

CITY MANAGER'S Weekly

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FEBRUARY 7, 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, February 18, 2025. Enjoy the next week off!



Upcoming Events

Opening Reception for "Poetry Is Everywhere" at Nurturing Independence through Artistic Development (NIAD)

Date: February 8, 2025
Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Location: NIAD Art Gallery
551 23rd Street

The "Poetry is Everywhere" opening reception at NIAD Art Gallery is scheduled for Saturday, February 8!

The free reception will include a poetry reading and being offered in tandem with a new art exhibit. The exhibit will be on display until March 21. For more information, call 510-620-0290 or visit www.niadart.org



RNCC Black History Month Celebration

Date: February 10, 2025
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Richmond City Council Chamber
440 Civic Center Plaza

The Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council (RNCC) will celebrate three longest-running Neighborhood Council Presidents for their leadership in their Neighborhoods.

Honorees are Joe Fisher, Coronado Neighborhood Council - Myrtle Braxton, Laurel Park Neighborhood Council and Naomi Williams, of the Pullman Neighborhood Council.

Come join the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council in celebrating these Neighborhood Council leaders for Black History Month.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

RNCC BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Please join us as the RNCC honors our eldest serving Neighborhood Council Presidents Legends.

Monday, Feb 10, 2025, 7:00 pm in the Richmond City Council Chambers

From every dream that soared the skies,
Emergent tales of sacrifice and trials,
In our Ancestors' hopeful glazes,
Lay visions of brighter days.
They dreamt of fields, open and vast,
Breathing away from shadows cast.
Their dreams now seeds, into your mind's core,
Awaiting to bloom into legends galore!
- Maya Anthony

Refreshing snacks provided

BLACK HISTORY HONOREES

MYRTLE BRAXTON Laurel Park Neighborhood Council	JOE FISHER CORONADO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL	NAOMI WILLIAMS Pullman Neighborhood Council
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WE WANT TO THANK OUR SPECIAL HONOREES FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.



City Manager's Chronicles

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

- Met with Joybound Executive Director Susan Lee
- Met with Interim Richmond Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Vernon Whitmore
- Participated in the February 4 City Council Closed Session and Regular Meeting
- Attended the League of California Cities City Manager's Conference

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.



City Manager's Office

Contra Costa County Behavioral Health Board Opportunity

Contra Costa County Health (CCC Health) is recruiting a youth who is seeking a leadership opportunity to have a voice to advocate for mental health and substance use treatment services. The County recently created a new board that integrates the Mental Health Commission and the Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board into the Behavioral Health Board. The Board will consist of 15 members with one seat being a Contra Costa resident and member that is 25 years of age or younger who has received behavioral health services or whose family has received such services.

For more information:

<https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/3418/Appointed-Bodies-Committees-Commissions>

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY?

Join the Behavioral Health Board and make youth voices count!

Contra Costa County recently created a new Board that combines the Mental Health Commission and the Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board.

The Board will advise the Board of Supervisors (BOS) regarding:

- Community mental health and substance use disorders in the county
- Review and evaluate the local public mental health and substance use disorder treatment system
- Advise the BOS on behavioral health needs and services of all Contra Costa residents including youth

Who?	Why?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contra Costa Resident • 25 years of age or younger who has received behavioral health services or whose family has received such services • Ability to commit to attend in person meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To help shape mental health and substance use services and advocate for services that matter to YOU and your peers while becoming a force for positive change in the lives of others

How?

Apply now!

Next Steps:

- Submit application
- Receive email confirmation
- You will be contacted for an interview

Want to learn more about Behavioral Health? Visit our website!

District 5 Electric Bikeshare Survey

Help shape the future of transportation in Richmond! Take the District 5 Electric Bikeshare Survey to bring more bike hubs to your community. District 5 is the first district that the community is being surveyed on their preferred e-bike hub locations (other districts will be surveyed soon!). More hubs mean better access, reduced traffic, cleaner air, and affordable travel options. Have your voice heard—take the survey today and improve mobility for all! Click on the following link to access the survey: <https://tinyurl.com/mtf42kec>. For more information, please call (510)230-8499.



Contra Costa County District Attorney Neighborhood Restorative Partnership Program

Volunteers are currently being recruited for the Neighborhood Restorative Partnership Program, run by Contra Costa County's District Attorney Office.

This is a diversion program where volunteers are trained on restorative justice practices and then take non-violent first offender criminal cases before they go to court in teams of 3. This program is entirely through Zoom (training as well) and takes place from 6:00 PM–9:00 PM.

To learn more, please visit www.contracosta.ca.gov/8448.

Neighborhood Restorative Partnership Program

The Neighborhood Restorative Partnership program is a neighborhood-focused restorative justice initiative addressing root causes of criminal behavior, reducing recidivism, enhancing community relationships, and promoting public safety and quality of life. The NRP is a program in which eligible individuals are given an opportunity to take responsibility and repair the harm they caused through a community-based process, instead of a courtroom.

- Community-based justice program
- Program designed to give individuals an opportunity to take responsibility and repair harm they caused
- Community collaboration including prosecutors, court systems, and non-profits address the harm caused by individuals and by housing and criminal justice systems
- Program is working in partnership with the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office. Please contact your local court for more information.

Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office
Atty. Janet Eira
Neighborhood Restorative Partnership
900 West Street, 2nd Floor
Martinez, CA 94553
DA-NRP@contracosta.org

QR code via the link below:
<https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/8448>
Neighborhood Restorative Partnership |
Contra Costa County, CA Official Website
See the program regulations:
www.contracosta.org

Contra Costa County District Attorney Community Academy

Volunteers are currently being recruited for the Community Academy, run by Contra Costa County's District Attorney Office.

This is a 10-week program designed to educate adults within the county on the criminal justice system. This is an in-person program that meets once every Wednesday from 6:00 PM-8:30 PM.

To learn more, please visit www.contracostada.org.



