

CITY MANAGER'S Weekly REPORT JANUARY 9, 2026

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Richmond

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Upcoming City Council Meeting

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2026. The agenda may be found when available by clicking on the following link: <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4157/City-of-Richmond-Council-Meetings>



Upcoming Events

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. Ticket reservations are required to guarantee your spot. Bring your masquerade mask or make your own at the event!

YOU ARE INVITED

Meet Your Neighbor

MASQUERADE

A SEMI-FORMAL DANCE

JANUARY 10, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 3:30PM | EVENT 4:00-8:00PM

RSVP & TICKET REQUIRED

JOIN US FOR FREE APPETIZERS, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, AND LIVE MUSIC!

RICHMOND MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
403 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA

RSVP BY 12/30/25

Logos: Richmond, Neighbor to Neighbor, CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERS

MLK Day of Service – (Richmond Greenway)

Date: January 19, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Unity Park
Richmond Greenway

Join us for the 19th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on the Richmond Greenway Trail. Volunteers of all ages are invited to participate in greening projects, garden care, art activities, trail maintenance, a resource fair, and environmental education. The event will be held rain or shine – please dress in layers and wear rain boots.

You can sign up [HERE](#), or arrive at any of the four registration sites for help.

THE 19TH ANNUAL

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH 2026 9:00AM - 1:00PM

ON THE RICHMOND GREENWAY TRAIL

GREENWAY@URBANTILTH.ORG

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- TREE PLANTING & NATIVE HABITAT RESTORATION
- COMMUNITY CLEANUP
- FAMILY ACTIVITIES & LIVE PERFORMANCES
- FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH & RESOURCE FAIR

Logos: URBAN TILTH, HOPE, MCE, and various community partners.

MLK Day of Service – (Parchester Park)

Date: January 19, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Location: Parchester Park
900 Williams Drive, Richmond, CA**

You're invited to the MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 19, 2026, at Parchester Park, hosted by Recreation, Public Works, Parchester Village Neighborhood Council, and California Volunteers. Help beautify the park and community center through gardening, weeding, trimming, mulching, trash cleanup, and painting (weather permitting). Dress for outdoor work; tools, supplies, and lunch provided. Stay after for lunch and a program honoring Dr. King. Register at <http://bit.ly/4rPTZqU> or QR code.



The poster features logos for Richmond, California, Neighbor to Neighbor, California Volunteers, and Parchester Village Neighborhood Council. The main text reads: "MLK DAY OF SERVICE PARCHESTER PARK MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026". Below this, it says "Join us for a day of service featuring volunteer beautification projects and a community celebration in honor of Dr. King's legacy." The schedule is: "VOLUNTEER: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM" and "CELEBRATION: 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM". A QR code is provided for registration. At the bottom, it states: "Tools, supplies, and lunch will be provided for volunteers. Scan the QR code to sign up! <http://bit.ly/4rPTZqU>". The bottom right corner features a stylized illustration of Dr. King's face and a community garden scene.

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.



The poster features the YouthBUILD logo and the text: "YOUTHBUILD IS RECRUITING NOW!". Below this, it says "INTERESTED IN A CAREER BUT NEED A HSD/GED". The orientation details are: "ORIENTATION TUESDAY 1/20/26 @ 9AM 360 S. 27TH ST RICHMOND". Contact information is provided: "Contact us for more info 510-621-1811 Sonja Yancey 510-621-1779 Manuel Sanchez". At the bottom, it says "Don't miss-out on this FREE opportunity '100% DOL FUNDED'".



City Manager's Chronicles

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

- Met with various Departments in preparation for January 6, 2026, City Council meeting
- Attended the January 6, 2026, City Council meeting
- Met with Public Works staff regarding Water Resource Recovery
- Met with Fire Chief Osorio regarding the development and implementation of the Richmond Fire Department Advance Life Support (ALS)/Paramedic Program
- Met with Rent Program staff, along with City staff to discuss areas of collaboration

Continued one-on-one weekly meetings with members of the City Council and 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

Traffic Advisory

Date: January 10, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Castro St between Redwood Way and Chevron Way

Motorists are advised of anticipated traffic impacts on Castro Street between Redwood Way and Chevron Way.

