO EXCEPTIONS
- Come and leave in your swimsuit to avoid over-crowding in the locker rooms. Locker rooms & showers are open, but must be used within allotted time.
- Appropriate swimwear is required (rashguard swim shirts are allowed, but no tank tops, tshirts, street clothes, etc.)
- Masks are required for anyone over 2 years while inside, and until you get into the pool (even for vaccinated swimmers)
- Supervision of Children: Children 8 & under must have an adult IN THE WATER within arms reach at all times. No more than 2 children per adult (18+). Children 9+ require a parent in the facility
- Arrive 5-10 minutes early. Line up outside and wait outside to be checked in by staff. Covid screening questions will be asked. Please do not come or bring anyone who has any Covid symptoms or exposure
- For more information, call the pools. For help registering, please see guidance on the [aquatics webpages](#) under the section "Instructions for Reserving Times Online" or call the Registration office at 510-620-6793.

Employment and Training

The RichmondWORKS, America's Job Center of CaliforniaSM (AJCC), located at 330 – 25th Street, Richmond, Ca. 94804 is open for various career and job search services by appointment. Career Planners are available to provide weekly One-on-One Career Counseling sessions, every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday by appointment. Call RichmondWORKS now at (510) 307-8014 to make your appointment for job search and career counseling assistance.



RichmondWORKS

America's Jobs Center of California
is Open and Available to Provide
Job Search and Career Services

Monday—Friday (9:00 am to 4:00 pm)

Located at: 330-25th Street, Richmond, CA 94804

For more information, call (510) 307-8014



Face Masks are required.

RichmondWORKS is an equal opportunity employer/program. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or veteran status.

CAREER TRAINING

FREE

Are you laid off & receiving unemployment?

Receive Skills Training

- Medical/Health
- Warehouse
- Construction
- Project Management
- Truck Driving
- Computers
- Administrative
- And more

"Equal opportunity employer/program" "Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities"

For eligibility & more information:

Schedule a one-on-one phone consultation with a Career Planner

Call: 510-307-8014

YOU HIRE = WE PAY

On-the-Job Training Programs that saves you money & time!



COST SAVINGS
We will reimburse 50% of wages paid to qualified new hires for up to 12 weeks and provide business services at NO charge to you.

SKILLED WORKFORCE
We will match your business needs with a skilled job applicant pool with valuable experience for vital jobs in building trade, health-related professions, information technology and warehouse/transportation/logistic.

CONVENIENCE
We will do ALL the paperwork!

NEXT STEPS:
1) Make an appointment with a Business Services Representative to discuss hiring needs.
2) Obtain recruitment services and review the resumes of pre-screened candidates.
3) Interview and hire the strongest candidates, reverse referral of candidates welcome.

Businesses may qualify for additional hiring incentives.

Business Service Representative

Monica Castillo
510-307-8003
mcastrillo@richmondworks.org



Local Employment Opportunities Include:

- California Highway Patrol are hiring for the Public Safety Dispatcher/Operator position. Starting salary between \$4,526 and \$6,233 per month. 20 positions are available in the Vallejo-Fairfield, CA location. For more information, visit their website: [CHP Careers](#).
 - CHP Dispatcher In-Person Hiring Event! Tuesday, August 31, 2021 (6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.) at the CHP Golden Gate Division Office, 1551 Benicia Road; Vallejo, CA. To attend this event, please [REGISTER](#). We look forward to seeing you there!
- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is Now Hiring! A hiring event is scheduled for August 31, 2021 (10:00 A.M. -3:00 P.M.) at Laney College, located at 900 Fallon Street; Oakland, CA. 94607. To prepare for this event, please do the following:
 - Bring a copy of the STD678 Application for each position you would like to apply to: <https://jobs.ca.gov/pdf/std678.pdf>
 - Bring copies of applicable licensures or certifications, including DMV printout of DMV record

