

CITY MANAGER'S Weekly

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OCTOBER 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 scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2025. Enjoy the next week off!



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:

- I am pleased to announce that this week marked a significant milestone in our multi-year effort to restore financial stability and accountability for the City of Richmond. An Audit Report released by the California State Auditor confirms that we made substantial progress in addressing risk areas, resulting in the State Auditor's decision to remove the City of Richmond from its High-Risk Designation. This report, which follows up on a similar audit issued in November 2022, officially removes our "High Risk" status under the California State Auditor's High-Risk Local Government Agency Audit Program. The City of Richmond's removal from the State Auditor's High-Risk designation is a testament to the hard work and discipline of our City Council and leadership team.
- Met with Republic Services General Manager Shawn Moberg
- Met with Council of Industries Executive Director Raully Butler
- Participated in the October 7, 2025, City Council meeting
- Attended the League of California Cities Annual Conference
- Along with Finance Director Emily Combs, met and toured with Culver City Assistant to the City Manager, Arames White, to discuss their strategies and successes in supporting their unhoused population.



League of California Cities Executive Director Carolyn Coleman and Richmond City Manager Shasa Curl



City Manager's Office

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.

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

Richmond Healthcare Training Fair

Date: October 30, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Location: Richmond Memorial Center
403 Civic Center Drive, Richmond**

Find out about free- to-cost health training programs. Scholarships, grants, and financial aid options available to Richmond area residents. Many programs offer job placement assistance and guaranteed interviews upon completion.

Employment & Training

Richmond Healthcare Training Fair
Jumpstart Your Career in Healthcare

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, October 30 th	10am - 12pm	Richmond Convention Center Paradise Room

Why You Should Attend

Explore Healthcare Training Programs
Discover a wide range of healthcare career paths from medical assisting to nursing, pharmacy tech to home health aide certification. Get detailed information about program requirements, duration, and career outcomes.

Learn About Financial Support
Find out about free training programs, scholarships, grants, and financial aid options available to Richmond area residents. Many programs offer job placement assistance and guaranteed interviews upon completion.

Featured Training Providers
Contra Costa College, West Contra Costa Adult School, SBIU-LHW, Jewish Vocational Services, UC Berkeley Extension Program, and Kaiser Permanente School of Allied Health are offering diverse pathways into healthcare careers.

Perfect For

- High School Graduates & College Students
- Job Seekers
- Career Changers & Re-Skillers

Register to attend at www.RichmondHealthcareFairEvent@rhc.com

Don't Miss This Opportunity! Your pathway to a rewarding healthcare career starts here.

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

MAKING WAVES
Education Foundation

Career Spark: Explore Your Future

- 14** Nov 6-8, 2025
- Concord, California
- 9th and 10th graders in the Bay Area's Contra Costa County
- Gain exposure to jobs, grow your skills and confidence
- A free program for students ready to commit
- Apply by Oct. 8 at making-waves.org (limited spots available)

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

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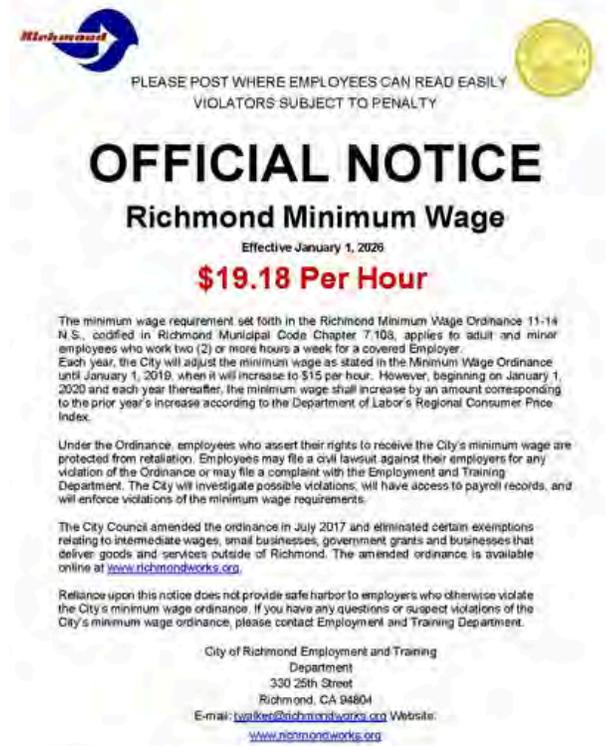
HealthX Fellowship: Paid Career Pathway

