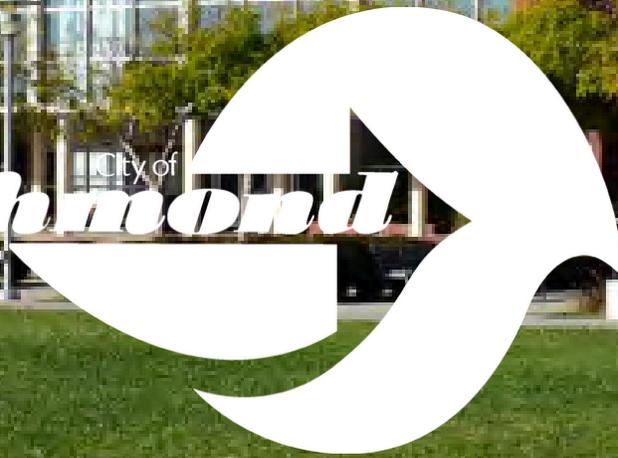


CITY MANAGER'S Weekly

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JANUARY 10, 2025

City of
Richmond



Stay informed of Richmond's latest developments! Explore the City Manager's Weekly Report, to provide an overview of recent city activities. Delivered weekly, this collaborative effort between city departments and the City Manager ensures you're up-to-date with community-centric updates.

Your feedback is invaluable as we strive to refine and improve our communication with you. Please email weeklyreport@ci.richmond.ca.us or call (510) 620-6512 to provide your feedback!!

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Upcoming City Council Meeting

The next City Council meeting is set for Tuesday, January 14, 2025, and will feature the Swearing-In Ceremony for the newly elected and re-elected Councilmembers. The ceremony will begin promptly at 5:00 P.M. You can access the meeting agenda by clicking here: <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4157/City-of-Richmond-Council-Meetings>



Upcoming Events

2025 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

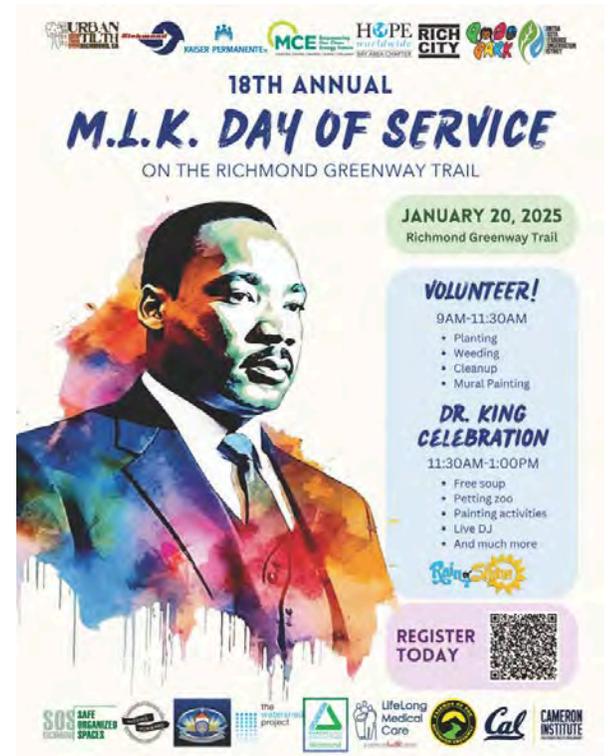
Dates: January 20, 2025

Time: 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Location: Unity Park Community Plaza - Richmond Greenway Trail

Participate in projects such as tending to the Greenway Gardens, trash pick-up, and native plant and tree plantings. Activities for all ages will dot the Greenway, including community art installations, a petting zoo, and more! Gather at noon to pay respect to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy. The community celebration will follow, featuring a delightful warm soup to warm your spirit. Anticipate the likelihood of rain and chilly weather for this event.

For more information visit : https://www.canva.com/design/DAGXgvyeSjc/rU4T6YmTZqmxfRIPsC6uA/view?utm_content=DAGXgvyeSjc&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utlId=hc71ebab26e#1 For tabling inquiries, contact Arleide Santos at Urban Tilth (510) 680-8907.



Snowball Scholarship Reception

Dates: January 25, 2025

Time: 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

**Location: Lara's Fine Dining
1900 Esplanade Dr**

The 72nd Annual Snowball Scholarship Awards Reception is upon us. Come join us in issuing 13 scholarships to hardworking students of Richmond. This event is hosted by the Hurlbut Benevolence Foundation.





