

CITY MANAGER'S Weekly

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JANUARY 23, 2026

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 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 27, 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 when available by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4157/City-of-Richmond-Council-Meetings>



Upcoming Events

Richmond ECIA Community Grant Program

Application Closes: March 13, 2026

Time: 11:59 PM

Location: Apply Online

The Richmond-ECIA Grant Program Request for Application (RFA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 is open! The deadline to submit an application and all relevant attachments is Friday, March 13, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. In our efforts to improve efficiencies, applications are only being accepted electronically.

The City will host a virtual ECIA info session on February 4, 2026, at 2:00 PM. You can join the virtual session HERE. City staff will share information on both the general ECIA grant program and the CSD mini-grant program. Additionally, you may access previously recorded webinars and presentation slides on our Capacity Building page.



Apply For a Grant Today!

Richmond ECIA Community Grant Program

The City of Richmond is opening the Fiscal Year 2026 to 2027 Environmental and Community Investment Agreement (ECIA) Community Grant Program. This funding supports Richmond serving nonprofit and community-based organizations providing community, youth, and youth sports programs. \$715,000 available in funding across ECIA grant categories

<p>Key dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application opens: Friday, January 23, 2026 - ECIA information session: February 4, 2026 at 2:30 PM - Application deadline: Friday, March 13, 2026 by 11:59 p.m. - Grant award period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 	<p>How to apply</p> <p>Applications must be submitted online at richmondca.submittable.com</p> <p>Questions</p> <p>ecia@ci.richmond.ca.us</p>
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Opens:
Friday
January 23, 2026

Richmond Fund for Children and Youth Participatory Grantmaking Pilot Grant

The City of Richmond Department of Children and Youth is launching a new Participatory Grantmaking Pilot through the Richmond Fund for Children and Youth. This one-year pilot supports youth-serving organizations through a community-informed grantmaking process. Approximately \$500,000 available in funding. Grant awards anticipated between \$10,000 and \$50,000.

<p>Key dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application opens: Friday, January 30, 2026 - Information session: February 4, 2026 at 2:30 PM - Application deadline: Friday, March 13, 2026 by 11:59 p.m. - Grant period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 	<p>How to apply</p> <p>Applications must be submitted online at richmondca.submittable.com</p> <p>Questions</p> <p>youth@ci.richmond.ca.us</p>
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Apply today:
www.richmondca.gov/grants





City Manager's Chronicles

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

- Reviewed, edited, and approved staff reports for the January 27, 2026, Richmond City Council meeting
- Along with key City staff, participated in the Contra Costa County Joint City and County Tabletop Exercise to support emergency preparedness planning
- Met with students from the Harvard Kennedy School studying housing production in the City of Richmond that are supported by Bloomberg
- Thank you to all City staff, community stakeholders, and residents whose dedication and service helped make this year's Dr. Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Day of Service activities impactful and reflective of Richmond's strong spirit of collaboration

Continued one-on-one weekly meetings with members of the City Council, community members, the Management Leadership Team, Department Heads in our one-on-one check-ins, City Attorney's Office, and various City staff members





City Manager's Office

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? TO FIND OUT MORE, SCAN OR VISIT: RICHMONDPROMISE.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP

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

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: SCHOLARSHIPS@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 charter dentro de los límites del WCCUSD?
- ¿Asistes a alguna escuela dentro de los límites del WCCUSD desde el grado noveno?
- ¿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 OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN, ESCANEA O VISITA: RICHMONDPROMISE.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP

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

¿PREGUNTAS? CORREO ELECTRÓNICO: SCHOLARSHIPS@RICHMONDPROMISE.ORG

Black Resiliency Project's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Application

Applications for the Black Resiliency Project's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) are NOW OPEN! The CAC will help guide the development of the State of Black Richmond Report and inform the design of the Black Resiliency Fund.

Apply here:
<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/2641/BOARD-OR-COMMISSION-APPLICATION-FORM-fillable>

Learn more:
<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4921/Black-Resiliency-Project>

JOIN THE BLACK RESILIENCY PROJECT'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

Help shape Richmond's first Black Resiliency Fund.

The City of Richmond is seeking residents to serve on the Community Advisory Committee, a group that will guide the State of Black Richmond Report and help design the Black Resiliency Fund.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Richmond residents
- Youth (ages 15-24)
- Community leaders, organizers, caregivers
- People with lived experience across housing, education, health, culture, or community services

WHAT THE CAC DOES:

- Review and advise on the State of Black Richmond Report
- Help shape grant guidelines and priorities
- Ensure community voice leads this work
- Promote transparency and accountability
- Host community meetings and provide feedback to City Council

APPLICATIONS OPEN JANUARY 7, 2026

For more information or to apply visit:
<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4921/Black-Resiliency-Project> or scan the QR Code.

