



Hon. Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the report for the week ending October 13, 2023.

1. **Meeting Notes**

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17. Closed Session begins at 4:30 PM, followed by the Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council at 6:30 PM. The agenda may be found by clicking on the following link: [City Council Agenda](#).

2. **Coronavirus (COVID-19) 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](#)

3. Upcoming Events

Eclipse Viewing Party at the Main Library

Join us at the Main Library courtyard, located at 325 Civic Center Plaza, for an Annular Eclipse Viewing Party on Saturday, October 14, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Make a pocket solar system, play a fun solar system-themed sorting game, and safely view the eclipse with FREE solar-viewing glasses! The eclipse peaks at 9:19 AM, so don't be late! Everyone is welcome to this all ages event! Call (510) 620-6561 for more information.



ANNULAR ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY

Main Library Courtyard
325 Civic Center Plaza
9-10AM Saturday, October 14

- Safely view the annular eclipse
- Make a pocket solar system
- Play a fun solar system-themed sorting game

The eclipse peaks at 9:19AM, so don't be late!



FREE solar-viewing glasses provided!



All Ages Welcome
(510) 620-6561



FIESTA DE OBSERVACIÓN DEL ECLIPSE ANULAR

Patio de la biblioteca principal
325 Civic Center Plaza
9:00 -10:00 a. m. Sábado 14 de octubre

- Ver con seguridad el eclipse anular
- Haz un sistema solar de bolsillo
- Juega un divertido juego de clasificación con temática del sistema solar

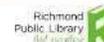
El eclipse alcanza su punto máximo a las 9:19 a. m.,
¡así que no llegues tarde!



¡Se proporcionan gafas de visualización solar GRATIS!



Bienvenido a todas las edades
(510) 620-6561



Keller Beach Park Improvements Community Event hosted by East Bay Regional Park District

The East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) is designing public access and facilities improvements for the Keller Beach area of Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline in Richmond. The Park District is holding a public informational event on **Saturday, October 14, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**, with design and planning staff on hand to answer questions and discuss improvement efforts for Keller Beach. This project will implement elements of the [2019 Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline Land Use Plan Amendment](#).

The main goals of the Keller Beach Improvements include:

1. Replacing worn out facilities such as restroom buildings, site furnishings, and paving.
2. Providing ADA accessibility throughout the park.
3. Providing a paved, accessible segment of San Francisco Bay Trail between Keller Beach and Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline.
4. Integrating sea level rise resilience.

EVENT DETAILS:

What: Keller Beach Improvements Community Open House
Stop by to learn about improvement plans for Keller Beach!

When: Saturday, October 14 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: Keller Beach at Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline, Richmond, CA.
Corner of Dornan Drive and Western Drive:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/7qC6wsnV48xxFSoG8>. (Parking available on Dornan Drive or at [Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline Park](#))

For more information and to RSVP, please contact the project team at kbimprovements@ebparks.org.

MILLER/KNOX REGIONAL SHORELINE

**Keller Beach
Park Improvements**

***** OPEN HOUSE *****

East Bay
Regional Park District

Stop by our booth at Keller Beach to learn about our renovation plans!

**Saturday, October 14, 2023
10am-1pm**

KELLER BEACH at Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline
Western and Dornan Drives, Richmond CA 94801
Additional parking in Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline

Park entrance from Dornan Drive

Birdseye view of upper plaza

Connection to Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline

We hope to see you at our Open House!

The Keller Beach Improvement Project will address four key issues identified in the 2019 Miller/Knox Land Use Plan Amendment:

- Replace worn out facilities such as restroom buildings, site furnishings and paving.
- Provide ADA accessibility throughout the park.
- Provide a paved, accessible segment of San Francisco Bay Trail between Keller Beach and Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline.
- Integrate sea level rise resilience.

Other goals include a more welcoming entry on Dornan Drive, installation of bike racks in key locations, replacement of invasive plants with natives, updating signage including interpretive panels and more seating.

LEARN MORE: kbimprovements@ebparks.org

RSVP encouraged.
Please email: kbimprovements@ebparks.org

15th Annual Spirit and Soul Festival: Saturday, October 14, 2023

We are thrilled to invite you to a momentous occasion as we commemorate 15 years of vibrant spirit, unity, and community in the heart of downtown Richmond. This year holds even greater significance as we join hands to celebrate Richmond Sol's remarkable 20th anniversary!

Date: October 14, 2023, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Downtown Richmond, CA

Prepare to be immersed in a joyful extravaganza that embraces the essence of diversity, togetherness, and pure family fun. This event promises an array of captivating experiences that highlight the uniqueness of our community. From the rhythmic beats of live music to the awe-inspiring creations of our art contest, the elegance of classic cars at the car show, strategic brilliance at the chess tournament, and the laughter and delight within the kids' zone – there's something for everyone!

And of course, what's a celebration without delectable food? Treat your taste buds to a culinary journey that reflects the richness of our diverse community.

But that's not all – we've raised the bar even higher this year! Prepare to be dazzled by an incredible lineup of new live performances that will take the festivities to a whole new level.

Don't miss out on this unforgettable celebration that truly encapsulates the heart and soul of Downtown Richmond. Stay tuned for more updates on the festivities, schedule, and special guests. Follow us for all the latest news and surprises! Mark your calendars, invite your friends and family, and get ready to be a part of history in the making. See you there!

For inquires, email us: spiritsoulevents@gmail.com



Floating Pumpkin Patch - Registration Opens Monday, October 16, 2023

Dive into the festive spirit with our Floating Pumpkin Patch event! Join us on Saturday, October 28, 2023, for a pumpkin-picking experience like no other. Two exciting sessions are available: 1:15 P.M. - 2:15 P.M. and 2:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. at Richmond Plunge, 1 East Richmond Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804.

Kids' admission includes a pumpkin to take home and cherish. Secure your spot by registering online at tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation. Registration opens at 8:30 A.M. on October 16, 2023.

Safety First:

Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult in the water.