According to local media reports, a planned protest is scheduled for Saturday, January 10, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Chevron Refinery entrance on Castro Street.

Drivers are encouraged to plan alternate routes and allow additional travel time.



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 for more details and to apply.

RICHMOND PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

RECEIVE \$1,500 EACH YEAR & GET EXTRA COLLEGE SUPPORT

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 7th grade
- Will complete your FAFSA/CA Dream Act application by the time you enroll



THEN YOU QUALIFY TO APPLY!

INTERESTED?

¡Deseo más información!
¡Escanea este código QR!

#RICHMONDPROMISE2026
#SCHOLARSHIP

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

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: [SCHOLARSHIP@RICHMONDPROMISE.ORG](mailto:scholarship@richmondpromise.org)

BECA RICHMOND PROMISE

RECIBE APOYO UNIVERSITARIO Y \$1500 CADA AÑO

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 7º?
- ¿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?

¡Más información!
¡Escanea este código QR!
¡En español! ¡Escríbeme!

#RICHMONDPROMISE2026
#SCHOLARSHIP

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

¡PREGUNTAS? CORREO ELECTRÓNICO: [SCHOLARSHIP@RICHMONDPROMISE.ORG](mailto:scholarship@richmondpromise.org)



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 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.

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 Website: www.richmondworks.org

Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center and Park Community Design Event

Date: January 14, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

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

Join the City of Richmond at the Second Community Design Event for the new MLK Jr. Community Center and Park. We look forward to incorporating your design ideas into the project!

To learn more about the project visit, www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4934/23065---MLK-Community-Center-and-Park-Re

RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/MLK-CC-Design-Event>

New Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center and Park
Nuevo Centro Comunitario y Parque Martin Luther King Jr.

Join the City of Richmond at our Second Community Design Event!
¡Reúnete con la Ciudad de Richmond en Nuestro Segundo Evento de Diseño con la Comunidad!

Join us at our Second Community Design Event for the new MLK Jr. Community Center and Park. We look forward to incorporating your Design Ideas into the project.
Acompáñanos en Nuestro Segundo Evento de Diseño con la Comunidad para el nuevo Centro Comunitario y Parque MLK Jr. Esperamos poder incorporar tus ideas de Diseño en el proyecto.

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

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

Opportunity to win prizes!
¡Oportunidad de ganar premios!

Nystrom Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room
230 Harbour Way S, Richmond, CA 94804
January 14, 2026 | 6:00-7:30 PM
(510) 231-3008

Check out the project
Visita la página web del proyecto

Save the Date for the Third Community Event - February 25, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
Guarda la Fecha para el Tercer Evento Comunitario- 25 de Febrero @ 6:00 PM

Recap: Winter Snow Globes with the Tool Library

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Winter Snow Globe Workshop!

We created 15 sparkling snow globes, shared lots of laughs, and spent the day connecting with wonderful members of our community. It was a joy to create, learn, and celebrate together!





Economic Development

Business Development

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>

Attention! Community Members Business Owners Local Leaders

MACDONALD AVENUE CORRIDOR TASK FORCE

Help shape the future of Macdonald Avenue! Join the Corridor Task Force to collaborate on revitalization, equity, and sustainability efforts that benefit our community.

The Richmond City Council approved the establishment of the Macdonald Avenue Corridor Task Force on September 28, 2025, following a proposal by Mayor Eduardo Martinez and Councilmember David Williams.

The limited duration, brown box compliance body brings together direct stakeholders and key decision-makers with influence over the location. The primary mission of the Task Force is to deliver a comprehensive set of recommendations to the Richmond City Council for the revitalization of the Macdonald Avenue Corridor.