Questions? Contact: Yahna Williamson at yahna_williamson@ci.richmond.ca.us





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

Tiny Heroes–Early Recreation

Date: January 5, 2026 – May 28, 2026

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Parchester, Nevin, May Valley, Shields Reid

The Tiny Heroes program focuses on early childhood development, providing young children with structured activities that enhance motor skills, social interaction, and cognitive growth. These programs incorporate play-based learning, music, movement, and recreational activities to foster creativity and curiosity. A nurturing environment helps build confidence and communication skills. For more information, please contact (510) 620-6793.



TINY HEROES TODDLER & PRESCHOOL EARLY RECREATION

Nevin Community Center
598 Nevin Ave. (510) 620-6813

Parchester Community Center
900 Williams Dr. (510) 620-6823

Sept '25 - May '26
Monday & Tuesday / lunes y martes
10:30 am - 12 pm
6 months - 5 yrs / 6 meses - 5 años
Res: \$20/mo. or \$5/drop-in
Non-Res: \$25/mo. or \$5/drop-in
Residente: \$20/mes o \$5/entrada
No-Residente: \$25/mes o \$5/entrada

May Valley Community Center
3530 Morningside Dr. (510)620-6890

Shields-Reid Community Center
1410 Kelsey St. (510) 620-6822

Sept '25 - May '26
Wednesday & Thursday / miércoles y jueves
10:30 am - 12 pm
6 months - 5 yrs / 6 meses - 5 años
Res: \$20/mo. or \$5/drop-in
Non-Res: \$25/mo. or \$5/drop-in
Residente: \$20/mes o \$5/entrada
No-Residente: \$25/mes o \$5/entrada

Register Online:
tinyurl.com/richmondrecreation
In-person: Registration Office
3230 Macdonald Ave
For more info, call (510) 620-6793

TINY HEROES PROGRAM FOCUSES ON EACH CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT. THESE CLASSES FOCUS ON FINE AND GROSS MOTOR SKILLS, INTERACTION WITH OTHER CHILDREN AND TO THE ALPHABET, NUMBERS 1-10, AND COLORS. THIS IS NOT A PRESCHOOL OR A DAYCARE, SO THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE ALWAYS NEAR THEIR CHILDREN DURING THE PROGRAM.

EL PROGRAMA TINY HEROES SE CENTRA EN EL DESARROLLO DE CADA NIÑO. ESTAS CLASES SE CENTRAN EN LAS HABILIDADES MOTORAS FINAS Y GRUESAS, LA INTERACCION CON OTROS NIÑOS Y EL ALFABETO, LOS NÚMEROS DEL 1 AL 10 Y LOS COLORES. ESTE NO ES UN PREESCOLAR NI UNA GUARDERÍA, POR LO QUE LOS PADRES/TUTORES SIEMPRE ESTÁN CERCA DE SUS HIJOS DURANTE EL PROGRAMA.

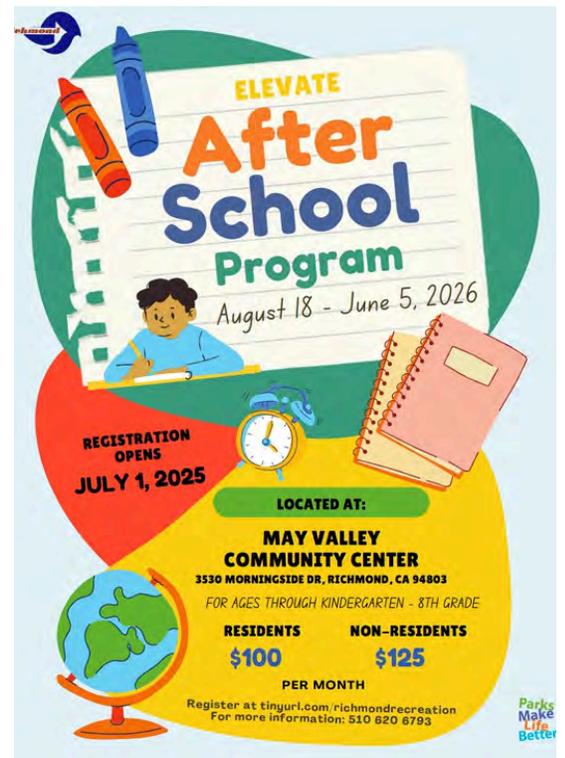
Elevate After School Program

Date: January 5, 2026 – June 5, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM–6:00 PM

Location: May Valley

Join us for our Elevate 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! For more information, please contact (510) 620-6793.