- 14** Dec 2025 - April 2026
- Richmond, California
- 11th and 12th graders in the Bay Area's Contra Costa County
- Career exposure, skills training, mentorship
- Basic life support certification
- \$1,000 stipend
- Apply by Oct. 15 (Sept. 19 priority deadline) 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



The poster features the Richmond logo and a gold seal. It states: 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 text explains that the minimum wage requirement is set forth in the Richmond Minimum Wage Ordinance 11-14 N.S., codified in Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 7.108, 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 25th Street, Richmond, CA 94804. E-mail: walkers@richmondworks.org Website: www.richmondworks.org

Library & Literacy

Scientific Adventures: Biomimicry

Date: October 20, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

**Location: Richmond Auditorium Farallon Room
403 Civic Center Plaza, enter on Nevin**

Join us this autumn on Mondays for Scientific Adventures! This fall, we'll be learning about nature's superheroes. Biomimicry sparks wild adventures! Attendees will learn about amazing plants and the adaptations that help human designers and engineers. Participants will design, test and engineer projects in each class.

- Mondays 3:00 – 4:30 PM
- October 20 and 27, 2025
- November 3, 10, and 17, 2025
- December 1, 2025

Sessions are free so drop-in and bring the whole family. Recommended for ages 5-12. Call (510) 620-6557 for information.



Scientific Adventures for Girls and Richmond Public Library presents **Autumn STEM CLASSES** Mondays 3pm-4:30pm

October 6	November 3	December 1
October 20	November 10	
October 27	November 17	

Richmond Memorial Auditorium
403 Civic Center Plaza in Richmond
Farallon Room (enter on Nevin Ave)

Free Family Fun
Recommended for ages 5 - 12
Drop-in

Logos for Scientific Adventures for Girls, Richmond Public Library, and the City of Richmond are at the bottom.

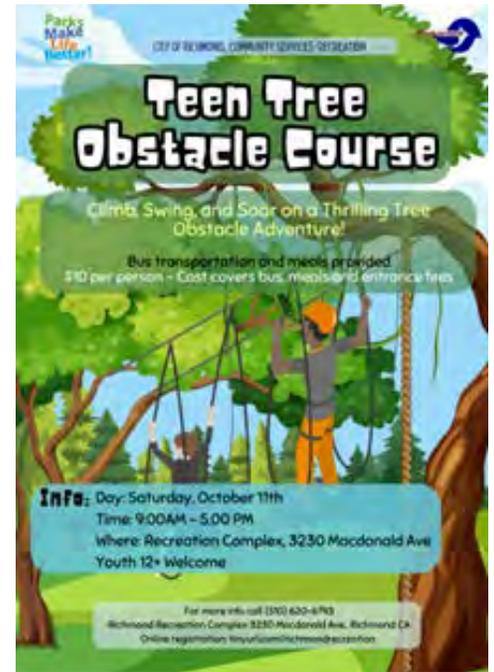
Teen Rope Adventure

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.



City of Richmond Community Services - Recreation

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE REFRESHER



October 29, 2025
10:00am - 2:00pm
Member \$20
Non Member \$25
Space is limited to 25
Check Only
Instructor Claire Schooley
5801 Huntington Avenue, Richmond CA 94804

**PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED
RICHMOND ANNEX SR. CENTER
510 620-6812**

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.



FALL INTO WELLNESS

2nd Annual Senior Wellness Clinic & Nutrition Workshop

Hosted by the Richmond Commission on Aging & City of Richmond Community Services - Recreation

- Wednesday, October 29, 2025
- 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (Doors open at 1:00 PM)
- Richmond Auditorium Lobby, 403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA

All services are free and accessible with our Health and Human Services logo.

What to Expect:

- Guest Speakers featuring two dynamic voices sharing insights on senior health, diabetes, and nutrition.
- Community Vendors like Meals on Wheels, Foodbank & CalFresh.
- Support Services like Choice in Aging, Contra Costa Senior Legal Services, Wellness Vision Living, Contra Costa Health, and Medi CAL.
- FREE Health Screenings Blood Pressure & Vital Signs Clinic, gently.