SPRING 2025 COMMUNITY ACADEMY

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY DIANA BECTON INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN A **NO-COST, 10-WEEK PROGRAM** DESIGNED TO GIVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, PROSECUTION PROCESS, AND THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

- SESSIONS PRESENTED BY ACTIVE, EXPERIENCED ATTORNEYS AND INVESTIGATORS
- **MARCH 12 TO MAY 14, 2025**
- ONE EVENING PER WEEK, WEDNESDAYS 6:00 PM-8:30 PM
- MUST BE 18+ AND LIVE OR WORK IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY



FOR QUESTIONS, APPLICATIONS, OR INSTRUCTIONS
VISIT: www.contracostada.org
E-MAIL: DA-CommunityAcademy@contracostada.org
OR CALL: (925) 957-8638 *SE HABLA ESPAÑOL*

INSIDE LOOK AT THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SYSTEM

APPLY NOW FOR
SPRING SESSION

LIMITED SPACE
AVAILABLE

SUPERIOR COURT &
COUNTY JAIL TOUR

NO-COST, 10 WEEK
PROGRAM

CERTIFICATE OF
COMPLETION

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
COMMUNITY ROOM

1001 WARD STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553



Community Development

Tobacco Retail Regulations Community Workshop

Date: February 11, 2025

Time: 3:30 PM

**Location: Richmond Auditorium
403 Civic Center Plaza**

The City of Richmond invites you to the Tobacco Retail Regulations Community Workshop.

We are looking for community input in designing new tobacco retail regulations that support the health and wellbeing of the Richmond community.

To RSVP, please visit bit.ly/tobacco_retail, or call (510)621-1279.

The flyer features logos for Good City Company and Hehmann. The main title is "Tobacco Retail Regulations Community Workshop". Below the title, it states: "We are looking for community input in designing new tobacco retail regulations that support the health and wellbeing of the Richmond community." A yellow box contains the event details: "Join us Tuesday, February 11, 2025", "3:30 PM", "403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA - 94804 Bermuda Room & Catalina Room", "Light refreshments provided", and "RSVP: https://bit.ly/tobacco_retail". A circular inset image shows a tobacco retail store. At the bottom, it provides online viewing information: "To view the presentation online: By computer or mobile device: <https://zoom.us/join> Webinar ID: 831 1145 5351 Passcode: planning By phone: 76691 900-6833 Webinar ID: 831 1145 5351 Passcode: 47836713".



Community Services

Employment & Training

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. Call (510)307-8014 for more information.

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
High Expectations

Classroom photo showing students working on projects.

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

Online Community Healthcare Worker Training Program

Dates: February 27, 2025
Time: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

This course is completely online. Students must have basic computer skills, access to a computer and the internet. Register at www.cvadult.org. For more information, call (510) 307-8014.

CV Adult & Career Education

Online Training Program
COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

Do you want to build a better community through advocacy, culturally appropriate health educators, and outreach?

What is a Community Health Worker?
Community Health Workers are public health workers who help build stronger communities through their understanding of the people they serve. CHW job roles include: Case Coordinator, Translation Specialist, and Health Insurance & Financing Navigator.
This course is completely online. Students must have basic computer skills, access to a computer and the internet.

Learn about:

- Roles in public health
- Affordable Housing Initiatives
- Welfare programs (SN, SSI, Cal-aid, EBT)
- Case coordination
- Translation support
- Advocacy support
- Insurance / out-of-pocket healthcare services
- Patient coaching / health promotion
- Health Literacy / Health Navigation
- Career development

To Enroll:

1. Register for the Mandatory Virtual Orientation
2. Final Assessment
3. Meet US Support! Take an English Computer Test
4. Pay or apply for funding.

Important Information:

- Registration closes 2/13/2025
- Final fee of class will be in person
- Program Cost: \$700 + textbook *

* Funding opportunities may be available for those who qualify
www.cvadult.org

Hiring and Expungement Resource Fair

Dates: February 20, 2025
Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Location: Hayward City Hall Rotunda
777 B. Street, Hayward, CA

You are invited to our Job Fair and Expungement Expo, a community-focused event designed to remove barriers and create pathways to stability and self sufficiency. For more information, call (510) 307-8014.

BOSS HAYWARD HIRE REPAIR expunge

HIRING & EXPUNGEMENT RESOURCE FAIR

JOIN US

HIRING & EXPUNGEMENT RESOURCE FAIR

You're invited to our Job Fair and Expungement Expo, a community-focused event designed to remove barriers and create pathways to stability and self-sufficiency.

DATE: Thursday, February 20th
TIME: At 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

self-sufficiency.org bit.ly/boosjobfair

Bay Front Chamber of Commerce Job Fair

Dates: February 19, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Location: Hercules Community Center
2001 Refugio Valley Road, Hercules, CA**

Over 40 employers and agencies will be present at the West Contra Costa Career Fair. Please share with anyone that is looking for new and exciting opportunities. For more information contact www.bayfrontchamber.com



Chase Bank – Money Skills Lunch and Learn

Dates: February 27, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Location: Concord AJCC
4071 Port Chicago Highway, Concord, CA**

Start the year off strong in this interactive workshop. Enjoy a free lunch while learning how to set goals aligned with your values, build a budget that works for you, and save for the future you want. Don't miss out!

Reserve your spot now at <https://tinyurl.com/chasebanklunchlearn>.



Administrative Medical Assistant Training

Dates: May 29, 2025

Location: Castro Valley Adult and Career Education

Register for mandatory orientation every Tuesday and Thursday for administrative medical assistant training. Contact (510)886-1000 or www.cvadult.org to register.