- Take the examination for each position you would like to apply to:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CaltransExamPlan2020>
 - Mask are required for this in-person event. Various positions are available; salaries range from \$3,000 - \$5,300 per month. For more information, contact: Saga.Llewellyn@dot.ca.gov or call (510) 851-2082.
- Bay Area Community Colleges (BACC) and the Association of Manufacturers Bay Area (AMBAYArea) will host a virtual Manufacturing Jobs Fair; Friday, September 15, 2021 (2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.). RSVP: [Click Here](#). Connect with manufacturers in the extended Bay Area from the comfort of your home / office using your computer or smartphone. If you are a company and are interested in signing up for the job fair, visit [HERE](#). For more information, contact: Mark Martin at markmartin@peralta.edu; Regional Director - Adv Mfg.
 - Rubicon Programs are sponsoring a virtual hiring event, scheduled for September 16, 2021 (2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.). Participating companies include: Sheet Metal Workers, Bio-Rad, and Republic Services. Zoom link for this virtual event: [Click Here](#). If you have questions, please email one of the contacts: Jim Blanton at jimmie.blanton@edd.ca.gov or Akeele-Ayana Carter at akeelec@rubiconprograms.org or Charles Brown III at cbrown2@ehsd.cccounty.us.
 - Mechanics Bank is hiring, and has available positions in the Bay Area. Mechanics Bank has career opportunities for both short and long term career objectives. Whether you seek a part-time or full-time position, Mechanics Bank has a variety of roles to meet your career objectives. To apply online, click: <https://www.mechanicsbank.com/About-Us/Careers/Career-Areas>
 - AMAZON Military is Hiring! Amazon is hiring transitioning military members, veterans, reservists, National Guard members, military spouses, and military dependents 18 years and older for hourly positions. Learn more and apply at amazon.com/militaryjobs or text **MILITARY** to **77088** to sign up for alerts from Amazon.

Equal opportunity employer/programs

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities

Library

Kids' Craft Kits are back!

We are happy to announce a new kids' craft kit available starting on September 7th. This month's craft is making a magazine collage and each kit contains all the materials to make a beautiful collage, except the glue. The craft kits are available from the Children's Room at the Main Library. Please stop by and ask for one. The Main Library is open for indoor express service from 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and from 3:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. on Wednesdays. For more information, please call the Children's Department at 510-620-6557.



Adult/Teen Craft Kits

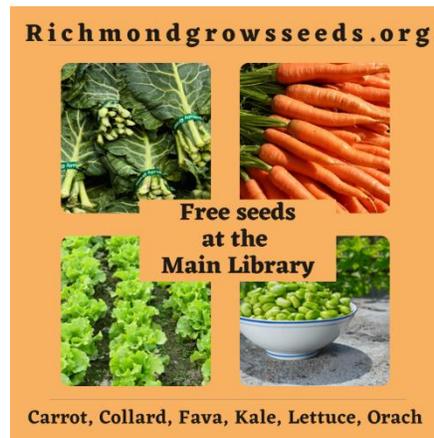
While we wait for safer times to meet in person again, the Library offers take home craft kits for adults and teens. Explore your creativity with this month's craft kit called "Blackout Poetry." The kit includes all you need to make blackout art and blackout poems. It might seem like homework at first, but it's really fun! The Main Library is open for indoor express service from 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and from 3:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. on Wednesdays. For more Library information please visit www.richmondlibrary.org or call the Main Adult Reference Desk at 510-620-6561. We will offer a new adult/teen craft kit each month through December 2021. Happy crafting!



Seed Giveaway

The Richmond Grows Seed Lending Library is sharing seeds with the community. Seeds available at this time are carrots, collards, fava beans, kale, lettuce, and orach. Drop by the Main Library to get your free seed packets today while supplies last. The Main Library is open for indoor express service from 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and from 3:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. on Wednesdays. For more Library information please visit www.richmondlibrary.org or call the Main Adult Reference Desk at 510-620-6561. For more info on seeds, please visit The Richmond

Grows Seed Lending Library's website at www.richmondgrowsseeds.org. Happy planting!



Info Sheet about the Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP)

Take a moment to check out LEAP's info sheet to learn more about the program! If you have further questions about the enrollment process, feel free to call the office at 510-307-8084 or contact Sandra Arroyo at Sandra_Arroyo@ci.richmond.ca.us.

About the GED/High School Diploma Program at LEAP

What types of services do we offer?

LEAP offers literacy services that are free to adults 18 years of age and older. Literacy Services are suitable for anyone with an education level below that of a high school diploma. For example, someone who is struggling with basic literacy and needs assistance with tasks such as filling out a form or reading a training manual for their job. In addition, these services include assistance in earning your GED or your High School Diploma, assistance for English Language Learners (ELL), and assistance in basic digital literacy. The GED and the High School Diploma are two different pathways that a student may choose to earn an accredited high school equivalency and prove that they are qualified for certain jobs, trainings, or college admittance. The GED requires that students pass four subject matter tests (in reading/writing, social studies, science, and math). LEAP will educate a student in those subjects and walk them through the test taking process, including paying all fees. A high school diploma requires that a student earn all high school credits required by the CA Department of Education. Credits are earned by attending class and passing final examinations. LEAP does not offer a high school diploma, but does offer a full-ride scholarship, tutoring assistance, and administrative support to the Career Online High School Diploma (COHS). COHS is a fully online nationally accredited private High School. COHS requires that a student earn all the credits required by the Department of Education and a career certificate. COHS offers nine different career tracks in areas such as truck driving and office management.