The Task Force serves as a collaborative forum to:

- Identify shared priorities
- Share diverse community and stakeholder perspectives
- Coordinate revitalization and development efforts

Second and Fourth Tuesday starting January 2026
11 am - 12 pm
Richmond Room 450 Civic Center Plaza, 1st Floor Richmond, CA

Environmental and Health

Holiday Tree Disposal Options

The Richmond Environmental and Health Initiatives Division encourages residents to consider the several options below for disposing of Holiday Trees. Residents may use curbside collection, place trees in their carts, schedule an on-call pickup, or drop trees off at the Golden Bear Transfer Station. Curbside collection for natural trees is free and available through January 16, 2026.

For more information contact Republic Services at (510) 262-7100 or visit RepublicServices.com/Municipality/Richmond-CA or by visiting the "Zero Waste" webpage at www.richmondenvironment.org.

Compostable Holiday Tree Recycling & Non-Compostable Tree Disposal Options

City of Richmond

- NEW! No-Charge Curbside Natural Holiday Tree Collection**
Starting December 28th natural holiday trees will be collected curbside for a 5-week period only! Residential customers may now place your natural holiday tree curbside for free curbside collection. **Business customers may now place your natural holiday tree curbside for free curbside collection between 12/28/25 and 1/16/26 for no-charge collection.** **Important:** Only trees may be collected for curbside collection. No lights, decorations, or ornaments. **Collection times will be compressed, artificial and flocked trees are not accepted and should be made aware to in your franchisee's yard sign.**
Get our instructions: Look Natural over all your curbside instructions for a full list of rules on the same day as your regular collection day between 12/28/25 and 1/16/26. Trees must be accessible and in the yard in order to be collected by curbside.
Trees that do not follow guidelines cannot be picked up.
- Place Tree in Your Cart**
If you have a trash cart, you can place your tree in your cart for collection on your regular scheduled collection day. **Important:** Trees must be placed in the 65-gallon or larger curbside collection bins. **Artificial and flocked trees cannot be placed in black/white trash carts.**
- On-Call Bulk Pickup**
If you do not already have your disposal bin, call Customer Reply team. **Important:** Call our Customer Service Office at (510) 262-7100. Trees must be 6 feet tall and be cut at the top.
- Self-Haul (Drop-Off)**
With proof of Richmond residency (Driver's License or CA ID), Republic Services customers can take trees to Golden Bear Transfer Station (1 Pine Blvd, Richmond, CA 94801, 7 am - 4 pm) and University Transfer Station (1400 S. 1st St) through the first weekend of February. **Important:** Only natural trees are accepted for drop-off. **Artificial and flocked trees cannot be placed in black/white trash carts.**

For more information please call our Customer Service team at (510) 262-7100 or visit RepublicServices.com/municipality/richmond-ca

REPUBLIC SERVICES
Sustainability in Action

Winter Walk Challenge

Want to stay active in 2026? Get started now by signing up for the Winter Walk Challenge. Weekly challenges start January 12, 2026, but you can sign up NOW.

It's fun, healthy, and a great way to spend time outside with friends and family. Learn more: 511cc.org/walk



winter walk challenge

How to Play and WIN!

- Register: 511cc.org/walk
- Walk to local destinations Jan-Mar
- 10 Weekly \$20 Amazon Winners
- iPad Grand Prize Drawing



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
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.ci.richmond.ca.us/60/Human-Resources)



Information Technology

KCRT Datanet for the Week

Compostable Holiday Treecycling & Non-Compostable Tree Disposal Options

OPTION #1

No-Charge Curbside Natural Holiday Tree Collection

From December 26 - January 16th, natural holiday trees will be collected curbside for a 3-week period only!

Residential customers may now place your natural holiday tree curbside next to your carts on one of your regularly scheduled collection days.

For details on what's allowed and further instructions, please call Republic Services Customer Service team at (510) 262-7100 or visit RepublicServices.com/Municipality/Richmond-CA

Compostable Holiday Treecycling & Non-Compostable Tree Disposal Options

OPTION #2

Place Tree in Your Cart

If you miss the 3-week curbside collection period, you can still cut your tree and place it in your cart for collection on your regularly scheduled collection day. Natural trees should be placed in your green organics cart with decorations removed. Artificial and flocked trees should be placed in black/brown trash cart.

