

CITY MANAGER'S Weekly

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OCTOBER 3, 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 scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, 2025. Closed Session begins at 3:30 PM, followed by the Regular Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority at 5:55 PM. The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council begins at 6:00 PM, and the agenda may be found by clicking on the following link: <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4157/City-of-Richmond-Council-Meetings>



Upcoming Events

Arbor Day 2025

Date: October 18, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Location: Richmond Greenway
Between S. 2nd Street and S. 4th Street**

Celebrate 2025 Arbor day with the City of Richmond, Groundwork Richmond, Richmond’s Urban Forestry Advisory Committee (UFAC), and community partners!

Enjoy a fun and community building volunteer event of tree planting along the Richmond Greenway Trail to help make Richmond a greener and healthier city.

Free food and mulch will also be provided!

RSVP for the event here: <https://tinyurl.com/2025-Arbor-Day>



GRIP Harmony Walk 2025

Date: October 18, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Location: Nicholl Park
3230 Macdonald Ave**

The Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP) is putting on their 39th annual Harmony Walk, the biggest yearly fundraiser! The Harmony Walk is a fun-filled, FREE community-based fall festival. They’ll have a range of food trucks, live music, a raffle, kids’ activities, guest speakers, vendor booths from local organizations and businesses, and much more. Guests are also welcome to participate in a walk/fun run through the neighborhood, ending in a tour of GRIP’s soup kitchen and family shelter, a long-standing Richmond resource hub.

By registering online (for no cost), you’ll receive 5 raffle tickets – that’s a 5x better chance to win one of their exciting prizes! To RSVP for free, click [HERE](#)





City Manager's Chronicles

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

- Along with Deputy City Manager LaShonda White, met with Ruthie Dineen, Executive Director of the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts
- Participated in a walk through of the Shields-Reid Community Center with City staff to discuss the renovations that are in program and additional project needs
- Reviewed, edited and approved agenda items for the October 7 City Council meeting
- Along with Mayor Martinez, Councilmember Robinson, key community stakeholders, and City staff, attended the Downtown Tour with Assembly Member Haney and Assembly Member Wicks
- Met with Union Leaders for the joint quarterly City Manager | Union Leaders meeting

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

Community Outreach and Engagement Event New Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Community Center & Park

Date: October 9, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

**Location: Nystrom Elementary School – Multi-Purpose Room
230 Harbour Way South, Richmond, CA 94804**

The City is planning a new Community Center and MLK, Jr. Park improvements. We encourage you to attend our outreach event to help guide the project's program and design!

To RSVP for the event visit: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=N5zGCxuP9kGR59IQn-YSWfnwp_hq5ONLnfYxB5VpubFUQTIWSEIMMUxEMU5aQ1dKtk5ORTQ4TE1BVS4u&origin=QRCode&qrcodeorigin=presentation&route=shorturl

You can also take the survey by clicking [HERE](#)

COMMUNITY MEETING *Reunión Comunitaria*


New Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center & Park

Nuevo Centro Comunitario y Parque Martin Luther King Jr.

The City is planning a new Community Center and MLK, Jr. Park improvements. We encourage you to attend our outreach event and provide input on the project's program and design!

La ciudad está planeando un nuevo Centro Comunitario y mejoras para el Parque MLK, Jr. Te animamos a asistir a nuestro evento y a compartir tus opiniones sobre el programa y el diseño del proyecto.

Food & beverages will be provided!
¡Se proporcionarán alimentos y bebidas!



RSVP
Confirme su asistencia



Join the City of Richmond to give your design feedback!
¡Reúnete con la Ciudad de Richmond para dar tu opinión sobre el diseño!



**Nystrom Elementary School
Multi-Purpose Room
230 Harbour Way S, Richmond, CA 94804**



October 9, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

Interpretation and Childcare services available!
¡Servicios de interpretación y cuidado de niños



Community Survey
Encuesta



English



Español





Your involvement can make a real difference!
¡Tu participación puede hacer una gran diferencia!

Update: Supporting Richmond's Immigrant Community

The City of Richmond is proud to reaffirm its commitment to immigrant residents by making up to \$1 million available for legal services and public awareness campaigns. This initiative is designed to ensure that Richmond families have access to critical resources—helping them better understand their rights and secure legal assistance when facing complex or challenging immigration issues.

City staff have worked diligently through a competitive RFP process to identify qualified partners that can provide both legal and outreach services. Contracts are being finalized for execution next week.

Service delivery will be comprehensive, including community outreach, engagement, and education efforts to raise awareness, alongside direct legal services. These legal services will cover both affirmative immigration support—such as helping residents apply for visas, green cards, or citizenship—as well as removal defense for individuals facing deportation.

Through this investment, the City is working to close gaps in access to legal services, strengthen community trust, and ensure that Richmond continues to be a welcoming and supportive place for our immigrant neighbors.

To stay informed, please visit <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4913/Immigrant-Legal-Services-and-Outreach-Pr>



City Council

Mayor's Office

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

Become a leader in Richmond! We're seeking residents to serve on boards, commissions, and committees—shaping arts, history, youth, and economic growth. Find your fit, make your mark, and help guide our City's future. Apply online: [Boards and Commissions | Richmond, CA.](#)

Questions?

mayorsoffice@ci.richmond.ca.us

510-620-6503





Community Development

Planning

Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Pre-Approved Plans Now Available

Pre-Approved Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Plans are now available for free on the Planning Division website! Four architectural styles and two programs have been developed for detached ADUs. For more information visit <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4850/ADU-Preapproved-Plans>



New Online Tools: Ask a Question & Impact Fee Calculator

Richmond residents and applicants now have two new online tools to make permitting easier. Use the "Ask a Question" tool in the FAQ to submit questions and get clear answers from staff. Try the Impact Fee Calculator to estimate costs upfront. Both Infilla tools improve transparency and save time.