Why Attend?

- Empower your health before the holidays.
- Connect with trusted local resources.
- Enjoy a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Socialize and meet new friends.
- IT'S FREE AND OPEN TO ALL SENIORS & CAREGIVERS!**

For more information: Contact the CSD Registration Office at 510-455-4753

May the season's kindness, health, happiness, and vibrant spirit.



Elevate After School Program

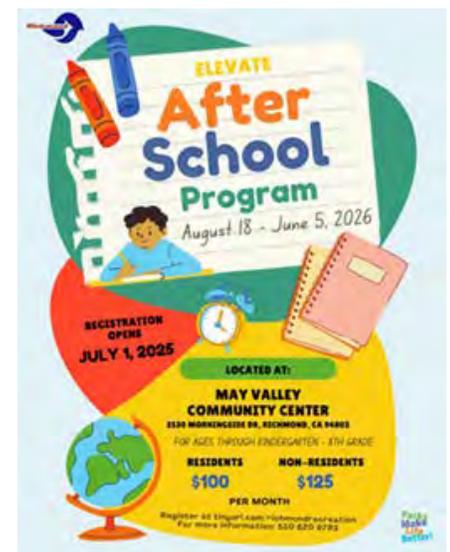
Session 1: Monday - Friday, August 18 - December 19, 2025

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.



ELEVATE After School Program

August 18 - June 5, 2026

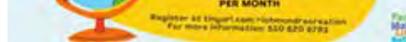
REGISTRATION OPENS
JULY 1, 2025

LOCATED AT:
**MAY VALLEY
COMMUNITY CENTER**
3530 MORNINGSIDE DR., RICHMOND, CA 94804
FOR AGES THROUGH ENDEAVOR - 8TH GRADE

RESIDENTS	NON-RESIDENTS
\$100	\$125

PER MONTH

Register at tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation
For more information: 510 620 6793



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.



The Richmond Tool Library Has New Hours!

The Richmond Tool Library has officially expanded its hours!

We're now open Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Stop by during open hours to sign up, borrow tools, and explore our growing inventory. We look forward to seeing you at the Tool Library!



Recap: Growing Tool-Gether: A Day with the Tool Library

Thank you to the 75 participants who joined us in celebrating the Tool Library's expanded hours! Special thanks to Parks and YouthBuild for supporting our event. Together, we laid fresh mulch around the Recreation Complex and created beautiful t-shirts during the Heat Press Workshop. We're so grateful for our community!



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

The graphic features a silhouette of a person riding a bicycle and the 'today' logo.

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 Marina Bay

Transit Hubs:

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

The map shows the city of Richmond with various locations marked with numbers 1-9 and letters A, B, and C. A green callout box points to the map with the text 'You can go anywhere within the zone, including these popular destinations.'



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):

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

Invitation for October Events – On Demand Enhanced Business Services and Solutions

Location: Cobiz Richmond
1503 Macdonald Avenue, Richmond CA 94801

Richmond small businesses are invited to free October events hosted by the City of Richmond and CoBiz. Get tools, insights, and support to grow your business through the On-Demand Enhanced Business Services and Solutions program.

Learn more: <https://www.cobizrichmond.com/wrap-around-services-for-entrepreneurs.html>



Recap: Downtown Richmond Walking Tour with Elected Officials and Community Leaders

Business Development supported the Downtown Walking Tour, engaging State and City officials alongside business and community leaders. One of the highlights is the City's call for increased support to small, family-owned businesses still recovering from the pandemic, reinforcing their vital role in the community and the importance of sustained local economic investment.



Environmental and Health

BayREN EASE Home Program Open!

The new BayREN home energy efficiency program is here! The EASE Home Program provides energy efficiency upgrades to income-qualified residents of single-family homes. The program covers 80% of the cost for key weatherization upgrades (insulation, duct sealing, air sealing, and more) and offers free technical support, with additional upgrades available.

Visit BayREN.org/ease-home to learn more. To receive updates and be notified when the program is available in your area, fill out the online interest form: <https://tinyurl.com/ContraCostaEASEHome>.

Note: Filling out the Interest Form does not guarantee or count as enrollment.





