

# CITY MANAGER'S Weekly

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DECEMBER 19, 2025

City of  
*Richmond*

Stay informed about Richmond's latest developments by exploring the City Manager's Weekly Report, which provides an overview of recent City projects and activities. Published weekly, this collaborative report from City departments and the City Manager's Office keeps residents up to date on community-focused news and initiatives.

Your feedback is invaluable as we strive to refine and improve our communication with you. Please email [weeklyreport@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto: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, January 6, 2026. Closed Session begins at 5:00 PM, followed by the Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council at 6:00 PM. 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

### Snow Day at Nicholl Park

**Date: December 22, 2025**

**Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Location: 3230 Macdonald Avenue**

Bundle up in your favorite winter gear and grab your snow saucer—it's time for a frosty adventure! We're bringing the magic of winter to Nicholl Park for a special snow play day. Families and friends can slide, glide, and laugh together in a snowy wonderland right here in Richmond.

Whether you're racing down the hills or building snowy creations, this is the perfect way to celebrate the season.

Don't miss out on this cool community tradition—come make memories in the snow! For more information please call 510-620-6793.

### Kwanzaa Community Gathering

**Date: December 27, 2025**

**Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Location: North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church  
1427 Fred Jackson Way**

Join us for a special Kwanzaa Community Gathering celebrating the official launch of the Richmond Black Historical Legacy Project. This meaningful event brings our community together to honor the past, celebrate the present, and build a lasting future rooted in Richmond's rich Black history.

Learn about exciting plans to establish a Black History Museum and Cultural Center in Richmond, along with upcoming initiatives to install historical markers, murals, and other public art that commemorate and uplift the powerful Black legacy of our City. Come connect, learn, and celebrate culture, history, and community. For more information, contact Linda Whitmore at 510-459-4728.



## City Manager's Chronicles

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

- Along with Community Development Director Lina Velasco and Planning Manager Avery Stark, met with representatives from Brookfield Industrial
- Attended the December 16, 2025, Richmond City Council meeting
- Reviewed, edited, and approved staff reports for the January 6, 2026, Richmond City Council meeting
- Attended the annual Shop with a Cop event at the Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL)
- Provided remarks at the Downtown Richmond walking tour with Senator Arreguin, Councilmember Robinson, City staff, and several community stakeholder representatives
- Attended the retirement celebration for Public Works Water Resource Project Manager Mary Phelps; I am grateful for her 34 years of service to the City of Richmond, and wish her the best in retirement!

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, the City Attorney's Office, and various City staff members.





# City Manager's Office

## Now Open: 2026 Richmond Promise Scholarship

The 2026 Richmond Promise Scholarship is NOW OPEN for Richmond residents! Eligible students can apply for the \$1,500 annual scholarship that can be used at any 2-year, 4-year, or Career Technical Education (CTE) post-secondary institution in the U.S. Visit [richmondpromise.org/scholarship](http://richmondpromise.org/scholarship) for more details and to apply.



**IF YOU...**

- Are a resident of Richmond or North Richmond
- Will graduate from a public, private, or charter school within the WCCUSD boundaries
- Have attended any school within the WCCUSD boundaries since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- Will complete your FAFSA/CA Dream Act application by the time you enroll

**THEN YOU QUALIFY TO APPLY!**

**INTERESTED?** TO FIND OUT MORE, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT: [RICHMONDPROMISE.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP](http://RICHMONDPROMISE.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP)

**APPLICATION OPENS: DECEMBER 1, 2025. APPLICATION CLOSES: MARCH 9, 2026.**

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: [SCHOLARSHIPS@RICHMONDPROMISE.ORG](mailto:SCHOLARSHIPS@RICHMONDPROMISE.ORG)

**SI TU...**

- ¿Eres residente de Richmond o del norte de Richmond?
- ¿Te graduarás de una escuela pública, privada o autónoma dentro de los límites del WCCUSD?
- ¿Asististe a alguna escuela dentro de los límites del WCCUSD desde el grado nuevo?
- ¿Completaste la solicitud de FAFSA/CA Dream Act?

**ENTONCES, TIENES TODOS LOS REQUISITOS PARA APLICAR Y ENTREGAR TU SOLICITUD PARA LA BECA DE RICHMOND PROMISE!**

**¿ESTÁS INTERESADO?** PARA CONocer más información, ESCANEA el código QR o VISITA: [RICHMONDPROMISE.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP](http://RICHMONDPROMISE.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP)

**LA SOLICITUD ABRE: 1 DE DICIEMBRE DEL 2025 Y CIERRA: 9 DE MARZO DEL 2026.**

¿PREGUNTAS? CORREO ELECTRÓNICO: [SCHOLARSHIPS@RICHMONDPROMISE.ORG](mailto:SCHOLARSHIPS@RICHMONDPROMISE.ORG)

## Safe at Home Program

Nearly 80% of older adults prefer to remain in their homes as they age, yet much of the existing housing stock is not designed to support age-related physical or cognitive changes. The Safe at Home program addresses this gap by providing fully subsidized home modifications for low-income older adults and people with disabilities.