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 94803
FOR AGES THROUGH KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE

RESIDENTS	NON-RESIDENTS
\$100	\$125
PER MONTH	

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

Parks Make Life Better

Achieve After School Program

Date: January 5, 2026 – May 29, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: Shields Reid, Parchester, Nevin

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! For more information contact (510) 620-6793.



President's Week Camp

Date: February 17, 2026 – February 20, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Location: Richmond Recreation Complex

Join us for an exciting Winter Camp hosted by Community Services Recreation! Youth 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 Presidents' week with us! For more information contact (510) 620-6793.



Senior Annex Relocation of Programs

Date: January 20, 2026 – February 6, 2026

**Location: Annex Senior Center
to Richmond Auditorium**

The Annex Senior Center will be closed for painting. All programs will be temporarily moved to the Richmond Auditorium during this time. If you have questions, please call us at (510) 620-6812.



Recap: Meet Your Neighbor Masquerade

That's a wrap on Richmond's first-ever Masquerade Dance! Neighbors met and danced the night away on the LED dance floor. We also celebrated our incredible Neighbor-to-Neighbor neighborhood councils. For more photos, check out @richmondcsd on our social media accounts. Thank you, neighbors!



Economic Development

Business Development

Opportunity to join the Macdonald Avenue Corridor Task Force

The 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 21, 2021, following a proposal by Mayor Eduardo Martner and Councilmember David Robinson.

The limited duration, brown hat compliance body brings together direct stakeholders and key decision makers with influence over the corridor. 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 2022

11 am - 12 pm

Richmond Room, 450 Civic Center Plaza, 7th Floor, Richmond, CA

Invitation for January 2026 Events – On Demand Enhanced Business Services and Solutions

Ready to grow your business in 2026? Attend free January events hosted by the City of Richmond & CoBiz and gain tools, insights, and support through the On-Demand Enhanced Business Services program.

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

WRAP AROUND BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES
FORMAL NAME: ON-DEMAND ENHANCED BUSINESS SERVICES AND SOLUTIONS
 This is an on-going City-led and supported program in partnership with CoBiz targeted to support Small Businesses in the City.

JANUARY 2026 EVENTS

- Monday - January 12, 2026 (Virtual) 6 PM - 7 PM
Marketing: Where Do I Begin?
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/zoom/join?secret=WN_WY6J_mWfke_3L_8YKuGw4/
- Tuesday - January 20, 2026 (In-Person) 11:30 AM - 1 PM
Craft An Irresistible Offer Message: Business Mastermind Training - CoBiz Richmond
<https://businessaccelerationgroup.net/cobiz/index.html>
- Thursday - January 22, 2026 (In-Person) 12 PM - 1 PM
Virtual Business Card How-To
CoBiz Richmond
- Tuesday - January 27, 2026 (In-Person) 6 PM - 8 PM
2026 Wrap Around Business Support Kick-Off & Mixer
CoBiz Richmond

QR Code:

Revitalize Your Storefront: Apply Now for Richmond’s \$15K Facade Improvement Grants!

Exciting news! The Richmond Small Business Facade Improvement Program is open! Eligible businesses in Transformative Climate Communities areas can apply for grants up to \$15,000 to upgrade storefront exteriors. Applications launched December 29, 2025—don’t miss this chance to revitalize your business! For more information contact (510) 619-8668.

SMALL BUSINESS Facade Improvement Program

Grant Details

- Up to \$15,000 per business address
- Multi-business (multi-unit) may qualify per unit
- Priority: Must start within 90 days of application and finish within 30 days of start (extensions possible)

Who's Eligible

- Street-facing retail or nonprofit storefronts
- Property owners with leasehold estate (within 6 months)
- Be in good standing: Santa Fe, all Counties
- Meet 2024 revenue less than \$2M
- Hold a valid Richmond business license
- Be in good standing with the local, state, and federal agencies
- Have written landlord approval (if applicable)

Funding

- First up to \$2M - After permits + contract or records
- Final - After completion & site review

Not Eligible

- Home-based, admin-only or non-commercial businesses

For More Information:
 eastbay@rencenter.org
 (510) 619-8668

Use this QR Code to Apply

QR Code:

Environmental and Health

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

QR Code:



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
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
Senior Civil Engineer	Full Time	2/2/2026



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



Information Technology

KCRT Datanet for the Week

**OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES ON I-80
BETWEEN ALBANY AND HERCULES**



**Ongoing through February 2026
Weeknights: 9PM to 5AM (weather permitting)**



Caltrans is continuing overnight maintenance and safety upgrades along Interstate 80 (I-80) between Buchanan Street in Albany and Highway 4 in Hercules.