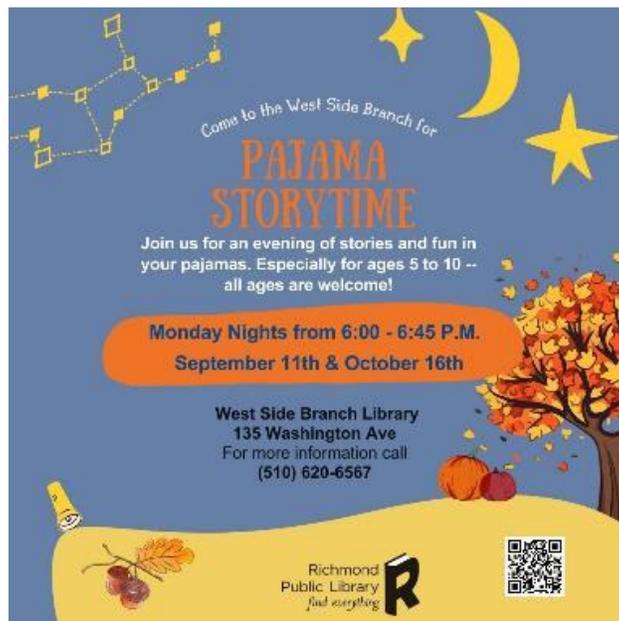
Children 9 and above require a supervising adult present.

For more information and details, don't hesitate to give us a call at (510) 620-6820. Get ready to float, pick your pumpkin, and enjoy a memorable day of autumn fun!



Pajama Storytimes at West Side Branch Library: Monday, October 16th

Join us at the West Side Branch, 135 Washington Avenue, for Fall Pajama Storytimes! October 16th, 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM. Come in PJs and get an extra treat. Enjoy a craft kit to take home.





Lawyer in the Library: Tenants' Rights Law at West Side Branch: Monday, October 16th

West Side Branch, located at 135 Washington Ave., will host a *Lawyer in the Library* provided by Eviction Defense Center of Oakland. Come with your tenants' rights questions. Visit us on Monday, October 16, between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Drop-ins welcome! For questions, call (510) 620-6567. For appointments in Spanish, call Eviction Defense Center at (510) 452-4541.

Richmond Public Library **R** find everything

FREE LEGAL ADVICE FOR TENANTS

Lawyer in the Library
Monday Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20
from 5:00 to 7:00 PM *

West Side Branch Library
135 Washington Ave.
Richmond, CA 94801
(510) 620-6567

EDC Oakland WSB Library

For specific questions or for appointments in Spanish, call Eviction Defense Center of Oakland at (510) 452-4541

*Future sessions will be offered at dates and times to be determined

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ASESORAMIENTO LEGAL GRATUITO PARA INQUILINOS

Abogado en la biblioteca
Lunes 18 de septiembre,
16 de octubre y 20 de noviembre
de 5:00 a 7:00 PM *

Sucursal West Side
135 Washington Ave.
Richmond, CA 94801
(510) 620-6567

CDO de Oakland Biblioteca West Side

Para preguntas específicas o para citas en español, llama al Centro de Defensa de Desalojo de Oakland al (510) 452-4541

* Se ofrecerán sesiones futuras En días y horario a determinar

Virtual Public Art Technical Assistance Workshop: Wednesday, October 18th

Ready to make your mark in the Richmond Art community? Don't miss this chance to level up your artistry! 🚀

DATE: Wednesday, October 18 (via Zoom)

TIME: 7:00 PM– 9:00 PM

LOCATION: Via Zoom - [Sign up today](#) (Spaces are filling up fast, so snag your spot now before they're all gone!)

🎨 Main idea include:

- Perfect for all artists and first-time applicants
- Gain insights into Projects, Policies, and Procedures
- Dive into the world of Grant and Art Commission RFQ/RFP Projects Applications
- Explore Qualifications, Selection Process, Contract requirements, and more!
- Discover exciting opportunities like Neighborhood Public Art (NPA) Mini Grants – FY 24-25

More info contact: racc@ci.richmond.ca.us

City of Richmond **RICHMOND ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION** Invites you to:

GUIDING LOCAL ARTISTS

IN NAVIGATING PUBLIC ART

GRANT AND CONTRACT WORKSHOP SESSION

Get ready to elevate your art career!

Sign up today
<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/FormCenter/Arts-Culture-Division-20/Technical-Assistance-Workshop-195>

Email us your question
RACC@ci.richmond.ca.us

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 18TH
7:00PM - 9:00PM
ZOOM

Plan Bay Area 2050+ Draft Blueprint: Remaining Round 1 Engagement Opportunities – Thursday, October 19 @ 1:00 PM

Over summer 2023 MTC-ABAG engaged in the first of four rounds of outreach and engagement on Plan Bay Area 2050+, a focused update to Plan Bay Area 2050, the long-range regional plan adopted by the agencies in 2021. Highlights of engagement activities conducted thus far include 15 pop-up workshops across all nine Bay Area counties, an online survey conducted in partnership with community-based organizations, and two virtual workshops for partners and stakeholders.

Join the Planning Assumptions [webinar](#) to continue engagement with MTC-ABAG staff, partners, and other interested stakeholders.

WHEN: Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 1 P.M.

[Join via Zoom](#)

Webinar ID: 840 8014 0849

Passcode: 115646

[Add to calendar \(.ics\)](#)

For questions about the webinar, please contact Chirag Rabari, Plan Bay Area 2050+ Project Manager at crabari@bayareametro.gov.

Fall Festival on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at Nicholl Park – Back by Popular Demand!

Following last year's tremendous success, we're bringing back this beloved event with even more excitement. Get ready for a delightful day filled with fall-themed games, captivating displays, and the excitement of a pumpkin hunt with prizes. Hop aboard a charming farm hayride and treat your little ones to a memorable kids' pony ride.

We're all about fun, rain, or shine! In case of inclement weather, some activities may move indoors to keep the excitement going.

For more details and inquiries, feel free to reach out to us at (510) 620-6793. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season with us!

Location and time: 3230 Macdonald Ave., from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.



City of Richmond Career Fair – Wednesday, October 25th

Richmond Memorial Auditorium

October 25, 2023

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

For questions, contact Gilbert Pete, at gpete@richmondworks.org



CAREER FAIR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
12PM – 4PM
RICHMOND CONVENTION CENTER

The City of Richmond's Employment & Training Department is hosting a Career Fair. We are currently seeking employers, business owners, training providers, and post-secondary programs that are seeking to fill their various positions with suitably trained individuals to join us at our upcoming in-person Career Fair.

