

CITY MANAGER'S Weekly REPORT JANUARY 30, 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, February 3, 2026. Closed Session begins at 4:30 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 PM. 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 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>eciagrants@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.

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Opens:
Friday
January 30, 2026

Apply today:
www.richmondca.gov/grants



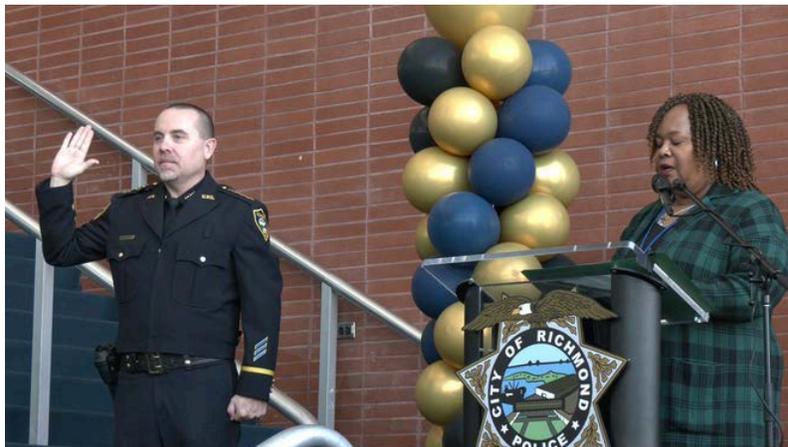


City Manager's Chronicles

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

- Attended the January 27, 2026 Richmond City Council meeting
- Reviewed, edited, and approved staff reports for the February 3, 2026 Richmond City Council meeting
- Provided welcoming remarks at the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Kick-Off presentation
- Provided welcoming remarks at the swearing in ceremony for Richmond Police Chief Timothy Simmons
- Attended the Wastewater Ad-hoc Committee meeting

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





City Manager's Office

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. The deadline to submit this application is March 9, 2026 at 11:59 PM. We will not grant individual extensions to this deadline.

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 9th 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

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

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

BECA RICHMOND PROMISE

RECIBE APOYO UNIVERSITARIO Y \$1500 CADA AÑO

SI TU...

- Éres 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 nueve?
- 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 EL CÓDIGO QR 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](mailto: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 DAY-CARE, 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.

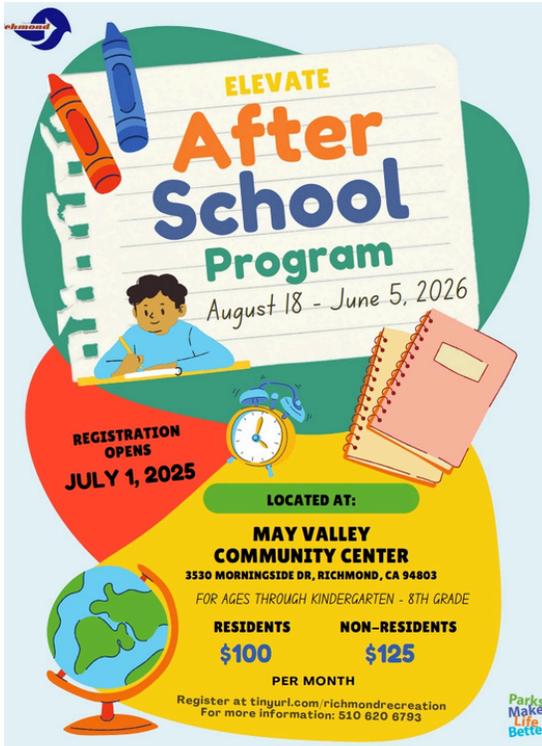
Elevate After School Program

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.



Presidents' 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.





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 23, 2025, following a proposal by Mayor Eduardo Martinez and Councilmember Doria Robinson.

