



Hon. Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the report for the weeks ending February 17th, 2023.

1. **Meeting Notes**

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st. Closed Session begins at 4:30 PM, followed by the Special Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority at 6:25 PM. The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council begins at 6:30 PM, and the agenda may be found by clicking on the following link: [February 21st City Council Agenda](#)

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

The following information is an ongoing list of resources and significant updates regarding COVID-19. Please click on the images or visit the hyperlinks below for further information.



[Impact to City Services and Facilities](#)
[Health Information and Community Resources](#)



[Contra Costa County Coronavirus Updates](#)



[California Department of Public Health](#)

Contra Costa County Monkeypox Updates

Contra Costa Health Services, along with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and other agencies, are monitoring a growing outbreak of Monkeypox (MPX) cases in the United States and California. Visit the CDPH [MPX tracking page](#) for the latest information about confirmed or suspected cases of MPX in the county.

While it is good to stay alert about any emerging public health outbreaks, the current risk of getting MPX in the general public is very low, outside of certain activities that increase the chance of exposure.

Please visit the [Contra Costa Health Monkeypox](#) webpage for more information.

Upcoming Pop-Up MPX Vaccine Clinics

Contra Costa County Health will be holding mobile MPX vaccine clinics at the locations and times below. Flu vaccine and COVID vaccine/boosters are also available at these clinics. Walk-ins welcome! First and second doses of Jynneos vaccine available to those eligible.

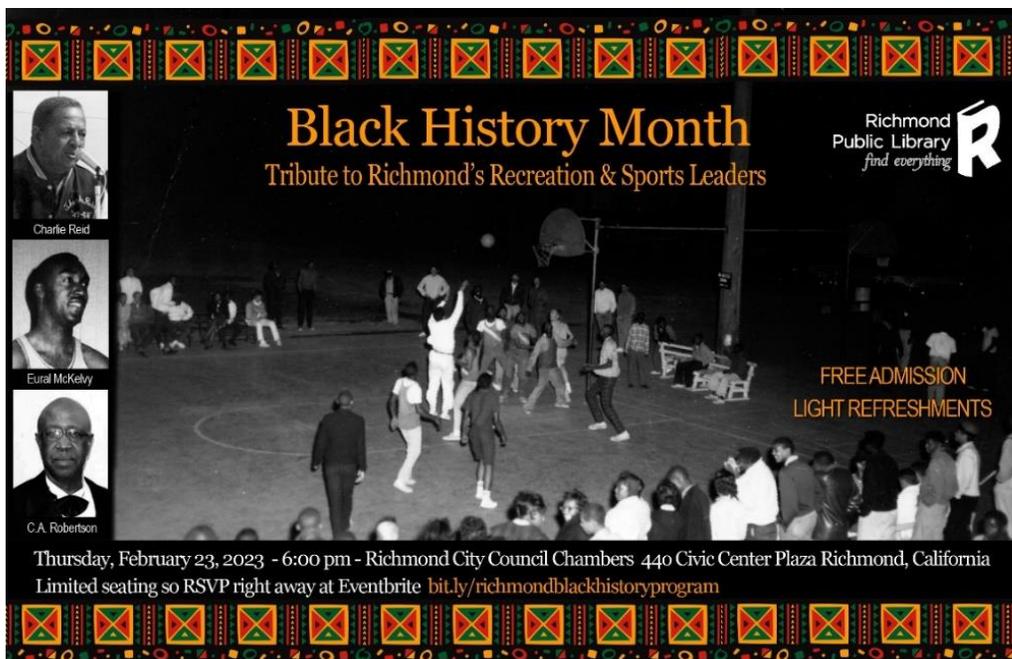
The information for the next pop-up clinic is listed below:

Saturday, March 18, 2023 Rainbow Community Center 2380 Salvio St., Suite 301 Concord, CA 94520 Hours: 10 A.M.- 3 P.M.	Saturday, April 15, 2023 Rainbow Community Center 2380 Salvio St., Suite 301 Concord, CA 94520 Hours: 10 A.M.- 3 P.M.
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3. Upcoming Events

Black History Program

Join us for Richmond Public Library's 2023 Black History Month program to honor the City's early Black recreation and sports leaders that created a safe and healthy winning environment for young people. The free event will take place on Thursday, February 23rd, at 6:00 PM in the Richmond City Council Chambers at 440 Civic Center Plaza in Richmond and is open to all ages. Seating is limited to this exciting event. Reserve your free ticket by going to Eventbrite at [Black History program tickets](#). To view information about the program, click on [2023 Black History Month program](#). For additional information contact, Angela Cox at (510) 620-5516.



Adult Craft at West Side Branch

On Thursday, February 23rd from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM, we are continuing our Adult Craft at the West Side Branch, 135 Washington Ave. in Richmond. Join local artist Irene Thwaites as we use decoupage techniques to make beautiful designs on river rocks. It makes a beautiful accent for your garden or inside on a shelf. If you have any questions, contact the West Side Branch at (510) 620-6567.

Richmond Public Library 

ADULT CRAFT*
Decoupage Rocks!

Join local artist Irene Thwaites to decoupage beautiful designs onto river rocks. A lovely accent for your garden.



West Side Library
135 Washington Ave
(510) 620-6567

Thursday, February 23rd
3 - 4:30 PM

*Older children are welcome to attend and participate with an adult



Salamanders and Newts to visit Richmond Public Library

What's poisonous and slimy but cute as can be and is often confused with a reptile when it is not? It's the California Newt and it is coming to the Richmond Public Library Tuesday, February 28th at 3:30 PM. Learn all about salamanders and newts with East Bay Regional Parks educator, Melissa Fowlks. This program is great for children from preschool through elementary school! For more information about this program or library services, please call the Children's Room at (510) 620-6557 or visit the library's Website at www.richmondlibrary.org.

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Salamanders and Newts



What's poisonous, slimy, but cute as can be, and often confused for a reptile when it's not? It's the California newt, headed toward a creek or pond near you. Learn all about them and salamanders, too! Our favorite naturalist, Melissa Fowlks is bringing the magic of the natural world of salamanders and newts from East Bay Regional Parks to Richmond Public Library. This program is ideal for families with children ages preschool through elementary.

when: Tuesday February 28, 2023
time: 3:30 PM

Where: Richmond Public Library Children's Room
325 civic center plaza, Richmond 94804

for MORE INFORMATION, please call 510-620-6557

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SALAMANDRAS Y TRITONES



¿Qué es venenoso, viscoso, pero lindo como puede ser y, a menudo, se confunde con un reptil cuando no lo es? Es el tritón de California, que se dirige hacia un arroyo o estanque cerca de ti. ¡Aprende todo sobre ellas y también sobre las salamandras! Nuestra naturalista favorita, Melissa Fowlks, trae la magia del mundo natural de las salamandras y los tritones de los Parques Regionales de East Bay a la Biblioteca Pública de Richmond. Este programa es ideal para familias con niños desde preescolar hasta primaria.

cuando: martes febrero 28, 2023
hora: 15:30

Dónde: Sala de niños de la Biblioteca Pública de Richmond
325 centro cívico plaza, Richmond 94804

para MÁS INFORMACIÓN,
llame al 510-620-6557

International Women's Day Celebration

The Sisters in Solidarity International Women's Day planning committee is working to bring yet another awesome celebration. Please mark your calendars because you are cordially invited to join the free community event on **Saturday, March 11, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Richmond Memorial Convention Center**. We are proud to have celebrated International Women's Day for the past 15 years, even through the pandemic. This year marks the 16th annual celebration and we're excited to return to in-person. COVID-19 protocols will be in place for our protection.

The theme of the 2023 International Women's Day is Embrace Equity!

Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can forge women's equality. Collectively we can all [#EmbraceEquity](#).

Please help us to spread the word. This is a family friendly event that is open to the public at large. The day will be filled with engaging speeches, entertainment, sharing of resource information, games, raffles, and lunch. Bring your friends, family, and colleagues to join the fun and celebrate women's achievements.

Community partners are invited to co-sponsor the event at various sponsorship levels or by hosting an informational table. The tables are one of the many highlights of the event as they provide great networking opportunities to learn about the many

valuable resources in Richmond. Please see the attached Sponsor Invitation Letter and application for more information on co-sponsoring opportunities. Please adhere to the sponsorship deadlines.

We look forward to seeing you on March 11th!!!

Contra Costa County Arts Council

Contra Costa County is working towards the establishment of an **Arts Council** and an **Arts & Culture Strategic Plan** for our county.

Join your colleagues, friends, and neighbors to brainstorm about arts and culture programs and services you feel would benefit the Contra Costa County community.

Visioning Sessions will be held March 14-18, 2023, in five locations throughout Contra Costa County.

Each session will be approximately 90 minutes. Registration is recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information, please visit this [Facebook page](#).



Spring Egg Hunt – Save the Date!

Join us for our annual Spring Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at Nicholl Park. We hope to see you there!



Save the Date for Park Rx Day!