Library & LEAP

Firelight Shadow Theater

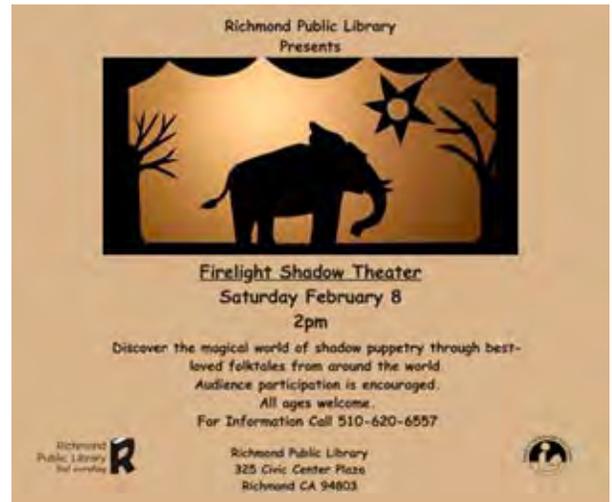
Date: February 8, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM

**Location: Main Library
325 Civic Center Plaza**

Join us for an introduction to shadow puppetry through folktales and rhymes from around the world.

For more information, call (510) 620-6557.



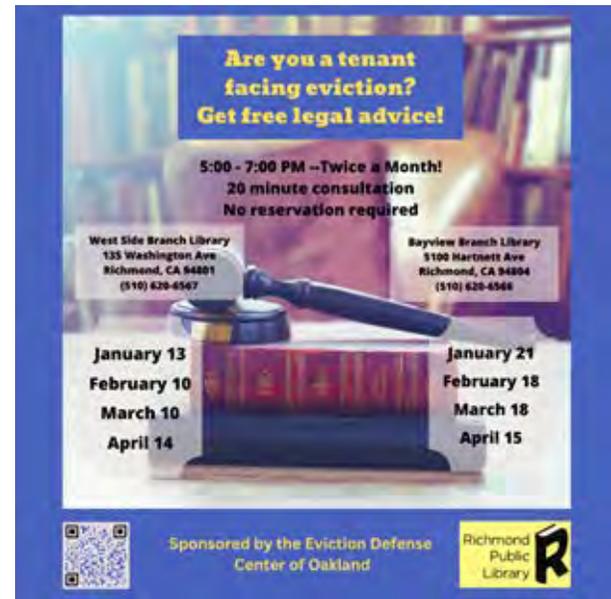
Eviction Defense Lawyer

Date: February 10, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**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, February 10th, 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.



Valentine's Day Craft Program

Date: February 12, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

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

Come and make your own unique Valentine's Day gift bags, bookmarks and more to share with your loved ones. We'll provide all the materials and inspiration you need to create something special. For more information, please call (510) 620-6566.



Journey of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) Students Living in the U.S. Today

Date: February 12, 2025
Time: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Location: West Side Branch Library
 135 Washington Ave.

Lideres del Futuro compiled a book of essays by DACA recipients. They wrote the stories of living life, studying, and working in the United States, the only home some have known. Hear from the panelists as they retell the personal stories of these individuals and give us updates on how changes or loss of DACA could impact them and others. Call (510) 620-6567 for more information.

Scrapbooking Club

Date: February 13, 2025
Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Location: Shields-Reid Community Center
 1410 Kelsey St.

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 2nd Monday of each month from 10:00-11:30 AM at different Richmond Community Center locations. Call (510) 620-6561 for location information or check our online calendar.

Graphic Novel Club

Date: February 13, 2025
Time: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location: Bayview Branch Library
 5100 Hartnett Ave.

Do you love graphic novels or want to discover why so many people do? Join us for a discussion of "New Kid" at the Bayview Branch Library. This club is by kids, for kids and perfect for ages 8 to 14. Bring your curiosity, love for stories, or just come for the light snacks provided! Please call (510) 620-6566 for more information.

JOURNEY OF DACA STUDENTS LIVING IN THE U.S. TODAY, A BOOK TALK
 Panelists: Jose Ordoñez, Erick Palafox & Rafael Vasquez

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th
 6:30-7:30 PM

Lideres del Futuro compiled a book of essays by DACA recipients. They describe living, studying, and working in the United States, the only home some have known. Hear from the panelists as they retell the personal stories of these individuals and give us updates on how changes or loss of DACA could impact them and others.

WEST SIDE BRANCH LIBRARY
 135 WASHINGTON AVENUE
 (510) 620-6567

Richmond Public Library
 Just reading.

Scrapbooking Club

Join our morning club for adults!
February 13th
@ Shields-Reid Community Center
10am-11:30am
 Meeting 2nd Monday of each month
 at different Community Center locations!

Questions? Call us at (510) 620-6566

GRAPHIC Novel Club

For kids who love graphic novels or are curious about them -
 Bring the Club for Kids!

**** BY KIDS, FOR KIDS ****
Ages 8-14
**** LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED! ****

BAYVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY
 5100 HARTNETT AVE
 RICHMOND, CA

February 13, 2025 - 4 PM - 5 PM
 2nd Thursday of each month

Questions? Call us at (510) 620-6566
www.richmondlibrary.org

NEW KID
 JERRY CRAFT

"Middle school is hard enough without being the..."
 "Young, witty, and totally real! New Kid is the real one you need to be talking about!"
 - Jeff Kinney, author of Diary of a Wimpy Kid

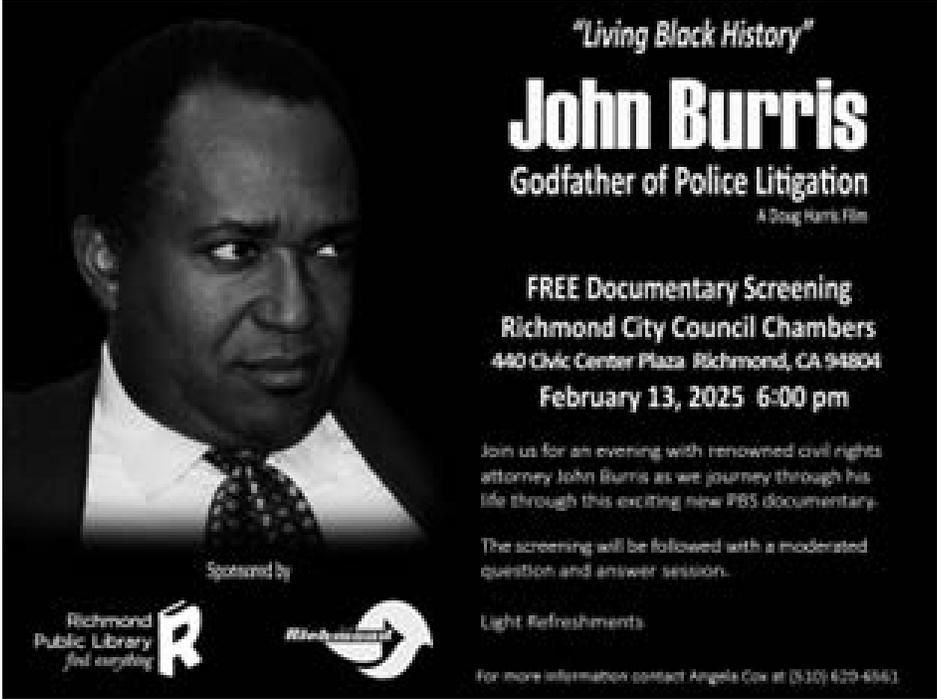
Documentary Screening: John Burris – Godfather of Police Litigation