Community Services

Employment & Training

Career Spark: Explore Your Future

Date: November 6-8, 2025

Location: Concord, CA

A 3-day experience to explore high-demand, high-wage careers in the Bay Area through hands-on experiences and professional skills-building. Open to 9th and 10th grader students in Contra Costa County. Apply by October 8, 2025, at making-waves.org



HealthX Fellowship

Date: December 2025 - April 2026

Location: Richmond, CA

A 6-month paid fellowship for 11th and 12th students in Contra Costa County to explore a future in healthcare. Apply by October 15, 2025, at making-waves.org



OFFICIAL NOTICE Richmond Minimum Wage

Date: January 1, 2026

Effective January 1, 2026, Richmond's Minimum Wage will be \$19.18 Per Hour

PLEASE POST WHERE EMPLOYEES CAN READ EASILY
VIOLATORS SUBJECT TO PENALTY

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Richmond Minimum Wage

Effective January 1, 2026

\$19.18 Per Hour

The minimum wage requirement set forth in the Richmond Minimum Wage Ordinance 11-14 N.C., codified in Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 17-103, applies to adult and minor employees who work two (2) or more hours a week for a covered Employer. Each year, the City will adjust the minimum wage as stated in the Minimum Wage Ordinance until January 1, 2019, when it will increase to \$15 per hour. However, beginning on January 1, 2020 and each year thereafter, the minimum wage shall increase by an amount corresponding to the prior year's increase according to the Department of Labor's Regional Consumer Price Index.

Under the Ordinance, employees who assert their rights to receive the City's minimum wage are protected from retaliation. Employees may file a civil lawsuit against their employers for any violation of the Ordinance or may file a complaint with the Employment and Training Department. The City will investigate possible violations, will have access to payroll records, and will enforce violations of the minimum wage requirements.

The City Council amended the ordinance in July 2017 and eliminated certain exemptions relating to intermediate wages, small businesses, government grants and businesses that deliver goods and services outside of Richmond. The amended ordinance is available online at www.richmondworks.org.

Reliance upon this notice does not provide safe harbor to employers who otherwise violate the City's minimum wage ordinance. If you have any questions or suspect violations of the City's minimum wage ordinance, please contact Employment and Training Department.

City of Richmond Employment and Training
Department
330 26th Street
Richmond, CA 94804
E-mail: lw@esd@richmondworks.org Website:
www.richmondworks.org

GO Public Schools: K-3rd Family Session

Date: October 7, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**Location: West Side Branch Library
135 Washington Avenue**

Join GO Public Schools for the launch of our first new theme of the 2025-2026 school year: Exploration of Education, Social Sciences, and Human Services Careers! Don't miss this exciting opportunity to inspire your students' future!

Registration is required. RSVP today!

<http://bit.ly/GOCollegeCareer> Email

bpomerantz@gopublicschools.org for more information.



Scrapbooking Workshop

Date: October 7, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

**Location: Auditorium Branch Library
403 Civic Center Plaza
Farallon Room off Nevin Avenue**

Richmond Public Library's Scrapbooking Club presents a wonderful series of Scrapbooking Workshops with local expert Debbie. Join us on the first Tuesday of every month to learn how to preserve your memories creatively. Then practice what you learned on the third Tuesday of every month. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of October, November, and December from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM in the Richmond Memorial Auditorium's Farallon Room (enter on Nevin Ave.) For more information call (510)620-6561.



Recreation

Family Farm Pumpkin Picking

Date: October 4, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 4:45 PM

**Location: Richmond Recreation Complex
3230 Macdonald Avenue**

Celebrate fall with pumpkin picking at a family farm. Farm activities include: corn maze, haunted castle, hayride, pig races, obstacle course, giant hill slide and more. Fun for all ages. This event is part of the Fall Outdoor Adventures. Transportation and meals are included for only a \$10 non-refundable reservation fee. For more information call (510) 620-6793.



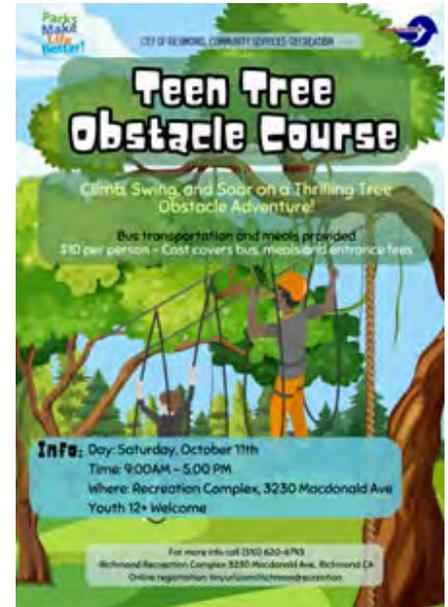
Teen Rope Adventure

Date: October 11, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Location: Richmond Recreation Complex
3230 Macdonald Avenue**

Join us for an exciting tree-to-tree obstacle course in San Francisco. Challenge yourself on ropes, bridges, and high climbs while conquering fears and building confidence. Meet at the Richmond Recreation Complex. Transportation and meals are included for only a \$10 non-refundable reservation fee. For more information call (510) 620-6793.