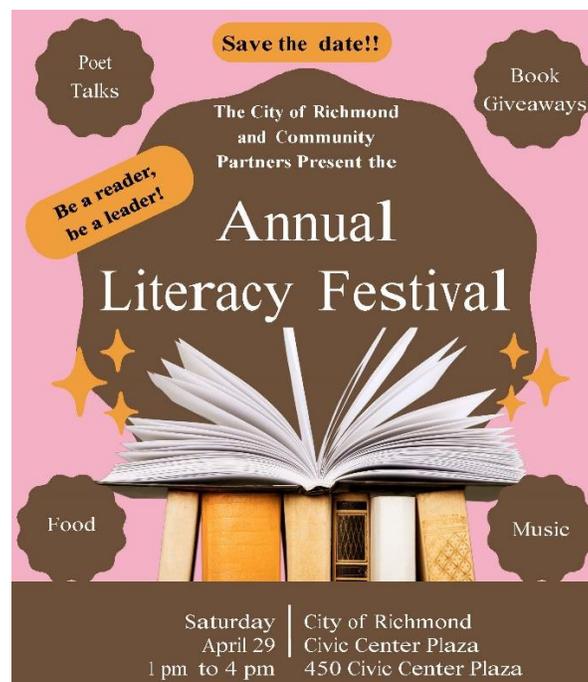
Join us on Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. for a fun morning and afternoon to improve our health and wellbeing! For more information and if you are interested in signing up as a vendor with resource sharing, call (510) 620-6793.

This event is open to the community, hosted by the Community Services – Recreation Division in partnership with several health care providers that refer patients to enjoy the outdoors and parks to improve their health and wellbeing.



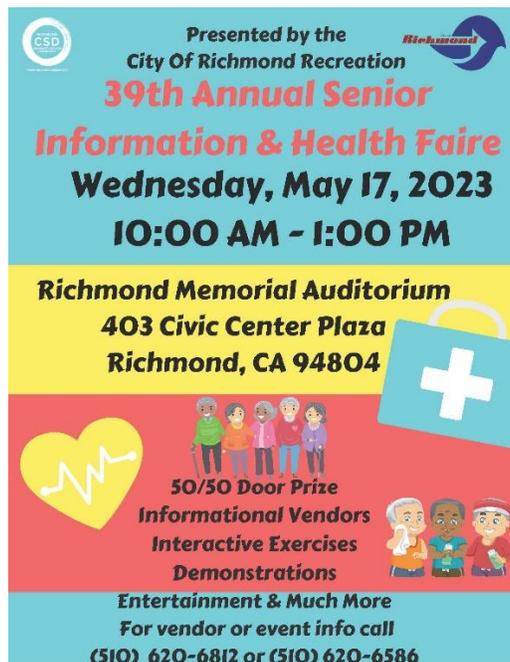
Save the Date: Annual Literacy Festival- Saturday, April 29th

Join the City of Richmond and community partners for the Annual Literacy Festival! This amazing event will take place on Saturday, April 29th from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the Civic Center Plaza: 450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Join us to for food, music, book giveaways and poetry talks! For more information, see the flyer below or call 510-620-6512.



Save the Date: Senior Information & Health Faire

Join us for our annual health fair and senior information day on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, from 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. For vendor information, please call Tania Swartz at (510) 620-6586 or Genoveva Sirlopu at (510) 620-6812.



4. City Clerk's Office

Your Service Is Needed - Join the City of Richmond Personnel Board

There is one vacant seat on the Personnel Board that must be filled by the mayor and council. Interested individuals should complete an application and submit it to the cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us.

Members of the Board shall have been qualified electors of the City of Richmond for at least three years and shall be persons sympathetic to the principles of modern personnel administration. No person shall be appointed to said Board who holds any salaried public office or employment in the service of the City of Richmond, nor is a retired city employee, nor shall any member, while a member of the board or for a period of one year after he has ceased to be a member of the board, for any reason, be eligible for appointment to any salaried office or employment in the service of the city, or for appointment to any elective office in the City.

Please view the following for more information:

- [Link to the Personnel Board webpage](#)

- [Personnel Board per the Charter](#)
- [Link to the application](#)

5. **City Manager Chronicles**

Meetings and events of note in the past week include the following:

- Along with the City Attorney's Office, Internal Services, and Human Resources, discussed and prepared for the February 21st Closed Session
- Reviewed, discussed and approved agenda reports for the February 21st City Council meeting
- Received updates from our Finance team on the status of the Mid-Year Budget presentation to the City Council
- Attended the monthly Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council meeting
- Conferred with Segal regarding Classification and Compensation methodology and implementation
- Continued preparation for Strategic Planning with the Richmond City Council
- Continued preparation and scheduling for new our Councilmember Orientations Series
- Worked with Irene Lozano, Executive Assistant to the City Manager and colleagues to develop a comprehensive list of the groups, committees, boards, commissions, etc. that City of Richmond staff members engage with on a regular basis for distribution to City Council and community at large – the total we have identified thus far is 94 and we are still counting! Thank you to all the amazing Richmond staff that our committed to providing exceptional service in our community!
- Documented several blight and illegal dumping concerns, and forwarded to appropriate staff for follow-up

Continued one-on-one weekly meetings with members of the City Council, community members, the Management Leadership Team, Department Heads in our one-on-one check-ins, City Attorney's Office, and various City staff members.

6. **City Manager's Office**

Moody's upgrades Richmond, CA's issuer rating and POBs to A3; outlook is stable

New York, February 17, 2023 -- Moody's Investors Service has upgraded the City of Richmond, CA's issuer rating to A3 from Baa2 and pension obligation bond rating to A3 from Baa3. This action concludes a review that was initiated on November 3, 2022 in conjunction with the release of the US Cities and Counties Methodology. The city has about \$236 million in outstanding bond debt. The outlook was revised to stable from ratings under review.

RATINGS RATIONALE

The upgrade of the issuer rating to A3 reflects the city's strengthened economic and financial performance, as viewed through our new methodology. Specifically, the city is benefitting from its location in the vibrant San Francisco Bay Area economy, which supports the average resident incomes and full value per capita that is above average due to the large commercial component in the tax base. This includes taxpayer concentration, in particular from an oil refinery owned by Chevron Corporation (Aa2 stable), which is the largest taxpayer. Notably, there is ongoing residential and commercial development that is buoyed the local economy and contributing to tax base growth.

The upgrade also reflects the significant improvement in the city's financial performance, albeit owing in part to receipt of one-time pandemic funding held outside the general fund that is yet to be expended. While the general fund has a large long-term receivable from its port enterprise, government-wide, the city benefits from the strong liquidity in its wastewater enterprise. While reserves and liquidity have improved significantly in recent years, the city's five-year projections show that expenditures will outpace revenues.

The A3 rating incorporates the city's strengthened financial policies and practices that supported improved financial performance. However, management turnover has contributed to inconsistent compliance with some of those policies. A notable weakness remains the administration of the housing authority, which has not completed a financial audit in four fiscal years, resulting in a lack of transparency regarding the potential effect on the city's finances. Additionally, there is remaining uncertainty regarding the outcome of significant litigation filed against the city in 2022. The A3 rating also incorporates the city's very high long-term liabilities ratio (comprising leverage from debt and unfunded pension and OPEB liabilities) and elevated fixed costs, significant given constraints on revenue growth and operating cost pressures.

The upgrade of the pension obligation bond (POB) rating to A3 reflects the change in methodology related to instrument-specific considerations. The absence of a distinction between the POB rating and the issuer rating reflects the unconditional legal obligation of the city to pay debt service on the bonds from all available financial resources, which includes the city's pension override tax revenues.

RATING OUTLOOK

The stable outlook reflects our view the city's financial position will moderate after spending of one-time revenues, but remain consistent with the rating level. The city's ability to match ongoing expenditures and revenues will be key to future reviews of its credit profile.

FACTORS THAT COULD LEAD TO AN UPGRADE OF THE RATINGS

- Improved compliance with adopted policies and reduced management turnover
- Proactive cost-cutting and revenue-raising measures to sustain structural balance
- Material reduction in leverage

FACTORS THAT COULD LEAD TO A DOWNGRADE OF THE RATINGS

- Sustained deficit spending
- Material judgment against the city in current litigation

LEGAL SECURITY

The city's POBs are an unconditional legal obligation of the city, payable from all available financial resources, including the city's pension override tax revenues.

Small Business Administration (SBA) press release: SBA Tops \$25 Million in Disaster Assistance Loans for Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Director Tanya N. Garfield of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Disaster Field Operations Center-West announced today that SBA has approved more than \$25.7 million in federal disaster loans for California businesses and residents impacted by severe winter storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides that occurred Dec. 27, 2022 - Jan. 31, 2023. According to Garfield, SBA has approved \$3,474,600 for businesses and \$22,267,500 for residents to help rebuild and recover from this disaster.

“This financial milestone of approved loans marks the progress of recovery from these storms,” said Francisco Sanchez, Jr., Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience. “Long-term recovery is an arduous process, and disaster survivors should know that we will continue to remain vigilant in serving these communities today and into the future to support them as they rebuild.”

“SBA’s disaster assistance employees are committed to helping businesses and residents rebuild as quickly as possible,” said Garfield. Businesses and residents in Alameda, Calaveras, Contra Costa, Mendocino, Merced, Monterey, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Ventura counties who sustained damages are encouraged to register prior to the March 16, 2023, deadline with the Federal Emergency Management Agency at www.disasterassistance.gov. “Don’t miss out on any assistance you may be entitled to by not registering for help. You don’t need to wait for your insurance to settle or obtain a contractor’s estimate,” she added.

SBA disaster loan borrowers have up to one year from the date of the note to begin making payments. In addition, interest does not begin to accrue until 12 months from the date of the initial loan disbursement and accrues only on the amount disbursed.