Event Details: The Career Fair will take place at the Richmond Convention Center located at 403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA. No fee for businesses to participate. Register by Monday, October 9, 2023; space is limited.

Businesses will be provided a 6-foot table and two chairs. Set-up time will begin at 11AM on Wednesday, October 25th.

Questions: Contact Gilbert Pete | gpete@richmondworks.org



YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT!!

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES

RESERVE YOUR SPOT QUICKLY! ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF TABLES ARE AVAILABLE

REGISTER TODAY!!!

<https://cityofrichmond.careerfair.rsvpify.com>



EMPLOYMENT

&

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

330 25th Street
Richmond, CA 94804
510-307-8018

Author Book Reading - Skinny Women in a Straw Hat – Wednesday, October 25th

Get ready for an exciting event brought to you by Richmond Annex Senior Center! Join us for an author book reading of *Skinny Woman in a Straw Hat* by our very own Richmond resident, Hao C. Tran. It's your chance to meet the author and enjoy a fantastic evening.

Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Time: 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Location: The Annex Senior Center

Address: 5801 Huntington Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804

Contact: (510) 620-6812

Hao Tran, a member of our Annex community, will take you on a journey with his captivating short stories inspired by his trips back to Vietnam. He'll share his immigrant experience, heartwarming family tales, encounters with fascinating people during his travels, and the touching changes he's witnessed in post-war Vietnam.

This event promises to be a heartwarming and thought-provoking exploration of Mr. Tran's literary talent and the rich stories he weaves. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with the author and dive into his captivating narratives. Save the date and stayed tuned for an exact time.

Meet the Author

The Annex Senior Center along with Hao C. Tran
(resident in the Annex)
presents an Author Book Reading Tour on
Skinny Woman in a Straw Hat.



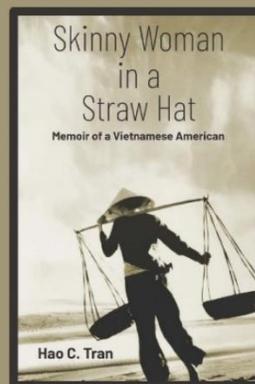
**Wednesday,
October 25th,
2023**



12:00pm to 1:00pm

About the Author

Hao C. Tran left Vietnam as a young man to go to college in Australia and later settled in the United States. Shortly after he left Saigon, the war ended and he couldn't return for 20 years. Since 1994, he has gone back to his homeland a dozen times and many of his short stories are based on his journeys. Hao's stories are from the perspective of a Việt Kiều, a Vietnamese living overseas. He writes about his own experience as an immigrant, his family, the people he encountered in his travels, and the heart-breaking changes in a post-war Vietnam.



**For more information
call the Annex Sr. Center
at (510) 620-6812**

Storytime Strolls at Regional Parks

Walk through one of our local regional parks; enjoy nature exploration and a Storytime. Make friends, relax in nature, and learn about our parks, the land, the flora, and inhabitants from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

- October 26th at Alvarado Park

Richmond Public Library
children's services department
presents
Story Stroll

Join our librarians and an East Bay Regional Park Naturalist for a nature walk, followed by storytime and activities. This program is ideal for families with children ages infant through elementary school.

When: Thursday, August 24, 2023
Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Where: Kennedy Grove- Bubbles
6531 San Pablo Dam Road
Meet on the lawn

When: Thursday, September 28, 2023
Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Where: Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline. We are walking to the beach.
Big Meadow Picnic Area (1st Parking Lot)
for MORE INFORMATION, please call 510-620-6957
Our strolls are stroller and picnic friendly.

When: Thursday, October 26, 2023
Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Where: Wildcat Regional Park, Alvarado Park (McBryde Avenue entrance)

Biblioteca Pública de Richmond
servicios para niños
presente
Story Stroll

Únase a nuestros bibliotecarios y un naturalista del parque regional de East Bay para una caminata por la naturaleza, seguida de lectura de cuentos y actividades. Este programa es ideal para familias con niños desde bebés hasta la escuela primaria.

Cuando: jueves, 24 de agosto de 2023
Hora: 11:00 - 12:30
Dónde: Kennedy Grove - Burbujas
carretera presa san pablo 6531
reunirse en el césped

Cuando: jueves, 28 de septiembre de 2023
Hora: 11:00 - 12:30
Dónde: Costa regional de Miller/Knox,
Área de picnic Big Meadow, caminaremos
hasta la playa.
Reunirse en el primer estacionamiento.

Cuando: jueves, 26 de octubre de 2023
Hora: 11:00 - 12:30
Dónde: parque regional de Wildcat Canyon,
parque Alvarado
(Entrada de la avenida McBryde)

para MÁS INFORMACIÓN, llame al 510-620-6957
Nuestros paseos son aptos para cochecitos y picnic.

Nevin Resilience Hub Power-Up – Thursday, October 26, 2023

Join the City of Richmond, Recreation Division and Rebuilding Together East Bay-North for the **Nevin Resilience Hub Power-Up** event on Thursday, October 25 from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at Nevin Park! The community is invited to join the official “power up” of the hub. Light refreshments will be provided.

The Nevin Resilience Hub will provide relief to residents from the adverse effects of extreme heat. The hub is equipped with solar panels and power stations that can power appliances such as refrigerators to store medicine or provide electricity to power essential medical equipment or charge devices. Additional features include retractable shade with misting tubes to help cool down residents during extreme heat.

The project is funded by grants awarded to the City of Richmond from the PG&E Corporation Foundation’s Better Together Resilient Communities program and PG&E’s Resilience Hubs program.

 *The PG&E Corporation Foundation*



NEVIN RESILIENCE HUB

LET'S POWER UP

Thursday, October 26th
4:00pm - 6:00pm
at Nevin Park

CLIMATE RESILIENCE
BY THE PEOPLE
FOR THE PEOPLE

Light refreshments will be provided



Contra Costa County Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program – November 2, 2023

The Contra Costa County Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program will be giving out information on the upcoming changes to Medicare for 2024. November 2, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. at the Annex Senior Center, 5801 Huntington Avenue, Richmond 94804. For more information call 510 -620-6812.