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 Electrician	Full Time	10/26/2025
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 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



**RICHMOND
TOOL
LIBRARY**

**The Richmond Tool Library is now opened on
Wednesdays & Fridays from 1 to 5 PM.**

The Richmond Tool Library is a free service that lends tools to Richmond residents with the goal of providing opportunities to be self-sufficient, to take agency over their neighborhoods, and to work towards a more sustainable Richmond, California.

**Richmond Recreation Complex
3230 Macdonald Avenue**

MORE INFO 510-620-5546 • toollibrary@ci.richmond.ca.us

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:

- Library Move videos
- 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

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 County (CCC) 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 Santa Fe and Point Richmond Neighborhoods Dumpster Day
 - Collected eleven (11) dumpsters of debris and metal recycling, and assisted 48 seniors and disable citizens with curbside pick-up
- Crews installed boulders at Kearney underpass on Portola Avenue to prevent illegal dumping
- Abated:
 - An encampment from Central Ave area
 - 70 tons of illegally dumped debris throughout the City, including 47 mattresses, 12 tires and approximately 28 gallons of oil/paint
 - Graffiti from various locations throughout the City
 - Closed out 32 community inquiries that were submitted through the City's IMS® system



Point Richmond & Santa Fe Dumpster Day & Seniors Assistance



Boulders Installation on Portola Avenue



Central Avenue Encampment Clean-up (before & after)



Illegal Dumping and Graffiti Abatement (before & after)

Facilities Maintenance

Crews performed the following routine tasks this week:

- Providing 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:

- Replaced the soap dispenser in the Women's Restroom on the third floor of City Hall
- Conducted pest control services at Fire Stations 64, 66, 67, and 68
- Replaced several light bulbs and light panels in the City Hall lobby



Light bulb replacement at City Hall



Soap dispenser replacement at City Hall

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 a refrigerant leak in the mini-split air conditioner located in the server room of the Employment and Training department
- Repaired toilet in the men's restroom at the Recreation Center
- Repaired the drinking fountain in the new temporary library, located in the auditorium side rooms
- Replaced the relay for the makeup water pump on Boiler #4 in the 440 Community Services Building



Drinking fountain repair at the Auditorium



Air conditioner repair in a Server Room

Engineering & Capital Improvement Projects

Permits and Land Development

Permits Completed:

- Encroachment Permit – 39
- Sewer Lateral Certificate of Compliance – 3
- Sewer Lateral Grant Application – 4
- Transportation – 7

Inspections Completed: 89 Total

- Initial – 33
- Asphalt – 5
- Concrete – 6
- Traffic Control – 24
- Final – 19
- Reinspection – 2
- Customers Served at Counter – 13

Inspections in the Public Right-of-Way

Private sewer lateral replacement trenching activities performed by the licensed contractor, Plumbing Ministry, were suspended following an inspection that determined the sewer main is located within five feet of a 24-inch Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) gas transmission line. In accordance with PG&E's safety protocols, excavation activities are on hold pending a PG&E inspection.



Yellow Brick Road – Clean, Green and Beautiful Project – Phase 3 – Signage

The Yellow Brick Road Phase 3 – Signage Project recently installed decorative sign poles along the 8th Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and Ohio Avenue. Decorative street sign toppers are the next planned improvement. The project continues to enhance safety and beautification efforts in the Iron Triangle neighborhood.



Revitalizing the Historic Richmond Main Library

The Richmond Main Library, located at 325 Civic Center Plaza, is beginning an exciting renovation. The Revitalizing the Historic Richmond Main Library Project includes seismic upgrades, safety and security upgrades, accessibility improvements, full renovation of the interior including new mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, conversion to all-electric, roof and solar photovoltaic replacement, new exterior glazing system, elevator replacement, site improvements, landscaping, a new trash enclosure, replacement of the generator and enclosure, new fire protection systems, hazardous materials abatement, and LEED Silver certification. This certification demonstrates a commitment to sustainable design by including features like energy and water efficiency, better indoor environmental quality, and responsible material use.

Noll and Tam Architects has been contracted by the City to provide architectural and engineering design services. The Project is currently advertised for construction bids. Construction is anticipated to begin in January 2026, and the work is slated to be complete by fall 2027.