SBA continues to provide one-on-one assistance to disaster loan applicants at all the federal-state Disaster Recovery Centers, SBA Business Recovery Centers, SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Centers, and Local Assistance Centers throughout the affected areas to explain SBA’s disaster loan program and help business owners and residents close their approved disaster loans.

Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. The SBA can also lend additional funds to help business and residents with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations of all sizes, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage. **The deadline to apply for economic injury is Oct. 16, 2023.**

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Interest rates can be as low as 3.305 percent for businesses, 2.375 percent for private nonprofit organizations and 2.313 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information, and download applications at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/>.

Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance.

For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Recently, U.S. SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman [announced a policy change](#) granting 12 months of no payments and 0% interest. This pertains to all disaster loans approved in response to disasters declared on or after September 21, 2022, through September 30, 2023. This covers SBA disaster loans currently available for Hurricane Fiona and Hurricane Ian. This policy change will benefit disaster survivors and help them to decrease the overall cost of recovery by reducing the amount of accrued interest they must repay. Details are available through the SBA Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955. Individuals with verbal or hearing impairments may dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. ET, Monday to Friday, or email: disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

About the U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration helps power the American dream of business ownership. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small

business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow, expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.

SBA Supera \$25 Millones en Préstamos por Desastre Aprobados por las Severas Tormentas Invernales, Inundaciones y Deslizamientos de Tierra y Lodo

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Tanya N. Garfield, Directora del Centro de Desastres Regional del Oeste (Disaster Field Operations Center-West) de la Administración Federal de Pequeños Negocios (SBA por sus siglas en inglés), anunció hoy que SBA ha aprobado más de \$25.7 millones en préstamos federales de desastre para los negocios y residentes en el estado de California que se vieron afectados por las severas tormentas invernales, inundaciones y deslizamientos de tierra y lodo que ocurrieron del 27 de Diciembre de 2022 al 31 de Enero de 2023. Según Garfield, SBA ha aprobado \$3,474,600 para negocios y \$22,267,500 a residentes para ayudarlos a reconstruir y recuperarse de este desastre.

“Este logro financiero de préstamos aprobados muestra el progreso de la recuperación después de estas tormentas,” dijo Francisco Sánchez, Jr., Administrador Asociado de la Oficina de Recuperación y Resiliencia de SBA. “La recuperación a largo plazo es un proceso difícil, y los sobrevivientes del desastre deben saber que continuaremos atentos en servir a estas comunidades hoy y en el futuro para apoyarlas durante la reconstrucción.”

“El personal de la Oficina de Asistencia de Desastres de SBA está comprometido en ayudar a negocios y residentes a recuperarse lo antes posible,” dijo Garfield. Los negocios y residentes en los condados de Alameda, Calaveras, Contra Costa, Mendocino, Merced, Monterey, Sacramento, San Joaquín, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz y Ventura que sufrieron daños pueden registrarse con la Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias (FEMA por sus siglas en inglés) antes del 16 de Marzo de 2023 en www.disasterassistance.gov. “Si no se registra y solicita ayuda, podría dejar de recibir asistencia a la que puede tener derecho. No necesita esperar a recibir pago de su seguro o un estimado por parte de un contratista,” agregó.

Los prestatarios de préstamos por desastre de la SBA tienen hasta un año de la fecha del Pagaré para empezar a hacer pagos. Además, los intereses no comienzan a acumularse hasta 12 meses de la fecha del primer desembolso y se acumulan solamente sobre la cantidad desembolsada.

Representantes de SBA seguirán disponibles para asistir personalmente a los solicitantes en todos los Centros Locales de Asistencia federal-estatal, Centros de Recuperación por Desastre, Centros de Recuperación de Empresas de la SBA y Centros de Asistencia de Préstamos por Desastres de la SBA en todas las áreas afectadas para explicar el programa de préstamos por desastre de la SBA y ayudar a

los propietarios de negocios y residentes a cerrar sus préstamos aprobados para desastres.

Los negocios de cualquier tamaño y las organizaciones sin fines de lucro privadas pueden solicitar préstamos hasta de \$2 millones para reparar o reemplazar sus bienes inmobiliarios dañados o destruidos, maquinaria y equipo, inventario y otros activos. Además, SBA puede prestar fondos adicionales para ayudar con el costo de mejoras para proteger, prevenir o minimizar que el mismo tipo de daños no ocurran en el futuro.

Para los pequeños negocios y la mayoría de organizaciones sin fines de lucro privadas de todos tamaños, SBA ofrece Préstamos de Desastres para Pérdidas Económicas para ayudarles a cubrir necesidades de capital de trabajo causadas por el desastre. Estos préstamos están disponibles independientemente de si el negocio u organización sufrió algún daño físico en la propiedad. La fecha límite para solicitar un préstamo para pérdidas económicas es el 16 de Octubre de 2023.

Los préstamos de desastre disponibles para dueños de casas pueden ser hasta de \$200,000 para reparar o reemplazar bienes raíces dañados o destruidos. Dueños de casas e inquilinos pueden solicitar hasta \$40,000 para reparar o reemplazar su propiedad personal dañada o destruida.

Las tasas de interés de los préstamos pueden ser tan bajas hasta de 3.305 por ciento para negocios, 2.375 por ciento para organizaciones sin fines de lucro privadas y 2.313 por ciento para dueños de casas e inquilinos por plazos de hasta 30 años. Los montos y términos de los préstamos son establecidos por SBA y se basan en las condiciones financieras de cada solicitante.

Los interesados pueden llenar una solicitud en línea, recibir información adicional sobre asistencia de desastres y descargar la solicitud de préstamo en <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/>. También pueden comunicarse al Centro de Servicio a Clientes para Asistencia de Desastres de SBA marcando (800) 659-2955 o enviando un correo electrónico a disastercustomerservice@sba.gov para obtener mayor información. Las personas con discapacidades auditivas o del habla, favor de marcar 7-1-1 para tener acceso al servicio de retransmisión de telecomunicaciones. Las solicitudes completadas en papel deben enviarse por correo a U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Recientemente, la Administradora de la SBA, Isabella Casillas Guzmán, [anunció un cambio de política](#) otorgando 12 meses sin pagos y 0% de interés. Esto se refiere a todos los préstamos por desastre aprobados en respuesta a desastres declarados a partir del 21 de Septiembre de 2022 hasta el 30 de Septiembre de 2023. Esto cubre los préstamos por desastre de la SBA actualmente disponibles para el Huracán Fiona y el Huracán Ian. Este cambio de política beneficiará a los sobrevivientes del desastre y los ayudará a disminuir el costo general de recuperación al reducir la cantidad de intereses acumulados que deben pagar. Los detalles están disponibles a través del Centro de Servicio al Cliente de Asistencia por Desastre de la SBA al (800) 659-2955. Las personas con discapacidades auditivas o del habla pueden marcar el 7-1-1 para

acceder a los servicios de retransmisión de telecomunicaciones de 8:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m. ET, de Lunes a Viernes, o envíe un correo electrónico a disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Acerca de la Agencia Federal de Pequeños Negocios

La Agencia Federal de Pequeños Negocios hace realidad el sueño americano de ser propietario de una empresa. Como único recurso y voz para las pequeñas empresas y con el respaldo de la fortaleza del gobierno federal, la SBA permite a los empresarios y propietarios de pequeñas empresas contar con los recursos y el apoyo que necesitan para crear, desarrollar o ampliar sus negocios o recuperarse de un desastre declarado. Ofrece servicios a través de su amplia red de oficinas de campo y asociaciones con organizaciones públicas y privadas. Para obtener más información, visite www.sba.gov o www.sba.gov/espanol.

Contra Costa County Health Services Request for Proposals

Contra Costa County Health Services issued a request for proposals (RFP) to provide services for Contra Costa County's HIV/AIDS and STD Program from March 1st, 2023 to February 28th, 2024 (Ryan White Part A subcontract) and April 1st 2023-March 31st 2024 (Ryan White Part B subcontract). The RFP service category open is for Food Bank/Home-Delivered Meals. One RFP is for "food boxes" (groceries) and the other is for home-delivered meals (fresh or frozen prepared meals). Please see individual RFP documents for details specific to each service. Your company may apply to one or both.

RFP Timeline:

1. 2/23/23 – Proposals due by 6:00 PM. Email PDF of proposal to Eva.Lipke@cchealth.org
2. 2/27/23 – Award announcements

Please feel free to share these opportunities with others!

For more information, please visit the Contra Costa County's HIV/AIDS and STD Program Website at <http://cchealth.org/hiv> and Eva.Lipke@cchealth.org.

MCE and Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) EV Charging Station Rebate Closing Soon!

The City Manager's Office, Economic Development, Environmental and Health Initiatives Division is excited to announce that EV charging station rebates are available to workplaces and/or multifamily properties. MCE can help prepare your workplace or multifamily property for the increase in EV drivers, as the State of California looks to ban the sale of all new gas-fueled cars by 2035.

In partnership with Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Charge Up Contra Costa program, MCE is offering a \$5,500 rebate per EV charging port, up to 20 ports per site. The total average customer cost per Level 2 charging port is approx. \$6,500. These rebates can cover most or all the costs for hardware, installation, and technical assistance to help make your charging station a reality. Based on your [specific zip code](#), you may be eligible for these funds, which are limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Eligibility

Charging locations must be one of the following:

- Workplace that will offer EV charging to employees and/or fleet.
- Commuter parking lot, such as a park & ride or ferry terminal
- Multifamily property of 4+ units that will offer EV charging to tenants (all types eligible, such as affordable housing, market rate, senior living, and SRO)

Funds are running out! To learn more about MCE and Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Charge Up Contra Costa program submit [this](#) interest form today.