Work includes traffic advisory sign installation, electrical conduit and pull box installation, and median cleanup activities.

Programming

New "NewsBytes" and Regular Series Episodes:

- 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:

- Betty Reid Soskin Tribute from Nat Bates' show, "Historical Elected Officials and Community Leaders"
- 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>



Office of Emergency Services

On Wednesday, January 21st, City of Richmond staff attended a first-of-its-kind City and County EOC Tabletop Exercise (TTX) held in the Contra Costa EOC in Martinez, CA. This event drew attendance from representatives of all 19 cities in Contra Costa County with the purpose of engaging in strategic discussions around emergency preparedness and response protocols at the local level. Structured in panel and breakout room discussions, this engagement emphasized on the role that the EOC environment and critical functions play in support of response operations.

The City of Richmond was represented by the City Manager (Shasa Curl), Fire Chief (Aaron Osorio), Community Development Director (Lina Velasco), Public Works Director (Daniel Chavarria), Police Department Public Information Officer (Lt. Donald Patchin), and the Emergency Services Manager (Richard Diaz).

This event also allowed city representatives to get to know other EOC staff from all local jurisdictions within the county, and hear/share experiences and know-how that help improve local approaches to emergency response protocols.

The Fire Department Office of Emergency Services would like to thank the Contra Costa County Office of Emergency Services for organizing such timely and important gathering in Martinez, CA.





Public Works

Abatement

Crews performed the following tasks this week:

- Abated:
 - 8.3 tons of debris from around encampments hotspots, including Macdonald Avenue corridor, Barrett & Marina Way underpass, and Richmond Parkway corridor
 - 59 tons of illegally dumped debris from the City's sidewalks, alleyways and roadways, including 57 mattresses, 40 tires and approximately 33 gallons of oil and paint
 - 28 graffiti tags from various locations throughout the City
- Assisted in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day to remove graffiti and debris from around events areas
- Work completed:
 - Closed out 56 community inquiries that were submitted through the City's iMS® system
- Submitted Customer Service Requests to Caltrans to abate debris and unhoused encampments from Central Avenue I-80 underpass and from Barrett Avenue near Swans Way



Encampments' Debris Abatement (2500 Florida Avenue)



Illegal Dumping (Spring Street)



Martin Luther King Jr. Day Assistance



Customer Service Requests to Caltrans



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:

- Striped and waxed the hallways at the Nevin Community Center to restore the floors finish
- Replaced several ceiling tiles at the Main Police Station
- Replaced several light bulbs at the Richmond Swim Center



Replacing light bulbs at the Richmond Swim Center

Equipment Services

Crew members completed the following work:

- Performed preventive maintenance on seven Richmond Police Department vehicles
- Replaced twelve tires on two Richmond Fire Department Engines
- Installed a new GPS radio system on Engine #518
- Repaired running and marker lights on the tree crew truck



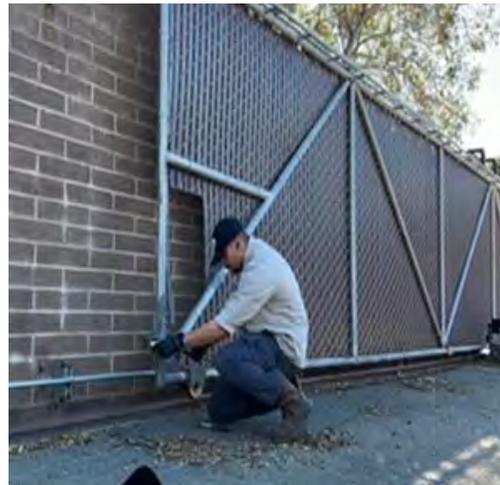
Stationary Engineers

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 the garbage disposal in the Abatement/Streets Division break room at the Corporation yard
- Repaired a urinal in the Abatement's Divisions restroom at the Corporation Yard
- Cleared a sewage line at the Fire Training Center, restoring proper flow
- Completed repairs to the vehicle entry gate at Fire Station 62



Clearing a sewage line



Repairing an automatic vehicle entry gate

Engineering & Capital Improvement Projects

Permits and Land Development

Permits Completed:

- Encroachment Permit - 31
- Sewer Lateral Certificate of Compliance - 6
- Transportation - 1
- Special Business (Sidewalk Vending) Permit - 2
- Customers Served at Counter - 11

Inspections Completed: 143 Total

- Initial - 59
- Asphalt - 16
- Concrete - 5
- Traffic Control - 42
- Reinspection - 4
- Final - 17

Inspections in the Public-Right-of-Way

At the 2700 block of Barrett Avenue, Pacific Gas and Electric subcontractor Bay Cities Concrete is restoring sidewalk, curb and ramp following a residential gas line replacement.