Fall Festival

Date: October 25, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

**Location: Nicholl Park
3230 Macdonald Avenue**

Save the date! Richmond Community Services-Recreation is hosting a Fall Festival at Nicholl Park. There will be a petting zoo, a hay ride around the park, and much more. This event is free, and a great resource to see what programs are offered for youth, adults, and seniors.



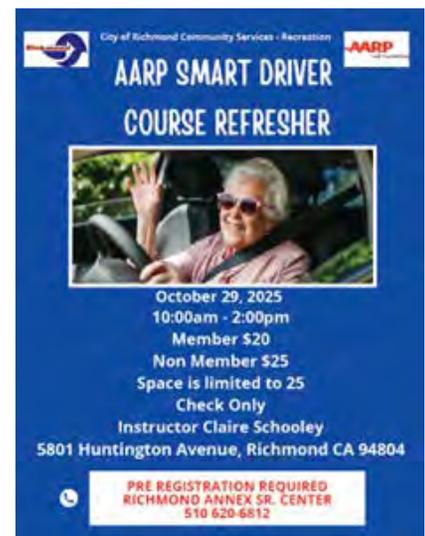
AARP Smart Driver Refresher Course

Date: October 29, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Location: Annex Senior Center
5801 Huntington Avenue**

AARP smart Driver course is a classroom based course for drivers age 50 & older. Teaching proven safety strategies to adapt to changes in roads and vehicles. This course provides techniques to help keep you and your loved ones safe on the road. Pre-registration is required. Call (510) 620-6812 for more information or to register.



2nd Annual Senior Wellness Clinic & Nutrition Workshop

Date: October 29, 2025

Time: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

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

Richmond's 2nd Annual Senior Wellness Clinic & Nutrition Workshop, "Fall Into Wellness," promotes senior health through free screenings, nutrition counseling, fitness and stress workshops, and access to local resources. Held on September 29, 2025, it empowers older adults to maintain independence and well-being. Contact Community Service Department (CSD) Registration for details.



Elevate After School Program

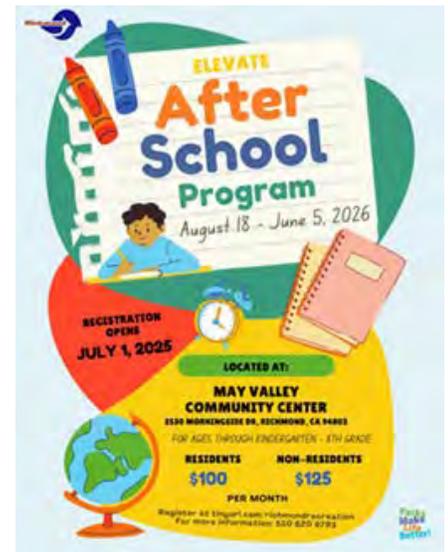
Session 1: Monday – Friday, August 18 – December 19, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**Locations: May Valley Community Center
3530 Morningside Drive**

Join us for our Elevate After School Program! Designed to inspire and support youth, Elevate offers enriching activities, homework assistance, and opportunities for personal growth. Participants enjoy hands-on projects, team-building games, and creative expression in a positive and safe environment. Don't miss out and elevate your after-school experience with us!

To apply, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation> or call (510)620-6793 for more information.



Achieve After School Program

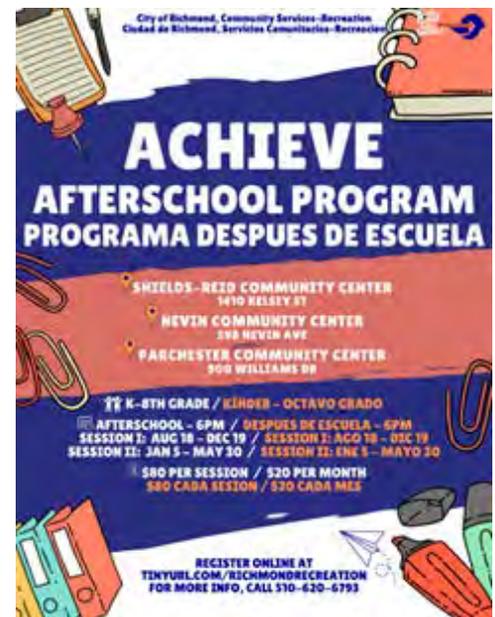
Session 1: Monday – Friday, August 18 – December 19, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**Community Centers: Nevin: 598 Nevin Avenue
Parchester: 900 Williams Drive
Shields Reid: 1410 Kelsey Street**

Join us for our Achieve After School Program! Youth will enjoy fun, engaging activities like arts, games, and sports in a safe and supportive environment. Our program encourages learning, creativity, and friendship while providing homework help and enrichment. Sign-up today and be part of the excitement after school!

To apply, visit <https://tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation> or call (510)620-6793 for more information.



Recap: 3rd Annual Senior Safety Summit

The 3rd Annual Senior Safety Summit welcomed 70 attendees to Richmond Auditorium for an afternoon of expert presentations, community resources, and safety support for seniors. Hosted by the Commission on Aging, the event featured key speakers, generous sponsors, and strong collaboration with local emergency services—highlighting Richmond’s commitment to elder care.