This limited duration, Brown Act-compliant 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 2026
11 am - 12 pm
Richmond Room, 450 Civic Center Plaza, 1st Floor, Richmond, CA

www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4919/Macdonald-Avenue-Corridor-Task-Force

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

Looking to grow your business in 2026? Take advantage of free February events hosted by the City of Richmond and CoBiz. Access practical tools, expert guidance, and tailored support through the On-Demand Enhanced Business Services program. These resources are designed to help your business succeed—don't miss out.

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.

FEBRUARY 2026 EVENTS

- Monday - February 2, 2026 (Virtual) 6 PM - 7 PM
Where Do I Start? Organic Marketing Channels
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/where-do-i-start-organic-marketing-channels-tickets-1978465323040>
- Wednesday - February 18, 2026 (Virtual) 10:00 AM - 11 AM
Monthly Entrepreneur's Mental Health Toolkit - Series
<https://form.typeform.com/to/h0ArJkDG>
- February 18 - March 4, 2026 (Virtual) Grant Readiness Incubator - Experienced Non-Profits
<https://form.typeform.com/to/m2RJK0E>
Program Dates:
> Week 1 - Feb. 18 and 20 (10 AM - 11:30 AM)
> Week 2 - Feb 25 and 27 (10 AM - 11:30 AM)
> Week 3 - March 4 (10 AM - 12:00 PM)

FOR MORE INFO

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.

Apply Now!

renaissance entrepreneurship center

SMALL BUSINESS Facade Improvement Program

Grant Details

- Up to \$15,000 per commercial address
- Multi-tenant buildings may apply per unit
- Projects must start within 90 days of approval and finish within 90 days of start (extensions possible)

Who's Eligible

- Street-facing retail or nonprofit storefronts
- Property owners with leaseable vacant spaces (within 6 months)
- Be in Iron Triangle, Santa Fe, or Coronado
- Have 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 50% - After permits + contract or receipts
- Final - After completion & site review

Not Eligible

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

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

Use this QR Code to Apply

Recap: Partnering for progress! Meeting with Richmond City Center Representative

Economic Development and Richmond Main Street Initiative met with Richmond City Center to discuss property plans and share City programs and grants that support revitalization and long-term business success for tenants.



Environmental and Health

2026 Richmond Recycling Training Refresher

Date: February 20, 2026

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Location: 440 Civic Center Plaza
City Council Chambers**

Join the City of Richmond and Republic Services to learn about properly sorting waste, state and local laws, and exploring available recycling resources. This informative session is open to all ages and is a great opportunity for City staff and the Richmond Community to enhance their recycling and sustainability knowledge. In-person attendees will receive FREE Zero Waste gear and food! Spanish translation also provided.

RSVP here: <https://2026-richmond-recycling-training.eventbrite.com/>

This training will also be hybrid and available on Zoom. Link: <https://ci-richmond-ca-us.zoom.us/j/87268918153> ; Webinar ID: 872 6891 8153

In-Person RSVP here: <https://2026-Richmond-Recycling-Training.eventbrite.com>

RICHMOND RECYCLING TRAINING REFRESHER

"ON THE ROAD TO ZERO"

Friday, February 20, 2026
11 AM - 12 PM
440 Civic Center Plaza,
Richmond
(City Council Chambers)

Zoom link: <https://ci-richmond-ca-us.zoom.us/j/87268918153>
Webinar ID: 872 6891 8153

- Proper waste sorting
- Review state & local laws
- Recycling Resources

Questions? Contact: 510-621-1554

Visit for more information: www.richmondenvironment.org

REPUBLIC SERVICES



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
Recreation Program Leader	Part Time	Continuous
Recreation Program Specialist	Part Time	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



Radio/Cellular Communications

The City of Richmond's Radio/Cellular Communications Upgrade project has officially gone live! This means that our Emergency Responder Radio Communication System (ERRCS) is now fully operational and providing clear channels of communication for public safety radios, cellular/mobile devices, and Ham Radio Operators. The system covers our primary Office of Emergency Services (OES) facility and extends to all floors of City Hall, ensuring seamless communication across these crucial areas. All systems have been thoroughly tested and are now live. This monumental achievement was made possible through the remarkable collaboration of various City departments, external vendors, and invaluable community resources. It is truly a testament to what we can achieve when we work together towards a common goal.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the successful design and construction of this project. Your dedication and hard work have made a significant impact on our community's safety and communication capabilities.