HICAP COUNSELING

**NOVEMBER 2, 2023
1:00PM**

TIME TO REVIEW YOUR MEDICARE COVERAGE FOR THE NEXT YEAR

Find updates to your plan. Learn about 2024 changes by attending a Medicare workshop.

BY THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM

No selling just free impartial information and assistance.

SEVERAL ADVANTAGE PLANS ARE LEAVING THE COUNTY IN 2024 AND A NEW PLAN IS COMING. THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO DRUG PLANS AS WELL.

ANNEX SENIOR CENTER
5801 HUNTINGTON AVENUE, RICHMOND 94804
620-6812

CONTACT US

4. **City Council**

Mayor's Office

Join Richmond's Future: Serve on a City Board or Commission!

Become a leader and voice in shaping our city. Richmond is seeking passionate residents to join its boards, commissions, and committees.

From championing the arts and preserving our history to steering economic growth and nurturing our youth, Richmond's array of boards and commissions offers many ways for you to make a mark. Dive in and discover where you fit best!



For full details and to apply, visit: [Boards and Commissions | Richmond, CA - Official Website](#)

Have any questions? Contact the Mayor's Office at mayorsoffice@ci.Richmond.ca.us or call (510) 620-6503.

5. **City Manager's Chronicles**

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

- Participated in a virtual session with the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Cohort
- Met with 23rd Street Merchants alongside Chief French, RPD, Tony Tomayo, Mayor's Office, and Councilmember Willis

- Met with representatives from Richmond Main Street and CoBiz, along with City of Richmond Economic Development staff, and Vice Mayor McLaughlin
- Attended an event, alongside UC Berkeley Professors, to welcome Joe Muturi, President of Shack Dwellers International (SDI) and a global leader of community-driven health and climate justice work
- Attended the monthly PMA meeting in Walnut Creek, CA
- Worked with Finance and City Manager's Office staff to prepare staff reports and PowerPoints related to the City's Annual Budget: FY 22-23 Quarter 4, ARPA, & ECIA
- Participated in a meeting to discuss Mobile Community Crisis Response
- Met with community-based organization Way2Love and City staff members regarding case management
- Participated in a meeting with Dave Sharples, ACCE and City staff members
- Participated in discussions with Public Works/Engineering staff, RFD, and Councilmember Bana regarding Measure X - COR Fuel Reduction Area Maps

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**

Options for Reporting Complaints to CalTrans

The City Manager's Office, Economic Development encourages residents to use Caltrans' Customer Service Reporting to notify Caltrans of illegal dumping, trash, missing or damaged fencing, or graffiti on State highways, bridges, and right-of-ways.

Reporting Options:

1. "CT Service" Smartphone App:  When first opening the app, exit out of the pop-up window to report without registering.
2. Online at <https://csr.dot.ca.gov/>: Use the map to report the location of your concern. To set the marker on the site of your concern within the California State Highway System, click anywhere on the map or drag it.
3. By phone: 510-286-6173
4. By email: CALTRANS.D4@DOT

Submit a Customer Service Request

Submit Customer Service Request

If you are a person with a disability or a person representing someone with a disability who wants to submit a grievance under the Americans with Disability Act, please click here to submit your grievance: [ADA Grievance Form](#).

Most of the fields on the form are **required fields**. Please fill out the information completely and submit the service request. The location will be reported to the nearest maintenance facility for evaluation.

Customer Service Requests are handled Monday through Friday, 8AM to 4PM. This form should **NOT** be used to report any kind of highway emergency. Report highway emergencies to 911 or the California Highway Patrol immediately.

Please select the type of Customer Service: **(Required)**

Select Situation Type

Service Request must match drop down list.

Please use the map to report the location of your concern. Click anywhere on the map or drag the marker to place it on the location of your concern within the California State Highway System. Click on the "GO TO CURRENT LOCATION" tab below the map to have the marker start closer to your current location. Or, if you prefer, type "Highway" and the number along with the city in the search bar at the top of the map to move the pin closer to the issue. For example, "Highway 101 San Jose" and then place the pin close to the exact location of the issue. Location services must be allowed on your computer or mobile device for best results. Zoom in or out as needed for more accurate reporting. Marker will become green once placed on a valid state highway location and will automatically populate the location fields below. If the map pin won't turn green and drop, it may not be state property that is maintained by Caltrans. Check with your local county or city if your concern is located outside of California property.

Map Location of Concern: (Required)

Google search for an address, highway, location, or place.

Map Satellite

Map Status: Move the pin to the location of the concern. Must be an or near California State Highway System.

GO TO CURRENT LOCATION

Location information will automatically appear after using the map above.

California County:

Nearest Town or City:

State Highway Number (Route):

Direction of Travel: **(Required)**

Select Direction

Nearest Cross Street: **(Required)**

7. **Community Development**

Building Division Updates

The Building Division is one of the four divisions within the Community Development Department. The Building Division is the lead in ensuring construction conforms to the California Building Standards Code, as adopted by the City. This includes reviewing construction plans prior to issuance of a building permit and conducting required inspections on construction projects after the building permit has been issued to ensure compliance with the code and the approved plans. Building Division staff also investigate habitability complaints and other building code violations, including work without permits. The primary focus of this division is protecting public health and safety.

Below is a summary of the Building Division's Activities for the month of September 2023:

- 423 Plan Checks Completed
- 313 Permits Issued
- 1175 Inspections Completed
- 40 Building Code Enforcement cases opened and followed up on.
- 17 Building Code Enforcement cases closed.

To learn more about the Building Division, please visit our webpage at

<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/2099/Building-Division>



Planning Division

The Planning Division is responsible for implementing the City's Zoning Ordinance and related goals, policies, and objectives of the City's General Plan. The Planning Division processes land use and development applications, promoting public health, safety, and general welfare to preserve or enhance the quality of life in Richmond. The Planning Division also provides support to the City's Planning Commission, Design Review Board, and Historic Preservation Commission. For more information about the Planning Division, please visit our [webpage](#).

Housing Element News!