Measure X Request for Proposal

The Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) and the Contra Costa Health Services Department, Health, Housing and Homeless Services (H3) Division, otherwise referred to as "the County", are seeking qualified community-based providers to participate as contractors to serve people experiencing homelessness and people at risk of experiencing homelessness. The funding for this [RFP](#) includes, but is not limited to, Contra Costa County's Measure X Housing Fund.

Measure X is a voter-approved 20-year tax initiative that will provide funding for many critical services in Contra Costa County, including services for people at-risk of homelessness and experiencing homelessness. On November 16, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved and committed a portion of Measure X funds for the creation of the Measure X Housing Fund to support the development of new affordable housing, homeless prevention services (including tenant legal services and rental assistance services), innovation/capacity building activities, and homeless crisis response

services. This RFP is only soliciting responses for homeless prevention services, innovation/capacity building activities, or homeless crises response services.

Responses to this RFP may also be considered for other homeless services funding streams in addition to Measure X Housing Fund funding during the application review process. Details about the various funding streams are included in the RFP.

Responses to the [RFP](#) are due no later than March 3, 2023 by 5:00 PM.

Questions regarding this RFP can be directed to MeasureXHousingRFP@focusstrategies.net

Please follow [this link](#) to find important dates, the RFP, and other application materials:

Materials:

- [Measure X Housing Fund](#)
- [Funding Application](#)
- [Exhibit A - Funding Grid](#)
- [Exhibit B - Background](#)
- [Exhibit C - Budget Template](#)
- [Exhibit D - Additional Funding Sources](#)

Free Mattress Drop-off Program for Residents

Richmond residents are eligible to bring up to three (3) mattresses per month to be recycled at no cost. Mattresses or box springs can be dropped off **Wednesday through Saturday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at 101 Pittsburg Avenue, Richmond**. Proof of residency required ID or utility bill.

Not Accepted:

- Half mattresses or box springs
- excessively wet, damaged, partial, or soiled mattresses or mattresses with bed bugs
- car beds
- fold out sofa beds and futons.
- waterbeds
- air mattresses, sleeping bags, pillows, mattress toppers or other furniture.

Additionally, mattresses and box springs are accepted in the bulky item curbside pick-up for single-family and duplex homes. More information is available at, www.ci.richmond.ca.us/1722/Bulky-Bagged-Item-Programs.

For information on Household Hazardous Waste disposal visit, www.ci.richmond.ca.us/1720/Hazardous-Waste.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">FREE MATTRESS DROP-OFF</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Residents of Richmond, Hercules, Pinole, San Pablo, El Cerrito and unincorporated communities are now eligible to bring three (3) mattresses per month to the West Contra Costa County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at no cost.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Drop-off Location</p> <p>101 Pittsburg Ave Richmond, CA 94801 Wednesday - Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Closed Noon - 12:30 PM</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Not Accepted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut mattresses or box springs • Excessively wet, damaged, partial or soiled mattresses or mattresses with bed bugs • Car beds or water beds • Fold out sofa beds or futons • Air mattresses, sleeping bags, pillows, mattress toppers or other furniture </td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">For more information, call Republic Services at (510) 231-4200.</p> 	<p>Drop-off Location</p> <p>101 Pittsburg Ave Richmond, CA 94801 Wednesday - Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Closed Noon - 12:30 PM</p>	<p>Not Accepted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut mattresses or box springs • Excessively wet, damaged, partial or soiled mattresses or mattresses with bed bugs • Car beds or water beds • Fold out sofa beds or futons • Air mattresses, sleeping bags, pillows, mattress toppers or other furniture 	<h2 style="text-align: center;">DESHÁGASE DE SU COLCHÓN, GRATIS</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Los residentes de Richmond, Hércules, Pinole, San Pablo, El Cerrito y las comunidades no incorporadas son elegibles para traer tres (3) colchones por mes a la instalación de Recolección de Desechos Domésticos Peligrosos de West Contra Costa (West Contra Costa County Household Hazardous Waste Facility), sin costo.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Lugar de Entrega</p> <p>101 Pittsburg Ave Richmond, CA 94801 Miércoles - Sábado 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Cerrado de 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>No Se Aceptan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colchones cortados o somieres • Colchones excesivamente húmedos, dañados, parciales o sucios o con chinches • Camas de automóvil o camas de agua • Sofá cama o futones. • Colchones de aire, bolsas de dormir, almohadas, cubrecolchones u otros muebles </td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Para más información, llame a Republic Services al (510) 231-4200.</p> 	<p>Lugar de Entrega</p> <p>101 Pittsburg Ave Richmond, CA 94801 Miércoles - Sábado 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Cerrado de 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM</p>	<p>No Se Aceptan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colchones cortados o somieres • Colchones excesivamente húmedos, dañados, parciales o sucios o con chinches • Camas de automóvil o camas de agua • Sofá cama o futones. • Colchones de aire, bolsas de dormir, almohadas, cubrecolchones u otros muebles
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Richmond Green-Blue New Deal Community Input Survey is Now Live!

On July 6, 2021, the Richmond City Council adopted [Resolution 88-21](#) to support the process of developing a Richmond Green-Blue New Deal and Just Transition to 21st century jobs. The City of Richmond and the State of California are planning the transition to a just, equitable, resilient, and environmentally sustainable future. Ambitious policy goals are in place to increase renewable energy, electrify buildings, create sustainable transportation systems, reduce waste, conserve nature, and more. Richmond residents and non-profits are already building a green healthy economy and workforce, and your feedback will let us know about any new project ideas and what kinds of projects to prioritize that will build on the City's assets.

If you live or work in Richmond, please complete the survey and share with your network, <https://bit.ly/Richmond-GBND-survey>. Your input and feedback from the survey will shape the goals, direction, and priorities of the Richmond Green-Blue New Deal Workforce Development Plan.

For any questions, contact the consultant Appraccell, LLC at, thegreatpivot@gmail.com. For additional information on the Richmond Green-Blue New Deal and Just Transition visit, [Green-Blue New Deal and Just Transition | Richmond, CA - Official Website](#).

<p>Community Input Needed!</p> <p><i>Richmond Green-Blue New Deal Survey</i></p>  	<p>Richmond Green-Blue New Deal Workforce Development Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On July 6, 2021, the Richmond City Council adopted Resolution 88-21 to support the process of developing a Richmond Green-Blue New Deal and Just Transition to 21st Century jobs. The goal of the project is to catalyze at least 1,000 new green-blue jobs for Richmond residents that build a just, equitable, resilient and sustainable future by the end of 2023. If you live or work in Richmond, please fill out this 10 minute survey and feel free to share with your network. Your input and feedback from the survey will shape the goals, direction, and priorities of the Richmond Green-Blue New Deal Workforce Development Plan. <p>For more information visit the City's website at, https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4138/Green-Blue-New-Deal-and-Just-Transition</p>
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<p>¡Se necesita la opinión de la comunidad!</p> <p><i>Richmond Green-Blue New Deal Encuesta</i></p>  	<p>Plan de desarrollo de la fuerza laboral del New Deal verde-azul de Richmond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> El 6 de julio de 2021, el Concejo Municipal de Richmond adoptó la Resolución 88-21 para apoyar el proceso de desarrollo del Nuevo Acuerdo Verde-Azul de Richmond (Richmond Green-Blue New Deal) y una Transición Justa a los empleos del siglo XXI. El objetivo del proyecto es producir 1,000 nuevas oportunidades de empleo verde-azul para los residentes de Richmond que construyan un futuro justo, equitativo, resiliente y sostenible para fines de 2023. Si vive o trabaja en la ciudad de Richmond, complete esta encuesta de 10 minutos y compártelo con su red social. Sus aportes y comentarios de la encuesta darán influencia a los objetivos, la dirección y las prioridades del Plan de Desarrollo de la Fuerza Laboral del Nuevo Acuerdo Verde-Azul de Richmond. <p>Para más información, visite el sitio web, https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4138/Green-Blue-New-Deal-and-Just-Transition</p> <p>Si tiene preguntas, póngase en contacto con Appracel, LLC a través de correo electrónico thegreatpivot@gmail.com.</p>
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COVID-19 Microbusiness Grant has launched Round 2!

Round 2 of \$2,500 grants available for microbusinesses & non-profits! This round of grants is open from January 18th through March 12th.

Applicants must be in one of the following three counties to qualify: Alameda, Contra Costa, or El Dorado

- Must have been in operation since 2019, have been impacted by the COVID-19 public health restrictions.
- Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis with priorities given to underserved businesses and early applicants.
- Applicants are encouraged to monitor their email and phone for notifications. Help is available for in-person and over-the-phone application completion assistance.

Visit the website to see if you qualify and for more information:

www.microbusinessgrant.org

\$2,500 GRANTS FOR MICROBUSINESSES & NON-PROFITS

WWW.MICROBUSINESSGRANT.ORG

**ROUND 2 OPEN
JAN. 18 - MAR. 12**



Apply Now!