Revitalizing the Historic Richmond Main Library Project Update

Located at 325 Civic Center Plaza, the historic Main Library is undergoing major improvements that will enhance safety, accessibility, and long-term sustainability. Community members are encouraged to follow project updates and learn more on the City's website:

<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4493/Library-Infrastructure-Project>

The City has awarded a construction contract for the Revitalizing the Historic Richmond Main Library Project to Alten Construction, LLC, a Richmond-based general contractor with extensive experience renovating historic buildings and public facilities. The City anticipates issuing a Notice to Proceed in late February, with construction beginning in March.

Yellow Brick Road – Clean, Green and Beautiful

The Yellow Brick Road – Clean, Green and Beautiful Project is supported by a grant from the Caltrans Clean CA local grant program, enabling the continued development of The Yellow Brick Road (Phases 2 and 3). The Yellow Brick Road Project – Phase 2 was completed through a partnership between local community-based organization Pogo Park, project contractors, and City staff. This phase installed 92 pedestrian-scale streetlights to improve safety and visibility for people walking and bicycling along the 8th Street corridor between Ohio Avenue and Lucas Avenue. Thanks to efficient project delivery, remaining funds were used to repair damaged curbs, sidewalks, and other public infrastructure along the Yellow Brick Road.



Road Conditions Before



Road Conditions After

Phase 3 is currently 90% complete and focuses on enhancing neighborhood streets and public spaces. Work includes installing and upgrading street signage and adding new street furnishings such as trash receptacles, dog waste stations, and benches to better serve the surrounding community.



Phase 3 Improvements

New and Improved Soccer Fields for Richmond

Soccer fans, we've heard you! The City is excited to share that construction is underway on three new multi-use sports fields designed to expand play opportunities and improve field quality across Richmond. These fields will be striped for multiple sports, including soccer, and designed as U12 (ages 12 and under)-sized fields measuring approximately 70–80 yards long by 45–55 yards wide.

Shields Reid Park. Construction is about 30% complete on a new synthetic turf field featuring lighting and a scoreboard. With a projected completion in late spring or summer 2026, this field will offer a year-round playing surface suitable for adult leagues and competitive play.

Wendell Park. Construction just started at Wendell Park. This natural turf field is currently 5% complete and is expected to open in late spring or summer 2026. The field will be ideal for youth programs, adult recreation, and smaller-sided leagues.

Boorman Park. At Boorman Park, construction of a natural turf field is approximately 20% complete, with completion anticipated in summer 2026. This field will support youth and adult recreational play and smaller-sided leagues.

We look forward to welcoming players back onto the fields this summer!



Shields Reid Park Multi-Use Field

Hilltop District Parks

Hilltop District crews performed the following tasks:

- Removed trash throughout the Hilltop District area
- Abated weeds along the following locations:
 - San Pablo Avenue right-of-way from Richmond Parkway to Stranton Avenue
 - Richmond Parkway right-of-way near Atlas Road
 - Richmond Parkway right-of-way from Hilltop Drive to San Pablo Avenue



Abated weeds along San Pablo Avenue right-of-way from Richmond Parkway to Stranton Avenue (before and after)

General Fund Crews

- Abated weeds and performed turf edging at Huntington Senior Center, Abraham Braxton Park, and State Court Park
- Installed a balance rocker on the playground at John F. Kennedy Park
- Picked up illegal dumping and performed manual weed abatement at State Court Park
- Continued backstop work (chain link repairs) at Booker T. Anderson Park
- Abated weeds and removed trash at Parkchester Park
- Abated weeds at John F. Kennedy Park
- Continued repairs on benches, cleaned up leaf debris and painted two benches at Booker T. Anderson Park
- Abated weeds and removed trash along the Richmond Greenway from 2nd Street through 20th Street
- Installed new header board around play area at Humboldt Play Lot
- Repaired men's bathroom door at Nicholl Park
- Abated weeds at the Main Library