Date: February 13, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

**Location: Council Chambers
440 Civic Center Plaza**

Join Richmond Public Library for its 2025 Black History Month screening of "John Burris: Godfather of Police Litigation". The documentary by East Bay filmmaker Doug Harris details Burris' illustrious career representing underserved citizen in landmark Bay Area and national legal cases with Ben Crump. There will be a question-and-answer session following the screening. Prior to the screening there will be light refreshments. Please call (510) 620-6561 for more information.



The poster features a black and white portrait of John Burris on the left. On the right, the text reads: "Living Black History" in a script font, followed by "John Burris" in large bold letters, and "Godfather of Police Litigation" below it. Underneath is "A Doug Harris Film". The event details are: "FREE Documentary Screening", "Richmond City Council Chambers", "440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804", and "February 13, 2025 6:00 pm". A paragraph describes the screening and includes a Q&A session. Logos for Richmond Public Library and the "Living Black History" series are at the bottom left. Contact information for Angela Cox is at the bottom right.

Village Rhythms

Date: February 15, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Location: Main Library
325 Civic Center Plaza**

Join us for African drumming and dance with Onye Onyemaechi! Learn about different African drums and how to play them, and dance to the rhythm!

Please call (510) 620-6557 for more information.



The poster is colorful and features a collage of images at the top showing people dancing and playing drums. The text includes: "SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15" in red on a black background, "11:00 A - 12:00 P" in white on a brown background, and "VILLAGE RHYTHMS" in large bold letters on a yellow background. A red banner at the bottom contains "Main Library, 325 Civic Center Plaza". There are logos for Village Rhythms and Richmond Public Library.

Jazz & Freedom Songs with Kalimba King

Date: February 22, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Location: Main Library
325 Civic Center Plaza**

Join us for an educational performance with the Kalimba King! Learn all about the kalimba, the history of jazz, and dance and sing along with us! An all ages program for children and families. Call (510) 620-6557 for more information



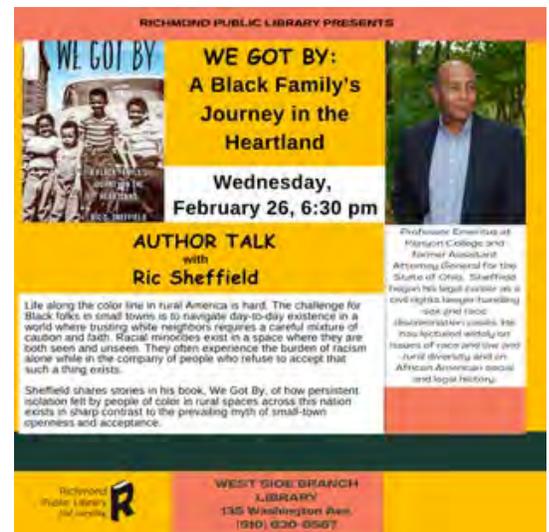
We Got By: A Black Family's Journey in the Heartland – Author Talk

Date: February 26, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

**Location: West Side Branch Library
135 Washington Ave.**

Ric Sheffield, Professor Emeritus of Kenyon College and former assistant Attorney General for the State of Ohio, shares personal stories in his book, *We Got By*, of how persistent isolation felt by people of color in rural spaces exists in sharp contrast to the prevailing myth of small-town openness and acceptance. Call (510) 620-6567 for more information.



February Adult Craft Kit

Location: Main Library

325 Civic Center Plaza

Make a Valentine's Day-inspired bracelet with this adult craft kit. The kit has all you need to make a bracelet: beads, a piece of elastic band, and instructions on how to string the bracelet. Make the bracelet for yourself or gift to a special person in your life. Kits are available while supplies last at the Main Library. For more information, call the Main Adult Reference Desk at (510) 620-6561. Happy Valentine's Day!



Recreation

Soul Line Dancing

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Time: 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Location: Richmond Senior Center
2525 Macdonald Avenue

Soul Line dancing is a fun class to learn new moves, make new friends and exercising all in one. Come and join us every Tuesday & Thursday from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM. For more information, call (510)620-6793.



Free Zumba Classes at Elm Playlot (Pogo Park #1)

Dates: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
Time: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location: Pogo Park #1 (Elm Playlot)
720 Elm Avenue

Weigh of Life and Pogo Park have joined together to offer free Zumba classes for our community. Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

Weigh of Life y Pogo Park se han unido para ofrecer clases gratuitas de Zumba a nuestra comunidad. Lunes, Miercoles y Viernes 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM.



Elevate After School Program

Days: Monday through Friday during the regular academic year
Time: 1:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Location: May Valley Community Center
3530 Morningside Drive

Looking for an after school program? Look no more. For \$100 a month, participants get help with homework, art and crafts, engage with other children, play organized group games, explore new things, and much more! The staff also do a walking school bus from Valley View Elementary. For more information, call (510)620-6793.