How often do we provide services?

LEAP provides services all year round.

When do services begin? How long do they last?

LEAP tailors its educational services to a student's needs. Since we are open all year round, a student may begin their basic literacy services at any time (this is not true of our ELL services). The services last for as long as the student needs and requests those services. Generally, services cease when a student completes his/her goal. For example, if the student's goal is to read a training manual for a job, once their vocabulary and reading comprehension levels have made that material accessible, they would end services. Services also end once a student passes the GED or High School Diploma and no longer qualifies for services under the definition of literacy. LEAP will do its best to bridge that student to more appropriate services such as work placement or college enrollment.

What does the intake process consist of?

The intake process consists of four steps (the ELL intake process is different). First, a student fills out an application. This can be done over the phone, over zoom, or by coming to the office in person. Once the student fills out the application, they will be contacted for an orientation which can also be done over the phone, zoom or in person. An orientation includes filling out all applicable paperwork, informing the student of all policies and procedures, discussing goals and potential study schedules, and scheduling the third step, a computerized academic assessment. The third step, a computerized academic assessment is a computerized test in reading and math (the ELL assessment includes listening). This can be completed at home or in person at LEAP's office. Finally, a LEAP staff person will consider the orientation information, the assessment, and some back-and-forth coordination with the student to create a placement for the student. The placement will vary according to the student goal but generally includes an assigned teacher (or tutor), a classroom schedule, and access to proprietary online study materials.

About English Language Learners (ELL) at LEAP

The ELL class is 13 weeks long. Prior to enrollment, students need to fill out an application and then be tested to be placed in a class. Classes start at 9:30 A.M. and the last class is at 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Once students are tested, they are placed in a class depending on their level. At the beginning of each course, a student has a meeting with the instructor to set up goals and create a study plan. At the end of the course, the student is tested again to monitor improvement. The student then has a secondary meeting with the instructor to review goals and create a new study plan for the next class. All the classes are via Zoom except for the Beginning ELL class. This class is via phone, because the students don't feel confident or prefer not to use a computer.

About Volunteer Services at LEAP

Tutors are separate from teachers in that they are volunteering their time (not getting paid) to work with a student one-to-one. The goal is to always enroll a student to work with a teacher because they meet more consistently, and teachers are the experts on the material. However, LEAP identifies that every student has different needs, and our tutors are a great resource for supplemental learning. Below are some examples of how tutoring matches are assigned.

A tutor is matched with a student when (1) the student is unable to attend the assigned class schedule with a teacher (2) the student is at a lower or higher level than the assigned class (3) the student works better in a one-to-one setting (4) the student is attending class but wants extra help (5) the content is very specific to the learner and requires individual learning.

We identify matches by the content tutors feel comfortable teaching (some tutors choose to only teach reading and stay away from math), schedules/availability for both parties (tutors are only required to meet twice a week/1-2-hour sessions), and most importantly personalities. We always want our tutors and students to get along!

Tutors are always available on an ongoing basis and commit to working at LEAP for a minimum of 6 months. To become a volunteer, they must apply through the City of Richmond website.

8. **Police**

76th National Police Activities League Conference

Chief French represented the Richmond Police Activities League at the 76th annual national conference in New Orleans. She was also invited to participate in a town hall discussion about reimaging policing and the role of community engagement. Our own Richmond PAL music program lit up the stage when they performed at the annual conference dinner. These kids are Rock Stars!