- Abated weeds at the Auditorium
- Removed graffiti from Hilltop Green Park
- Removed old, decomposed granite and replaced with concrete at Humphrey Park
- Abated weeds along Macdonald Avenue medians from I-80 to 41st Street
- Collected trash and debris from right-of-way areas
- Pruned and abated weeds along Bayview Avenue medians
- Abated weeds along Ohio Avenue in front of Unity Park
- Abated weeds at 37th Street Fire Training Center



Removed old, decomposed granite and replaced with concrete at Humphrey Park (before and after)



Installed new header board around play area at Humboldt Play Lot (before and after)



Abated weeds at State Court Park (before and after)

Streets Maintenance

The Pavement Maintenance crew activities for the week:

- Performed pothole repairs at 75 locations including Macdonald Avenue, Cutting Boulevard, Barrett Avenue, Macdonald Avenue, Pennsylvania Avenue, McBryde Avenue, Lowell Avenue, May Road, and 35th Street
- Performed 18 hot mix patches at locations including Gilma Drive, Tulare Avenue, Western Drive, and 28th Street



Hot mix patching on Western Drive and pothole patching on Macdonald Avenue

Street Sweeping Crews

Street sweeping Crews:

- Swept the following neighborhood council areas:
 - May Valley, Vista View, Clinton Hill I, Clinton Hill II, Clinton Hill III, Atchison Village, South Belding Woods, Santa Fe, Coronado, Marina Bay, & Point Richmond



Sweeping Clinton Hill II and South Belding Woods neighborhoods

Traffic Signs and Lines crews:

- Refreshed traffic markings on Esmond Avenue between 20th Street and 23rd Street, on San Pablo Dam Road at San Pablo Dam Trail, and on Hilltop Mall Road
- Repaired three damaged signs on Williams Drive, Griffin Drive, and Collins Avenue, and installed 12 new street name signs at Civic Center Plaza
- Refreshed 11 street sweeping signs at various locations

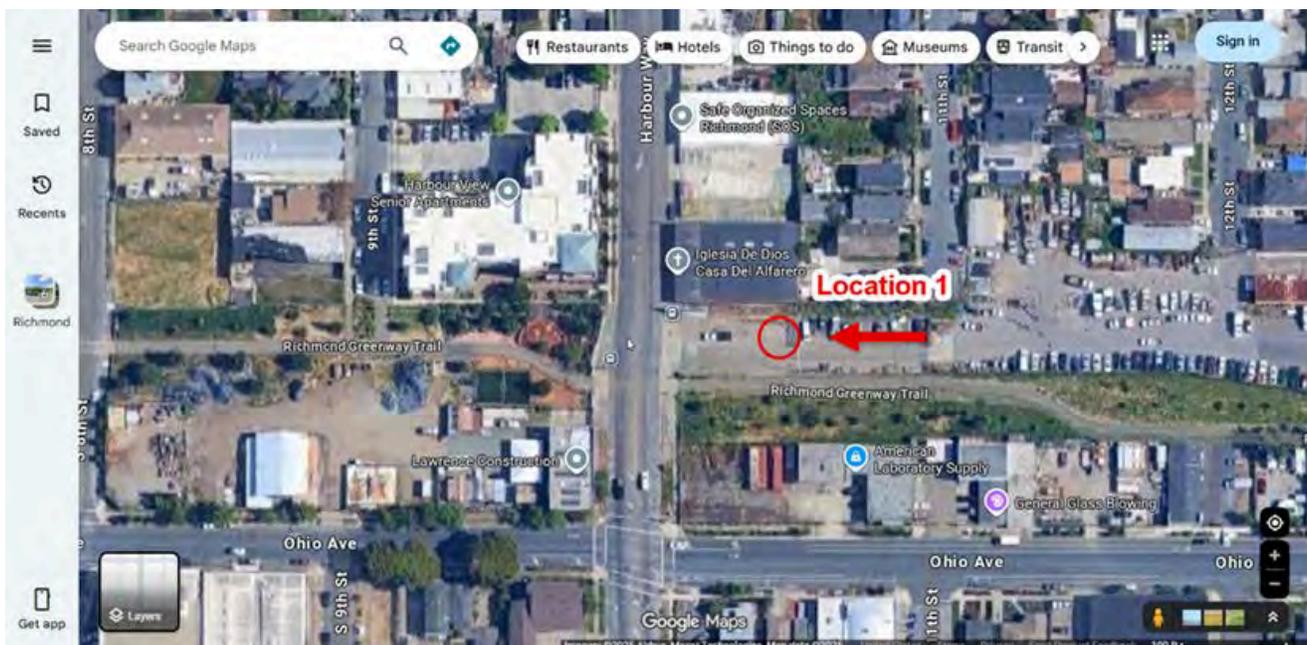


Crosswalk refresh on Hilltop Mall Road and lane line refresh on San Pablo Dam Road