City Manager's Chronicles

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

- Spoke with Congressman Garamendi regarding funding obtained from the Department of Transportation award to the City of Richmond for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program.
- Along with Community Development Director Lina Velasco, met with Ilaf Esuf and Steve Wertheim from Assemblymember Buffy Wicks' office
- Attended the January 7 City Council meeting
- Attended the Contra Costa Public Manager's Association monthly meeting
- Met with RecycleMore Interim Executive Director Steve Duran, and Environmental Manager Samantha Carr
- Attended the Contra Costa Mayor's Conference in Oakley

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.

Rep. John Garamendi, Richmond Mayor Eduardo Martinez, and City Manager Shasa Curl Announce over \$9 Million Federal Grant for Safer Streets

January 9, 2025 **Press Release**

Richmond, CA – Today, Representative John Garamendi, Richmond Mayor Eduardo Martinez, and City Manager Shasa Curl announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded a \$9,559,482 grant through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program to implement complete streets improvements that mitigate barriers to mobility and connectivity, making our community safer and better connected.

These improvements will include retrofitting arterial roads and crossings, incorporating traffic calming measures such as lane reductions, adding bicycle and pedestrian improvements that connect to regional transportation hubs and shoreline recreational resources, installing stormwater management elements, and implementing workforce development programs.

"The Reconnecting Communities Pilot program is an excellent example of what good governance can and should be," said **Rep. John Garamendi**. "I am proud of the close coordination between the federal government and the City of Richmond that will help keep commuters safe, ensure climate resilience, and lift barriers for disadvantaged communities. I look forward to further working with the City of Richmond as they work to make our community safer, accessible, and resilient to the effects of climate change."

"The Reconnecting Communities Pilot program will create safer and more attractive trails for pedestrians and bicyclists along Harbour Way and Ohio Avenue, including youth and families attending local schools," said **Richmond Mayor Eduardo Martinez**. "This will help encourage healthy and sustainable methods of transportation while increasing access to the benefits of Richmond's beautiful shoreline."

"The cutting-edge transportation projects that will be funded by the Reconnecting Communities Pilot award ensure Richmond will continue to lead the way in constructing sustainable infrastructure that empowers our communities, protects our environment, and provides opportunities for the next generation to live healthy, happy, and fulfilled lives," said **Richmond City Manager Shasa Curl**.

"Having safe access to public transportation, nature, and each other is so critical in building equitable communities, and the Richmond Wellness Trail represents just that," said **Guillermo Rodriguez, Vice President of the Pacific Region and California State Director for Trust for Public Land**. "Together with our partners, we're building not just a trail, but a healthier, more vibrant Richmond for everyone, and TPL is thrilled to be part of this next phase."

The Reconnecting Communities Pilot award is a critical part of advancing transformational transportation projects in Richmond to bridge long-standing divides in our most historically disadvantaged communities. Through infrastructure improvements to Harbour Way and Ohio Avenue, including implementation of ADA-compliant sidewalks, Class II and IV bike lanes, improved street lighting, lane reductions, and green infrastructure, the projects funded by this award will address environmental and social inequities and help foster economic and climate resilience.

Leveraged by the City of Richmond's \$35 million Transformative Climate Communities grant, these projects are integrated and complementary with other climate resilience initiatives, including the construction of an Electric Bike Lending Library, installation of free solar panels for income-qualified homeowners, and community workforce planning and programs to help reconnect Richmond's neighborhoods with shoreline and transit hubs.

The Reconnecting Communities Pilot program is a part of the Biden Administration's Justice40, which seeks to give funding to local governments in order to mitigate barriers to mobility and connectivity for disadvantaged communities.

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Community Services

Employment & Training

WIOA Local Plan Input Session: Shaping Workforce Priorities

Dates: January 25, 2025

Time: 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Location: via Zoom (registration link below)

Join us for an engaging session to shape the future workforce development in Richmond. Your insights and input are crucial in helping us identify priorities and strategies for our Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Local Plan.

Register @ <https://RWDBLocalPlan.eventbrite.com>



WIOA Local Plan Input Session: Shaping Workforce Priorities

- Job training & career pathways
- Local workforce challenges
- Business & education partnerships

Employers, educators, and community leaders are invited. Your voice shapes our workforce's future.