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>



Public Works

Abatement

Crews performed the following tasks this week:

- Abated:
 - 4.80 tons of debris from around encampments hotspots, including Macdonald Avenue corridor, Barrett & Marina Way underpass, and Richmond Parkway corridor
 - Weeds from two city-owned vacant lots in the Iron Triangle
 - 27 tons of illegally dumped debris from the City's sidewalks, alleyways and roadways, including 32 mattresses, 43 tires and approximately 28 gallons of oil and paint
 - 24 graffiti tags from various locations throughout the City
- Work completed:
 - Closed out 65 community inquiries that were submitted through the City's iMS® system



Encampments' Debris Abatement (12th Street and Nevin Avenue)



Weed Abatement (before & after)



Illegal Dumping & Graffiti Abatement (before & after)

Equipment Services

Crew members completed the following work:

- Performed preventive maintenance on ten Richmond Police Department vehicles, along with multiple flat tire repairs and hybrid battery system repairs
- Began outfitting a new Type 6 wildland fire truck for the Richmond Fire Department
- Replaced 16 gutter brooms on the Streets Department's sweeper trucks
- Responded to five road calls from jump starts to flat tires



Facilities Maintenance

Crews performed the following routine 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:

- Performed carpet cleaning in designated areas of the Recreation Complex
- Conducted deep cleaning of jail cells at the Main Police Station
- Replaced multiple light bulbs throughout the Shields Reid Community Center



Deep cleaning being performed in the jail cells at the Police Station

Stationary Engineers

Crews performed the following tasks this week:

- Daily:
 - Inspection and daily maintenance of:
 - Richmond Swim Center
 - Richmond Plunge
 - City Hall Civic Center:
 - Boilers
 - Circulating pumps
 - Sump pumps
- Repaired the furnace in the gymnasium of the Recreation Complex
- Completed replacement of the furnace blower motor in the Heavy Equipment Services Bay at the Corporation Yard
- Replaced the circulating pump for the pool boiler at the Plunge
- Completed repair of a shower handle at the Richmond Swim Center



Furnace repair at the Recreation Complex



Furnace repair at the Corporation Yard

Engineering & Capital Improvement Projects

Permits and Land Development

Permits Completed:

- Encroachment Permit - 24
- Sewer Lateral Certificate of Compliance - 7
- Transportation - 1
- Customers Served at Counter - 16

Inspections Completed: 74 Total

- Initial - 35
- Asphalt - 9
- Concrete - 5
- Traffic Control - 23
- Final - 17

Inspections in the Public Right-of-Way

At the 600 block of Yuba Avenue, contractor Sewer Work Construction completed a full sewer lateral replacement of a damaged pipe for a residential property owner as part of sewer work construction.



Right-of-Way Construction

Wendell Park – Pardon Our Dust!

Status: 5% Construction Complete

Exciting progress is underway at Wendell Park! Construction has officially kicked off with demolition, grading, and utility trenching now in progress – important early steps that lay the groundwork for upcoming park improvements. The City is working closely with the contractor to carefully manage construction activity and minimize impacts to nearby residents and park users as work moves forward.