Transportation

Hours of Operation: City of Richmond Electric Bikeshare Program

We’re updating our hours to 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM weekdays and 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM weekends to better serve you! Look out for new safety features to protect bikes and riders. These changes help keep our program strong and reliable for the community. Questions? Reach out to Salma, our Community Manager, at Salma@ridetoday.io

NEW BIKE HOURS OF OPERATION

Look out for new safety features to protect bikes and riders. These changes help keep our program strong and reliable for the community!

MONDAY- FRIDAY
8:00 AM- 6:00 PM

SATURDAY-SUNDAY
12:00 PM- 6:00pm

Questions? Speak with our Community Manager Salma@ridetoday.io

Richmond Moves is available City-Wide!

In May 2025, City Council approved the expansion of Richmond’s on-demand shuttle to service the entire City! Book shared rides with Richmond Moves right from your phone.

We’ll pick you up and get you anywhere within the Richmond City limits. Book 20 minutes before you’re ready to go for the best experience with others using the service.

Service hours are between 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. To learn more and/or book a ride, please visit city.ridewithvia.com/richmond-moves or call (510)937-3657.

You can go anywhere within the zone, including these popular destinations.

Popular destinations:

- 1 Point Pinole Regional Park
- 2 Walmart
- 3 Vista High School
- 4 Wildcat Canyon Regional Park
- 5 De Anza High School
- 6 Richmond High School
- 7 Kaiser Permanente Richmond Medical Center
- 8 Civic Center Plaza
- 9 Marine Bay

Transit Hubs:

- A Richmond BART Station
- B El Cerrito del Norte BART
- C Richmond Ferry Terminal



Economic Development

Arts & Culture

Neighborhood (NPA) Mini-Grant FY 25-26

Application Closes: October 17, 2025

The City of Richmond invites artists, organizations, and community members to apply for NPA Mini-Grants to support arts and cultural enrichment activities.

Workshops (Mandatory):

- Wednesday, September 17, 2025 | 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM (Zoom)
- Wednesday, October 1, 2025 | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM (In-person)

Application Deadline: Friday, October 17, 2025

Grant Amounts: \$7,500 – \$15,000 per grant

Application:

<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/76555/RACC-NPA-Mini-Grant-RFP-Guideline-and-Application-FY25-26>



Business Development

Celebrate National Manufacturing Week 2025 – Manufacturer Spotlight Submission Survey

Date: October 3, 2025

Join the City of Richmond in celebrating National Manufacturing Week, October 3–10, 2025! We're inviting community members to help recognize local manufacturers who have shaped our City's economy and identity. Your input will help us honor Richmond's industrial heritage and uplift the businesses driving innovation today.

Survey: <https://forms.office.com/g/ehkrU90gPR>



Invitation to Join the EDC Manufacturing Tour 2025

Date: October 8, 2025

Time: 11:30 AM

Location: Viridi Parente

1414 Harbor Way S

Be part of the Economic Development Commission's (EDC) Manufacturing Tour 2025, in partnership with Viridi Parente. This year's tour offers a unique opportunity to learn about Viridi's innovative green technology. Don't miss this behind-the-scenes look at sustainable manufacturing in action.

Register here: <https://forms.office.com/g/YqJESnENaj>





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 <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/60/Human-Resources> and click on “Job Opportunities.”



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

JOB TITLE	JOB TYPE	CLOSING
Administrative Student Intern	Part Time	Continuous
Chief Innovation Officer	Exempt	Open Until Filled
Communications Dispatcher I	Full Time	Continuous
Communications Dispatcher II	Full Time	Continuous
Community Ambassador	Part Time	Continuous
Contract Compliance Administrator	Full Time	Open Until Filled
Equipment Mechanic, Senior	Full Time	Open Until Filled
Lifeguard	Part Time	Continuous
Maintenance Aide II	Part Time	Continuous
Parks Supervisor	Full Time	Open Until Filled
Police Cadet	Part Time	Continuous
Police Chief	Full Time	10/26/2025
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 Planner	Full Time	10/3/2025
Senior Transportation Planner	Full Time	Open Until Filled



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:
[GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM/CAREERS/RICHMONDCA](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/richmondca)



Information Technology

KCRT Datanet for the Week





Request for Proposals
On Demand Photography Services

Release Date: September 12, 2025

Deadline for Submittal of Questions: September 22, 2025

Deadline for Submittal of Proposal: October 6, 2025

BID ALERT: RFP
ON DEMAND
PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES

The City of Richmond has issued a bid for **On-Demand Photography services.**

Please make sure you are registered on **Bids Online** so you may easily post your bid submittal.

Use the following link to register as a vendor to do business with the City of Richmond:

www.ci.richmond.ca.us/bids

Programming

New "NewsBytes" and Regular Series Episodes:

- Prepared social media videos, as well as new Library promotions in widescreen on their temporary move.
- New episodes of "Best of California," "The Jet Set," "White House Chronicle," "California Bountiful," "Baby Blue Arts," "Creature Features," and "Sidewalks Entertainment."