January 23, 2025
10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
Virtual - Via Zoom

Register @ <https://RWDBLocalPlan.eventbrite.com>

Richmond YouthBUILD Recruitment

Richmond YouthBUILD is a free training program, funded by the Department of Labor to prepare young adults for an apprenticeship within the construction industry. Participants receive hands on training, certifications, educational support to receive a high school diploma or general education diploma (GED), and employment placement.

Are you...
16-24 years old?
A Richmond resident?
Looking to earn your high school diploma/GED?
Interested in a career in the construction trades?
LOOK NO FURTHER!!



Richmond YouthBUILD





Class is Monday-Friday 9am-3:00pm

- Academic Support
- Hands On Training
- Leadership
- Career Exploration
- Driver's License
- Community Service
- High Expectations

QUESTIONS/RSVP CONTACT US AT 510-621-1811 & syancey@richmondworks.org

The U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration awarded a \$1,200,000 grant in 2022 in support of our Richmond YouthBUILD program. The Richmond YouthBUILD is a local opportunity employment program. *Military and civil military academy graduates are required to interview with YouthBUILD.




YOUTHBUILD IS RECRUITING NOW!

INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN CONSTRUCTION BUT NEED A HSD/GED

GET MORE INFO MONDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 2025 @ 9AM

CALL/EMAIL FOR MORE INFO
510-621-1811
SYANCEY@RICHMONDWORKS.ORG

Don't miss out on this opportunity!
100% DOL FUNDED

Library & LEAP

Scrapbooking Club

Dates: January 13, 2025

Time: 10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Location: Nevin Community Center
598 Nevin Avenue

Are you looking to add a spark of creativity to your mornings while connecting with fellow enthusiasts? Join our morning Scrapbooking Club for adults! Whether you're a seasoned scrapbooker or just getting started, our club is the perfect place to explore your creativity, share ideas, and preserve cherished memories in a fun, supportive environment.

We will meet on the second Monday of each month from 10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. at different Richmond Community Center locations. Call (510) 620-6561 for location information or check our online calendar.



Scrapbooking Club

Join our morning club for adults!

January 13th

@ Nevin Community Center

10am-11:30am

Meeting 2nd Monday of each month
at different Community Center locations!

Questions? Call us at (510) 620-6566



Eviction Defense Lawyer

Dates: January 13, 2025

Time: 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Location: West Side Branch Library
135 Washington Avenue

Are you a tenant facing eviction? Get a free 20 minute consultation at the West Side Branch on Monday, January 13th, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Para cita en español, llame al Centro en Oakland (510) 452-4541;

www.evictiondefensecenteroakland.org For more information, call (510) 620-6567.

**Are you a tenant facing eviction?
Get free legal advice!**

**5:00 - 7:00 PM --Twice a Month!
20 minute consultation
No reservation required**

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

Bayview Branch Library
5100 Hartnett Ave
Richmond, CA 94804
(510) 620-6566

January 13
February 10
March 10
April 14

January 21
February 18
March 18
April 15



Sponsored by the Eviction Defense
Center of Oakland



Interactive Artificial Intelligence (AI) with Lawrence Hall of Science

Dates: January 16, 2025

Time: 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Location: Main Library

325 Civic Center Plaza

Join us for a fun and interactive Artificial Intelligence (AI) event presented by the Lawrence Hall of Science! Families can explore and experiment with hands-on AI exhibits that reveal how machines attempt to mimic human tasks.

Dive into activities like:

- Mirror Mirror: Test an AI's ability to guess your facial expressions.
- Teach Me Silly: Train an AI to recognize your silly and serious faces.
- Control My Face: Discover an AI that makes your face say unexpected things.
- Comedy Corner: See if an AI "comedian" can tell when you find her jokes funny.