Achieve After School Program

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Time: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**Community Centers: Nevin (598 Nevin Avenue)
Parchester (3833 Colins Avenue)
Shields Reid (1410 Kelsey Street)**

For only \$80 for the session or \$20 a month, you reserve a spot in one of our great Achieve After School Programs. With the help from Richmond Recreation staff, participants get help with homework, art and crafts, play organized group games, explore new things, make new friends and much more! For more information, call (510)620-6793.



Tiny Heroes Training Camp

**Dates: Mondays and Tuesdays @ Nevin and Parchester
Wednesdays and Thursdays @ May Valley and Shields-Reid**

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

**Community Centers: May Valley (3530 Morningside Dr.)
Nevin (598 Nevin Avenue)
Parchester (3833 Colins Avenue)
Shields Reid (1410 Kelsey Street)**

The classes help with their fine and gross motor skills, cognitive skills, and it exposes the children to interact with other superheroes. The participants do projects led by recreation leaders with the support of parents/caregivers, and are introduced to the alphabet, numbers 1-20, and the colors. Parents/caregivers must be present throughout the class. Call (510)620-6793 for more information.



Presidents' Week Camp

Dates: February 18- February 21, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Richmond Recreation Complex
3230 Macdonald Avenue

Do you want to keep your children active, while they are out on break from February 18-21?

No need to keep looking, the City of Richmond Community Services-Recreation has got you covered.

For an affordable price, your children will be participating in group activities, arts and crafts, and much more!

Reserve your spot today! Call (510)620-6793 or register online:

https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/richmond/home?onlineSiteId=0&locale=en-US&from_original_cui=true



Recap: Snowball Scholarship Reception

The 72nd Snow Ball Scholarship Reception was held on January 25, 2025 honoring 16 Richmond scholars received \$22,000 in scholarships from the Hurlbut Benevolent Foundation. Mayor Martinez was in attendance along with Community Services staff and 60 families.



Recap: Lunar New Year

On Saturday, February 1, 2025, we celebrated Lunar New Year. We had our very own Community Center Seniors participate in our Lunar New Year celebrations. We were embraced by different dances and musical instruments. We had light refreshments and a raffle with our very own Mayor Eduardo Martinez reading off the ticket numbers and giving out the gifts to the winners. We were surrounded with so much love from family and friends. It was a great time!



Economic Development

Business Development

Richmond Awarded \$600,000 Cannabis Equity Grant

The Economic Development Department has been awarded eligibility for a \$600,000 Type II Cannabis Equity Grant from the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz).

The Cannabis Equity Grants Program aims to advance economic justice by supporting individuals disproportionately affected by cannabis criminalization and poverty. This funding will assist local cannabis equity program applicants and licensees by reducing barriers to entry and helping them successfully operate within the state's regulated cannabis industry.



CALIFORNIA
BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Human Resources

City of Richmond – Job Opportunities

Discover your purpose with us at the City of Richmond. Explore our current job openings and detailed job descriptions at: www.governmentjobs.com/careers/richmondca

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



JOB TITLE	JOB TYPE	CLOSING
Administrative Student Intern	Part Time	Continuous
Aquatic Specialist	Full Time	Open Until Filled
Assistant Deputy Director of Public Works	Exempt	Open Until Filled
Capital Projects Manager	Full Time	Open Until Filled
Code Enforcement Officer I/II	Full Time	3/8/2025
Communications Dispatcher I	Full Time	Continuous
Communications Dispatcher II	Full Time	Continuous
Equipment Mechanic, Senior	Full Time	Open Until Filled
Gardener	Full Time	2/9/2025
Housing Programs Analyst	Full Time	2/9/2025
Human Resources Manager - Risk Management	Full Time	Open Until Filled
Lifeguard	Part Time	Continuous
Lifeguard/Senior Lifeguard	Permanent Part Time	Open Until Filled
Maintenance Aide II	Part Time	Continuous
Office Aide	Part Time	Continuous
Office Clerk - Cashier	Part Time	Continuous
Peacekeeper	Stipend	Continuous
Police Cadet	Part Time	Continuous
Police Officer Academy Grad (Direct)	Full Time	Continuous
Police Officer Lateral	Full Time	Continuous
Police Officer Trainee	Exempt	Continuous
Recreation Program Aide	Part Time	Continuous
Recreation Program Leader	Part Time	Continuous
Recreation Program Specialist	Part Time	Continuous
School Crossing Guard	Part Time	Continuous
Senior Accountant	Full Time	2/10/2025
Senior Assistant/Assistant Attorney	Full Time	Continuous
Senior Management Analyst	Full Time	2/10/2025
Senior Transportation Planner	Full Time	2/16/2025
Workforce Program Manager	Full Time	2/10/2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

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Information Technology

KCRT Datanet for the Week

"Living Black History"
John Burris
Godfather of Police Litigation
A Doug Harris Film

FREE Documentary Screening
February 13, 2025 • 6PM

Richmond City Council Chambers
440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond

Join us for an evening with renowned civil rights attorney John Burris as we journey through his life through this exciting new PBS documentary.

The screening will be followed with a moderated question and answer session.

Sponsored by

Richmond Public Library  

For more information, contact Angela Cox at (510) 620-6561

Programming

New NewsBytes and Regular Series Episodes:

- New Special: "2024 Police Excellence Service Awards"
- New Series: "California Bountiful" premiered Monday night
- New episodes of "Best of California," "The Jet Set," "White House Chronicle," "Baby Blue Arts," "Creature Features," and "Sidewalks Entertainment."

Some NewsBytes Segments or Specials Currently On-Air:

- Jim McMillan Memorial
- Santa Rita Road Re-Grand Opening
- Shop with a Cop
- Juneteenth Parade and Festival 2024
- Dirt World Ribbon Cutting
- RFD Badge-Pinning Ceremony on Fire Chief

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



Recap: Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Staff Orientation

On February 5 and 6, 2025, the Richmond Fire Department Office of Emergency Services held an in-person staff orientation at the City of Richmond's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The orientation provided City staff with an overview of the general layout, structure, and functionality of the City's EOC. Visual demonstrations were provided and EOC start-up, operability, and future staff training were presented. Lastly, the orientation gave staff the opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussions about their roles as Disaster Service Workers (DSW).