More information about the Richmond Main Library Project can be found at <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4493/Library-Infrastructure-Project>



Temporary Main Library Facilities

The temporary Auditorium Branch in the Richmond Memorial Auditorium, at 403 Civic Center Plaza is open!



Employment and Training Building Houses Library Operations

Improvements are underway at the Employment and Training (E&T) Building located at 330 25th Street. Administrative and staff workspaces will be temporarily relocated here while the Richmond Main Library undergoes renovations. Lighting installation has been completed, and electrical upgrades are currently in progress. Preparations for flooring installation and other interior improvements are underway as the City of Richmond and consultants work together to complete enhancements and prepare the space to support.

Traffic Safety – New Stop Sign Studies

The City's traffic engineering consultant has begun data collection and analysis for stop sign requests for 24 new locations. These locations were requested by residents between December 2024, and July 1, 2025. Studies are being conducted in Santa Fe, East Richmond, Fairmede/Hilltop, May Valley, Richmond Annex, Shields-Reid, Belding-Woods, North & East, Coronado, and Park Plaza neighborhoods. Draft study results are expected to be provided to the Engineering Department in November.

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, City 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.

Update 10/8/2025:

- The City uses a service called StreetLight Data, <https://www.streetlightdata.com>, to analyze traffic and better understand how vehicles move on our streets. StreetLight Data collects traffic data, like vehicle speeds and traffic volume, across a period of years. This helps us determine which residential streets will meet the City's speed hump criteria.
- Even though the requested area did not meet the criteria for speed humps, the City's Traffic Engineering consultants are looking into other potential safety measures. Public Works expects to have a draft report for review in December 2025.
- To learn more about the requirements for installing speed humps in the City of Richmond, please visit our website: <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4816/Speed-Hump-Criteria>

Cutting Boulevard and Harbour Way Relief Sewer Project

The Cutting Boulevard and Harbour Way Relief Sewer Project is set to break ground on October 20, 2025, marking an important step in improving the City's sewer infrastructure. Over the next few months, construction crews will work their way along Harbour South Street, starting from its southern end and continuing up to South 16th Street. The project is expected to be completed by January 12, 2026. All necessary permits and approvals have already been secured, including the encroachment permit and traffic control plan, ensuring that construction can move forward without delay. Meanwhile, submittal reviews between the contractor and the engineer are actively in progress to confirm that all technical details are in order before work begins. To keep the community informed, notices were delivered to nearby residents and businesses on October 6 and 7, 2025, outlining the project's purpose, schedule, and anticipated impacts. The first progress meeting took place on October 7, 2025, bringing together the project team to review the initial preparations and confirm readiness for the upcoming start. From here on, weekly progress meetings will be held to monitor milestones, address field issues, and ensure the project stays on track through completion.

City Park Playground Under Maintenance

Rain Cloud Park is currently closed while we await replacement parts for the play structure. The vendor supplying these components is scheduled for City Council approval on October 21, 2025. Once approved, City staff will place the order, with current estimates indicating a 4-to-8-week timeline for delivery, installation, and reopening, pending any unforeseen delays. We appreciate the community's patience as we work to safely reopen the playground.



Hilltop District crews

- Removed trash in the Hilltop District area
- Mowed Bay Vista and Country Club Park
- Raised canopy on trees on the Richmond Parkway off-ramps and on-ramps
- Abated weeds on Richmond Parkway, Giant Highway off-ramps, and on-ramps



Country Club Park (before and after)

Marina Bay District Maintenance Crew

- Removed pine needles from beneath the trees at Barbara J. Vincent Park
- Eliminated weeds from the concrete cracks along the walkway at Shimada Park
- Pruned overgrown branches adjacent to the hedges near the tennis courts
- Removed weeds from the intersection of Marina Bay Parkway
- Mowed and edged lawns throughout the Marina Bay area
- Removed trash from parking lots, trash receptacles, and trails in the Marina Bay area
- Replaced empty Fido bags throughout the Marina Bay parks and trails



Shimada concrete cracks (before and after)



Pine needles at Barbara Vincent (before and after)

General Fund crews:

- Installed barriers and removed old shrubs at Civic Center Plaza on the Nevin Street side
- Installed new irrigation valves at Booker T. Anderson Park
- Continued barrier and mulch installation at Civic Center Plaza
- Inspected playgrounds for broken equipment in all parks
- Removed pine needles at Crescent Park, Abraham Braxton Park, and Booker T. Anderson Park
- Installed a new irrigation clock at Crescent Park
- Removed all wasp nests at Huntington Senior Center, Abraham Braxton Park, Baxter Creek in Booker T. Anderson Park, and the Recreation Building parking lot
- Abated weeds and edged turf at Huntington Senior Center, Huntington Park, and Monterey Park
- Replaced basketball nets at John F. Kennedy Park
- Trimmed and removed trees at Braxton Creek in Booker T. Anderson Park
- Installed new mulch in all the planters at City Hall
- Prepared the Recreation Building for the volunteer workday event
- Assisted volunteers at the Recreation Building by putting down weed barrier, spreading mulch, and removed trash
- Removed all graffiti from Humphrey Playlot and Kern Playlot
- Conducted playground safety inspections



Weed barrier and mulch installed at Civic Center (before and after)



Weed barrier and mulch installed at Recreation (before and after)

General Fund Right-A-Way crews:

- Abated weeds and pruned trees on Nevin Avenue from 19th Street to Harbour Way
- Abated weeds and removed sucker bushes from trees and shrubs around Chavez Elementary school
- Grinded tree stump below ground level at Valley View Fire Station #63
- Abated weeds and removed unwanted shrubbery at Golden Gate Avenue



Golden Gate Avenue clean-up and weed abatement (before and after)

Streets Maintenance

The Pavement Maintenance crew activities for the week:

- Resurfaced Visalia Avenue from 15th Street to 17th Street
- Performed repairs on Costa Avenue
- Performed repairs on Esmond Avenue
- Performed repairs on Wilson Avenue
- Performed repairs on Carlson Boulevard
- Performed repairs on San Pablo Avenue
- Delivered barricades and posted for three special events



Milling and paving operations Visalia Avenue

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



Sweeping Hilltop and Hilltop Village neighborhoods

Traffic Signs and Lines crews:

- Installed new signs on 19th Street
- Installed new street name and guide signs on Shane Drive at Hilltop Drive
- Refreshed faded street sweeping signs on Shane Drive
- Refreshed faded street name signs on 38th Street at Boyd Avenue
- Installed new red curb on Esmond Avenue at 35th Street and 36th Street



Installed new street name signs on 38th Street at Boyd Avenue and guide signs on Shane Drive

Water Resource Recovery

Environmental Compliance

Inspections completed:

- Stormwater (autobody/C.3 Development) – 9
- iMS® Cases Opened – 2
- iMS® Cases Closed – 7
- Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) – 25

Meetings, Conferences/committee meetings attended by staff:

- Annual Stormwater Report – due September 30 - submitted
- Baykeeper Grade 5 Report response – due October 2 - submitted
- Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group (BAPPG) quarterly meeting

Other items of Interest:

- Bradley Harms, Senior Environmental Compliance Inspector, represented the City of Richmond at the Annual Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibit and Conference (WEFTEC) in Chicago, Illinois September 27 – October 2, 2025
 - The conference provided valuable opportunities to learn about emerging regulatory trends, advanced treatment technologies, and best practices directly applicable to the City's wastewater and stormwater compliance programs.
 - In addition, Bradley attended a tour of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago



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)?