For details on what's allowed and further instructions, please call Republic Services Customer Service team at (510) 262-7100 or visit RepublicServices.com/Municipality/Richmond-CA

Compostable Holiday Treecycling & Non-Compostable Tree Disposal Options

OPTION #3

On-Call Bulk Pickup

If you have not already used your allocated On-Call Curbside Bulky Item Cleanup, call Republic's Customer Service office to arrange for a no-cost curbside pickup at 510-262-7100. Trees more than 6 feet tall must be cut in half.

For details on what's allowed and further instructions, please call Republic Services Customer Service team at (510) 262-7100 or visit RepublicServices.com/Municipality/Richmond-CA

Compostable Holiday Treecycling & Non-Compostable Tree Disposal Options

OPTION #4

Golden Bear Transfer Station

1 Parr Blvd., Richmond
Monday - Friday, 7am - 5pm
Saturday - Sunday, 9am - 5pm

Self-Haul (Drop-Off)

With proof of Richmond residency (driver's license or CA ID), Republic Services customers can take trees to: Golden Bear Transfer Station through the first weekend in February at no cost for compostable trees. There is a disposal fee for non-compostable trees or no proof of residency.

For details on what's allowed and further instructions, please call Republic Services Customer Service team at (510) 262-7100 or visit RepublicServices.com/Municipality/Richmond-CA

Programming

New "NewsBytes" and Regular Series Episodes:

- Brought back an episode of "Historical Elected Officials and Community Leaders" with Betty Reid Soskin interview. KCRT added an "in memoriam" tags to the piece.
- New episodes of "Best of California," "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

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



Public Works

Abatement

Crews performed the following tasks this week:

- Abated:
 - 5.5 tons of debris from around encampments along Macdonald Avenue corridor, Barrett & Marina Way underpass and walkways, and from Richmond Parkway corridor
 - 68 tons of illegally dumped debris from city's sidewalks, alleyways and roadways, including 86 mattresses, 55 tires and approximately 38 gallons of oil/paint
 - 24 graffiti tags from various locations throughout the City
- Work completed:
 - Closed out 55 community inquiries that were submitted through the City's IMS® system



Illegal Dumping (Before & After)



Illegal Dumping (Action)



Encampments Abatement

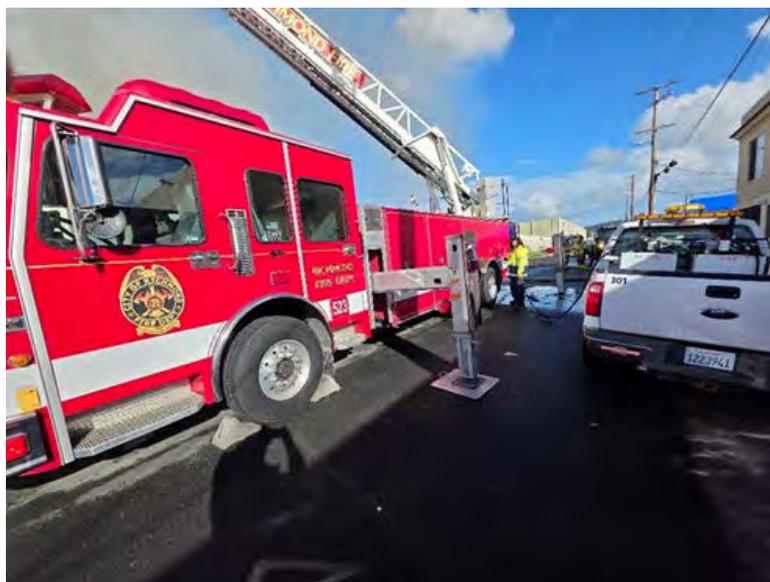


Graffiti Abatement (Before & After)

Equipment Services

Crew members completed the following work:

- Performed preventive maintenance on six Richmond Police Department vehicles
- Supported the Richmond Fire Department during a three-alarm fire by fueling units and performing on-scene repairs
- Began the annual service on Richmond Fire Department Truck #64



Traffic Calming Program

At 15th Street and Macdonald Avenue, new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons and striping have been added on all four sides of the intersection, giving people walking and biking a brighter, safer way to cross.