Must be in one of these 3 counties to Qualify:
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7. **Community Services**

Employment and Training

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD! Equity In Employment & Pay In The Bay Area

EastBayWORKS is pleased to release the Draft of the **PY 21–24 Regional Plan Biennial Modification** for 30-day public comment from February 15, 2023, to March 15, 2023.

The PY 21-24 Regional Plan was developed to work toward the shared vision of creating a comprehensive system that addresses poverty, promotes income mobility, and embeds equity as a cornerstone of service delivery across the East Bay. Developed with input from partners and stakeholders, the regional plan modification provides updates to the PY21-24 Regional Plan. The State of California Workforce Development Board requires regions to update Regional Plans every two years. EastBayWORKS is comprised of the four East Bay Workforce Development Boards serving Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and the Cities of Oakland and Richmond.

The plan and new EastBayWORKS Regional Economic and Workforce Analysis can also be found at the City of Richmond's Employment and Training Department located at 330 25th St Richmond, CA 94801, and on the [EastBayWORKS website](#).

Please submit comments to: regionalplancommentebrpu@gmail.com.

Questions about the PY21-24 Regional Plan Biennial Modification may be directed to EastBayWORKS Coordinator, Michael Katz at mkatz.eastbayworks@gmail.com.

**Growing Our Regional Economy
Building Our Regional Workforce**

EASTBAYWorks is your public workforce development network

Through our network of job centers, economic developers, support service providers, and educational entities, our partners provide benefits and services to employers, job seekers, and youth, aged 16-24. All at no cost to you.



Recreation

Love Your Block Mini-Grants: Now Accepting Applications

The FY 2022-2024 Love Your Block Mini-Grant application cycle has launched! Mini grants will fund proposals that improve environmental quality by engaging community volunteers to clean-up and beautify Richmond.

A total of \$80,000 is available for the mini-grant cycle. Grant awards can be up to \$10,000. Applicants must be a 501(c)3 organization or an organization using a 501(c)3 fiscal sponsor.

Check out the Mini-Grant guidelines, application, and more at www.richmondloveyourblock.org, and contact Love Your Block staff at (510) 620-6563 or volunteer@ci.richmond.ca.us. You can also schedule one-on-one office hours with Love Your Block for assistance with your application!

Applications will be accepted until Friday, March 3, 2023, at 11:59 PM.

The Love Your Block Mini-Grant Program is funded by a partnership between Community Services and City Manager's Office, Economic Development.



Checking out with the North Richmond Mobile Tool Library

When you become a North Richmond Mobile Tool Library member, you gain the ability to reserve tools online through our website. Select your tools ahead of time and pick them up during the 1st or 3rd Saturday of the month between 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. Our checkout process has been made quick and easy with the implementation of our new barcode system so you can get started on your latest project. Stop by, become a member, and let us know how we can assist you with your upcoming projects!

Visit our [website](#) to find out how to become a member today and view our tool inventory!

Stay updated on the North Richmond Mobile Tool Library:

- [Subscribe to our e-newsletter!](#)
- Follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).



Zumba!

Join us for Zumba on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays! Click here to register: tinycloud.com/richmondrecreation. Call (510) 620-6793 for more information.

\$6/class for Richmond Residents
\$7.50/class for non-Richmond Residents
All COVID-19 guidelines will be adhered to until further notice.
Online registration and payment or Monthly Pass Available

UPDATE: NEW OR WINTER CODE FOR REGISTRATION
ZUMBA WITH OSCAR AND RICHMOND'S
COMMUNITY RECREATION DIVISION
3238 MACDONALD AVE. RICHMOND, CA 94884

ALL Classes Are Indoors during Winter at Social Hall Masks Req!!

Tuesdays & Thursdays
7:00PM - 8:00PM
AND
Saturdays
8:30AM - 9:30AM

Register at
<https://apm.activecommunities.com/richmond>
Call for more information
(510)620-6793

RICHMOND CSD
 COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
 ENJOYING OUR COMMUNITY

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*\$6/clase para las personas de Richmond
\$7.50/clase para las personas de afuera de Richmond*

*Todas las guías para combatir el virus de Corona serán acatadas
Puede registrarse y apuntarse en línea u obtener un pase mensual*

NUEVO CODIGO DE QR PARA REGISTRARSE EN INVIERNO

ZUMBA CON OSCAR Y LA DIVISION DE RECREACION COMUNITARIA DE RICHMOND
3230 MACDONALD AVE. RICHMOND, CA 94804

SCAN ME

Richmond

Todas las Clases Serán Adentro del Salon Social durante el Invierno. Mascaras Requeridas.

Martes y Jueves 7:00PM - 8:00PM
Y Los Sabados 8:30AM - 9:30AM

Hagale un Escaneo

Regístrese al <https://apm.activecommunities.com/richmond>
o Llame Para Mas Informacion al (510)620-6793

Pickleball

Join us for pickleball! Starts Tuesday, February 27th from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. for ages 18+ on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays at the Recreation Complex Gym. Sign up today at tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation.

CITY OF RICHMOND, COMMUNITY SERVICES - RECREATION PRESENTS

PICKLEBALL
(DROP-IN)

START DATE:
• **FEBRUARY 27, 2023** •

TIME: 10AM-1PM AGE: 18+

MONDAY, TUESDAY, & FRIDAY

RECREATION COMPLEX GYM

3230 MACDONALD AVE, RICHMOND CA. 94804

PRICE PER PERSON
DAILY

\$3

FOR MORE INFO 510.620.6793 REGISTER ONLINE tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation
REGISTER EARLY - SPACE IS LIMITED

Parks Make Life Better! CSD Richmond

Richmond Pools Hiring Lifeguards

Do you know a student who will be looking for a summer or year-round job? Please share this flyer. Now is the time to [apply!](#) Waiting until late spring or summer is too late to get trained and hired.

But lifeguarding isn't just for teens. We enthusiastically hire lifeguards of all ages and stages. If you are a strong swimmer and have a flexible schedule, please consider working at our pools. Help serve your community, swim for free, and be part of a great team. For more information about qualifications or the job, please email Paula Cooper-Tipton at paula_cooper-tipton@ci.richmond.ca.us

**We're Hiring
Lifeguards
Join our Team!**

A great job for college and high school students, retirees, parents or other adults with flexible schedules. Part-time positions with flexible, year-round shifts at our two indoor pools.

We will train Lifeguard applicants who are strong swimmers! Must pass a swim test and commit to working at least two shifts per week + attending all trainings
Minimum age requirement: 15 on the last day of the Lifeguard class

APPLY TODAY or contact Paula Cooper-Tipton for information paula_cooper-tipton@ci.richmond.ca.us

Medaqua **CSD**

Adult Fitness Program

The adult fitness program is now back! The monthly fitness pass is only \$5 for Richmond residents and \$6.25 for non-Richmond residents! Enroll today and take a step towards a healthier, happier you!

Call (510) 620-6793 for more information!

Richmond Recreation Complex
3230 Macdonald Ave. Richmond, CA 94804
Monday-Friday, 9:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Shields-Reid Community Center
1410 Kelsey St. Richmond, CA 94801
Monday-Friday, 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

CITY OF RICHMOND

ADULT FITNESS PROGRAM

THE ADULT FITNESS PROGRAM OFFERS LIFE FITNESS EXERCISE EQUIPMENT THAT WILL ENABLE YOU TO ACHIEVE A FULL BODY WORKOUT. EQUIPMENT INCLUDES EXERCISE BIKES, TREADMILLS, FITNESS MACHINES, AND FREE WEIGHTS. THE MONTHLY FITNESS PASS IS AVAILABLE FOR \$5 FOR RICHMOND RESIDENTS AND \$6.25 FOR NON-RICHMOND RESIDENTS. TO ENROLL, PLEASE VISIT THE RECREATION REGISTRATION OFFICE AT 3230 MACDONALD AVE.

ONCE ENROLLED YOU CAN ATTEND AT THE BELOW LOCATIONS. THIS IS YOUR FIRST STEP TO A HEALTHIER HAPPIER YOU!

NEVIN COMMUNITY CENTER	RICHMOND RECREATION COMPLEX	SHIELDS REID COMMUNITY CENTER
598 NEVIN AVE (510) 620-6793	3230 MACDONALD AVE (510) 620-6793	1410 KELSEY ST (510) 620-6822
MON-FRI: 10 AM - 1 PM	MON-FRI: 9 AM - 7 PM	MON-FRI: 10 AM - 2 PM

Enroll Today!

Love Your Block In-Kind Sponsorship Program: Supplies for Volunteer Events

The **Love Your Block In-Kind Sponsorship Program** is now accepting requests for sponsorship! The sponsorship program aims to make supplies for volunteer clean-up and beautification projects available to residents and groups that want to make a difference in Richmond. **Sponsorships are limited to \$1,000 of supplies only.**

Examples of supplies that can be sponsored include trash bags, gardening and landscaping supplies, painting supplies, personal protective equipment, and drinks, snacks, and refreshments for volunteers.

Check out the program guidelines, application, and more at www.richmondloveyourblock.org, and contact Love Your Block staff at (510) 620-6563 or volunteer@ci.richmond.ca.us if you have any questions!

The Love Your Block In-Kind Sponsorship Program is funded by a partnership between Community Services and City Manager's Office, Economic Development.