Vision Boards

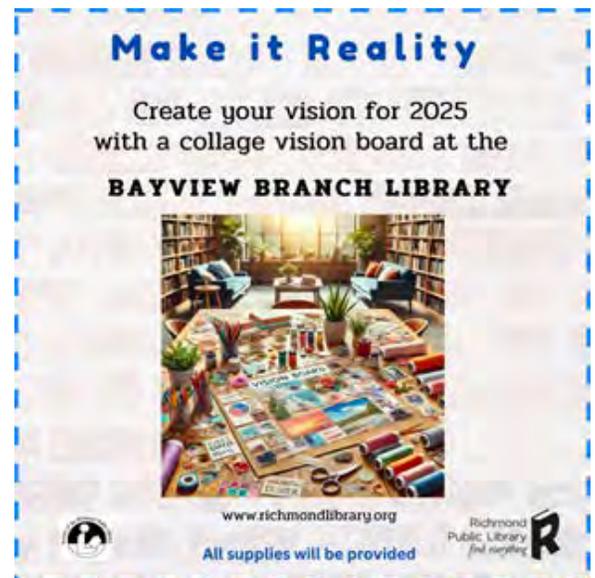
Dates: January 16, 2025

Time: 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

**Location: Bayview Branch Library
5100 Hartnett Avenue**

Make your 2025 dreams come true! Join us for our Make it Reality vision board workshop. Create your vision for the year ahead with a fun and creative collage activity. All supplies are provided. Just bring your imagination!

Call 510-620-6566 for more info.



Oral Storytelling Circle

Dates: Thursday's in January

Time: 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

**Location: Nevin Community Center
598 Nevin Avenue**

Practice the timeless art of telling stories aloud in a fun, friendly, safe space with other adults. Stories can be any type: legends, fables, cultural folk tales, personal, ancestral, true or imaginary. You can come with a story in mind, but that is not necessary.



Recreation

Elder Abuse Seminar

Dates: January 22, 2025

Time: 12:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Location: Annex Senior Center
5801 Huntington Avenue

The Annex Senior Center will be hosting a presentation from Contra Costa Legal Services regarding Elder Abuse Signs and Remedies. Address: 5801 Huntington Avenue. Time: 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm. For more information call 510 620-6812.



Recap: Chess Class at Richmond Senior Center

On January 3, we captured a special moment with our chess class, where 10 seniors joyfully participated. Chess truly knows no age limits—it's a game for everyone, offering countless benefits for those participating in the game. Playing chess can:

- Stimulate the brain
- Enhance reasoning and memory skills
- Reduce the risk of dementia
- Foster social connections

For more information on other programs for seniors, please call (510)620-6793.





Economic Development

Environmental and Health

Recap: Richmond Recycling Training Refresher

On December 18, 2024, the City of Richmond, Republic Services, and Pogo Park hosted a successful Recycling Training Refresher to learn about properly sorting waste, state and local laws, and exploring available recycling resources. This informative session was a great opportunity for the city staff and Richmond Community to enhance their recycling and sustainability knowledge. There were approximately 40 attendees at the event!

Video Recording: www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PkjT2foTlg

Visit for more information: www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4564/Zero-Waste





Information Technology

KCRT Datnet for the Week

Programming

New NewsBytes and Regular Series Episodes:

- New episodes of "Best of California".
- New episodes of "The Jet Set," "White House Chronicle," "A Captain's Log," "Baby Blue Arts," "Creature Features," and "Sidewalks Entertainment."

Some NewsBytes Segments or Specials Currently On-Air:

- Juneteenth Parade and Festival 2024
- Dirt World Ribbon Cutting
- RFD Badge-Pinning Ceremony on Fire Chief
- Mobile Vendor Ribbon Cutting
- Pullman Press Conference
- 9/11 Memorial Run