On 37th Street and Wall Avenue, crews have installed upgraded crosswalks, new bike lane striping, and median improvements designed to create a safer, more visible travel path for everyone.



City-wide Concrete Project Update – Americans with Disabilities Act Ramps

Status: 30% Construction Complete

Contractor C. Overaa & Co. completed concrete placement for six curb ramps along 10th Street between Lucas Avenue & Lincoln Avenue and is currently forming three additional curb ramps near Lucas Park. The work includes demolition of the existing non-compliant sidewalk, installation of new detectable warning surfaces, and reconstruction of adjacent sidewalk and curb returns in compliance with current ADA and Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines standards.



2025 Paving Project Update – Rubberized Cape Seal

Status: 30% Construction Complete

Over the past several months, the contractor, A. Teichert & Son Inc., mobilized across various streets throughout Richmond to perform 6-inch roadway base repairs. To date, the contractor has substantially completed a cumulative 2.4 lane miles of roadway base repairs, marking the near completion of Phase 1 construction activities. Remaining work is limited to minor punch-list and residual items which are expected to be completed prior to the project's full winter closure.

The project will advance to Phase 2 in March 2026, which will include rubberized chip sealing followed by micro-surfacing, providing a smoother, longer-lasting roadway surface.

For more information and weekly project updates, visit the City's 2025 Paving Project page:

<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4927/23077-2025-Paving-Project---Rubberized-C>

Wendell Park – Closed for Renovations

Located at Esmond Avenue and 26th Street, Wendell Park has remained open as long as possible to allow neighbors to enjoy the park over the holidays, the contractor to complete all non-construction preparations, and to ensure that work begins when the site is dry enough to make significant progress. We are anticipating a break in the weather that will allow construction to kick off next week. The park will be completely closed during construction.

Improvements include a natural grass multiuse field, irrigation, perimeter fencing with ball-stopper netting and backstop, bleacher and dugout seating, infield material, and furnishings. The project will also reconfigure the youth and toddler play areas to accommodate new equipment and accessibility. A single-stall restroom and picnic area will be a new park amenity located between the play area and sports fields.

We look forward to reopening the park to the community as soon as possible and are targeting the summer of 2026. Please reach out to Darcie_DeLashmutt@ci.richmond.ca.us if you have any questions.

Cutting Boulevard & Harbour Way South Sewer Line Wet Weather Improvement

Status: 60% Construction Complete

Contractor Bay Pacific Pipelines is constructing a new 30-inch diameter parallel relief sewer line along Cutting Boulevard from Harbour Way South to South 23rd Street as part of the Cutting & Harbour Way South Relief Sewer Project. Construction began in October 2025 and is anticipated to be completed by July 2026.

To date, the contractor has installed approximately 2263 linear feet of sewer pipe, representing 60% of the total project. Current activities include excavating the roadway, constructing new sewer pipe, backfilling trenches, and repaving disturbed pavement along Cutting Boulevard. Upon completion, the new relief sewer will increase wet-weather capacity, reduce the risk of sewer backups and overflows, and improve system reliability to protect public health and the environment.

What to Expect: Temporary lane reductions or detours, construction noise, and intermittent driveway or sidewalk access changes may occur. The City and its contractors continue to coordinate work to minimize impacts and provide advance notice when access may be affected.

Construction at Cutting Boulevard

The City of Richmond owns and operates a major sewer trunk line beneath Cutting Boulevard that conveys wastewater from neighborhoods west of I-880 to the wastewater treatment plant. During heavy rainfall events, this pipe reaches capacity with combined wastewater and stormwater flows. When this occurs, hydraulic surcharging can affect upstream sewer lines and manholes, elevating the risk of sanitary sewer overflows in adjacent neighborhoods.