Recap: Richmond Fire Department Promotions

On February 6, 2025, the Richmond Fire Department held a badge presentation for newly promoted personnel. Please join us in congratulating the following individuals on their achievements:

- Deputy Fire Chief Rico Rincon
- Battalion Chief Michael Velazquez
- Fire Captain Brandon Perry



Fire Prevention Services Division Approves Fire Plans for Kennedy High School Modernization Project

On February 4, 2025, the Richmond Fire Prevention Services Division approved the fire requirements for Kennedy High School tenant improvement project. The fire plan review process began in 2024, and discussions between fire personnel and the designer finalized the modernization project, which satisfies the Division of the State Architect's requirements.



Public Works

Rheem Creek Flood Risk Reduction Project Celebration

Date: February 8, 2025

Time: 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Fordham Street (see map below)

Join The Watershed Project, community members, and organizations who have been working together to restore Rheem Creek in celebration! Register for event at the following link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rheem-creek-flood-risk-reduction-project-celebration-tickets-1105964221759?utm_experiment=test_share_listing&aff=ebdsshios

the watershed project **Richmond**



RHEEM CREEK FLOOD RISK REDUCTION PROJECT CELEBRATION

JOIN COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE WORKED TOGETHER ON RESTORING RHEEM CREEK IN A CELEBRATION!

Event will include:

- Neighborhood trash cleanup
- Family-friendly educational activities
- Words from community leaders
- Lunch from El Trompudo provided by the City of Richmond

Contact us
amaury@thewatershedproject.org



Register on Eventbrite for location using QR code

**FEBRUARY 8TH
10:30 AM - 1 PM**

the watershed project **Richmond**



CELEBRACIÓN DEL PROYECTO DE REDUCCIÓN DE RIESGOS DE INUNDACIONES EN RHEEM CREEK

ACOMPÁÑE A MIEMBROS DE LA COMUNIDAD Y ORGANIZACIONES QUE HAN TRABAJADO JUNTOS PARA RESTAURAR RHEEM CREEK EN UNA CELEBRACIÓN!

El evento incluirá:

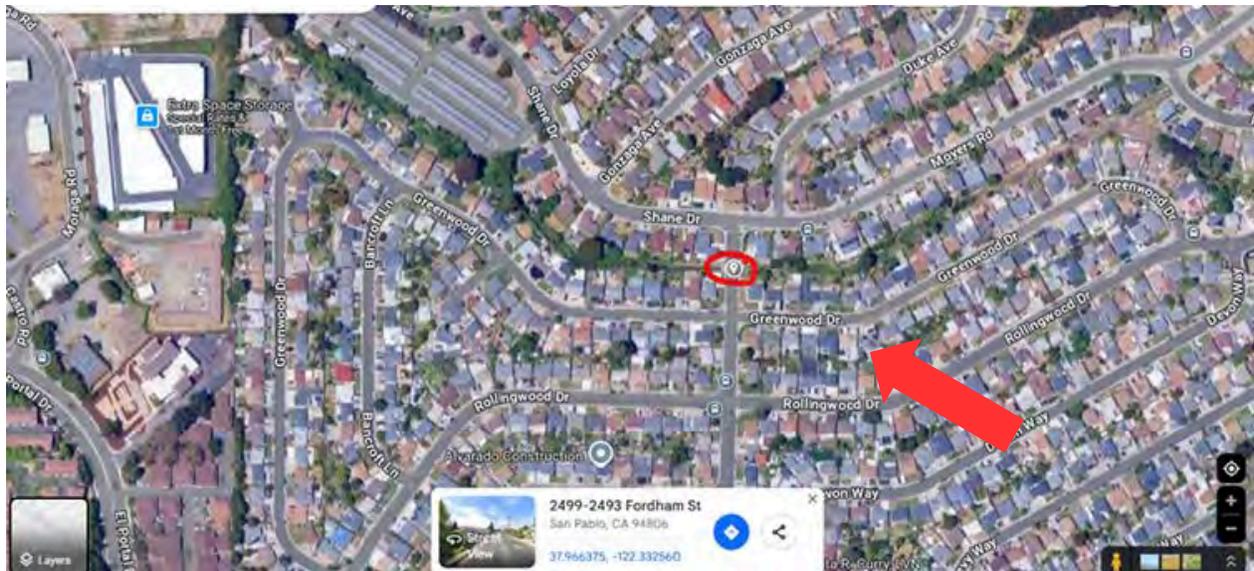
- Limpieza de basura
- Actividades educativas para familias
- Palabras de líderes comunitarios
- Almuerzo de El Trompudo proporcionado por la ciudad de Richmond

Contactanos
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Regístrese en Eventbrite para recibir la ubicación exacta usando el código QR

**FEBRERO 8
10:30 AM - 1 PM**



The location of the event is at Fordham Street, the location is circled in red on the map above.

Neighborhood Complete Streets Project Town Hall Meeting

Date: February 15, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Location: Richmond College Prep
1014 Florida Avenue**

Neighborhood Complete Streets is an active transportation project focused on improving pedestrian and bicycle access for residents of the Iron Triangle, Santa Fe, and Coronado neighborhoods. The project will close gaps and improve the existing walking and biking infrastructure on Harbour Way, Marina Way, Wright Avenue, and Ohio Avenue to create walking and biking connections between downtown Richmond, neighborhoods, schools, parks, the Richmond Greenway, and the Richmond Ferry terminal. Design of the Neighborhood Complete Streets Project began in Fall 2024, with construction anticipated to begin in Spring 2026. You are encouraged to get involved!

The second town hall will share conceptual design ideas based on community feedback received in November of 2024. Learn more about the project and share your ideas and feedback on the preliminary design.

For more information, please visit www.richmondca.gov/4725.