The City is happy to share that the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has certified the City's [6th Cycle Housing Element](#). The City's housing element was adopted on January 24, 2023. Technical modifications were authorized in Resolution No. 7-23 to obtain certification by HCD. Achieving this milestone will also allow staff to submit the Prohousing Designation application authorized by the City Council in July.

The Housing Element is part of the City's General Plan, and it identifies policies and programs to meet the housing needs of the City's current and future residents. Having a certified Housing Element will make Richmond eligible to seek federal, state, and regional funding sources that are not available to municipalities without a current Housing Element. Being eligible to apply for these additional resources will help the City realize its vision of an equitable, healthy, and resilient Richmond.

The City would like to thank its consultant team, comprised of Lisa Wise Consulting, Inc and Just Cities, LLC., all the City staff who supported this effort, and the many community members and organizations who participated in this process. Certification would not have been possible without the input from our non-profit/community-based organizations, housing developers, neighborhood leaders, residents, Planning Commission, and City Council.

Other Planning Activity:

Below is a summary of the Planning Division's activities for the month of September 2023:

Application Type	Applied:	Approved:
Zoning Verification	1	0
Exception to Rear Yard Setback	0	1
Signs	0	0
Residential Fence	11	9
Accessory Structure	1	0
Residential Addition	3	1
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)	10	6
Garage Conversion (Non-ADU)	0	0
New Single-Family Dwelling	0	1

New Duplex	0	1
Multi-Family Development (SB 35)	1	0
Cannabis Cultivation Facility	1	0
Use Permit (Karaoke Club)	1	0
Use Permit (Recycling Collection Facility)	1	0
Use Permit (Mobile Food Vendor)	1	1
Parcel Merger	1	0
Wireless Communications Facility	3	0
Total:	35	20

The Planning Commission did not meet during the months of August and September. The Design Review Board met on September 13th and 27th. A couple of the projects approved by the Board in September included a residential duplex at the southwest corner of Chesley Avenue and Kelsey Street and a new live-work building at 1376 S. 50th Street.

8. **Community Services**

Employment and Training

Update Your Skills with Metrix Learning!

Learning online is an effective and convenient way to enhance your skills. With Metrix Learning, you will have access to free, self-paced, expert-approved training for 180 days!

For more information contact us at (510) 307-8014 or visit <https://richmond.metrixlearning.com>


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BUILD YOUR SKILLS

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• Internet	• Leadership	• Web Design
• Microsoft Office	• Customer Service	• ...and more!

SIGN UP TODAY!

- 1.) Go to: <https://richmond.metrixlearning.com/>
- 2.) Click "JOBSEEKERS" → "REGISTER FOR FREE"
- 3.) Fill out your information for instant access
- 4.) Check your email for your assigned username and password (spam folder)
- 5.) Take as many courses as you want for 180 days (6 months)

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- No cost - No tuition or travel costs

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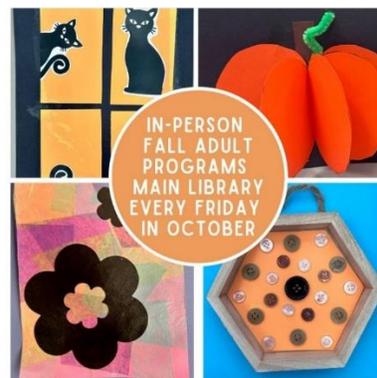
- Join a "TEAMS" meeting any Tuesday at 4:00 PM PST [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- Join a "TEAMS" meeting any Thursday at 11:00 AM PST [Click here to join the meeting](#)

www.metrixlearning.com
www.ci.richmond.co.us


Library

Adult in-person Fall Craft Programs every Friday in October.

Celebrate the fall season with an adult Fall-themed craft. Join us every Friday in October for an easy in-person craft. All materials will be provided free of charge. No previous art or craft experience needed. This drop-in craft session is from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM in the Community Room at the Main Library (325 Civic Center Plaza). For more information, call (510) 620-6561 or visit www.richmondlibrary.org. We look forward to crafting with you!



Storytimes at Main Library

- Toddler Storytime on Mondays, 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM.
- *NEW!* Itty Bitty Storytime, Tuesdays, 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM, for babies 0-18 months
- Preschool Storytime on Wednesdays, 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM.

Fun, interactive, and good for babies, toddlers, and young children. Meet new friends. Main Library Children's Room, 325 Civic Center Plaza. For more information call (510) 620-6557.

STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY

BABY MUSIC AND
MOVEMENT STORYTIME
MONDAY 10:30 A.M.

FAMILY STORYTIME
WEDNESDAY 10:30 A.M.

Main Library
325 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804
for information
510-620-6557



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LA HORA DEL CUENTO EN LA BIBLIOTECA

MÚSICA Y MOVIMIENTO
PARA BEBÉS
LUNES 10:30 A.M.

LA HORA DEL CUENTO
FAMILIAR
MIÉRCOLES 10:30 A.M.

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Itty Bitty Storytime at Main Library

Learn songs and games to share with your infant, enjoy making connections and socializing with others who care for the very young. Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM at 325 Civic Center Plaza. Call the Children's Room at (510) 620-6557 for more information.

See You at Itty Bitty Storytime!

New Day and Time!
Music and Movement Storytime
for Itty Bittys (0 to 18 months)

Begins September 12th
Tuesday 10 a.m.

Richmond Public Library
325 Civic Center Plaza
M.F. Whittlesey Room
Richmond, CA 94804
510-620-6557

Fun with books, songs, fingerplays and movement
for families with babies who are not yet walking



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¡Nos vemos en Itty Bitty Storytime!

¡Nuevo día y hora!
Hora del cuento sobre música y
movimiento
para Itty Bittys (0 a 18 meses)

Comienza el 12 de septiembre
Martes 10 a.m.

Biblioteca Pública de Richmond
325 Plaza del Centro Cívico
Habitación M.F. Whittlesey
Richmond, CA 94804
510-620-6557

Diversión con libros, canciones, juegos con los dedos
y movimiento para familias con bebés que aún no caminan



Richmond
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Math Club at Main Library – Begins October 21st

Math Club is for children in the 3rd through 6th grades. It is a playful way to learn math concepts, to gain confidence and increase enjoyment in mathematics. Puzzles and

games encourage mathematical thinking and make it fun! 12:15 PM to 1:00 PM on Saturdays, beginning October 21st, at the Main Library (325 Civic Center Plaza).