Some "NewsBytes" Segments or Specials Currently On-Air:

- GRID Alternative
- Rosie The Riveter Rally and Festival
- Juneteenth Parade and Festival
- Juneteenth Flag Raising
- 2025 Finance Community Budget Meeting
- March 2025 Fire Department Badge Pinning Ceremony
- Tobacco Retail Regulations Workshop

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



Public Safety

Community Crisis Response Program

Opioid Awareness Community Forum – Richmond Road to Recovery

Date: October 16, 2025

Time: 2:15 PM – 5:00 PM

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

Contra Costa Behavioral Health Alcohol and other Drugs and City of Richmond’s 911-Dispatch, Fire Department, Police Department, Richmond Crime Prevention and the CCC Meds Coalition will be hosting an Opioid Awareness Community Forum. This will be a panel-style forum sharing Richmond and CCC Continuum of Care Services for our community. For more information contact (925) 335-3306.

Richmond Community’s Road to Recovery: Opioid Awareness Community Forum



Thursday, October 16, 2025, 3 - 5 p.m.

Richmond Memorial Auditorium
403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804

FORUM HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn about fentanyl and opioid overdose prevention
- Access free resources and services
- Hear from guest speakers, first responders and personal testimonies

KINDLY RSVP

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.



FREE NALOXONE (NARCAN) WILL BE AVAILABLE

Contact information:

Jessica Recinos, Prevention Coordinator at 925-335-3306 or jessica.recinos@cchealth.org





Public Works

Abatement

Crews performed the following tasks this week:

- In collaboration with Republic Services, and Sims Metal Recycling:
 - Hosted the Parchester Village Neighborhood Dumpster Day. Collected twelve (12) dumpsters of debris and metal recycling, and assisted 18 seniors and disabled citizens with curbside pick-up
- Crews completed installation of boulders at Juliga Woods Street to prevent illegal dumping and re-encampment
- Abated:
 - Weeds and litter along Portola Avenue
 - South 29th Street and Hoffman Boulevard private vacant lot through a warrant from Code Enforcement
 - 55 tons of illegally dumped debris throughout the City, including 68 mattresses, 98 tires and approximately 34 gallons of oil/paint
 - Graffiti from various locations throughout the City
 - Closed out 43 community inquiries that were submitted through the City's iMS[®] system



Parchester Village Dumpster Day & Seniors Assistance



Boulders Installation (before and after)



Portola Avenue Clean-up (before & after)



South 29th & Hoffman Private Lot Clean-up (before & after)





Illegal Dumping and Graffiti Abatement (before & after)

Building Maintenance

Electrical Shop

Work completed this past week:

- Traffic:
 - Addressed the intersection that was disabled due to power outage at Macdonald Avenue and San Pablo Avenue
- Buildings and Facilities:
 - Replaced damaged pendant fixture in the dorm room at Richmond Fire Station 63
 - Replaced damaged exit sign at Shields Reid Community Center
 - Repaired damaged light switch at Shields Reid Community Center
 - Repaired lighting outages in the storage room of Shields Reid Community Center
- Streetlighting:
 - Repaired streetlight outage and installed vandalism deterrent devices at Macdonald Avenue and 8th Street
 - Repaired streetlight outages in front of Murphy Elementary School
 - Repaired vandalism to streetlights on 19th Street between Macdonald Avenue and Barrett Avenue
 - Repaired two streetlight outages at the Civic Center Plaza
- Processed 127 request for Underground Utility Markings



Replaced light fixture in Fire Station 63



Streetlight repair at Murphy Elementary School



Vandalism repair on 19th Street

Facilities Maintenance

Crews performed the following routine tasks this week:

- Provided weekend cleaning coverage on a rotating schedule to support our 24/7 Communication Center and Police Department
- Routine cleaning and maintenance of all City-owned buildings

Work completed:

- Cleaned and disinfected the drain trough located in front of the jail cells at the Police Station
- Conducted pest control services at the May Valley Community Center
- Cleaned and scrubbed the floors in the officers' restroom located in the trailer at the Police Station



Floors being scrubbed at the Police Station



Drain being cleaned at the Police Station

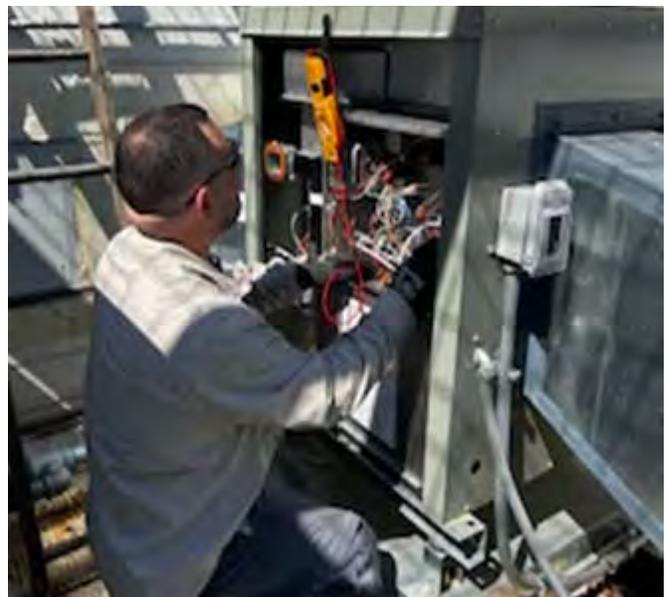
Stationary Engineers

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 the air compressor at Equipment Services Building in the Corporation Yard
- Repaired the chlorine feeder to the outdoor pool at the Swim Center
- Repaired several furnaces at the Booker T. Anderson Community Center
- Cleared a clogged sink in the kitchen of the Auditorium



Clearing a drain at the Auditorium



Furnace repair at Booker T. Anderson Center

Engineering & Capital Improvement Projects

Permits and Land Development

Permits Completed:

- Encroachment Permit – 18
- Sewer Lateral Certificate of Compliance – 6
- Sewer Lateral Grant Application – 2
- Transportation – 1

Inspections Completed: 58 Total

- Initial – 15
- Asphalt – 4
- Concrete – 5
- Traffic Control – 24
- Final – 10
- Customers Served at Counter – 15

Inspections in the Public Right-of-Way

Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) subcontractor Pinnacle Power Inc. completed utility upgrade work at San Pablo Avenue and Hilltop Drive. The work included the installation and replacement of three poles, a switch, primary crossarms, an enclosure, and new conduit. Traffic control measures were implemented and inspected throughout the project to ensure safety and minimal disruptions to traffic.