Through targeted improvements to the home environment, Safe at Home enhances accessibility, reduces fall risks, increases independence, and supports successful aging in place. Services include grab bar and railing installation, lighting improvements, HVAC and plumbing repairs, and other critical home modifications tailored to individual needs. For more information please call (510) 644-7979.

**Rebuilding Together**  
East Bay Network

**FREE HOME REPAIRS FOR WEST COUNTY HOMEOWNERS**

**EXPERTISE & EXPERIENCE**  
RTEBN has 30 years of experience in home repairs and modifications at **no cost** to senior homeowners.

**A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES...**

- grab bars
- railings
- lighting
- short ramps
- fire safety
- security
- toilet and tub modifications
- minor plumbing and electrical work
- Durable Medical Equipment

**...AND MORE**

**HOLISTIC APPROACH TO HEALTH & HOUSING**  
From assessment to follow-up, your process is guided by an experienced Occupational Therapist.

CA Contractor's License #1157259

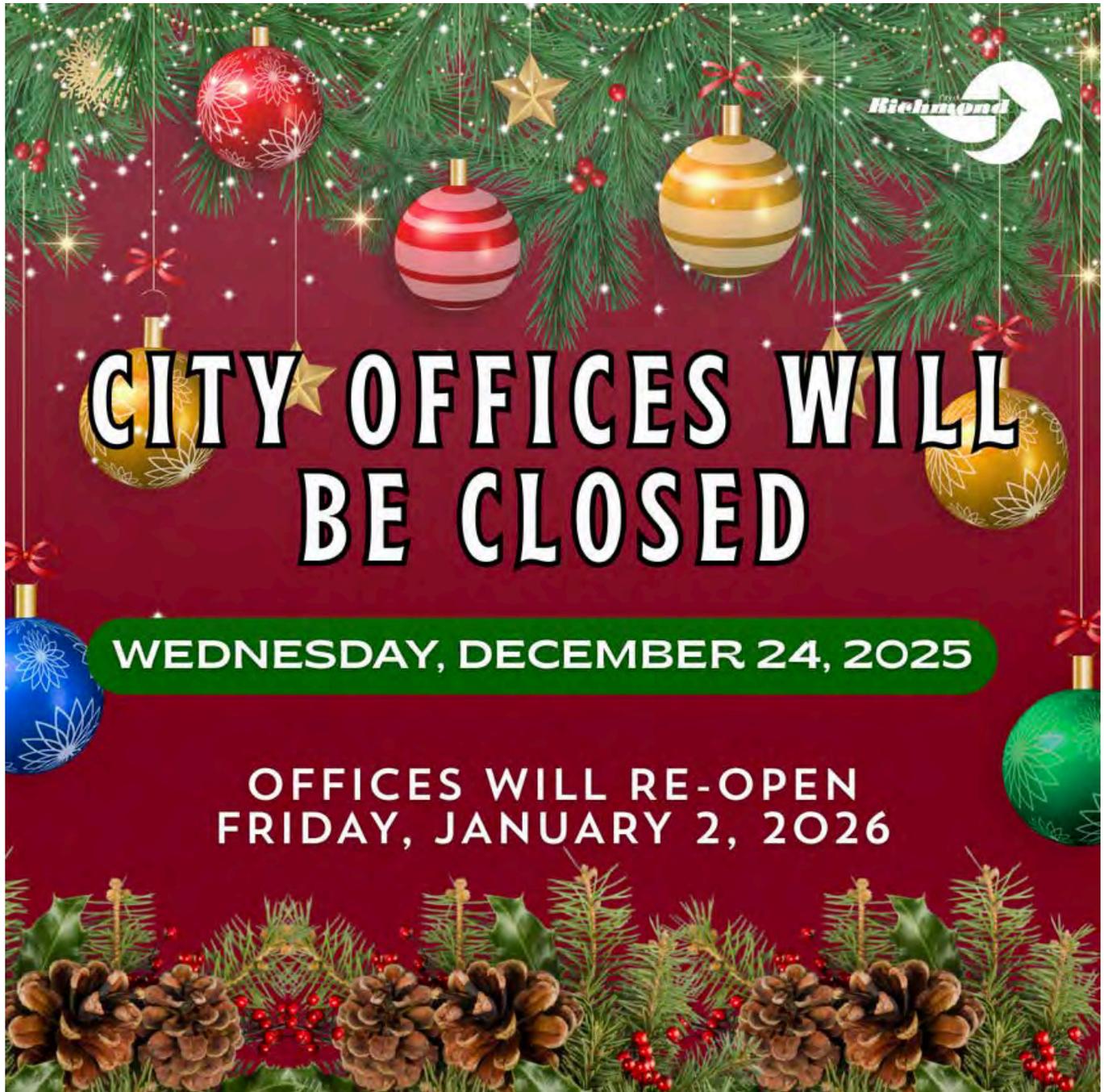
LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAM AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS HERE

732 Gilman St. Berkeley, CA 94710  
(510) 644-8979  
[www.rtebn.org](http://www.rtebn.org)

## City of Richmond Holiday Closure

City Hall will be closed beginning Wednesday, December 24, 2025, through Thursday, January 1, 2026. All offices will reopen on Friday, January 2, 2026. The Richmond Police and Fire Departments will remain fully operational during the closure. Community Services will offer limited recreation programs, aquatics hours, and adjusted library hours during the closure period.