We appreciate the community's patience during this phase and look forward to sharing more milestones as the project takes shape. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like more information about the construction, please don't hesitate to reach out:



Temporary Safety Fence

Cutting Boulevard & Harbour Way South Sanitary Sewer Relief Project

Status: 80% Construction Complete

Construction is making strong progress on the Cutting Boulevard and Harbour Way South Sanitary Sewer Relief Project. The contractor has completed approximately 3,000 linear feet of the planned 3,700 linear feet of new sewer pipe. This work includes installing a new 30-inch-diameter relief sewer using open-cut trench construction along Cutting Boulevard. The project is proceeding ahead of schedule and is anticipated to be completed in summer 2026.



Open Trench Construction

Keller Beach Sanitary Sewer Feasibility Study

The City recently hosted a well-attended community workshop on January 14, 2026, at the City Council Chamber to discuss the Keller Beach Sanitary Sewer Feasibility Study. At the workshop, BKF Engineers, the consultant leading the study, shared background information, presented potential project alternatives, and explained the evaluation criteria that will be used to compare options.

Community members asked thoughtful questions and provided valuable input, and the City appreciates the strong engagement shown throughout the discussion.

A recording of the workshop, along with presentation materials and exhibits of the draft alternatives, is now available on the project webpage. A written summary of the meeting will be posted soon:

<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4928/01C10---Keller-Beach-Sanitary-Sewer-Asse>

The City will continue to keep the community informed as the study progresses, with the following upcoming milestones:

- A project update shared with the community in March or April
- Release of the draft Feasibility Study this summer



Existing Sewer Conditions

Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center and Park Revitalization

Status: 70% Concept Development Complete

The City of Richmond successfully held its second Community Design Event on January 14, 2026, at the Nystrom Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room. The event was well-attended and provided a platform for residents to review three preliminary design concepts for the community center and share their vision for a more resilient community.

In tandem with the community center, the Martin Luther King Jr. Park is undergoing a revitalization to create a safer, more active neighborhood hub that seamlessly connects indoor and outdoor spaces. The project team is focusing on a variety of new amenities to encourage gathering, play, and connection with nature.

Our third community outreach event is scheduled for February 25, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Nystrom Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room. For more information and the latest updates, please visit the project website: [MLK Community Center and Park Revitalization](#).



Community Meeting #2 Design Boards

Parks Maintenance

Hilltop District Parks

Hilltop District crews performed the following tasks:

- Removed trash in the Hilltop District area
- Mowed and edged Bay Vista, Country Club and Vista Del Mar Parks
- Abated weeds on Northeast corner of San Pablo Avenue and Richmond Parkway
- Removed dead plants at Vista Del Mar Park
- Cleaned up illegal dumping at Giant Road



Cleaned up illegal dumping at Giant Road (before and after)

Tree Crew

- Pruned Trees at 3101 Wiswall Court and 810 7th Street
- Tree removal at 651 12th Street due to roots causing damage to the sidewalk infrastructure

General Fund Crews

- Removed graffiti from Nicholl Park
- Picked up trash on Greenway
- Abated weeds at Humphrey Play Lot, Family Justice Center and Macdonald Avenue Senior Center
- Painted utility boxes at Humboldt Park
- Removed debris, abated weeds from the Richmond Greenway from 2nd Street to 23rd Street
- Repaired irrigation issues at Judge Carrol Park
- Installed weed fabric and mulch at Judge Carrol Park
- Repaired playgrounds at Unity Park
- Continued working with broken boards at Booker T. Anderson Park
- Abated weeds and cleaned up trash at Kennedy Swimming Center
- Picked up illegal dumping and abated weeds manually at State Court Park
- Mowed lawns, abated weeds and turf edging at John F. Kennedy Park
- Mowed lawns, cleaned up duff and turf edging at Booker T. Anderson Park
- Installed two new swings at John F. Kennedy and Huntington Park
- Abated weeds, cleaned up leaf debris and picked up trash at Civic Center Plaza
- Cleaned up illegal dumping on View Drive Street



Painted utility boxes at Humboldt Park (before and after)



Abated weeds at Humboldt Park (before and after)



Abated weeds at Civic Center Plaza (before and after)