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

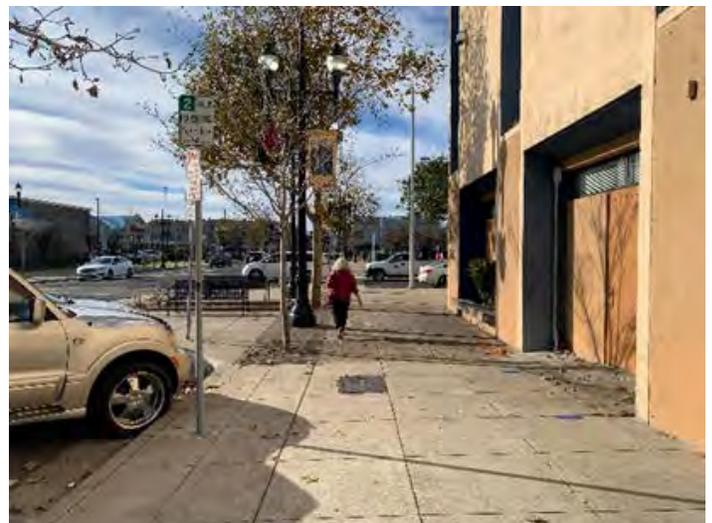
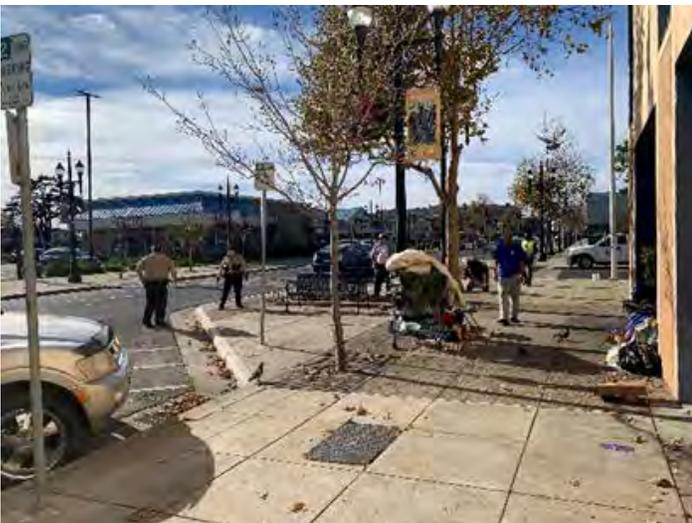


Public Works

Abatement

The Abatement Division performed the following tasks this week:

- In collaboration with Contra Costa Sheriff's Department, and Safe Organized Spaces (SOS!) teams, Abatement crews:
 - Removed debris from around homeless encampments from city sidewalks around Macdonald Avenue in downtown Richmond
- Abated:
 - Illegally dumped debris throughout the city
 - Graffiti from multiple locations throughout the city



Encampment Debris Removal



Graffiti Abatement (Before and After)



Illegal Dumping Abatement (Before and After)

Building Maintenance

Electric Shop

Work (repairs) completed this past week:

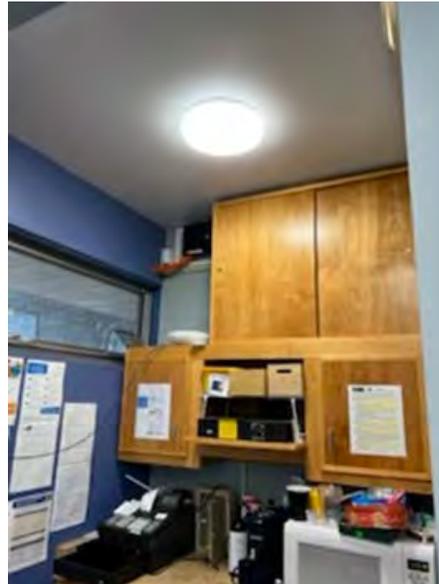
- Signs damaged from storm at the Port of Richmond entrance
- Completed traffic signal radar detection installation at Valley View Road and Amend Road
- Traffic signal knockdown at Chanslor Avenue & Harbour Way
- Traffic signal green indication outage at Huntington Avenue & Carlson Boulevard
- Traffic signal camera at 22nd Street & Bissell Avenue
- Streetlight outages on West Cutting Boulevard

Electrical issues that have been investigated from last week:

- Bent streetlight pole on Richmond Parkway & Lakeside Drive
- Streetlight pole knockdown at Oxford Avenue & Birmingham Drive
- Traffic signal pole knockdown at Harbour Way & Cutting Boulevard
- Streetlight outage at S. 50th Street & Plaza Circle
- Electrical installation for air compressor in the mechanic's wash area.
- Closed out four Trak- it® cases.
- Received 10 request for Underground Utility Markings



Repaired sign damaged from weather conditions at Port of Richmond entrance



Repaired light fixture at Pt. Richmond library



Radar detection installation at Valley View Rd. & Amend Dr.