If there are any questions regarding operational hours please visit the webpage.





## City Clerk

### **NOTICE – 2026 Election – Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions**

**Date: December 19, 2025 – February 4, 2026**

**Time: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Location: City Clerk’s Office**

**450 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 300**

Potential candidates who desire to reduce filing fees must complete an affidavit, supplied by the City Clerk, certifying under penalty of perjury that they are financially unable to pay the filing fees. Affidavits are available NOW at the City Clerk’s webpage and must be processed prior to any Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions being issued:

<https://ca-richmond3.civicplus.com/4771/ELECTION-2026>



## Community Development

### **Transformative Climate Communities**

### **Recap: Lifelong Medical Climate Health Promoter Graduation**

LifeLong Medical Care, in partnership with Urban Tilth through the Transformative Climate Communities program, recently celebrated the graduation of 30 Climate Health Promoters from the Spanish-only cohort. Over the past three months, these community members completed a rigorous program focused on the intersection of climate, health, and community leadership. Participants designed and led community-based projects centered on climate health, nutritious food access, and grassroots advocacy.

Congratulations to these graduates for their commitment to advancing a healthier, more resilient Richmond.





## Community Services

## Employment & Training

### 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.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](http://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: [twalker@richmondworks.org](mailto:twalker@richmondworks.org) Website: [www.richmondworks.org](http://www.richmondworks.org)

### Richmond YouthBUILD Recruitment

**Date: January 20, 2026**

**Time: 9:00 AM**

**Location: 360 S. 27th Street**

RichmondBUILD is now recruiting participants ages 16 - 24 who need their high school diploma/GED and are interested in a career in construction. Women and parents are encouraged to apply. Please contact the Richmond YouthBUILD staff to apply or with questions at 510-621-1811 or 510-621-1779.

**YOUTHBUILD IS RECRUITING NOW!**

INTERESTED IN A CAREER  
BUT NEED A HSD/GED

**ORIENTATION**  
**TUESDAY 1/20/26**  
**@ 9AM**  
360 S. 27TH ST  
RICHMOND

Contact us for more info  
510-621-1811 Sonja Yancey  
510-621-1779 Manuel Sanchez

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

## City Wide Winter Camp

**Date: December 22, 2025 – January 2, 2026**

**Time: 8:00 AM–6:00 PM**

**Location: Richmond Recreation Complex**

Join us for an exciting Winter Camp hosted by Community Services Recreation!

Kids will enjoy games, crafts, winter activities, and tons of fun in a safe, positive, and energetic environment. Don't miss out, come make new friends, create memories, and make the most of winter break with us! For more information call (510) 620-6793.



## Winter Snow Globes with the Tool Library

**Date: December 22, 2025**

**Time: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Location: Nicholl Park**

On Monday, December 22, 2025, the Richmond Tool Library will be hosting a D.I.Y snow globe making workshop. The workshop is set to take place during the city's annual Snow Day. Materials, snacks, and refreshments will be provided. For more information call (510) 620-6793.



## North Richmond Mobile Tool Library Holiday Schedule

The North Richmond Mobile Tool Library will be closed for the Holidays on Saturday, December 20, 2025 and Saturday, January 3, 2026.

We will reopen on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at our Fred Jackson Way location and continue to operate on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

Happy Holidays from the North Richmond Mobile Tool Library !



# Richmond Tool Library Holiday Closure

**Date: December 24, 2025 - January 2, 2026**

The Richmond Tool Library will be closed on the following days:

- Wednesday, December 24, 2025
- Friday, December 26, 2025
- Wednesday, December 31, 2025
- Friday, January 2, 2026

All tools must be returned by Friday, December 19, 2025.

The Tool Library will reopen on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.



# Meet Your Neighbor Masquerade

**Date: January 10, 2026**

**Time: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Doors open at 3:30 PM)**

**Location: Richmond Memorial Auditorium**

You're invited! Come enjoy a night of dancing, social activities, and delicious appetizers! The dress code is semi-formal. Register for this free event by using the QR code or at [www.tinyurl.com/richmondmasq](http://www.tinyurl.com/richmondmasq). Ticket reservations are required to guarantee your spot. Bring your masquerade mask or make your own at the event!



# Free Youth Soccer Sessions with AYSO PLAY

**Date: January 8, 2026**

**Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Doors open at 3:30 PM)**

**Location: Richmond Recreation Complex**

You're invited! Richmond families can now register for free World Cup themed youth soccer sessions offered in partnership with the American Youth Soccer Organization's AYSO PLAY program. Each session is fun, inclusive, and limited to 15 participants per hour, so early sign ups are encouraged.