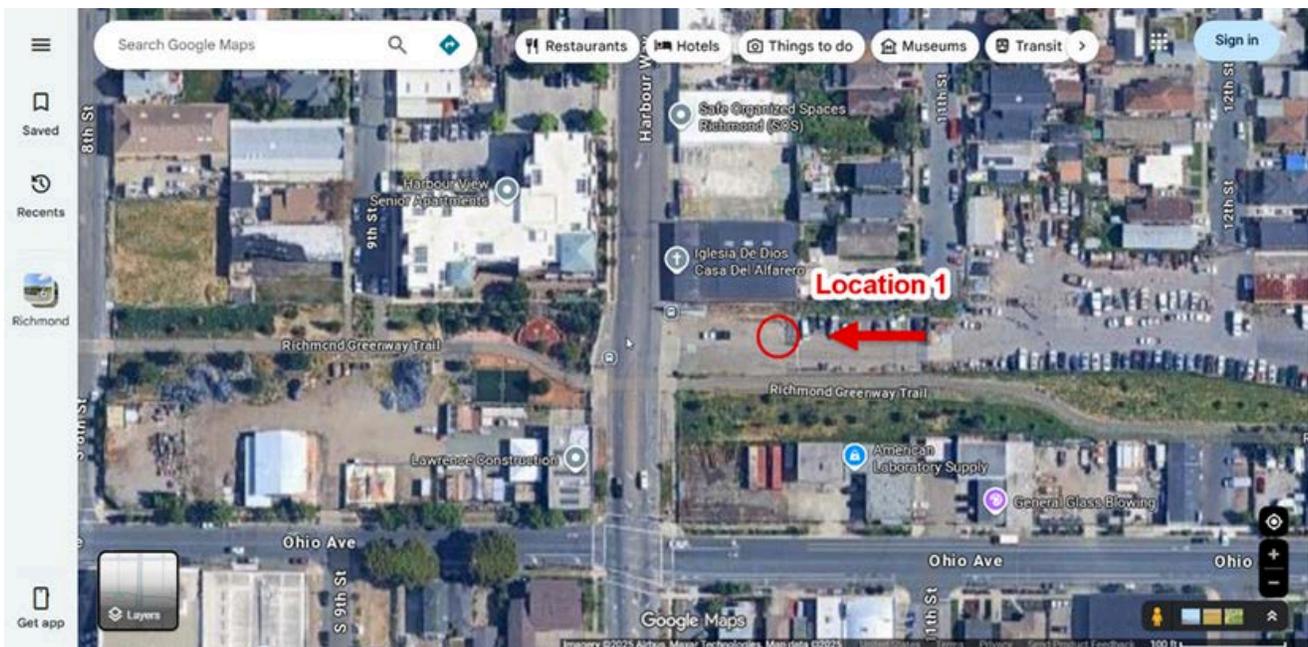
Streets Maintenance

Staff attended annual safety training in the City Council Chambers from January 20-23.