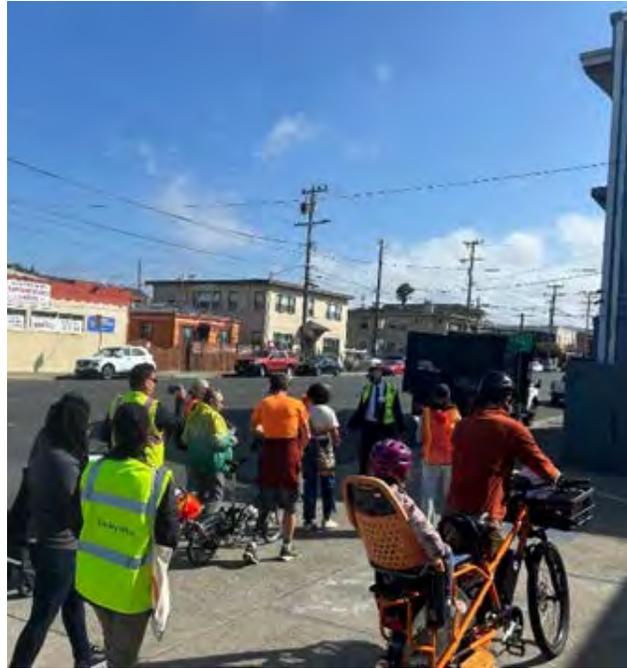
New Access at Heavenly Ridge Lane

The City of Richmond recently installed new curb ramps on both sides of Heavenly Ridge Lane and Scotts Chute Court. These improvements enhance accessibility, safety, and mobility for pedestrians, including those using wheelchairs, strollers, and bicycles. This project reflects the City's ongoing commitment to creating safer, more inclusive streets for all residents.



Barrett Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project – Community Walk

A community walk along Barrett was held on September 27 at 10:00 AM. Representatives from the Bicycle Coalition, Richmond Main Street Initiative, a City Councilmember, and community members participated. City staff received valuable comments during the walk, which will be considered as we move forward with the design.



Traffic Safety – Solano Avenue & Lassen Street Crosswalk

Contractors Yerba Buena began installing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps, a new crosswalk, signage, and curb extensions at Solano Avenue and Lassen Street to improve pedestrian safety as part of the Traffic Safety Program. This work implements one recommendation of a traffic engineering study that examined locations for additional crosswalks and pedestrian safety improvements on Solano Avenue between San Pablo Avenue and Humboldt Street. This study was the result of resident requests and is part of the Traffic Safety Program.



Neighborhood Traffic-Calming Program

Public Works staff reviewed requests to install a speed hump near the Solano Avenue Playlot. When evaluating these requests, City staff follow the City of Richmond’s speed hump criteria, which focus on two main factors:

- Vehicle speed: Specifically, the “85th percentile speed,” which is the speed at or below which most cars drive. A speed hump can only be considered if this number is above 32 miles per hour.
- Traffic volume - Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT): The number of cars using the street each day, which must fall between 500 and 2,000 vehicles.

After reviewing speed and traffic volume data on the streets near the Solano Playlot and locations mentioned by residents, staff found that traffic speeds were generally below the 32 mph threshold. In many cases, the number of cars traveling those streets was also below the required range. Because of this, the area does not qualify for a speed hump under the City’s policy.

Traffic Speeds & Volumes Near 35th St. & Clinton Ave.

Street	85 th Percentile Speed	Traffic Volume (AADT)
Clinton Ave. (between 30 th -35 th)	25 mph	276
Clinton Ave. (between 35 th & Traffic Circle)	18 mph	45
35th St. (between Cerrito Ave. & Garvin Ave.)	21 mph	668

Please note, the City’s traffic engineering consultants are currently studying the intersection of 38th Street and Solano Avenue to see if new stop signs would be appropriate. Their analysis will also include any additional recommendations to improve safety at that intersection. Draft recommendations for Public Works to review are expected to be ready in December 2025. Additional updates regarding requests for traffic calming and the associated analyses will be included in City Manager’s Weekly Report.

Traffic Safety – McBryde Avenue

- The work order for red curb on McBryde Avenue at intersections between 23rd Street and 37th Street, and painting 25 mph speed limits on the road near the intersection of McBryde Avenue and 32nd Street has been placed with operations. As previously discussed, this work will be completed by the Operations crews once paving season is over in December 2025.
- We have requested a quote for pole-mounted speed feedback signs (see image below) to be placed along McBryde Avenue.