Register at <https://bit.ly/4ayiEtG> to reserve your child's spot.

THE AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION AND THE CITY OF RICHMOND PRESENT



## Free January Soccer Sessions!



Thursdays | 4-7 pm | January 8, 2026 to February 12, 2026

FREE Registration for six sessions filled with soccer!

ECIA Funded to provide families with FREE Soccer!

Nicholl Park, Richmond, CA

3230 Macdonald Ave, Richmond, CA 94804

For more information, please contact [diegomendez@aysoplay.org](mailto:diegomendez@aysoplay.org)

SCAN ME



Or Click Here To Register Today!



## Economic Development

## Business Development

### Recap: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Small Business Support Grant Program – Check Presentations

On December 12, 2025, the Mayor's Office, Councilmembers Robinson and Wilson, the City Manager and City staff, and partners held the second check presentation for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Small Business Support grant recipients. To date, the program has distributed \$350,000 to 48 Richmond entrepreneurs, strengthening jobs, neighborhoods, and our local economy. Shop Richmond.



## Recap: Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) Board of Directors Meeting

The City Manager and the Economic Development Department Director attended a Richmond Police Activities League Board of Directors meeting honoring Police Chief Bisa French upon her retirement, recognizing her distinguished service and successful tenure as Chief of the Richmond Police Department.



## Opportunity to join the Macdonald Avenue Corridor Task Force

City Council has added four seats to the task force. We invite community members to join and help shape inclusive planning and revitalization efforts for the area. This is your opportunity to contribute and make a meaningful impact. Apply now to become part of this important initiative. For more information, and to apply, visit: <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4919/Macdonald-Avenue-Corridor-Task-Force>

A flyer for the Macdonald Avenue Corridor Task Force. At the top left is the Richmond logo. The main text reads: "Attention! Community Members Business Owners Local Leaders". Below this is a large aerial photograph of the Macdonald Avenue area. The title "MACDONALD AVENUE CORRIDOR TASK FORCE" is prominently displayed. Below the title, it says: "Help shape the future of Macdonald Avenue! Join the Corridor Task Force to collaborate on revitalization, equity, and sustainability efforts that benefit our community." There is a QR code and a date: "Second and Fourth Tuesday starting January 2025". At the bottom, it lists the location: "Richmond Events and Civic Center, 1400 E. 14th Street, Richmond, CA".

## Environmental and Health

## Contra Costa County Opens Recruitment for Seven Environmental/Environmental Justice Seats

The Contra Costa County Green Empowerment Zone Governing Board (GEZ) is seeking applicants to fill seven (7) newly created board positions for individuals who live or work in the GEZ representing environmental or environmental justice organizations or interests. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM on Friday, January 9, 2026, to, [Alyson.greenlee@dcd.cccounty.us](mailto:Alyson.greenlee@dcd.cccounty.us).

To view the application please visit, <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/89163/Application-for-Green-Empowerment-Zone-Environmental-Justice-Seat-PDF>

For more information about the GEZ visit, <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/9963/Governing-Board-of-the-Green-Empowerment>

# Republic Services' Senior and Low-Income Solid Waste Bill Discount

Residents 62 years of age or older, or participants in the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program, you may be eligible for a \$5 per month rate discount.

Call Republic Services for more information at, (510) 262-7100 or visit <https://www.republicservices.com/municipality/richmond-ca>.

Application form: [tinyurl.com/RS-Discount](https://tinyurl.com/RS-Discount)



Residents 62 years of age or older, or participants actively enrolled in a discounted utility program, such as California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE) or Family Electric Rates Assistance (FERA), you may be eligible for a \$5 per month rate discount.



## 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 TITLE	JOB TYPE	CLOSING
Administrative Student Intern	Part Time	Continuous
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
Lifeguard	Part Time	Continuous
Maintenance Aide II	Part Time	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
School Crossing Guard	Part Time	Continuous

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



## Information Technology

### KCRT Datanet for the Week



## Programming

### New "NewsBytes" and Regular Series Episodes:

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

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

- Fiestas Patrias Parade
- Library Move videos
- GRID Alternative
- Rosie The Riveter Rally and Festival
- Juneteenth Parade and Festival
- Juneteenth Flag Raising
- Finance Community Budget Meeting 2025

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



## Holiday Home Cooking Safety Tips



### Holiday Home Cooking Safety Tips

Keep your celebrations safe and worry-free with these simple precautions!

- Check Your Alarms**  
Make sure smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly before you start cooking.
- Cook Safely Indoors**  
Never use outdoor fryers or grills inside your home, garage, or near exterior walls.
- Thaw and Dry Foods Completely**  
Ensure meats like turkey are fully thawed and patted dry before cooking or frying to prevent dangerous splatters.
- Keep Children and Pets Away**  
Set up a "no-go zone" of at least 3 feet around stoves, ovens, and fryers.
- Use Back Burners & Turn Handles Inward**  
Keep pot and pan handles turned away from the edge to avoid accidental spills.
- Clean As You Go**  
Wipe up grease and food spills regularly to reduce fire risks.