To address this capacity constraint, the City is constructing a parallel relief sewer line as part of the Cutting and Harbour Way South Relief Sewer Project. The project involves the installation of a new 30-inch diameter PVC sewer pipe along Cutting Boulevard, extending from Harbour Way South to South 23rd Street. Construction commenced in October 2025, with tentative completion scheduled for July 2026. This installation of this parallel sewer line will improve the system's ability to convey peak wet weather flows, thereby reducing the risk of hydraulic overloading, potential backups, and sanitary sewer overflows, while protecting public health and the environment.

This project represents the final phase of a series of sewer system improvements undertaken by the City to fulfill commitments under a long-standing consent agreement with San Francisco Baykeeper and to improve wastewater infrastructure reliability for the community.

What to Expect During Construction? During construction, residents and businesses may experience:

- Temporary lane reductions or traffic detours
- Construction noise and vibrations
- Temporary driveway or sidewalk access changes
- Construction equipment and crews working in the area

The City and its contractors are working to minimize impacts and provide advance notice when access to homes or businesses may be temporarily affected. If you have any questions, please contact community outreach contact Jacqueline Majors at (925) 949-6196 or jacqueline@jmajorsandassociates.com.

Hilltop District Parks

Hilltop District crews performed the following tasks:

- Removed trash throughout the Hilltop District area
- Raked leaves along Hilltop Road and Garrity Way
- Cleared drains throughout the Hilltop District



Garrity Way leaves cleanup (before and after)

Marina Bay District Parks

Marina Bay District crews performed the following tasks:

- Performed area cleanup throughout the Marina Bay District
- Conducted storm patrol and addressed storm-related debris and hazards

General Fund Crews

- Performed area cleanup throughout Richmond
- Conducted storm patrol across citywide park locations
- Responded to seven emergency call-outs related to storm impacts

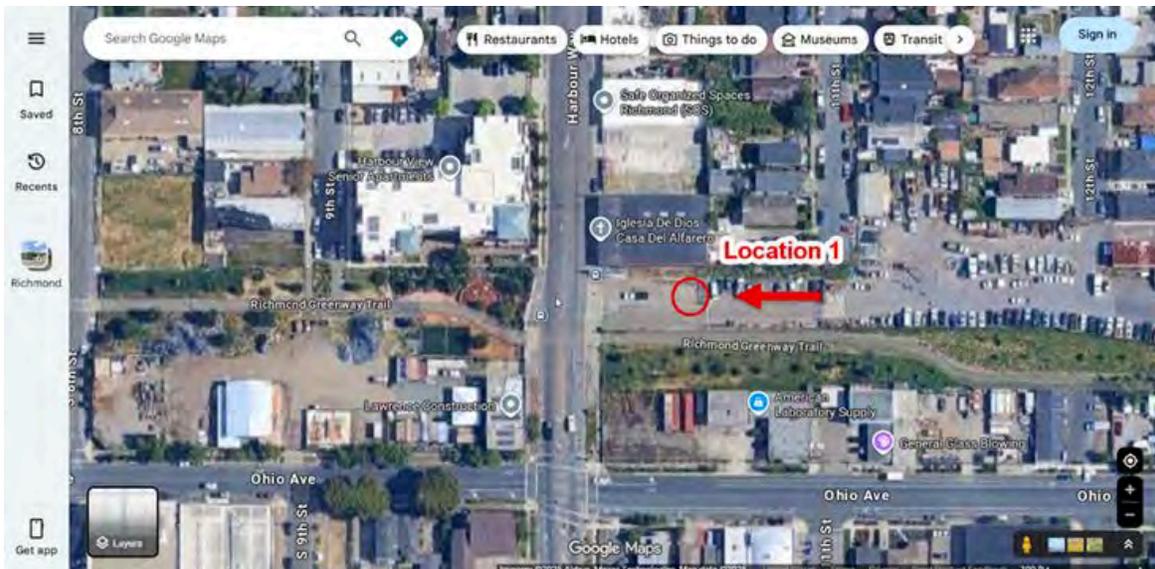


Cleaned and cut up branch failure on South 4th Street (before and after)

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

City offices observed the holiday furlough period last week, with limited operational activity until offices reopened on January 2, 2026.