Stationary Engineers crews performed the following tasks this week:

- Daily:
 - Inspection and daily maintenance of:
 - Richmond Swim Center
 - Richmond Plunge
 - City Hall Civic Center:
 - Boilers
 - Circulating pumps
 - Sump pumps
- Replaced burnt out lights in Recreation Complex basement
- Replaced air compressor and air dryer for Equipment Services at the Corporation Yard
- Repaired gate in the Police Department parking lot
- Rebuilt flush mechanism on urinal in the men's locker room at the Police Department



Replacing lights in Recreation Complex



Replacing air compressor in Equipment Services

The crew performed the following tasks this week:

- Daily:
 - Routine cleaning and maintenance of all City owned buildings
- Task performed this week:
 - Repaired a toilet paper dispenser holder at the Bayview Library
 - Picked up some debris from the main entry way of the Recreation Complex
 - Power washed the main entry way of the Nevin Community Center



Toilet paper dispenser holder repair

Engineering

The table below has been updated to reflect the current status of engineering projects:

Count	Project Name	Type	Deliverable	Project Phase	Construction Start	Construction End
1	16th St/Macdonald Ave	Bike Signal	Public Works Operations	Completed	July 2024	July 2024
2	Esmond Ave between 24th St and 26th St	Speed Humps	Public Works Operations	Completed	September 2023	September 2023
3	Merced St/Carl Ave	Striping and Signage	Public Works Operations	Completed	August 2024	August 2024
4	32nd St between Garvin Ave and Clinton Ave	Speed Humps	Public Works Operations	Completed	December 2023	December 2023
5	S 55th St	Speed Humps	Public Works Operations	Completed	May 2024	June 2024
6	State Ave and 49th St	Speed Humps	Public Works Operations	Completed	January 2024	January 2024
7	Bayview Ave/I-580 Overpass	Sidewalk	ADA Contract	Completed	October 2024	November 2024
8	29th St - Vale Rd	Striping and Signage	ADA Sidewalk and Paving Contract	Completed	July 2024	December 2024
9	Bairrett Ave and Key Blvd	Sideshow Prevention	ADA Sidewalk and Paving Contract	Construction	August 2024	December 2024
10	41st/42nd St	Striping and Signage, Speed Humps	Public Works Operations	Construction	November 2024	December 2024
11	15th St/ Macdonald Ave	Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon	Job Order Contracting Work Order #1	Award	November 2024	February 2025
12	S 37th St and Wall Ave	Sideshow Prevention	Job Order Contracting Work Order #1	Award	November 2024	February 2025
13	Carlson Blvd and Carl Ave	Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon	Job Order Contracting Work Order #2	Bid	December 2024	March 2025
14	Carlson Blvd/Sutter Ave	Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon	Job Order Contracting Work Order #2	Bid	December 2024	March 2025
15	Carlson Blvd/Shasta St	Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon	Job Order Contracting Work Order #2	Bid	December 2024	March 2025
16	Carlson Blvd/Tehama Ave	Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon	Job Order Contracting Work Order #2	Bid	December 2024	March 2025
17	Three Rail Crossings: Point Richmond	Striping and Signage	Job Order Contract Work Order #3	Design	February 2025	March 2025
18	Mariposa St and Carl Ave	Drainage	Job Order Contract Work Order #3	Planning	March 2025	March 2025

Park Maintenance

Hilltop District crews:

- Picked up fallen branches, cleaned storm gutters and v-ditches throughout the Hilltop District

Marina Bay District crews:

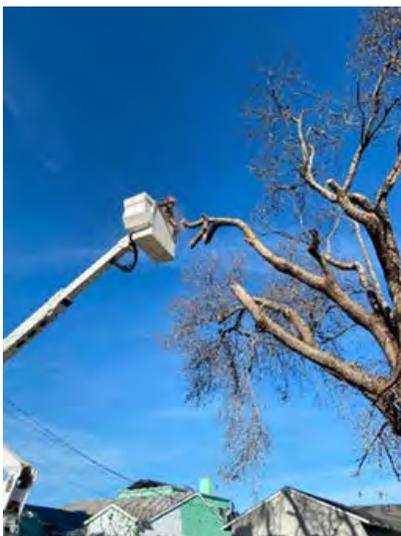
- Started removing large amounts of Eucalyptus leaves from along Marina Bay Trail
- Trimmed overgrown hedges on Marina Bay Trail next to the Shores Condos
- Removed several piles of seaweed, and hand-pull grass and weeds from Sand Beach at Marina Bay Park
- Picked up fallen branches throughout Marina Bay District due to wind and rainstorms



Trimmed hedges next to the Shores Condominiums

General Fund crews:

- Repaired playground structure on Solano playlot
- Removed fallen branches along Wilson Avenue
- Removed Eucalyptus bark, string cut weeds and overgrown grass on sign poles and light poles from Booker T. Anderson Park
- Removed dead tree at Burbeck Avenue
- Installed a new French drain at the Richmond Annex Senior Center
- Removed weeds from medians on San Pablo Avenue in front of Chase Bank
- Removed fallen branches throughout the city
- Removed large Cypress tree that had fallen from previous storms
- Removed graffiti from various parks and repainting of park furnishings at Southside Park
- Repaired play structure at Unity Park
- Repaired vandalism of trees at Lucas Park
- Continue with weed abatement of South and Central Parks



Removal of dead tree on Burbeck Ave.



Removal of fallen branch on Wilson Ave.

Street Maintenance

The Pavement Maintenance crew activities for the week:

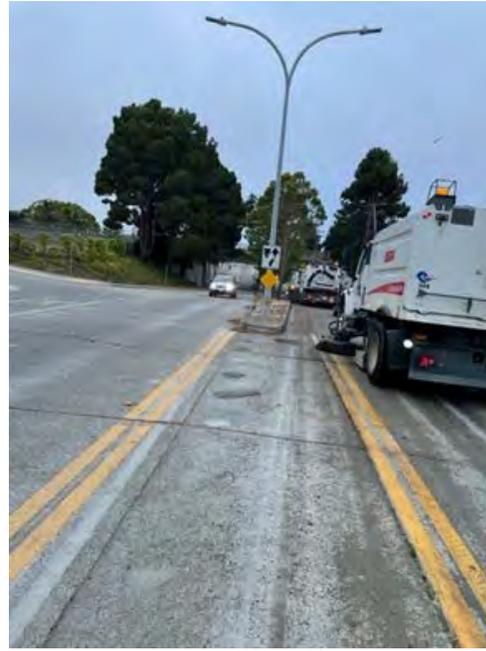
- Performed repairs on
 - Barrett Avenue at 23rd Street
 - McLaughlin Avenue
 - Gaynor Avenue
 - Esmond Avenue
 - Vernon Avenue
 - Arno Court
 - Regatta Avenue
- Closed out (21) outstanding Trak-it® pothole/hot mix issues.



Hot mix patching on McLaughlin Ave. and Carriage Dr.

Street Sweeping crews:

- Swept the following neighborhood council areas:
 - Parchester Village
 - Hilltop Bayview
 - Hilltop Green
 - Fairmede/Hilltop
 - Clinton Hill II
 - Clinton Hill III
 - Clinton Hill IV
 - Richmond Heights
- Performed extra sweepings on Castro Ranch Road, Bayview and Central Avenues overpasses, Dornan Drive, 37th Street underpass, and West Ohio Avenue bike lane
- Closed out one outstanding Trak-it® issues



Sweeping Clinton Hill II and 37th St. Underpass

Traffic Signs and Lines crews:

- Installed new Railroad Crossing signs and Chesley Avenue, Market Avenue, and Canal Boulevard
- Repaired damaged stop signs on Tewksbury Avenue at Sana Fe Avenue
- Refreshed Railroad markings on South 3rd Street, South 2nd Street, Railroad Avenue, and West Richmond Avenue
- Installed new No Overnight Parking signs on Meeker Ave
- Refreshed blue curb on Center Ave
- Closed out 13 outstanding Trak-it® issues



Railroad crossing sign installation on Market Ave. and marking refresh on South 3rd St.

Environmental Compliance

Illicit Discharge Investigation on 12/26/2024:

- Partnered with Fire Department and Veolia Water to investigate illicit discharge in gutter
- Launched immediate response and clean-up abatement effort to clear the discharge, preventing any ecological damage
- Discharge was run-off from residential car washing and determined to be non-hazardous
- Resident was cited and case closed



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 2024-25 for sewer lateral work completed between 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2025.

For more information about the Sewer Lateral Grant Program, please visit www.ci.richmond.ca.us/2130/Sewer-Lateral-Grant-Program or call (510) 620-5509.

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) 620-5509.

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

¡POR FAVOR! ¡NO PONGA GRASA POR EL DRENAJE! La grasa sigue siendo un problema en el sistema de alcantarillado sanitario y 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) 620-5509.



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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