Love Your Block | Richmond | CSD

LOVE YOUR BLOCK IN-KIND SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

- APPLY NOW** Now accepting sponsorship requests on a rolling basis
- Volunteer clean-up and beautification events and projects only
- Up to \$1,000 in supplies per project

Scan the QR code for more information or visit www.richmondloveyourblock.org

Presidents' Week Camp

Join Recreation staff at the Richmond Recreation Complex for a fun and active Presidents Week Camp. Campers will participate in art & crafts, fun group games, movement activities, and the opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with old ones! We also have a field trip scheduled to go to the Richmond Swim Center.

*PROPER MASK WEARING IS MANDATORY *

Check out the flyer or call (510) 620-6793 for more information or register online at tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation.



Richmond Achieve and Elevate After-School Programs

New Year and new session! Want your children to stay active after school? Do they need assistance with their homework? Do you need childcare while you are working? Well, Achieve After-School Program is your answer!

For only \$80, you reserve a spot in one of our great Achieve After-School programs at your preferred Richmond Community Centers until June 9, 2023. All Achieve after-school programs have a different daily schedule, but all focus on the same targets, which are assisting with homework, creating arts & crafts, engaging with other children, participating in organized group activities, exploring new things, and much more!

Parchester Community Center
900 Williams Drive, Richmond, CA 94806
After-school – 6:00 P.M., Monday-Friday

Shields Reid Community Center
1410 Kelsey Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801
Walking school bus from Verde Elementary
After-school – 5:00 P.M., Monday-Friday

Nevin Community Center
598 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801
Walking school bus from Richmond College Prep & Lincoln Elementary
After-school – 6:00 P.M., Monday-Friday

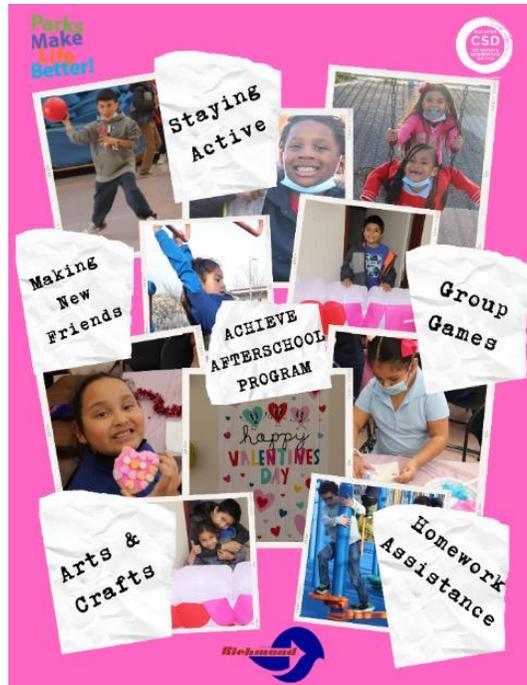
Richmond Recreation Complex
3230 Macdonald Ave., Richmond, CA 94804
After-school – 6:00 P.M., Monday-Friday

We also offer the Elevate program at the May Valley site!

May Valley Community Center
3530 Morningside Dr. Richmond, CA 94803
After-school – 6:00 P.M., Monday-Friday

Check out the flyer or call (510) 620-6793 for more information or register online at tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation.





Tiny Heroes - Be a Superhero!

The Community Services, Recreation Division is in its second month of the Tiny Heroes classes for infants and toddlers at Shields-Reid and Nevin Community centers. The classes are running at Nevin on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Shields-Reid on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This program is to focus on the child's development by assisting with their fine and gross motor skills and exposing the children to interact with other children. The participants do art projects led by Richmond Recreation Leaders with the support of parents, and are introduced to the alphabet, numbers 1-10, and the colors. This is not a preschool or a daycare, so the parents/guardians are always by their children.

Shields-Reid Community Center
1410 Kelsey Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801
10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. on Wednesdays and Thursdays

Nevin Community Center
598 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801
10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. on Mondays and Tuesdays

TINY HEROES TRAINING CAMP

NEVIN COMMUNITY CENTER
598 NEVIN AVE. (510) 820-6813

SHIELDS REID COMMUNITY CENTER
1410 KELSEY ST. (510) 620-8822

Sept 2022 - May 2023
septiembre 2022 - mayo 2023
Monday & Tuesday
lunes y martes
10:30 am - 12 pm
6 months - 5 yrs
6 meses - 5 años
Res: \$20/mo. or \$5/drop-in
Residente: \$20/mes o \$5/entrada
Non-Res: \$25/mo. or \$5/drop-in
No-Residente: \$25/mes o \$5/entrada

Sept 2022 - May 2023
septiembre 2022 - mayo 2023
Wednesday & Thursday
miércoles y jueves
10:30 am - 12 pm
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Tiny Heroes program focuses on each child's development. The classes help with their fine and gross motor skills and teaches the children to how to interact with other children. The participants do art projects led by Richmond Recreation Leaders with the support of parents. The participants are introduced to the alphabet, numbers 1-10, and colors. This is not a preschool or a daycare, so the parents/guardians are always near their children during the program.

El programa Tiny Heroes se enfoca en el desarrollo de cada niño. Las clases ayudan con sus habilidades motoras finas y gruesas y les enseñan a los niños como interactuar con otros niños. Los participantes realizan proyectos de arte dirigidos por Richmond Recreation Leaders con el apoyo de los padres. Los participantes aprenden el alfabeto, los números del 1 al 10 y los colores. Esto no es un preescolar o una guardería, por lo que los padres/tutores siempre están cerca de sus hijos durante el programa.

register online: tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation
in-person: recreation registration office: 3230 macdonald ave
call (510) 620-6793 for more information

Parks Make Life Better!

Staying Active
Learning Colors
TINY HEROES 2023
Learning Numbers
Arts & Crafts
Child Development

A Sweet Valentine's Day for Our Fellow Seniors

Recreation staff treated our seniors at the Richmond Senior Center & Annex Senior Center to some tasty desserts- even though our seniors are the best and already sweet enough!

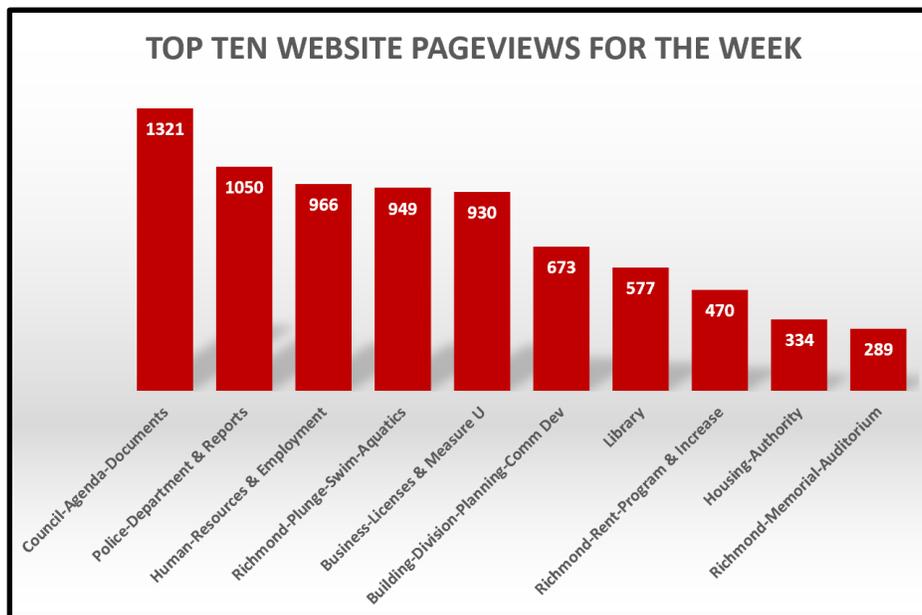




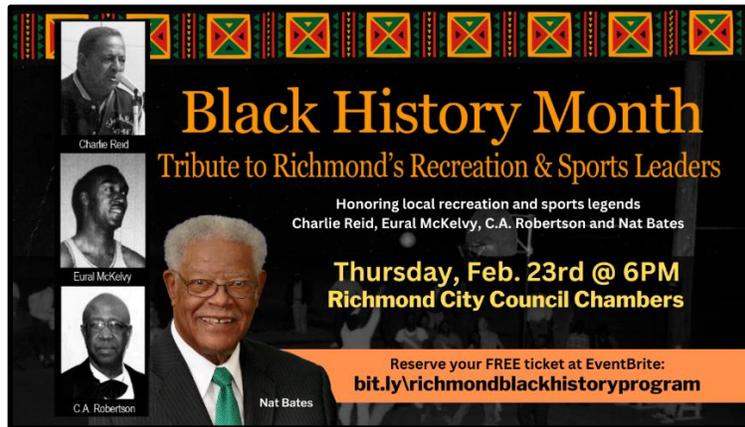
8. Internal Services

Information Technology

Website Statistics



KCRT Newsbyte of the Week



KCRT TV Channel 28 - New Episodes Of Current Programming

New "NewsBytes" and Regular Series Episodes:

- New NewsBytes segment: "Chat with the Chief." Police Chief French and her Crime Analysis staff give an update on recent changes to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) brings detailed, incident-based data to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. Segment only features the presentation section of the Zoom Meeting.
- New episodes of "WON's Cartoon Starcade," "Creature Features," "The Jet Set," and "Sidewalks Entertainment."