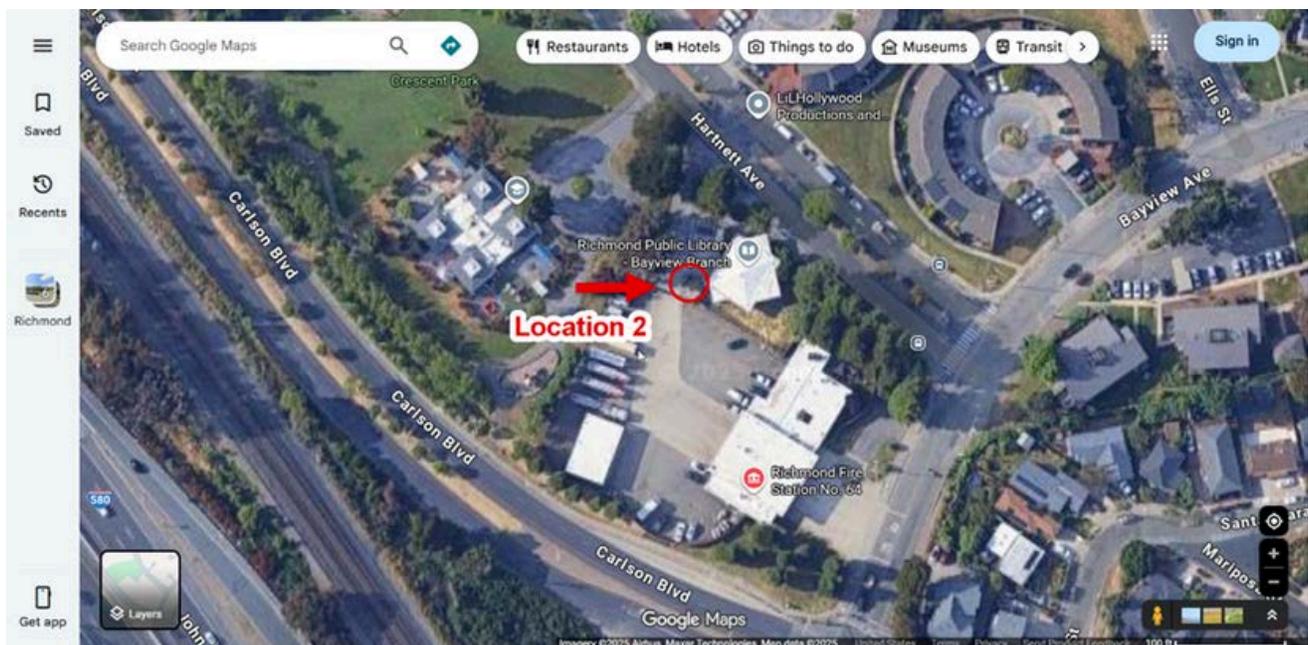
Sandbags

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

Environmental Compliance

Inspections completed:

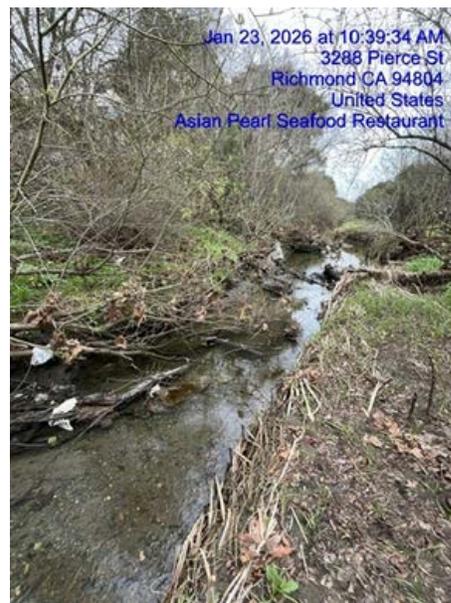
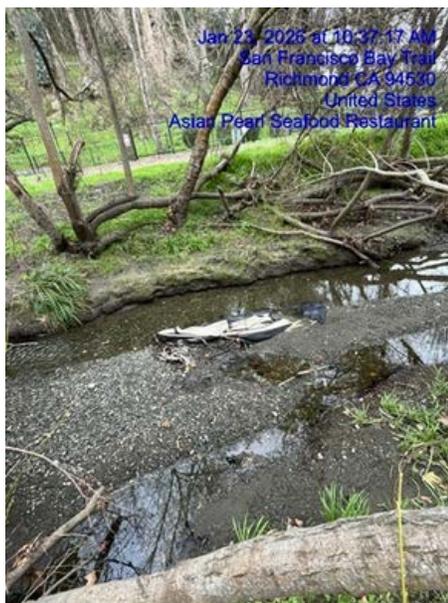
- Stormwater (autobody/C.3 Development) - 6
- iMS® Cases Opened - 2
- iMS® Cases Closed - 4