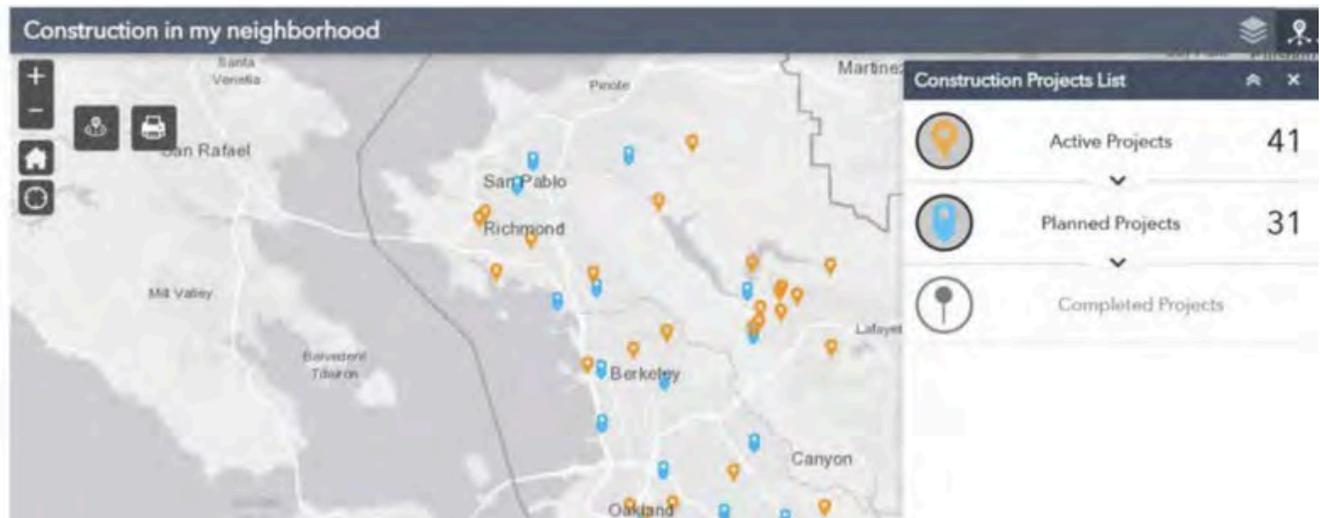
Before you call a plumber, call the City's operator, VEOLIA WATER, at (510) 412-2001. They will come out to your home or business to ensure there is no issue with the City's sanitary sewer mainline.

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.



Notice of Potential Odors at the Wastewater Treatment Plant 10/06/2025 – 11/03/2025



Notice of construction at Richmond Treatment Plant 10/6/25 to 11/3/25

October 7th, 2025

Veolia staff, working at the Richmond Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 601 Canal Blvd, will be doing capital improvements to Richmond's Influent Pump Station for the next month.

Veolia wants to notify our neighbors that this construction will intermittently bypass flow around our Influent pump station and this could generate a risk of odors as we manipulate flows at the plant. We will have every odor control system at the site and in the collection system online and we will have protocols/staff in place to continue monitoring the flow and odors throughout the week and including the weekend.

Veolia staff and City of Richmond officials are monitoring the planning for this work as well looking for optimal weather conditions. If neighbors notice any odors during this time, we ask them to notify us at 510-412-2001 as soon as possible.

We are working to complete this activity as quickly as possible and are working to minimize the impacts to the community. We will update you if there are any changes to this work plan that may have been impossible to foresee. Our goal is to complete this project with as little disruption as possible, and we are committed to working with the City and our neighbors to reach this goal.



Aviso de construcción en la Planta de Tratamiento de Aguas Residuales de Richmond de 10/6/25 a 11/3/25

El personal de Veolia, trabajando en la Planta de Tratamiento de Aguas Residuales de Richmond, ubicada en 601 Canal Blvd, estará realizando trabajos de capital a la Estación de Bombeo Influyente de Richmond durante el próximo mes.

Veolia quiere notificar a nuestros vecinos que esta construcción desviará intermitentemente el flujo alrededor de nuestra estación de bombeo influente y esto podría generar un riesgo de olores mientras manipulamos los flujos en la planta. Tendremos todos los sistemas de control de olores del sitio y del sistema de recolección en funcionamiento y tendremos protocolos/personal en el lugar para continuar monitoreando el flujo y los olores durante toda la semana, incluyendo el fin de semana.

El personal de Veolia y los funcionarios de la Ciudad de Richmond están monitoreando la planificación de este trabajo, así como buscando condiciones climáticas óptimas. Si los vecinos notan algún olor durante este tiempo, les pedimos que nos notifiquen al 510-412-2001 tan pronto como sea posible.

Estamos trabajando para completar esta actividad lo más rápido posible y estamos trabajando para minimizar los impactos a la comunidad. Los actualizaremos si hay algún cambio en este plan de trabajo que haya sido imposible de prever. Nuestro objetivo es completar este proyecto con la menor interrupción posible, y estamos comprometidos a trabajar con la Ciudad y nuestros vecinos para alcanzar esta meta.

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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