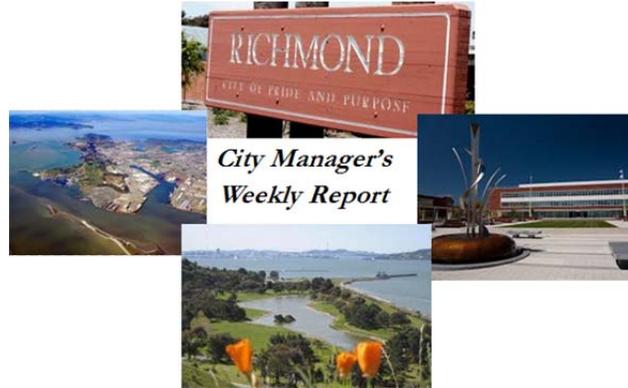




Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the weekly report for the week ending May 2nd, 2014 (many items to read about, many activities in Richmond).



1. Meeting Notes

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6th, 2014 beginning with a Closed Session at 5:00 PM, followed by the regular agenda at 6:30 PM.

2. Volunteers Join Parchester Village Residents for a Morning of Spring Cleaning and Community Beautification

This past Saturday, April 26th, nearly 240 volunteers from the Latter Day Saints (LDS) Church and employees from Overaa Construction joined the Parchester Village community for a morning of spring cleaning and community beautification.

Sporting yellow vests from its Helping Hands Program, members from the LDS impacted the Parchester Village to help remove over 58.3 tons of trash, which filled fifteen 40-yard dumpsters and four truckloads from the City's Abatement Division. Among the five service locations, an estimated 221 residents brought debris to the dumpsters. Teams of volunteers also assisted 16 seniors and/or disabled residents with trash removal.

Demonstrating corporate citizenship, volunteers from Richmond-based Overaa Construction donated materials and were on hand to build eight garden beds in Parchester Village's community garden. While the garden beds were being built, volunteers worked to repair and paint the garden's fencing. An additional team of volunteers added unique touches to Parchester Village's iconic community sign.

This impactful and productive morning of service was coordinated by the City of Richmond's impact volunteering program, Richmond ESC – Excellence Serving our Community, and was skillfully supported by the Code Enforcement's Abatement Division, Public Works Department's Parks and Landscaping Division, the Parchester Village Neighborhood Council, the Multi-Cultural Development

Association, Richmond Sanitary Services, Hi-Tec E-Waste Recycling, and Sims Metal Management.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities within the Richmond community, please contact (510) 620-6511, or www.richmondvolunteers.org.



3. More on Parchester: Parchester Park Project 2014

The planning team for the Parchester Park Rebuild Project, which is scheduled for October 25th later this year, held their first meeting this past Wednesday, April 30th, at the Parchester Village Community Center. Those in attendance included City staff from the City Manager's Office, Parks Department, and Recreation Department, as well as the President of the Parchester Neighborhood Council, and residents of Parchester Village. Members of the planning team received a brief history of the very successful Belding-Garcia Park Project that was completed in October 2013, which will serve as the community volunteer model for the Parchester Park rebuild project. Together the team organized into committees and divided out tasks in preparation for Design Day, and the main event, Build Day.

The City Manager's Office was notified this week that Kaiser has again awarded the City of Richmond a generous grant to support the Parchester Park Project Build Day activities. We appreciate the generous support from Kaiser.

Schedule

- Design Day:** Wednesday July 16, 2014: 5:30pm-7:30pm: Parchester Community Center
Prep Day 1: Thursday October 23, 2014: 8:00am-5:00pm: Parchester Park
Prep Day 2: Friday October 24, 2014: 8:00am-5:00pm: Parchester Park
Build Day: Saturday October 25, 2014 8:00am-4:00pm Parchester Park



4. More on Volunteering: Richmond ESC is Participating in We Give – May 6, 2014!

Led by the Richmond Community Foundation, *We Give - 2014* is an on-line day of giving to raise significant funds for local needs. Richmond ESC is asking for your support in raising funds for our youth service initiative. Your donation will go a long

way in helping us continue giving youth the inspiration and capacity to address community problems through meaningful volunteer opportunities. Since February 2013, Richmond ESC has engaged over 800 youth in various community-building activities. Currently, our youth volunteers are leading a donation drive for the homeless, a book drive for elementary school children, environmental restoration projects, and more. With your help we can make an even greater impact. Please consider making a tax-exempt donation on May 6th, through our fiscal sponsor, Richmond PAL. If you have any questions please feel free to call 510-620-5535.