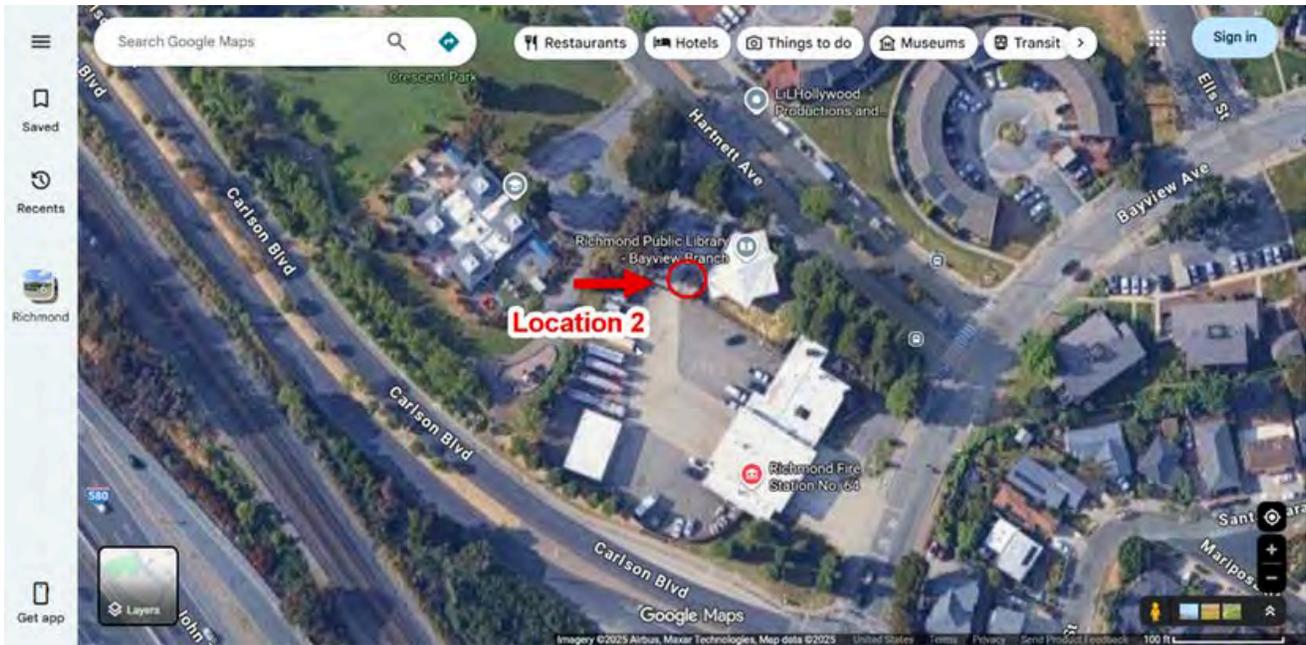
Sandbags

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:

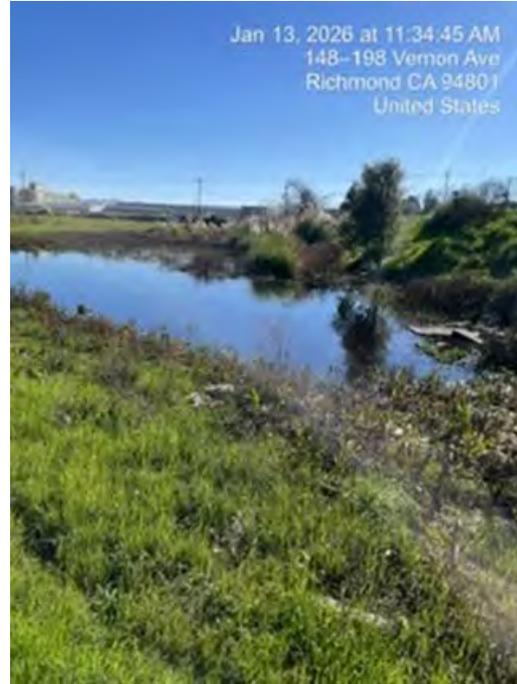
- Stormwater (autobody/C.3 Development) - 6
- iMS® Cases Opened - 1
- iMS® Cases Closed - 7