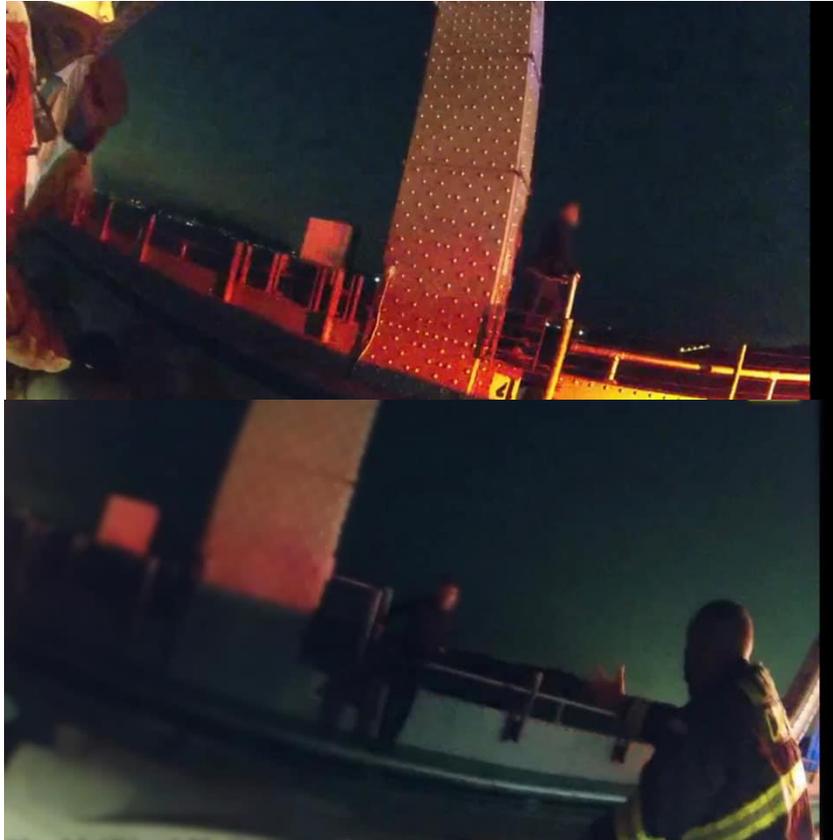
Crisis Negotiation At It's Finest

Over the weekend, police officers received a request for assistance from the California Highway Patrol, in response to reports of an individual in distress on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

Acting Sergeant Ben Therriault, an experienced crisis negotiator with our Crisis Negotiation Team, immediately responded to assist. For over half an hour, A/Sergeant Therriault stood alongside our fire department and CHP partners, patiently speaking and listening to the man standing along the edge of the bridge.

Together, they talked about families and children, bonded over shared birthdays, and connected on a common basis of compassion and humanity. Imagine A/Sergeant Therriault's relief when the man, with whom he had built a rapport, stepped off of the ledge, accepted an outstretched hand, and safely received a warm hug from your first responders.





Teamwork Makes The Dream Work

Last Friday morning, K-9 Officer Hodges saw a Jaguar SUV swerving down Carlson Boulevard at nearly 100mph. The driver drove through multiple red-lights before speeding onto the freeway.

The Jaguar SUV continued through the City of Vallejo and began driving in the wrong direction down the highway. Officers immediately stopped following the car as CHP monitored its direction via helicopter.

To everyone's surprise, the Jaguar SUV pulled over to the shoulder of the freeway and jumped into the passenger seat of an awaiting Honda Accord. The Honda continued (in the correct direction) down the freeway before yielding to officers nearby.

Although the driver of the Honda was arrested without incident, the passenger (original suspect in the Jaguar SUV) had other plans, and attempted to climb into the driver's seat to flee the scene. Ultimately, with the help of K9 Gunnar, officers were able to take the suspect safely into custody.

A records check revealed that the original suspect had multiple firearms-related warrants for his arrest, and was booked at the RPD jail for multiple charges.

Furthermore, a loaded pistol, which had been reported stolen in another state, was recovered from the Honda Accord. Officers also learned that the Jaguar SUV had recently been reported stolen in a nearby Bay Area city.

This incident was a great example of teamwork and collaboration amongst multiple agencies to bring a dangerous situation to a peaceful resolution!



National Dog Day!

This week we celebrated our four-legged friends, with a special shout-out to our K-9 partners here at Richmond PD!



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.

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!
Las 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 está en su vecindario trabajando para mantener las líneas de alcantarillado limpias, lo que ayuda a prevenir desbordamientos de alcantarillas que pueden contaminar nuestros arroyos, ríos y aguas subterráneas. Ayúdenos a combatir futuros desbordamientos de alcantarillas en su área.