Traffic Safety – Solano Avenue Crosswalk Study

- The crosswalk study recommended installing a new crosswalk at Solano Avenue and Lassen Street, refreshing existing striping and adding additional signage at the intersection of Solano Avenue and Humboldt Street, and implementing the recommendations of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Action Plan to improve crossing safety at Solano Avenue and San Pablo Avenue. These study recommendations will be implemented in the following ways:
- Lassen St. & Solano Ave. – This intersection lacks ADA-compliant curb ramps, so new ramps will need to be installed along with a crosswalk. This work is anticipated to be completed by the City’s on-call concrete contractors beginning September 29, 2025.
- Humbolt St. & Solano Ave. – As the intersection is partially within Caltrans right-of-way, City staff were required to obtain an encroachment permit from Caltrans before proceeding with the work. A work order has been placed with Operations to complete this work once paving season is over.
- San Pablo Ave. & Solano Ave. – The Bicycle & Pedestrian Action Plan recommends constructing curb extensions to shorten the crosswalks and refreshing crosswalks. Because this project requires additional design, this location is part of the next round of Traffic Calming/Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan Projects. City staff are working with CSW-ST2 to develop these plans. Outreach for this work will begin in October 2025, design is expected to be completed in Spring 2026 for construction in Summer 2026.

Traffic Safety – Esmond Avenue

- City staff will be creating a scope of work for a consultant study to recommend safety improvements that could be made throughout the North & East neighborhood to address issues with vehicles driving fast on east-west residential streets between 23rd Street and San Pablo Avenue. Due to the cost, the allocation may require City Council approval to initiate the procurement of services.
- PW Operations have been working on painting red curb on Esmond Ave.
 - Esmond between 33rd and Wilson Street, Esmond & 36th Street, and Esmond & 35th Street have been completed.
 - Esmond & 37th, Esmond & 38th, and Esmond & Wilson are 80 percent complete
 - Esmond & 33rd and Esmond & 34th will be completed as operations crew schedules allow

Wastewater Capital Improvement Projects:

- Fiscal Year 2025–26 Sanitary Sewer Grade 5 Line Replacement Program
 - This project will be posted for bids early Fall 2025
- Cutting Boulevard and Harbour Way South Wet Weather Improvement Project
 - Traffic Control Plan (TCP) for project has been approved
 - Notice to proceed (NTP) should be issued mid-October 2025
 - City staff will provide information on project to local Neighborhood Groups regarding project updates as project progresses.
 - Parking may be impacted (small areas only)



Cutting Boulevard/Harbour Way South Sanitary Sewer Line Capacity Project

- Keller Beach Feasibility Study
 - BKF Engineers approved by City Council Meeting at August 19, 2025
 - BKF met with Point Richmond Neighborhood Group on September 24, 2025, to present/introduce the team and provide expectations of the project

Parks Maintenance

Hilltop District Maintenance Crew

- Removed trash in the Hilltop District area
- Abated weeds on Richmond Parkway from San Pablo Avenue to Giant Highway off-ramp median and right-a-ways



Richmond Parkway (before and after)

Marina Bay District Maintenance Crew

- Trimmed lantanas and removed blackberry vines and weeds along the Bay Trail next to The Shores Condominium HOA fence line
- Pruned and shaped hedges near The Shores Condominium HOA fence line and T-Lot
- Cleared weeds and old mulch from the landscaped area at the entrance to Marina Bay Park
- Trimmed weeds along the fence line from Marina Bay Park to the T-Lot
- Removed dead blooms from the Aechmea plants along the Marina Bay Trail
- Mowed and edged lawns throughout the Marina Bay District
- Replaced empty dog waste bags at all Marina Bay Parks and Trails



Weeds abated next to Bay Trail (before and after)



Trimmed hedges beside The Shores Condominium (before and after)

General Fund crews:

- Installed weed barrier at Civic Center Plaza on the Neven Street side
- Fertilized lawns at Booker T. Anderson Park
- Mowed lawns, performed weed abatement, and edged turf at State Court Park
- Repaired broken irrigation valve at Booker T. Anderson Park
- Maintained sports fields and removed duff at Booker T. Anderson Park
- Trimmed willow trees and bottlebrush trees at Crescent Park
- Completed weed abatement at Nicholl Park, Lamoine Park, and the Native American Center
- Removed graffiti from Nicholl Park
- Installed five poles at the Recreation Building for signage
- Delivered three loads of mulch for the YES Event
- Replaced flags at Veterans Park
- Repaired safety barrier at the Marine Street overlook
- Repaired broken playground parts at Stewart Park
- Installed irrigation along the Richmond Greenway from 2nd Street to 4th Street
- Weeded and pruned trees along the Richmond Greenway near San Pablo Avenue
- Picked up trash in right-of-way areas
- Performed weed abatement on Cutting Boulevard right-of-way from 49th Street to I-80 and from I-80 to 45th Street
- Watered plants on San Pablo Avenue and 23rd Street



Performed weed abatement on Cutting Boulevard right-of-way (before and after)



Installed weed barrier and mulch at Civic Center Plaza (before and after)

Streets Maintenance

The Pavement Maintenance crew completed the following activities:

- Resurfaced 19th Street from Barrett Avenue to Roosevelt Avenue
- Performed repairs on Van Fleet Avenue
- Performed repairs on Fresno Avenue
- Delivered barricades and posted for three special events



Milling and paving operations on 19th Street

Street sweeping crews:

- Swept the following neighborhood council areas:
 - Carriage Hills
 - El Sobrante Hills
 - Greenbriar
 - Hansford Heights
 - Via Verdi
 - San Pablo Dam Road
 - Bristlecone
 - May Valley
 - Vista View
 - Clinton Hill I
- Extra sweeps for Roller Disco, FIERCE Advocates, and Kermes Viva Culture events