Electric Shop

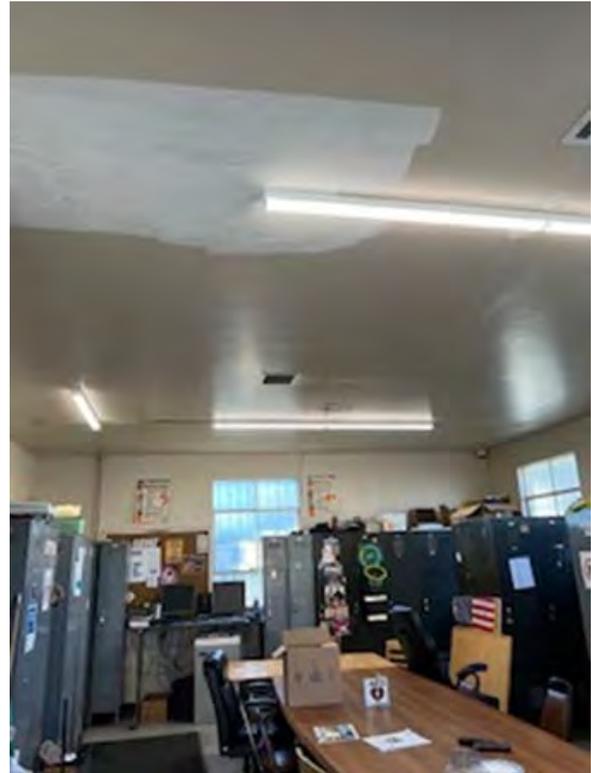
Work completed this past week:

- Repaired traffic signal red indication at 44th Avenue & MacDonald Avenue
- Repaired traffic indication at Harbour Way & Bissell Avenue
- Repaired traffic signal issue at Garrard Boulevard & W. Macdonald Avenue
- Repaired streetlights on Grandview Court in Point Richmond
- Completed electrical upgrades in Parks Maintenance Office
- Repaired Richmond Police Department parking lot lighting outages
- Knocked down pole removed at Marquette Court in Hilltop area

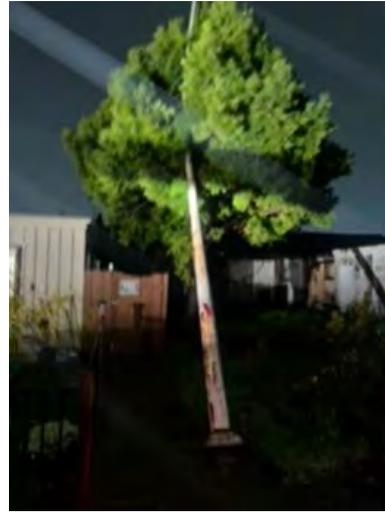
Electrical issues that have been investigated from last week:

- Traffic signal pedestrian crossing issue at Giant Highway
- Damaged street light boxes on the Richmond Greenway
- Continued street lighting vandalism repairs on West Cutting Boulevard
- Electrical issues at Richmond Fire Station #68
- Investigating wire theft and vandalism on 19th Street at the Richmond BART Station

- Closed out nine Trakit® cases
- Received 86 request for Underground Utility Markings



Richmond Park Maintenance yard lighting upgrade installations



Fallen street light pole removed on Marquette Ct. due to weather conditions

Facilities Maintenance

Crews performed the following tasks this week:

- Daily routine cleaning and maintenance of all City owned buildings
- Tasks performed this week:
 - Arranged tables in the lobby area of the Community Services Building
 - Pest control was performed at Booker T. Anderson Community Center and the Museum
 - Arrange the Council Chambers to accommodate a classroom-style training session



Tables and chairs set-up in the Council Chamber

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
- Repaired leaking steam condensate return piping in Main Library
- Replaced defective Zone Temperature Sensor for the HVAC system in the Community Services Building Main Lobby
- Adjusted the limit sensors on the Equipment Services Roll Up Door at the Corporation Yard
- Replaced broken faucet in Abatement Break Room at the Corporation Yard



Replacing Zone Sensor in Community Services Building



Replacing Faucet in Abatement Break Room

Engineering

Permits and Land Development

Permits completed:

- Encroachment Permit – 22
- Transportation – 9
- Sewer Lateral Grant – 3

Inspections completed:

- Initial – 69
- Asphalt – 9
- Concrete – 8
- Engineering Final – 26
- Traffic Control – 96
- Customers Served @ Counter – 10
- Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) replaced an old power pole that was leaning on Roosevelt Ave



Santa Fe Avenue Slope Stabilization Update

The City of Richmond is actively working to address slope erosion along Santa Fe Avenue, a concern following heavy storms in early 2023. The erosion stripped vegetation and soil from the hillside, raising concerns about long-term stability.

Recent Repairs

To prevent further erosion, the city initially installed tarping and cleared storm drainage systems. A recent inspection revealed weather-related damage to the tarping, prompting repairs. This week, the city's contractor, W.R. Forde, began repairing and replacing the tarp, with completion expected before the next anticipated rainstorm, the week of February 10.

Long-Term Stabilization Efforts

While these interim measures help mitigate immediate risks, a permanent solution is being developed. The city is working with geotechnical experts to assess stabilization options, including retaining structures and erosion control systems, while also seeking funding opportunities.

Next Steps

The city is updating residents as progress continues and exploring grants to implement a long-term solution. We appreciate the community's patience as we work toward a safer, more resilient Santa Fe Avenue.



Park Maintenance

Hilltop District crews performed:

- Weed abatement on Richmond Parkway medians from San Pablo Avenue to Blume Drive
- Completed annual safety training requirements for all Parks Division staff



Richmond Parkway Median Weed Abatement

Marina Bay District crews:

- Removed several overgrown shrubs next to the cement stage on Marina Bay Trail
- Started cutting grass and concrete cracked weeds from medians in front of Shimada Friendship Park heading northbound
- Cut and string-trimmed weeds from the median on Bayside Court
- Started hand-pulling weeds from medians and right of way area on Regatta Boulevard and Marina Bay Parkway



Weed removal at Regatta Blvd. and Marina Bay Parkway



Weed removal on Bayside Dr.