你身邊的里士滿市正在致力於保持下水道的清潔，這有助於預防可能污染我們的小溪、河流以及地下水的污水溢出。請協助我們防止您所在地區的污水管道出現倒灌現象。

Siguiendo unos sencillos pasos, puede ayudar a evitar los desbordamientos y los derrames de alcantarillas:
請照方法有助於防止管道堵塞和污水管線倒灌現象發生

1. Echar las grasas y los aceites enfriados en un recipiente cubierto desechable y tirarlo a la basura. Nunca debe echar aceites o grasas en los desagües o drenaje de lavamanos o inodoros. **ENFRUIR, EMPACAR, TIRAR.**
將油脂、廢植物油與油垢冷卻之後，將其倒入一個可棄置的帶蓋容器中，然後放入垃圾筒內。
放涼、密封、棄置
2. Absorba los aceites y la grasa restante con un material absorbente como toallas de papel y tínelo a la basura. Nunca debe echar aceites o grasas en los desagües o drenaje de lavamanos o inodoros. **ENFRUIR, EMPACAR, TIRAR.**
用紙巾吸乾剩餘的油脂、廢植物油與油垢，並與您的食物殘渣及紙屑廢物一起棄置。
3. Antes de lavar los platos, raspe los restos de comida, aceites y grasas y tínelo 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堆肥桶或垃圾筒。
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截剩餘的食物殘渣。

Para obtener más información, contacte la Ciudad de Richmond (510) 620-6594.
如需查詢詳情，請電 (510) 620-6594。

Sewer Lateral Grant Program

The City of Richmond's Water Resource Recovery Division 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 Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for sewer lateral work completed between 7/1/2021-6/30/2022.

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 Division 400 Civic Center Plaza, 7 th Floor Richmond, CA 94801 Office: (510) 620-6594 Fax: (510) 620-6595 Email: www@ci.richmond.ca.us Website: www.ci.richmond.ca.us		Sewer Lateral Grant Program Application Fiscal Year 2021-2022	
APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Property Owner(s) Name (PRINT): _____			
Property Address (PRINT): _____			
Mailing Address (if different than above): _____			
Phone: _____		Email: _____	
Property location: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Rental Property (answer question below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
Is the rental property currently registered with the City of Richmond Rent Program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Contractor bid amount: _____		Total amount paid to contractor: _____	
<p>Declaration by applicant: I certify that I have read and understand the "Sewer Grant Application and Guidelines". I am the legal owner or if the applicant is a non-profit (state or non-profit organization, the legal representative of the owner of the subject property described above. Iu. I recognize the acceptance of this sewer lateral grant application is a legal guarantee or promise by the City of Richmond to approve sewer lateral grant funds for private sewer lateral replacement of the subject residential property, (d) I understand that the City of Richmond will award only (1) sewer lateral grant reimbursement to property owners) on a first-come, first-served basis until all sewer lateral grant funds are exhausted for the subject property described above. (2) I understand that the grant award shall be for the above described property in compliance with Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 12.12. I certify that this sewer lateral grant application is not approved, (d) I have not submitted a claim to the City or any other public agency for reimbursement of funds required to make the sewer lateral replacement described above, and (e) I understand that the City of Richmond does not guarantee the work of contractors or provide sewer lateral. I hereby grant the City of Richmond all rights of access to the subject property necessary to process this application, such rights to be exercised only during normal business hours and with reasonable notice to occupants of the subject property.</p>			
APPLICANT NAME (PRINT): _____		DATE: _____	
APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____		DATE: _____	
(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)			
1. _____		2. _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> CREW/SEWER <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor's Final Invoice <input type="checkbox"/> Final Property Ownership (PG) Grant Deed (PGDR) <input type="checkbox"/> Rental Property <input type="checkbox"/> Rental Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Lateral Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Property sponsored by Non-Profit Organization: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if applicant previously received sewer lateral grant reimbursement. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		APN: _____ FE: _____ UEN: _____ Approved Date: _____ Approved Amount: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED FOR REIMBURSEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> INCOMPLETE <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMED Name: _____			

Sewer Lateral Grant Program Application Guidelines

Application and copies of the required documents listed below must be submitted to:
Water Resource Recovery Division - 400 Civic Center Plaza, 7th Floor, Richmond, CA 94801
Counter Hours: Monday Friday 9:30am-4pm
www@ci.richmond.ca.us

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

Eligibility:

- Permits 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.
- If you have previously received a Sewer Lateral Grant reimbursement, you will not be eligible to apply.

Required Documents:

- Only Lateral Grant Applications dated 6/30/2021 or newer will be accepted.
- Contractor's final paid-in-full invoice.
- Proof of payment (copy of cancelled check, credit card receipt, or bank statement are accepted).
- Certificate of Lateral Compliance (issued by the City after encroachment permit inspections are approved).
- Grant Deed (change of ownership taken place within last 3 months and/or if property is under a Trust).
- Tax-exempt organizations must submit proof of tax-exempt status.