- Sewer issues responded to: 4
- iMS requests opened: 5
- iMS requests closed: 3

On December 27, 2025, the Water Resource Recovery Division responded to a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) at the Monterey Pines apartment complex. The overflow originated from a private service lateral and migrated along the curb line, with a portion entering a storm catch basin.

All spilled sewage was captured and recovered and returned to the sanitary sewer system, preventing discharge to San Francisco Bay. Cleanup and recovery activities were completed, including street washdown, catch basin servicing, and storm drain jetting. Follow-up investigation and coordination with Veolia are ongoing, and community outreach will be conducted as appropriate.



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:

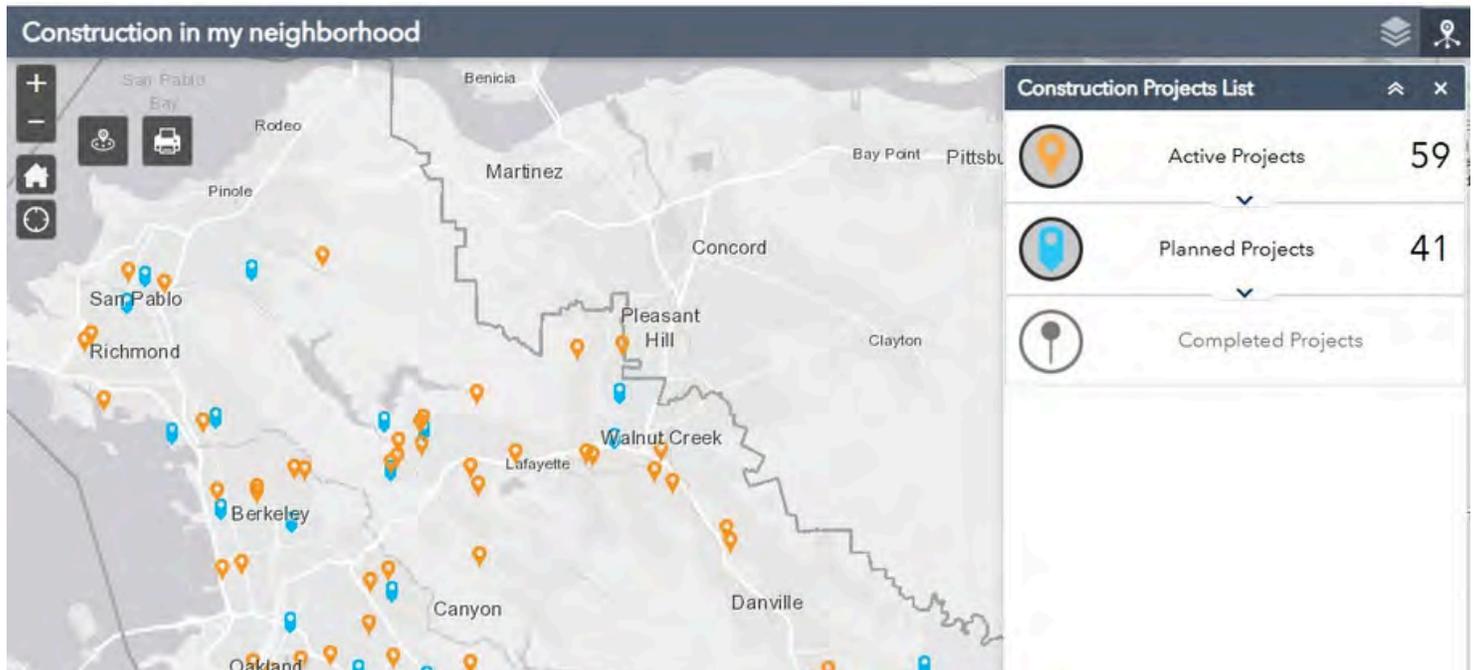
[Form & Handouts | Richmond, CA - Official Website](#)

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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