Recent Segments:

- Some "NewsBytes" Segments Currently On-Air: Chat with Police Chief on recent changes to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS); Osprey Installation, revised HD version of an old Sundar Shadi Holiday display, Fall Festival, Spirit and Soul Festival, Richmond Health & Wellness Trail Ribbon Cutting, RichmondMOVES, Drive Electric Week, RFD 911 Memorial Run, AB 481 Community Engagement Meeting, Salmon Release, Willie May Days, MLK

Field, LEAP Graduation 2022, ONS Press Conference, Highlights of Juneteenth 2022, July 3rd Fireworks, RFD Fire Alarm installation, CoBiz spotlight on Downtown Richmond, Juneteenth Underpass Mural, National Drive Electric and RichmondMOVES, Easter Egg Hunt, City Manager Swearing In Ceremony, Highlights of the Richmond Poetry event (piece provided by and edited by Doug Harris), Tibetan Flag Raising, Mayor’s State of the City, Police / Fire Toy Drive, Coffee with the Chief, Transgender Flag Raising, Fire Chief Swearing-In Ceremony, Clean Air Day, National Night Out 2021, Ookwe Park Celebration, Yellow Brick Road, Transit Re-Grand Opening.

- Mayor’s Office-produced videos of North Richmond Mobile Tool Library Opening and Richmond Art Center’s Art of the African Diaspora opening reception.
- Contra Costa County’s Mr. Funnelhead campaign (acquired piece).
- “Your Future, Your Choice: Life after High School,” six short presentations that cover options and resources for four-year colleges, community colleges, and the building trades (video courtesy of Library and Doug Harris).

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

9. **Public Works**

Abatement

Abatement crews dismantled burnt recreational vehicles from the Castro encampment area to enable towing, demolished and removed an abandoned camper shell from the road in the Cortez Stege Neighborhood, abated debris from Richmond Parkway boundaries, abated illegally dumped debris and removed graffiti from various locations throughout the City.





Castro RV's Dismantling & Camper Shell Removal



Richmond Parkway Clean-Up



Illegal Dumping & Graffiti Abatement

Building Maintenance

Stationary Engineers performed daily pool maintenance and Civic Center Plaza boilers and pump inspections, repaired a leaking toilet in the men's restroom at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, performed a full maintenance on the mini split air conditioning system in the server room of the Main Library, cleared a clogged sink in the men's restroom at the Richmond Recreation Complex, repaired a leaking faucet in the break room of Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) by installing a rebuilt kit, re-calibrated the front automatic door to Employment and Training, removed and cleared out the debris in the paint separator under the sink of the Paint Studio in the Art Center, and our Building Trades Worker completed a ergonomics keyboard installation in the City Manager's Office.



Clog Removal

Utility Workers assisted the Housing Authority with maintenance, pressure washed the Nevin Community Center, replaced carpet squares and relamped the City Council Chambers, scrubbed and waxed floors at Point Richmond Community Center and Information Technology Department, setup the Council Chamber for a workshop, sanitized and disinfected various locations including all common areas and maintained 27 City owned buildings.



Floor Maintenance in Pt. Richmond

Parks

General fund crews repaired fencing on the Greenway, spread mulch at LaMoine Park and performed maintenance at the 12th Street and Macdonald Avenue lot.



Mulch Installation

Marina crews replaced dog waste bags, pruned along the Bay Trail, continued weed abatement, completed edging and mowing of lawns and removed debris throughout the district.



Lawn Edging

Streets

Pavement maintenance crews made repairs at the Port of Richmond Auto Warehouse, filled and delivered sandbags to senior citizens, performed base repairs on South 23rd Street between Ohio Avenue and Cutting Boulevard, delivered barricades for the Books and Breakfast special event and worked from the outstanding pothole and hot mix list.

Residents can fill sandbags at the following locations: Bayview Library on Hartnett Avenue or at the back gate of the Corporation Yard located on Harbour Way next to the Greenway. Senior or disabled citizens can call the Streets division of Public Works at (510) 231-3011 for sandbag delivery requests (limit 10).



Potholing

Street sweeping crews swept the following neighborhood council areas on the second Monday and Tuesday and third Wednesday through Friday: May Valley, Vista View, Clinton Hill I-III, Atchison Village, South Belding Woods, Santa Fe, Coronado, Marina Bay, and Point Richmond.

Traffic signs and lines staff installed or repaired 30 signs, installed signs and pavement markings on Santa Rita Road, placed new signs and markings in a City lot, placed sweeping signs in Plaza Circle, installed new stop messages on Jenkins Way as well as approach lines for speed humps on Williams Drive.



Message Installation



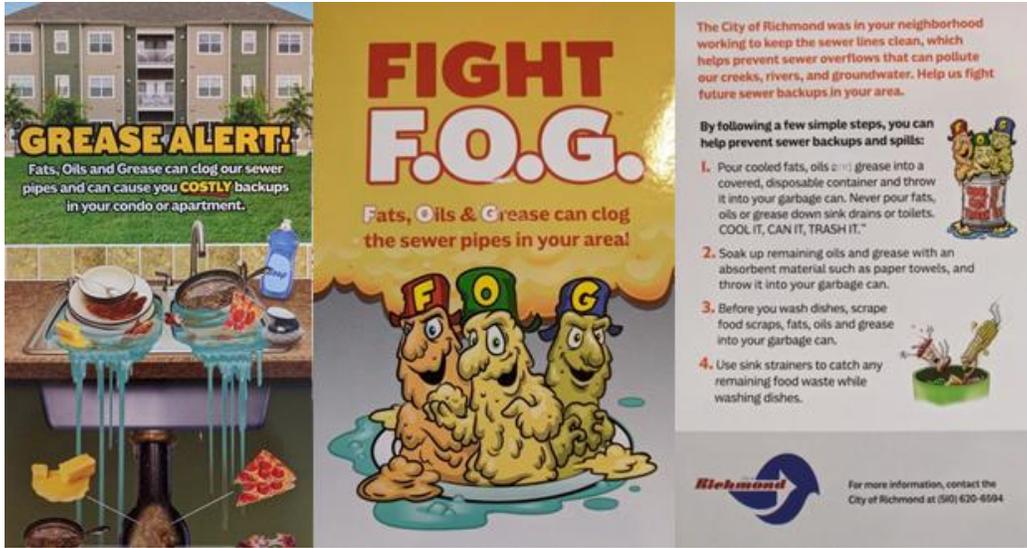
City Lot

Water Resource Recovery Division

Fats Oils & Grease (Fog)

DO NOT POUR GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN! Grease continues to be a problem in the sanitary sewer system and the Richmond Wastewater Treatment Plant. Grease clogs pipes and can be detrimental to the function of the plant. It can also lead to sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs).

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



Planta de Tratamiento de Aguas Residuales – Aceites y Grasas (FOG)

¡POR FAVOR! ¡NO PONGA GRASA POR EL DRENAJE! Se ha reportado grasa pesada en la planta de tratamiento de alcantarillado de Richmond. La grasa obstruye las tuberías y puede ser perjudicial para la función de la planta.

Para obtener más información sobre aceites y grasas (FOG), llame al (510) 620-6594.



Sewer Lateral Grant Program

The City of Richmond’s Water Resource Recovery 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 will reimburse applicants up to \$1,800 of the cost of a full sewer line replacement.

The program is open and accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for sewer lateral work completed between 7/1/2022-6/30/2023.

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
450 Civic Center Plaza, 2nd Floor
Richmond, CA 94804
Office: (510) 620-6594
Fax: (510) 307-0195
Email: wwr@ci.richmond.ca.us

Sewer Lateral Grant Program Application
Fiscal Year 2022-2023

APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print in blue or black ink)

Property Owner(s) Name (PRINT): _____
Property Address (PRINT): _____
Mailing Address (if different than above): _____
Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____
Property ~~category~~: Primary Residence Rental Property (answer question below) Other: _____
Is the rental property currently registered with the City of Richmond Rent Program: Yes No
Contractor bid amount: _____ Total amount paid to contractor: _____

By signing this application, I certify that (i) I have read and understand the "Lateral Grant Application and Guidelines", (ii) I am the legal owner or, if the owner is a non-profit public service organization, the legal representative of the owner of the subject property described above, (iii) I recognize the acceptance of this sewer lateral grant application is not a guarantee or promise by the City of Richmond to approve sewer lateral grant funds for private sewer lateral replacement at the above-described property, (iv) I understand the City of Richmond will award one (1) sewer lateral grant reimbursement to property owner(s) in a lifetime on a first come, first served basis until all sewer lateral grant funds are exhausted for the subject property described above, (v) I must maintain the private sewer lateral at the above-described property in compliance with Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 12.17 even if the sewer lateral grant application is not approved, (vi) I have not submitted a claim to the City or any other public agency for reimbursement of costs incurred to make the sewer lateral replacement described above, and (vii) I understand that the City of Richmond does not guarantee the work of contractors on private sewer laterals. I hereby grant the City of Richmond all rights of access to the subject property necessary to process this application, such rights to be exercised only during normal business hours and with reasonable notice to occupants of the subject property.