Sweeping for Special Event Permits and Clinton Hill I neighborhood

Traffic Signs and Lines crews:

- Installed new signs on Overend Avenue from South 41st Street to South 49th Street
- Installed new signs on Shane Drive from Hilltop Drive to Groom Drive
- Refreshed faded traffic markings and curb paint on Cutting Boulevard in front of Fire Station 67
- Refreshed faded signs at Solano Playlot on 38th Street at Boyd Avenue
- Completed the installation of all new street sweeping signs in the Parchester Village Neighborhood



"Keep Clear" refresh on Cutting Boulevard and sign refresh at Solano Playlot

Environmental Compliance

Inspections completed:

- Stormwater (autobody/C.3 Development) – 8
- iMS® Cases Opened – 3
- iMS® Cases Closed – 9
- Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) – 11

Meetings, Conferences/committee meetings attended by staff:

- Annual Stormwater Report – submitted September 30, 2025
- Baykeeper Root Control Response submitted
- SwiftComply® Fats, Oils & Grease Data Management System Implementation complete
- West County Wastewater/City of Richmond Transition Finalization Team

Compliance Items:

- Meeting with Safeway Bread Plant to discuss their Moving Bed Biofilm Reactor installation (MBBR) project and timeline for compliance implementation
- Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) quarterly compliance sampling event

Other items of Interest:

- Partnering with Code Enforcement, Fire, and Building & Planning to conduct joint inspections of cannabis operations
- Saturday, September 20, 2025 – Richmond hosted first Spirit and Soul Festival
 - Full day of music, food, art and community celebration along Macdonald Avenue and Harbour Way
 - Water Resource Recovery had Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) hand-outs available for the public
 - Special thank you to Valarie Li for distributing roughly one hundred (100) FryAway® samples and grease scrapers to festival attendees on behalf of the Water Resource Recovery Division

Problems with Your Sanitary Sewer System?

Is your sink draining slowly? Is water backing up into your bathtub? Are you having trouble flushing your toilet(s)?

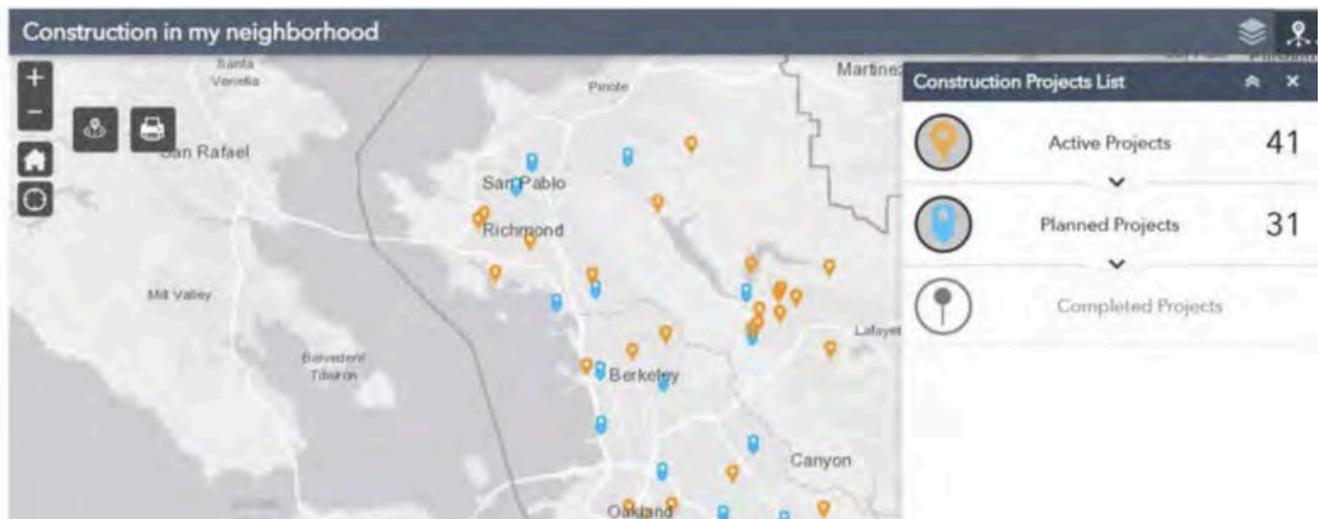
Before you call a plumber, call the City's operator, VEOLIA WATER, at (510) 412-2001. They will come out to your home or business to ensure there is no issue with the City's sanitary sewer mainline.

There is no charge for this service. This service is available 24hours/day, 365 days/year.



East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Projects

Below is a table of locations where East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) will be working on the water system. These are separate from City of Richmond initiatives. If you have questions, please contact EBMUD at (510) 287-2708. You may also look up active projects at the following website: <https://www.ebmud.com/about-us/construction-and-maintenance/construction-my-neighborhood>



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.

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).

To help residents with our “From The Pan-To-The-Can” campaign, we will be giving out free samples of “Fry-Away®” (see sample photo). This is a powder packet that, when mixed with oil, solidifies the used oil into a solid that can then be easily disposed of in waste receptacles instead of down the drain.

These packets will be available at the Public Works Counter at Richmond City Hall (450 Civic Center Plaza, second floor) for distribution. Please stop by and get your free sample and grease scraper today.



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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