Math Club
Saturdays 12:15 - 1:00 PM
Grades 3-6
Begins October 21, 2023

Do you want to increase your math skills, math confidence and math enthusiasm or do you just love MATH? Join the Math Club! Play games, solve puzzles, explore new concepts and have fun! For more information please call 510-620-6557.

We will not meet November 11th and December 2nd

Richmond Public Library
325 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond CA 94803

Richmond Public Library

Club de Matemáticas
Sábados 12:15 - 13:00
Grados 3-6
Comienza el 21 de octubre de 2023

¿Quieres aumentar tus habilidades matemáticas, tu confianza en las matemáticas y tu entusiasmo por las matemáticas o simplemente te encantan las MATEMÁTICAS? ¡Únete al Club de Matemáticas! ¡Juega, resuelve acertijos, explora nuevos conceptos y diviértete!

Para obtener más información, llame al 510-620-6557.

No habrá reunión el 11 de noviembre y el 2 de diciembre.

Richmond Public Library
325 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond CA 94803

Richmond Public Library

Knit 'n' Needle Club at West Side Branch

Come for the conversation and camaraderie and help each other with your knitting and crochet! Knit 'n' Needle Club meets Thursday afternoons from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM at West Side Branch Library located at 135 Washington Ave. Yarn and needles are available, but it's best to bring your own project and knowledge to share! For questions, call (510) 620-6567.







Knit 'n' Needle Club

Calling all knitters, crochet and needleworkers!
Do you want to finish a project or start a new one?
Let's get together and help each other! *

For adults and all ages 8+ up.



We meet **Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:30 PM**

If you have questions, call the West Side Branch
Or drop by any Thursday!



* **Yarn, needles & hooks available, but bring your own project and knowledge to share if you can.**

West Side Branch Library
135 Washington Ave, Richmond 94801
(510) 620-6567








Club de Crochet y Tejido

¡Llamando a todas las tejedoras, crocheteras y costureras!
¿Quiere terminar un proyecto o empezar uno nuevo?
Unámonos y ayudémonos unos a otros.*

Para adultos y todas las edades de 8+ en adelante.



Nos reunimos los jueves de 3:00 a 4:30 p.m.

Si tienes preguntas, llama al sucursal de West Side
¡O pásate cualquier jueves!

* **Hilo, agujas y ganchos disponibles, pero trae tu propio proyecto y conocimiento para compartir si puedes.**

Biblioteca Sucursal de West Side
135 Washington Ave, Richmond 94801
(510) 620-6567



Recreation

Prepare for Fall with the North Richmond Mobile Tool Library

Cold weather is upon us, and trees will soon begin shedding their leaves. Keep your lawns clean with the help of the North Richmond Mobile Tool Library! When you become a member, you gain access to tools such as rakes and leaf blowers. This two-tool combo allows you to clear a carpet of leaves in minutes. Visit our staff to become a member and stay prepared for every season!

If you have any questions about the Mobile Tool Library, email us at mobiletoollib@ci.richmond.ca.us or call (510) 672-3877. We are located at 1401 Fred Jackson Way every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month between 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. We hope to work with you soon!



If you would like to know more about our service, view our inventory online, or learn how to become a member visit our website at richmondmobiletoollibrary.myturn.com

Stay updated on the North Richmond Mobile Tool Library:

- [Subscribe to our e-newsletter!](#)
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Transportation

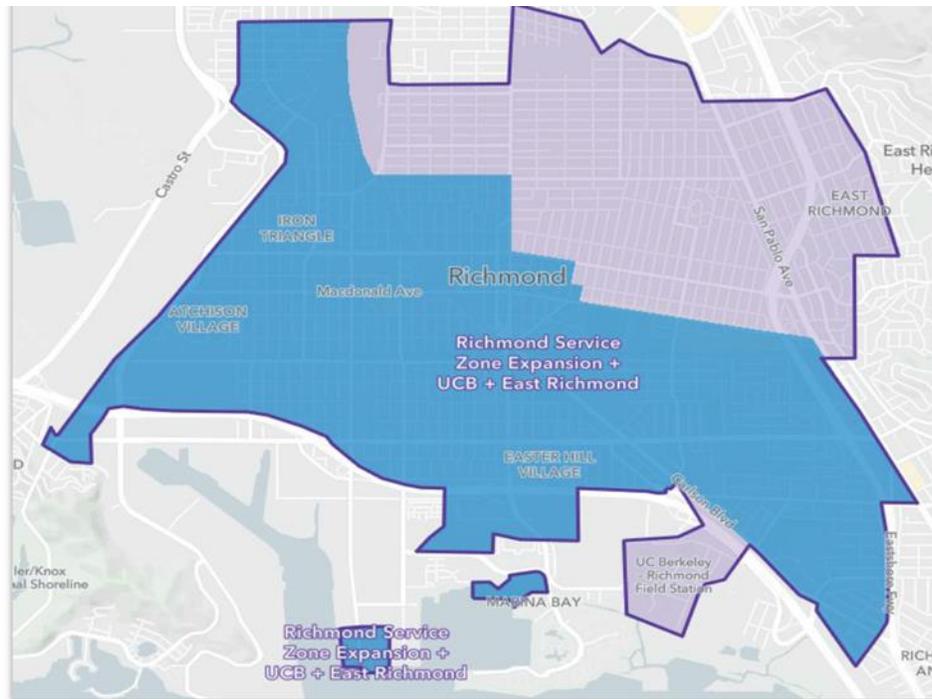
Richmond Moves on Demand Shuttle is Coming to a Neighborhood near you! New Service Areas launched on October 11, 2023.

On September 12, 2023, the Richmond City Council approved the Transportation Division to accept an additional funding award from the California Climate Investments Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program (CMO) in the amount of \$500,000. The CMO program awarded the City \$1 million dollars to develop the on-demand electric shuttle program, to hire a transit operator (Via) and to provide services for two years. Since the Richmond Moves program launch, ridership and wait times have increased from 14 rides in April 2022 with an average wait time of 6 minutes to over 3600 rides and an average wait time of 18 minutes in August 2023. The Transportation and Via teams have been working diligently to secure additional funds to improve the service efficiencies, increase ride capacity, and to extend services citywide.