General Fund crews performed the following tasks:

- Abated weeds at Civic Center Plaza
- Repaired irrigation breaks at Nicholl Park
- Cleared storm drains at Mira Vista Park
- Removed graffiti from Nicholl Park
- Trimmed trees and removed shrubs from Fire Station #63
- Continued construction at Judge Carol Park's corner landscape
- Clean-up at Mira Vista Park lot
- Pruned trees at Belding Park
- Removed illegal dumping at John F. Kennedy Park
- Fire clean up at Unity Park
- Removed a hanging branch on Valley View Road
- Raised tree canopies at 26th Street and Andrade Avenue



Ivy removal from the building at Fire Station 63

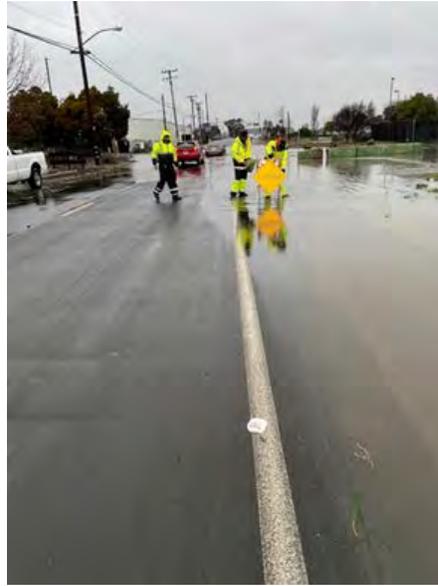


Tree pruning Fire Station 63

Street Maintenance

The Pavement Maintenance crew activities for the week:

- Performed street paving repairs on
 - Maricopa Avenue
 - San Pablo Avenue
 - Solano Avenue
 - Jo Ann Drive
 - Macdonald Ave
- Performed storm patrol during the atmospheric river
- Closed out 21 outstanding Trak-it® pothole/hot mix issues



Pothole patching on Jo Ann Dr and Storm Patrol

Street sweeping Crews:

- Swept the following neighborhood council areas:
 - Parchester Village
 - Hilltop Bayview
 - Hilltop Green
 - Fairmede/Hilltop
 - Carriage Hills North Side
 - El Sobrante Hills
 - Greenbriar
 - Hansford Heights
 - Via Verdi
 - San Pablo Dam Road
 - Bristolecone
 - May Valley
 - Vista View
 - Clinton Hill I



Sweeping Bristlecone and El Sobrante Hill neighborhoods

Traffic Signs and Lines crews:

- Installed new Railroad markings on South 2nd Street, Marina Way South and Richmond Parkway
- Replaced a damaged Yield sign on Robert Miller Drive
- Refreshed stop signs on McBryde Avenue at 33rd Street
- Installed and repaired multiple signs on Richmond Greenway as part of the Martin Luther King (MLK) Day event
- Closed out four outstanding Trak-it® issue



Stop sign replacement and new Railroad marking installation

Public Works provides two self-fill sandbag stations:

- 10 Harbour Way: located on Harbour Way at the Greenway
- 5100 Hartnett Ave: Bayview Library parking lot



Sandbag Fill Station 1 - Harbour Way at the Greenway: 10 Harbour Way



Sandbag fill station 2 - Bayview Library: 5100 Hartnett Ave

Environmental Compliance

Water Resource Recovery (WRR) staff completed the following inspections:

- Industrial Dischargers – 1
- Stormwater – 7
- Trak-It Cases Closed – 5

Enforcement Actions:

- Stormwater – 1 (Administrative Citation) – failure to maintain and repair failed private sewer lateral – illicit discharge

Conferences/committee meetings attended by staff:

- Contra Costa Clean Water Program
 - Polycarbonate Biphenols (PCB) committee
 - California Water Environment Association
 - Provided a pollution prevention presentation for the conference
- **Baykeeper**
 - System Evaluation Capacity Assurance Plan (SECAP) Report review
 - Hot Spot review

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) up to \$1,800 of the cost of a full sewer lateral 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.

- To date, 27 grants have been awarded.

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)

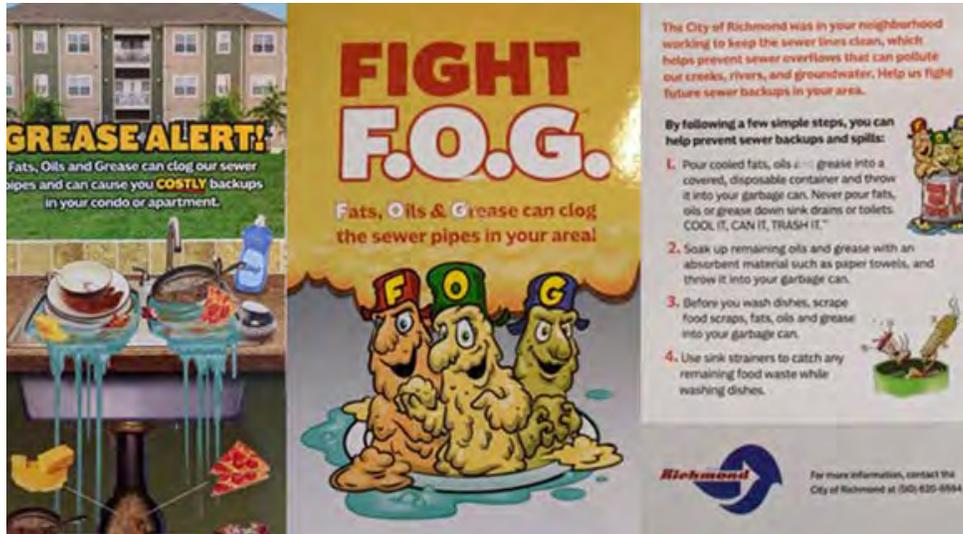
DO NOT POUR GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN! Grease continues to be a problem in the sanitary sewer system and the Richmond Wastewater Treatment Plant. Grease clogs pipes and can be detrimental to the function of the plant. It can also lead to sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs).

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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