**Enjoy your holiday season safely!**  
If you have an emergency, please call 9-1-1

## Richmond Fire/Office of Emergency Services welcomes two AmeriCorps Volunteers

The City of Richmond recently secured two (2) AmeriCorps volunteers to support the Office of Emergency Services (OES) through the state's Neighbor-to-Neighbor (N2N) program. The goal of the N2N program is to strategically leverage community wide volunteer engagement to help reduce isolation, increase climate action awareness and support emergency preparedness activities.

The City of Richmond is one of eight 'host cities' that were able to secure AmeriCorps volunteers through a competitive process. The support is planned for a period of 10 months.

In coordination with community stakeholders and partners, the AmeriCorps volunteers will support planning for community events, help coordinate Richmond CERT needs, and strengthen overall OES preparedness capabilities.





## Public Works

### Abatement

Crews performed the following tasks this week:

- Installed additional K-Rails on Del Camino Drive to prevent illegal dumping and encampment reestablishment
- In coordination with Parking Enforcement, dismantled two recreational vehicles and a trailer at Checker's Tow yard
- Abated:
  - Debris from around encampments along Macdonald Avenue corridor, and Barrett Avenue & Marina Way underpass
  - 56 tons of illegally dumped debris from the City's sidewalks, alleyways and roadways, including 44 mattresses, 45 tires and approximately 32 gallons of oil/paint
  - Graffiti from various locations throughout the City
  - Closed out 56 community inquiries that were submitted through the City's iMS® system



Encampment Abatement



K-Rail Installations



Encampment Abatement on Downtown Macdonald and Barrett Avenue



Illegal Dumping and Graffiti Abatement

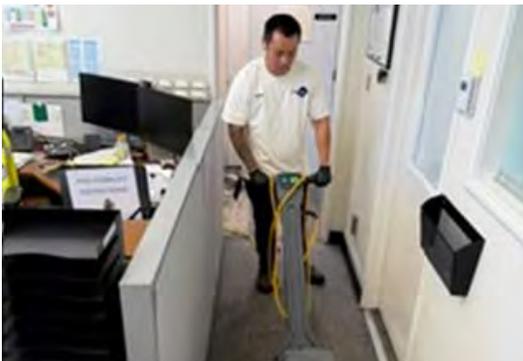
## Facilities Maintenance

Crews performed the following tasks this week:

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

Work completed:

- Conducted carpet cleaning on the second floor at City Hall
- Completed gym floor maintenance at the Recreation Complex
- Conducted carpet cleaning at the Parks Yard



Carpet cleaning at the Parks Yard

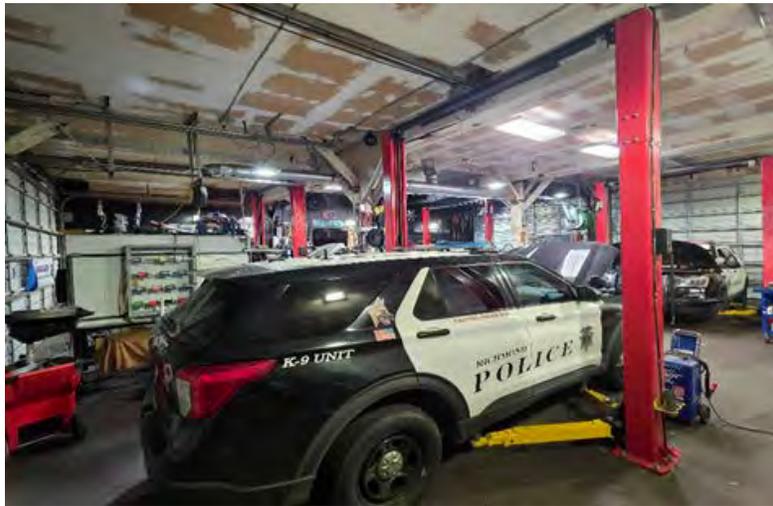


Floor Maintenance at Recreation Complex

## Equipment Services

Crew members completed the following work:

- Performed preventive maintenance on nine Richmond Police Department vehicles
- Repaired and programmed two police patrol hybrids
- Completed annual service on Richmond Fire Department Engine #64
- Performed annual inspections on 11 emergency generators



## Stationary Engineers

Crews performed the following tasks this week:

- Daily inspection and maintenance of:
  - Richmond Swim Center
  - Richmond Plunge
  - City Hall Civic Center:
    - Boilers
    - Circulating pumps
    - Sump pumps
- Repaired the dishwasher at Fire Station 66
- Repaired the actuator arm on the return air damper for the rooftop IntelliPak air handler unit at City Hall
- Repaired the recirculating pump to the hot water system at the Richmond Swim Center
- Repaired the shower valve in the women's shower locker room at the Plunge



Repairing Air Handler on the roof at City Hall



Shower valve repair at the Plunge

# Engineering & Capital Improvement Projects

## Permits and Land Development

Permits Completed:

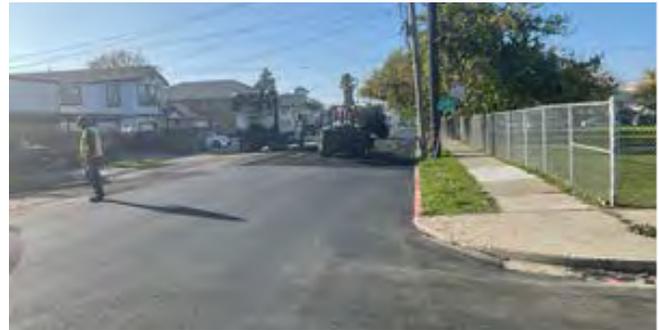
- Encroachment Permit – 19
- Sewer Lateral Certificate of Compliance – 3
- Transportation – 3
- Customers Served at Counter – 6

Inspections Completed:

- Initial – 4
- Asphalt – 3
- Traffic Control – 8
- Final – 11

## Inspections in the Public Right-of-Way

MCK Services, a contractor hired by East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), is completing asphalt paving restoration on Barrett Avenue between 2nd Street and 6th Street, including adjacent side streets, following a main water pipeline replacement.



## City-wide Concrete Project Update – Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Ramps

Status: 28% Construction Complete

As part of the City's ongoing effort to improve accessibility, contractor C. Overaa & Co. is constructing new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant curb ramps at 15th Street and Dunn Avenue, as well as at 10th Street and Lucas Avenue near Lucas Park. Work includes removing older non-compliant sidewalks, installing new detectable warning surfaces, and rebuilding sidewalk and curb returns to meet current accessibility standards.



Concrete poured for a new ADA-compliant curb ramp at 15<sup>th</sup> Street & Dunn Avenue

# Revitalizing the Historic Richmond Main Library Project Update

The Richmond Main Library renovation project is moving closer to construction. The City expects to award a construction contract in December, with construction anticipated to begin in February 2026.

Richmond Main Library, located at 325 Civic Center Plaza, will undergo major renovations. The Revitalization 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 PV 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. Work is slated to be complete by the end of 2027.

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



# Automated Transit Network Feasibility Study

The City of Richmond is preparing to launch a study to determine if an Automated Transit Network (ATN) is the right solution to improve mobility in and around the City. The City is working to address a unique set of transportation challenges shaped by its location, existing roadway network, transit network, and diverse community.

Although Richmond is served by six transit operators: BART, Amtrak/Capitol Corridor, AC Transit, WestCAT, Golden Gate Transit, and the San Francisco Bay Ferry – limited connections between and to these services can make traveling across the City and region difficult.

To help address these challenges, the City is exploring a modern system that could fill service gaps and make it easier for people to connect to transit. Your feedback will help us identify community priorities and potential solutions. The public poll is expected to be available for feedback in early December 2025.

**CITY OF RICHMOND**  
AUTOMATED TRANSIT NETWORK FEASIBILITY STUDY

**Help shape the future of transit in Richmond!**

Tell us which connections matter most to you!

<https://bit.ly/RichmondATNSurvey>

For more project information, please visit our website:  
<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4930/23074--ATN-Feasibility-Study>

**LA CIUDAD DE RICHMOND**  
ESTUDIO DE LA SISTEMA DE TRÁNSITO AUTOMATIZADO

**¡Ayude a darle forma al futuro del transporte en Richmond!**

¡Cuéntenos cuáles conexiones son más importantes para usted!

<https://bit.ly/RichmondATNSurvey>

Para más información sobre el proyecto, por favor visite nuestro sitio web:  
<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4930/23074--ATN-Feasibility-Study>

### Hilltop District Parks

Hilltop District crews performed the following tasks:

- Removed trash throughout the Hilltop District area
- Mowed Bay Vista Park and Country Club Park
- Started clearing drains around Hilltop Lake
- Installed Christmas lights at Bay Vista Park, Country Club Park, and along Hilltop Drive



Hilltop Lake (before and after)

### Marina Bay District Parks

Marina Bay District crews performed the following tasks:

- Installed memorial bench along the hillside behind Barbara J. Vincent Park
- Continued leaf and debris cleanup throughout parking lots, parks, medians, and lawn areas
- Trimmed roses and removed weeds at the corner of Regatta Boulevard and Marina Bay Parkway
- Edged and removed weeds along the Marina Bay Trail
- Mowed and edged lawns in Marina Bay Park
- Continued spreading mulch along Marina Bay medians
- Collected and hauled away trash from parking lots, trash receptacles, and trail areas throughout the Marina Bay District
- Refilled Fido bag dispensers throughout all Marina Bay parks and trail areas



Memorial bench installation (before and after)



Removed weeds and trimmed roses (before and after)