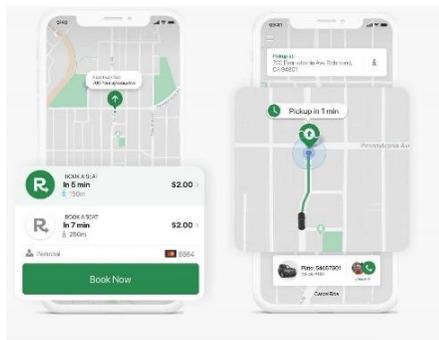
The additional CMO funds will be used to add two additional plug-in hybrid electric vans to the Richmond Moves fleet, to acquire electric vehicle charging equipment to support the vans, and to expand operations to include the communities of Belding Woods, North

and East, as well as the University of California Berkeley Field Station. Stay tuned for more expansion updates!

Rides can be booked with the free Richmond Moves app, or by calling (510) 937-3657 for assistance by phone. The service operates Monday through Friday from 7 AM to 7 PM. Rides cost \$2 per trip and are free for seniors and students ages 13 to 18. For more information visit: <https://city.ridewithvia.com/richmond-moves> or call the Transportation Department at (510) 621-1718.



Blue indicates the original service area, and Purple indicates the expanded service area.



How to book a ride.

1. **Create an account.**
Download the Richmond Moves app from the App Store or Google Play Store and follow the simple signup steps.
2. **Book a ride.**
Enter your pickup and dropoff addresses and choose the ride option that works for you — if you're ready to leave right away, tap **Book This Ride**.
3. **Meet your driver.**
Check the app to find out exactly where to meet the vehicle, which may be a short walk from the address you gave us.

510-937-3657 city.ridewithvia.com/richmond-moves

Destinos populares

1 Shields Reid Park	7 Point Richmond
2 Richmond High School	8 MLK Park
3 Pogo Park	9 Marina Bay
4 Burg Park	10 Richmond Ferry Terminal
5 Richmond BART Station	11 El Cerrito BART Station
6 Civic Center Plaza	

Richmond Moves es parte de California Climate Investments (CCI), una iniciativa estatal que pone billones de dólares de topes y canje a trabajar para reducir las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero, fortaleciendo la economía, y mejorando la salud pública y el medio ambiente — particularmente en comunidades desfavorecidas.

¿Qué es Richmond Moves?
Richmond Moves funciona como un transporte compartido que viene cuando quieras, a donde quieras. Reserva viajes directamente desde tu teléfono, tu transporte llegará en minutos, y podrás ir a las paradas locales de BART y la terminal de ferry sin necesitar un automóvil.

¿Cuándo puedo viajar?
Las horas de servicio son lunes-viernes 7am-7pm.

¿Cuánto cuestan los viajes?
Cada viaje cuesta \$2. Estudiantes y personas mayores viajan gratis.

¿Puedo pagar en efectivo?
Aceptamos tarjetas de crédito o débito, las cuales debes agregar a tu cuenta. Ve a la página de Métodos de pago en el menú de la aplicación para registrar una tarjeta. Los pasajeros que deseen pagar en efectivo pueden comprar vales de viaje en el Ayuntamiento.

¿Puedo reservar un viaje por adelantado?
Richmond Moves es un servicio bajo demanda, lo que significa que debes reservar un viaje algunos minutos antes que estés listo para salir. Te enviaremos el tiempo estimado de llegada en tiempo real por la aplicación.

¿Cómo reservo un viaje?
Puedes reservar un viaje usando nuestra aplicación móvil o llamando al 510-937-3657. Ve al reverso de este folleto para más información sobre el uso de la aplicación.

¿Por qué tengo que caminar para encontrar a mi conductor?
Richmond Moves es un servicio de transporte compartido, lo que significa que otros pasajeros podrán ser recogidos y dejados durante tu viaje. Para que las cosas avancen de manera más rápida y eficiente posible, generalmente pedimos que te encuentres con tu conductor en una esquina cercana en vez de justo en frente de la dirección que ingresaste — de esa manera, el conductor no tiene que hacer ningún desvío que podría retrasar los viajes.

¿Hay vehículos aptos para sillas de ruedas disponibles?
¡Sí! Informarnos que necesitas un vehículo apto para sillas de ruedas (WAV) activando el icono de la silla de ruedas en la aplicación. También puedes llamarnos.

Descarga la aplicación de **Richmond Moves** o llama al **(510)-937-3657** para empezar.

Download on the **App Store** | **GET IT ON Google Play**

Job Announcement: Civic Spark Fellows Opportunity

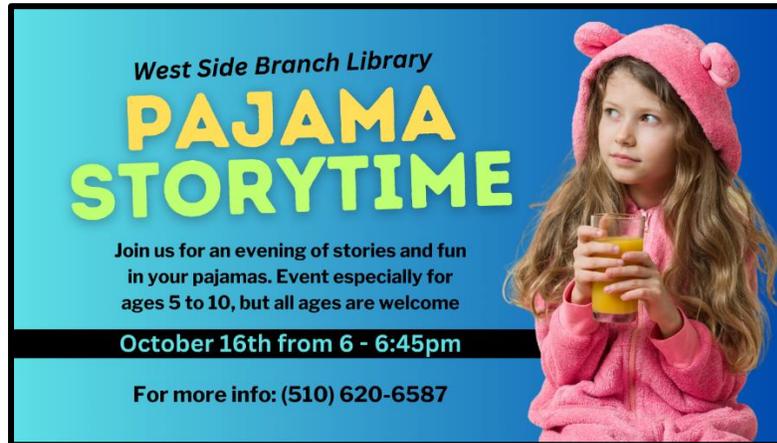
The Richmond Transportation Division is currently recruiting two CivicSpark Fellows to join our team. Are you passionate about tackling the biggest environmental, social equity, and transportation challenges facing communities today while launching a social purpose career? If so, the CivicSpark AmeriCorps program may be right for you! CivicSpark is accepting Fellow applications for the 2023-24 #AmeriCorps service year! Fellows serve with local governments and make a real impact while building their social purpose careers.