APPLICANT NAME (PRINT): _____
APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

1. _____ 2. _____

CHECKLIST:
 Contractor's Final Invoice
 Proof of Property Ownership (PO/Grant Deed/PCOR)
 Rental Property
 Proof of Payment
 Certificate of Lateral Compliance
Commercial Property operated by a Non-Profit Organization: Yes No N/A
Has the applicant previously received a lateral grant reimbursement: Yes No

APN: _____
FC: _____
UGA #: _____
Approved Date: _____
Approved Amount: _____

APPROVED FOR REIMBURSEMENT INCOMPLETE DENIED

Note: _____

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Sewer Lateral Grant Program Application Guidelines

Application and copies of the required documents listed below must be submitted to:
Water Resource Recovery Division – 450 Civic Center Plaza, 2nd Floor, Richmond, CA 94804
Counter Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30am-4pm
WRR@ci.richmond.ca.us

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

Eligibility:

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

Required Documents:

- ✦ Only Lateral Grant Applications dated 6/30/2022 or newer will be accepted.
- ✦ Contractor's final paid in full invoice.
- ✦ Proof of payment (copy of canceled check, credit card receipt, or bank statement are accepted).
- ✦ Certificate of Lateral Compliance (issued by the City after encroachment permit inspections are approved).
- ✦ Grant Deed (change of ownership taken place within last 3 months and/or if property is under a Trust).
- ✦ Tax-exempt organizations must submit proof of tax-exempt status.

Award Limits:

- Each fiscal year the City allocates sewer lateral grant funds to be awarded for private sewer lateral replacement.
- This program can be suspended at any time without prior or advanced notification or posting.
- Property owner(s) are eligible for **ONE (1)** sewer lateral grant reimbursement award in a lifetime on a first come, first served basis until all sewer lateral funds are exhausted.
- Starting July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, 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 6 weeks from the date the completed application is received and approved by the City.

10. Unhoused Initiatives and Resources

Castro Encampment Transition Update

A major cleanup was held at the Castro encampment, including the removal of stolen and abandoned vehicles. Thank you to all the volunteers that supported the clean up!!

The prelude to the Cleanup Day was the towing of vehicles on Thursday, February 16, 2023. A big THANK YOU! to Parking Enforcement and the Richmond Police Department for a great job getting 10 vehicles towed out of the Castro Encampment. Staff members from Safe, Organized Spaces (SOS!) were also there clearing out and piling up debris for pickup on Friday, February 17th by the City's Abatement team.

In preparation for the Clean Up Day, the monthly resident meeting provided an opportunity to encourage encampment residents to come out and help with the cleanup. Service providers, including the Housing Consortium of the East Bay (HCEB), Contra Costa Coordinated Outreach Referral Engagement (CORE), and Community-Villages, Inc., provided information regarding Cal Fresh and free phone service for residents to sign up.



**PRESIDENT'S DAY
FEBRUARY 17TH, 2023
8AM - 2PM**

**CASTRO
ENCAMPMENT
CLEAN UP**

We Need Help With:

- Collecting Trash
- Removal of Burnt Vehicles
- Donation of Sturdy Cabinet
- Trash Take Away
- Lunch for 100 People

**Interested In
Joining Us?**

Call us at
510-827-9859
or Email
way2love@way2loveinc.org
Looking forward to your help!

www.way2loveinc.org





Photos from the towing and clean-up activities.

Girl Scouts Deliver Donations to Castro Residents

On Saturday, February 11, 2023, Girl Scouts from Troop number 33895 led by their den leader, Jessica Jenkins, and accompanied by parents came to the Castro encampment to deliver a variety of items including energy bars, socks, hand warmers, beanies, gloves, tarps, toiletries, and other items they collected for residents at the Castro encampment. Project Manager Vanessa Calloway was there to meet them and walk through the encampment to distribute the items to residents.



Girl Scouts Troop No. 33895 delivering donated items to Castro residents.

Weekly Meetings

Weekly Support Meeting, Mondays at 9:00 AM - Jesus Morales, Housing Manager and Vanessa Calloway ERF Castro Project Manager. Touch base on ongoing events and activities at the encampment.

Weekly Castro Service Providers Meeting held Fridays at 1:00 PM - Jesus Morales, Vanessa Calloway and representatives from service providers SOS, CORE, HCEB, and Ascend Professional Services (security) meet to coordinate activities.

Weekly Housing Providers Meeting, held third Friday of the month at 3:00 PM - Jesus Morales, Vanessa Calloway and representatives from service providers SOS, CORE, HCEB, and landlords interested in working with the Castro encampment team meet to discuss housing opportunities for Castro residents.

Advisory Board Stakeholders Monthly Meeting, second Thursday of the month at 5:00PM - Vanessa Calloway and advisory Board Members, currently four members, including one with lived experience, and other interested stakeholders meet to discuss activities at the Castro Encampment.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2023 at 5:00-6:00 PM. Below is a recap of discussion items from the February 9 meeting.

- Vanessa went over recent updates taking place at Castro specifically:
 - Three families housed in January, two housed so far in February
 - Reconfiguration of the site is taking place in increments to be able to consolidate and fence the site. The goal is to have Castro fully reconfigured by April.
 - Staff have received bids on fencing, generators, cameras and lighting.
- Jesus went over the Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) Castro budget and shared some adjustments that have been submitted to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) for their review and approval. Additional notes from the meeting are below:
 - Community members shared concerns of the cost of security.
 - Community members are concerned that residents are being placed but not provided with furnishings and other household and living items. Vanessa shared that we are working with community members for donations as well as Make a Better Home to furnish homes by using flex funds.

Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) Round 2

City staff members are working with a consultant to review and determine what the city's ERF Round 2 application project will focus on. In order to benefit from the priority that will be given to applications targeting Caltrans right-of-way, the city is evaluating opportunities to partner with Caltrans on resolving encampments in their right-of-way in Richmond.

Housing First Program

The Housing First Program contract, approved by the City Council on December 20, 2022, has been fully executed and Richmond Community Foundation (RCF), the program administrator, is gearing up to start assisting Richmond residents via emergency short term rental assistance. The other portion of the program is Housing First which can provide longer term rental assistance to homeless or near homeless residents with priority to former Rydin Road residents. RCF, in collaboration with local partners is in the process of hiring care managers that will be the primary point of contact for the Housing First Program. Care managers will be the direct contacts for interested applicants for the Housing First Program.

A Zoom call, facilitated by Payton Silket, was held with former Rydin residents to introduce them to RCF's Executive Director Jim Becker, on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM to discuss the Housing First Program. Mr. Becker provided an overview of the program benefits and services provided through Housing First.

Homeless Strategic Plan

The city's consultant, Homebase, delivered the draft Homelessness Strategic Plan. The Plan is posted on the city website and is being distributed to various interested parties, city staff, the Homeless Task Force members, neighborhood council, and members of focus groups that participated in interviews and public forums. The Plan will be presented during a City Council Study Session at an upcoming meeting for review and feedback from the Council and the Richmond community.

[Homelessness Strategic Plan | Richmond, CA - Official Website](#)

The Interdepartmental Team met on Friday February 17th to discuss the draft Homelessness Strategic Plan.

Homeless Resources

The City of Richmond is updating and adding more information on resources and services that are available to the homeless and those that may be facing homelessness due to any number of personal challenges on the City web site. Please note that dialing [211](#) is the appropriate public contact to reach out to [CORE](#) with reports of people needing shelter from the weather or facing housing displacement.

The links below provide access to information on [Unhoused Interventions](#) and [Shelter Resources](#). The City will be adding more content to the sites that will provide information on a wide array of shelters and services.

[Unhoused Interventions | Richmond, CA - Official Website](#)

[Shelter Resources | Richmond, CA - Official Website](#)

Homebuyer Assistance Program

The City of Richmond is updating and adding more information on resources and services to assist first time home buyers and also homeowners that are at risk of default.

More information can be found online at <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/213/Homebuyer-Assistance>

Homekey 3 Site Development Research

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is expected to release the Round 3 Notice of Funding Availability for the Homekey program in March 2023. Homekey Round 3 continues a statewide effort to sustain and rapidly expand housing for persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Homekey is an opportunity for state, regional, and local public entities to develop a broad range of housing types, including but not limited to hotels, motels, hostels, single-family homes and multifamily apartments, adult residential facilities, and manufactured housing, and to convert commercial properties and other existing buildings to permanent or interim housing for the target population. City staff members are reviewing and evaluating sites that may be good candidates to consider and potentially partner with a non-profit developer to co-apply for funding.

City staff and community members of the Site Development Team met to provide preparation input on Homekey 3 research in advance of the expected release of the state application in March of 2023. Given past application requirements, it is anticipated that any future sites would likely have a short turnaround time. Focus in the past has been centered on acquisition hotels and motels that require minimal rehabilitation.

City of Richmond CORE Team

Below is a summary of CORE activities during the month of January:

- 1/1/2023 and 1/31/2023
- Total Contacts Made: 95; Unduplicated clients contacted: 42
- 61% identified as male
- 38% Identified as female
- Over 50% of those contacted have been homeless over 5 years. 23% were first time experiencing homelessness
- 59% identified as African American
- Over 70% had a developmental disorder, disabling conditions, chronic health condition, or mental health condition
- 16% have been involved with the justice system

The City of Richmond splits contractual services for the Richmond/San Pablo CORE team with the City of San Pablo. These services are provided in compliance with the City of Richmond's current ordinance that requires that shelter options be offered to unhoused individuals in tents. The ordinance was framed to comply with the 2018 *Martin vs. Boise* U.S. Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit in response to a 2009 lawsuit by six

homeless plaintiffs against the City of Boise regarding the city's anti-camping ordinance and failure to provide sheltering accommodations. In 2019, this case was affirmed by the United States Supreme Court. The city of Richmond's current camping ordinance requires that shelter be offered to unhoused individuals before enforcement can occur.



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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