## General Fund Crews

- Performed field grooming on the baseball diamonds and installed a new board at the Booker T. Anderson Park playground
- Abated weeds, performed turf edging, and cleaned leaf debris at Huntington Senior Center, Monterey Park, Abraham Braxton Park, and Booker T. Anderson Park parking lot area
- Abated weeds and raked pine needles at Kennedy Swimming Center and Bayview Library
- Repaired broken bench at Booker T. Anderson Park
- Abated weeds, performed turf edging, trimmed oak trees, and cleaned leaf debris at John F. Kennedy Park
- Built fence around the rear of the bathroom at Martin Luther King Jr. Park
- Cleaned and primed fence at Parchester Community Park Garden
- Repaired and installed new sections of chain-link fence around playground at Parchester Community Park

- Performed restroom repairs at North Richmond Ballfield and Martin Luther King Jr. Park
- Pruned trees at Martin Luther King Jr. Park and North Richmond Ballfield
- Abated weeds at the Main Library
- Repaired irrigation valve at Civic Center Plaza
- Repaired play equipment at Nicholl Park
- Repaired irrigation system at Nicholl Park
- Removed shrubs from Humboldt Park
- Removed weeds and dirt from planter beds at Civic Center Plaza and added red lava rock
- Abated weeds at Lamoine Park
- Removed graffiti from Lamoine Park
- Installed new irrigation to newly planted trees at Lamoine Park
- Repaired fence at Wendell Park
- Repaired play equipment at Hilltop Park



Trimmed Oak trees at John F. Kennedy Park (before and after)



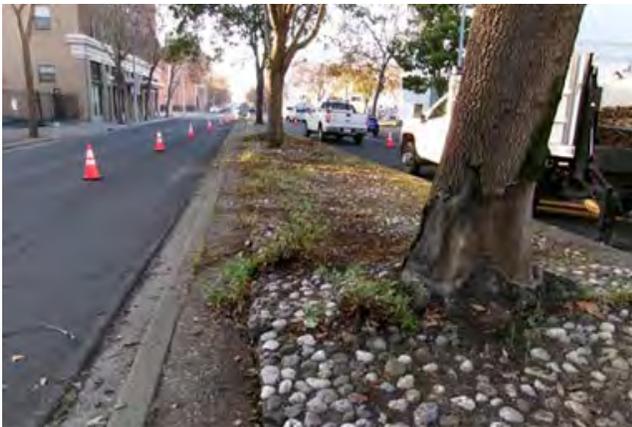
Built rear fence at Martin Luther King Jr. Park (before and after)



Nicholl Park play equipment repaired (before and after)

## Right-of-Way (ROW) Crew

- Abated weeds and cut bushes along Seacliff Avenue
- Collected trash and debris from all right-of-way areas
- Abated weeds along Harbour Way median
- Pruned trees and abated weeds along the 55th Avenue sound wall
- Hand-pulled weeds along the 23rd Street triangle median



Harbour Way median – before and after

## Streets Maintenance

The Pavement Maintenance crew activities for the week:

- Performed repairs on Rheem Avenue
- Performed repairs on Meade Street
- Performed repairs on Burbeck Avenue
- Performed repairs on 19th Street
- Performed repairs on Ohio Avenue
- Performed repairs on Groveview Drive



Hot mix patching on Rheem Avenue and Meade Street

Street sweeping crews swept the following neighborhood council areas:

- May Valley
- Vista View
- Clinton Hill I
- Clinton Hill II
- Clinton Hill III
- Clinton Hill IV
- Richmond Heights
- Santa Fe



Sweeping Clinton Hill II and III neighborhoods

## Traffic Signs and Lines crews:

- Installed new red curbs on Solano Avenue at 39th and 40th Street
- Installed new red curbs on Esmond Avenue at 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th Street
- Installed new red curbs on Florida Avenue at South 22nd Street
- Installed new red curbs on Garvin Avenue at 24th Street
- Refreshed stop sign on Potrero Avenue at South 52th Street
- Refreshed parking lot at the Richmond Art Center
- Replaced faded signs around Civic Center Plaza
- Continued installing new street sweeping signs in Hilltop-Fairmede neighborhood



Art Center parking lot refresh and Civic Center Plaza sign refresh

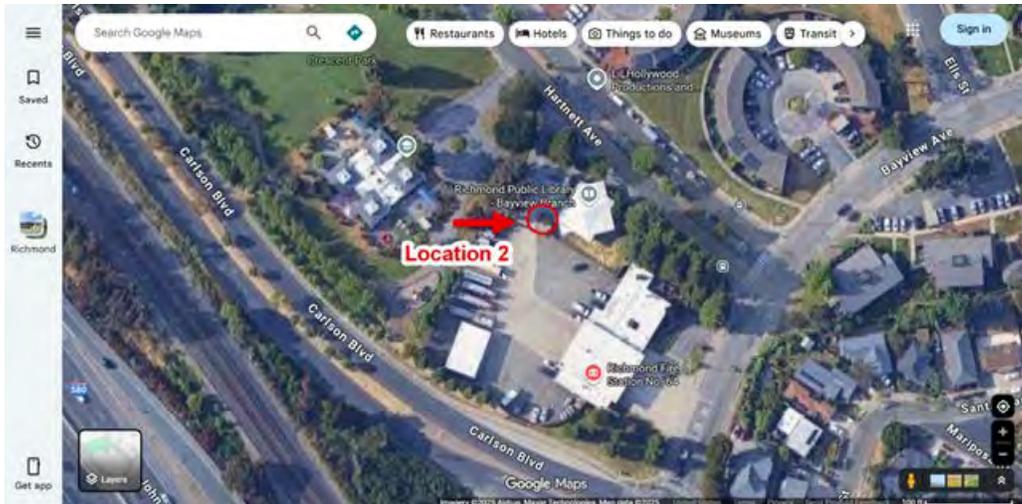
## Sandbags

The City has two self-fill sandbag locations for residents.