Meetings, Conferences/committee meetings attended by staff:

- Hot Spot Review List Meeting
- Contra Costa Clean Water Program Municipal Operations Meeting
- Richmond Source Property Referrals and Cutting Blvd Design Concept Meeting
- Contra Costa Clean Water Program Committee Meeting
- City of Richmond Meeting with Veolia
- California Water Environment Association's Pretreatment, Pollution Prevention, and Stormwater Committee Meeting

Other items of Interest:

Staff continued conducting lateral reviews to support development projects and regulatory compliance. The department also advanced an ongoing hazardous waste case in coordination with Contra Costa County and other local agencies to build a case and work toward resolution. Following recent storm events, staff partnered with Code Enforcement to assist with creek cleanup efforts addressing trash and fallen trees to help protect water quality. Additionally, staff completed City safety training on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), fire extinguisher use, and Hazard Communication (HazCom).



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:

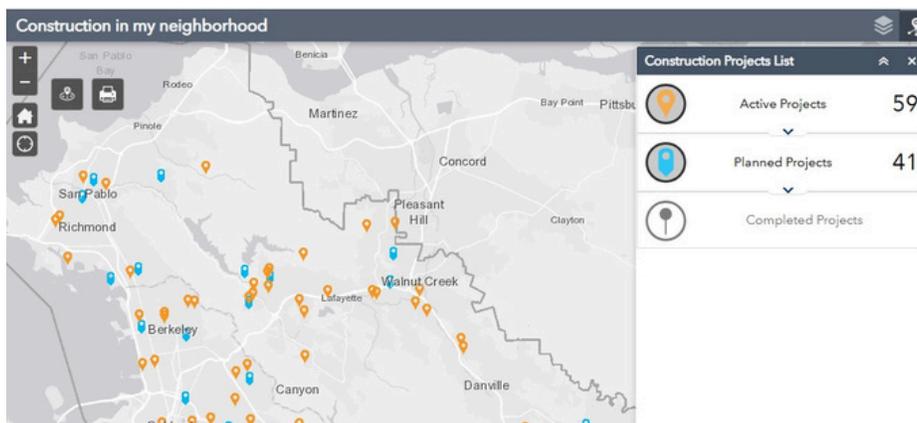
[Form & Handouts | Richmond, CA - Official Website](#)

The program will reimburse applicants up to \$1,800 of the cost of a full sewer line replacement. Funds will be dispersed as grants are received or until the funds are exhausted.

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](#)

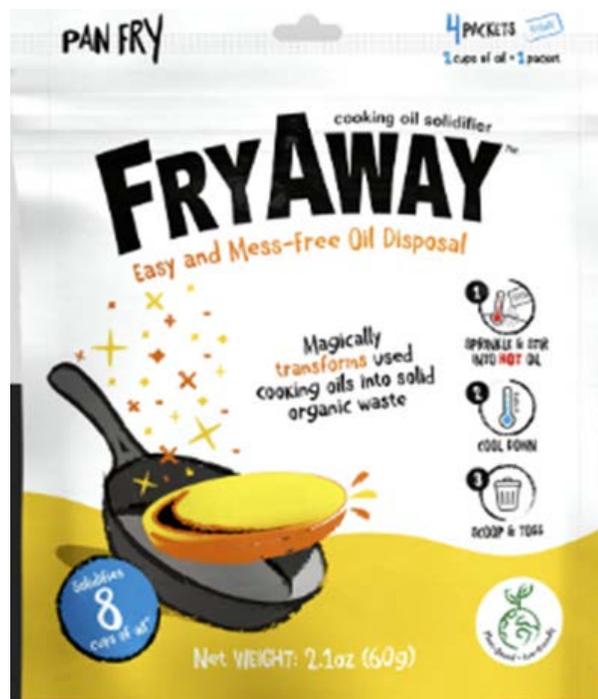


Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG)

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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