CivicSpark Fellows implement local projects on topics including sustainable transportation, energy efficiency, climate action planning, water conservation, drought response, affordable housing, rural-broadband, equity, and environmental justice. Fellows gain exceptional career experience, and training to become future leaders in response to emerging environmental and social equity challenges. Learn more about CivicSpark by visiting civicspark.civicwell.org. For more information regarding Richmond Transportation Services contact Denée Evans at (510) 621-1718 or denee.evans@ci.richmond.ca.us.



9. **Information Technology**

KCRT DATANET FOR THE WEEK



KCRT TV Channel 28 - NEW EPISODES OF CURRENT PROGRAMMING

PROGRAMMING:

New “NewsBytes” and Regular Series Episodes:

- New episodes of “The Jet Set,” “Creature Features,” “Smart Movie Show,” and “Sidewalks Entertainment.”

Some “NewsBytes” Segments or Specials Currently On-Air:

- El Sobrante Stroll.
- Art of Peace.
- Mexican Independence Day Flag Raising.
- RFD Graduation.
- Salmon Release 2023.
- RichmondBUILD Graduation.
- Juneteenth Highlights.
- Ribbon Cutting of Hotel Mac’s restaurant (edited by Mayor’s Office’s Antonio Tamayo).
- Highlights of Cinco de Mayo.
- Juneteenth/Pride Flag Raising.
- Highlights of Women’s Day.
- San Pablo’s 75th Anniversary.
- Nystrom Village Earth Day Clean-Up.
- Literacy Festival.
- Public Safety Awards.
- Community Budget Meeting.
- Transgender Flag Raising.
- Black History Month Celebration.
- Easter Egg Hunt.
- The Fentanyl Crisis.

- Other highlights include Osprey Installation, Spirit and Soul Festival, Richmond Health & Wellness Trail Ribbon Cutting and RichmondMOVES, and Mayor's Office-produced videos of North Richmond Mobile Tool Library Opening, Tibetan New Year event at Kennedy High, and Richmond Art Center's Art of the African Diaspora opening reception.
- Willie Mays' Day.
- Contra Costa County's Mr. Funnelhead campaign (acquired piece).

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

10. **Public Works**

BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

Stationary Engineers performed daily pool inspections and maintenance, performed daily inspections of the boilers, circulating pumps and sump pumps at the Civic Center Plaza; Repaired an air conditioner unit at the Family Justice Center, repaired the ADA button to the men's restroom entry door at 450 City Hall, repaired the gas meter cover with anchors at Parchester Community Center, and replaced a wax ring in the women's public restroom at the Main Library.



Gas meter cover repair at Parchester Community Center

Utility Workers cleaned and removed debris from inside and outer areas of 440 and 450 Civic Center Plaza, provided maintenance repairs for CCP and Employment & Training. Installed a new US flag at the Recreation Complex with the assistance of Parks and Landscaping. Provided service to city-wide community programs and all recreation centers, sanitized and disinfected various locations including all common areas and maintained 27 City owned buildings.



Replacing paper towel dispenser



Installed new US Flag at Rec Complex

ENGINEERING:

Engineering Construction Inspector performed field inspection at 731 W. Cutting Blvd, where the contractor Overaa removed the center island planter to add a left turn pocket to turn into the new warehouse building.



731 W. Cutting Blvd.

City's Project Team (Swinerton, Nichols Consulting Engineering (NCE), CSW, COWI, Silverado, California Coastal Conservancy, and others) have provided tremendous dedication and effort to bring the San Francisco Bay one step closer to a cleaner environment by removing Terminal 4. Because of the amazing job how the project is progressing, Tara Duggan from SF Chronicle wrote an article on October 11, 2023. [A Big Cleanup is Underway on San Francisco Bay.](#)



Terminal 4 dock removal

PARK MAINTENANCE:

General fund crews performed weed abatement at Booker T. Anderson Park, around the building including tree wells. Poured concrete slab at Main Library for security gate. Performed weed abatement on the Greenway, at Wendell Park and prep Martin Luther King baseball field.



Weed abatement at BTA Park



Weed abatement on the Greenway



Pouring concrete at Main Library



Maintenance at MLK baseball field

Marina Bay District crews repaired and replaced sections of Marina Bay Trail from the bridge to bayside. Cut weeds also concrete crack weeds on medians across from Shimada. String trimmed weeds from around restroom and shop at Shimada Park.



Marina Bay median maintenance



Path repairs at Marina Bay Trail

Hilltop District crews performed weed abatement on Hilltop Dr. (median), at Hilltop Dr. (right of way), and irrigation repair on Hilltop Dr. (Median)



Weed abatement on Hilltop Dr.

STREET MAINTENANCE:

The Pavement Maintenance crew resurfaced 35th St from Garvin Ave to Solano Ave & Clinton Ave from 35th St to 36th St, made repairs to the Marina Way/Bay Trail, set-up barricades for Special Event Permits, and worked from the outstanding pothole/hot mix list.



Grind & Prep operations on Clinton Ave

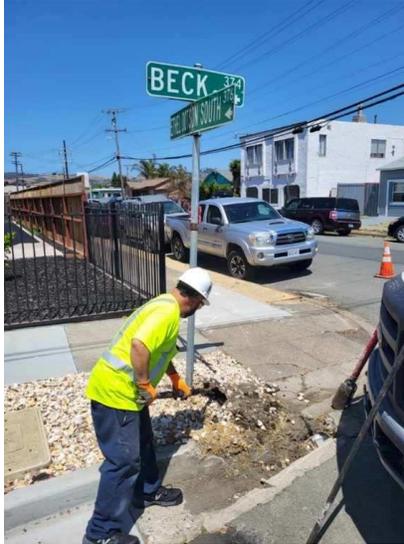


Paving operations on 36th St

Street sweeping crews swept the following neighborhood council areas on the second Tuesday through Friday in: Clinton Hill II & Clinton Hill Iii, Clinton Hill Iv, & Richmond Heights.



Street sweeping operations on 23rd St, Commercial Route Traffic Signs and Lines crews continued with the layout and began striping Hesley St and made repairs to several other signs at various locations throughout the city.



Sign repair at Beck Ave/Ethel Dotson South

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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