Award Limits:

- Each fiscal year the City allocates sewer lateral grant funds to be awarded for private sewer lateral replacement.
- This program can be suspended at any time without prior or advanced notification or posting.
- Property owners 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, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, the complete sewer lateral grant reimbursement amount is \$1,800 per application.
- Incomplete applications will **NOT** be accepted.
- Applications will be accepted via email and mail at this time. This is subject to change.
- No applications will be accepted after the sewer lateral grant funds are exhausted.
- Reimbursement may take approximately 3 weeks from the date the completed application is received and approved by the City.

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 continued demolition of the Solids Handling Building (SHB) and the dissolved air flotation thickener (DAFT) #1.



Shimmick's subcontractor Ferma continued demolition of SHB up to the foundations.



Shimmick using a crane to lift the barrier plate to isolate aeration basins 3A & 4A.



Shimmick pouring concrete and placing concrete base for the manhole 11 (MHD 11).



ZFA (structural engineers) doing the rebar inspection on the primary sedimentation column retrofit.



Subcontractor MPS is cutting, preparing, and laying down the raw sewage (RS) bypass piping.



Restec doing abatement of lead paint in the 16", 20" and 30" lines in preparation for RS bypass.

First Street Relief Sewer Project

The First Street Relief Sewer and Pipeline Rehabilitation Project is the final of four design projects from the comprehensive 2016 Collection System Design Project, which also included the construction of the Cutting/Carlson and Hoffman Project (originally two projects), and the Macdonald and Virginia Wet Weather Improvement Project. The project consists of approximately 3,743 lineal feet of open cut replacement of existing 6-inch sewer, approximately 1,696 lineal feet of open cut replacement of existing 8-inch sewer, approximately 631 lineal feet of open cut replacement of existing 10-inch sewer, and approximately 125 lineal feet of open cut replacement of existing 18-in sewer. This project began in July 2021 and is expected to be completed in July 2022, which is ahead of the Baykeeper due date of July 2023.

D'Arcy & Harty Construction continued progressing with sewer line replacement on 2nd Street off of Cutting Boulevard.



D'Arcy & Harty installing new pipe on 2nd Street.



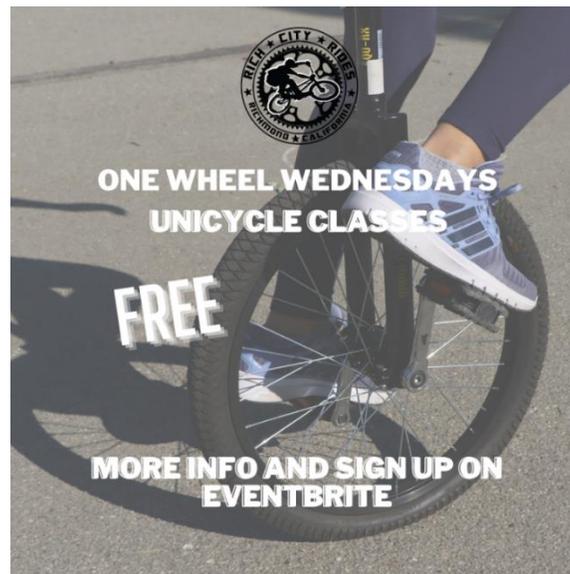
D'Arcy & Harty is excavating prior to installing new sewer main, backfilling the trench and compacting soil before paving.

10. **Rich City Rides**

Free Unicycling Classes for beginners

Learn how to ride a unicycle from the one and only Jim Sowers, one of the best unicyclists in the Bay, country and the world! Right here in Richmond, at Unity Park, for free. Loaner unicycles available for the lessons. More info and sign up on Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/3sM0QmW>

Wednesdays September 1, 8, 15 of 2021. 4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. at the Unity Park Bike Hub. Address: 1605 Ohio Ave Richmond CA 94804.



11. **Richmond Youth Council**

The Richmond Youth Council is holding a School Supply Drive from August 30th through September 10th. There will be a collection bin located in the lobby at 450 Civic Center Plaza Monday through Friday during business hours. The donations will be delivered to an elementary school or youth serving organization during the week of September 13th. The target recipients are elementary and middle school students in Richmond. Please phone 510-620-6581 for more information.



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!
Laura Snideman

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