Meetings, Conferences/committee meetings attended by staff:

- Contra Costa Clean Water Program Monitoring Committee Meeting
- Contra Costa Clean Water Program Monitoring Performance Improvement Plan Meeting
- Contra Costa Clean Water Program Development Committee Meeting
- GI Retrofit Compliance Approach & Recommendations Meeting
- Historical Data Migration Meeting
- San Francisco Baykeeper Meeting
- West County Water & City of Richmond Transition Finalization Operations Agreements Meeting
- MUNIS & Budget Training Meeting
- California Water Environment Association's Pretreatment, Pollution Prevention, and Stormwater Committee Meeting
- Asset Management Plan Internal Refresher and Support Session

Other items of Interest:

Water Resource Recovery staff continued advancing core compliance and infrastructure protection efforts, including conducting sewer lateral reviews, coordinating response actions to address a significant drainage concern impacting local conveyance, and supporting water quality protection through ongoing industrial user permitting. City staff is issuing and updating Industrial User Permits, performing routine inspections, and providing technical assistance to ensure compliance with local wastewater discharge requirements while coordinating with internal divisions and partner agencies as needed.



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:

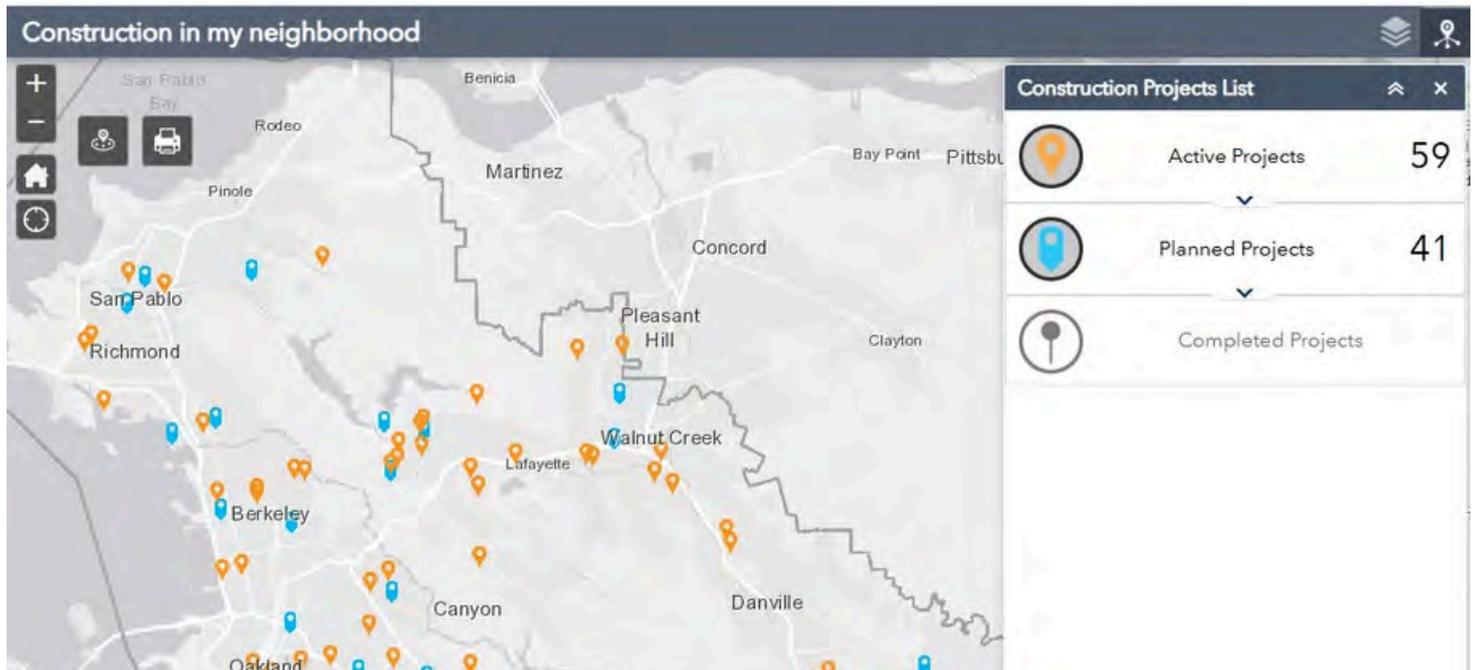
[Form & Handouts | Richmond, CA - Official Website](#)

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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