- **Location 1:** Back gate of the Corporation Yard on Harbour Way at the Richmond Greenway
- **Location 2:** Bayview Library parking lot located at 5100 Hartnett Avenue



Location 1 - Harbour Way at Richmond Greenway



Location 2 – 5100 Hartnett Avenue

## Water Resource Recovery

### Environmental Compliance

Inspections completed:

- Stormwater (autobody/C.3 Development) – 8
- iMS® Cases Opened – 2
- iMS® Cases Closed – 2
- Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) – 8

Meetings, Conferences/committee meetings attended by staff:

- Contra Costa Clean Water Program
  - Municipal Operations Committee
  - Management Committee
  - Program Select Committee
- Wastewater Ad-Hoc Committee
- Baykeeper FY 2025-26 Grade 5 List Review
- Baykeeper Hot Spot List review with Veolia
- West County Wastewater/City of Richmond Budget Review
- West County Wastewater/City of Richmond Transition Committee

Other items of Interest:

- Mary Phelps, Water Resource Division Manager, retired on December 19, 2025
- Bradley Harms was promoted to Environmental Manager effective December 16, 2025

## Problems with Your Sanitary Sewer System?

Before you call a plumber, call the City's contracted 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.

This service is free and available 24/7, year-round.



## 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.

Before you have your sanitary sewer lateral replaced, we strongly encourage you to obtain more than one bid. You can find more information on our website:

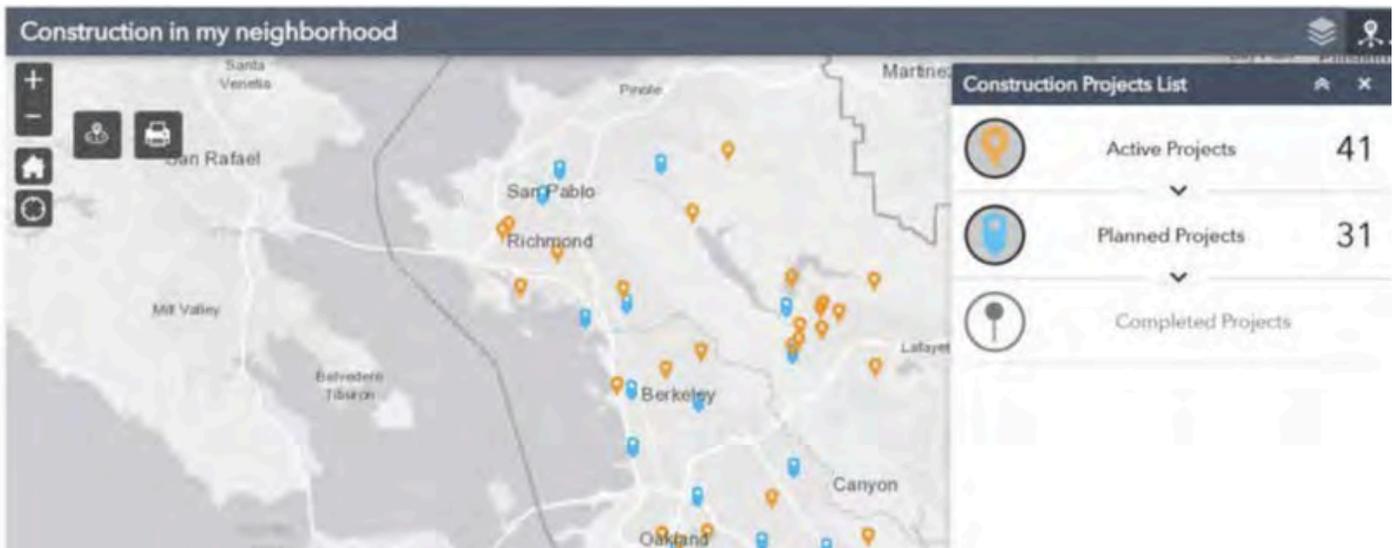
[Form & Handouts | Richmond, CA - Official Website](#)

To date, 33 grants have been issued totaling \$66,600. The program will reimburse applicants up to \$1,800 of the cost of a full sewer line replacement.

## 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 not City of Richmond projects. If you have questions, please contact EBMUD at (510) 287-2708. You may also look up active projects at the following website:

[Construction in my neighborhood :: East Bay Municipal Utility District](#)



## Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG)

DO NOT POUR GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN! Grease continues to be a problem in the sanitary sewer system and at 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 powder packet, 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, 2nd 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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