Please note that *We Give – 2014* supports donations for many very worthwhile community organizations. You can review these opportunities at: <http://www.wegivecontracosta.org/#npo/richmond-esc-excellence-serving-our-community>.



5. 2014 Historic Preservation Awards Winner Announced!

Every year, the City of Richmond recognizes a number of individuals, organizations, businesses, and agencies whose contributions demonstrate outstanding commitment to excellence in historic preservation, local history or promotion of the heritage of the City.

The Historic Preservation Commission is pleased to announce this year's Historic Preservation Award recipients:

- **Port of Richmond and Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates** for Rehabilitating the Rigger's Loft
- **The Women's Westside Improvement Club** for Producing the New Point Richmond Street Directory and Map

- **The Richmond Rotary Club and The East Bay Center for the Performing Arts** for Producing "Lost Secrets of the Iron Triangle"
- **Bruce Beyaert and the Trails for Richmond Action Committee (TRAC)** for Preserving Richmond's Shoreline and its History
- **Kenneth Kokka, Donna Graves, the Blossoms and Thorns Video Committee, and the Contra Costa Japanese American Citizens League** for Creating the Documentary Film "Blossoms and Thorns: A Community Uprooted"

The Richmond Historic Preservation Commission and the National Park Service invite you to attend the Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony honoring this year's award recipients. The awards ceremony will take place on **Monday, May 12, 2014 at 5:30 PM** in the Richmond City Council Chambers located at 440 Civic Center Plaza in Richmond. The ceremony will be followed by a reception at the Richmond Art Center, catered by the Contra Costa College Culinary Department.

Feel free to download the Historic Preservation Awards ceremony invitation (<http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/28775>) and help spread the word. Contact Hector Rojas, Senior Planner, at (510) 620-6662 or hector_rojas@ci.richmond.ca.us with any questions.



6. City of Richmond, WCCUSD and Ed Fund Partnership

The City of Richmond, West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD), and the Ed Fund will partner to host two pilot summer day camps in Richmond at Shields-Reid Community Center and Nevin Community Center.

Through these summer day camps, youth will have the opportunity to be a part of a dynamic, high quality summer experience. Staff from the three partnering agencies

are working with an education consultant to design the daily program schedule. Teachers from Verde and Peres Elementary Schools will serve as academic coaches to inform and support program implementation. The pilot summer camps will feature a fun, project-based curriculum that incorporates social-emotional learning, academic enrichment, and physical activity. In addition to daily camp activities, participants will go on bi-weekly field trips and recreational swimming at the Plunge.

Camp registration is open to children who attend Verde and Peres Elementary schools or who live in the surrounding neighborhood of Shields-Reid Community Center and Nevin Community Center. To make certain that the experience is rewarding to students, the camp will limit participation to 60 children per site, with a ratio of 15 students per 1 staff member. The camps will open to children ages 6 -12, and will operate starting June 9, 2014 through August 15, 2014 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday - Friday. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at (510) 620-6793.



7. California Natural Resources Agency Visits Richmond

Staff from the California Natural Resources Agency (CRNA) conducted a site visit with City staff and supporting partners last Friday, April 25th, to review three projects that are candidates for grant funding through this agency. These three projects are:

a. Greening the Last Mile of the Richmond Greenway

The City of Richmond partnered with Pogo Park, the Watershed Project, and Groundwork Richmond to propose a \$1.4 million dollar grant for “Greening the Last Mile” of the Richmond Greenway. The Richmond Greenway is a three-mile former railroad corridor running through central Richmond. While the City has received funds to restore much of the Greenway’s western section and for the Ohlone Greenway gap closure, the 1.2 mile eastern section of the Greenway, which links the two projects, is significantly under-treed and in need of greening. The project will plant native trees and vegetation on the eastern section, adding a new canopy that reduces the heat island effect, improves air, water and soil quality, increases community green space and safety and promotes physical activity and non-vehicular circulation for the residents of some of California’s most disadvantaged neighborhoods.

The project will improve critical public access points to the Richmond Greenway, creating a series of community green spaces adjacent to the Greenway. The largest areas, at Carlson Avenue and 23rd Street, will become the Greenway's eastern gateway, establishing Carlson Meadow and converting a concrete drainage channel into a bioswale. At the other locations where the Greenway meets surrounding city streets, the project will develop urban pocket parks with drought tolerant vegetation, seating and lighting, and will expand the urban forest out from the Greenway into the city.



Derek from the Watershed Project and City Staff answer questions about the project during the site visit.

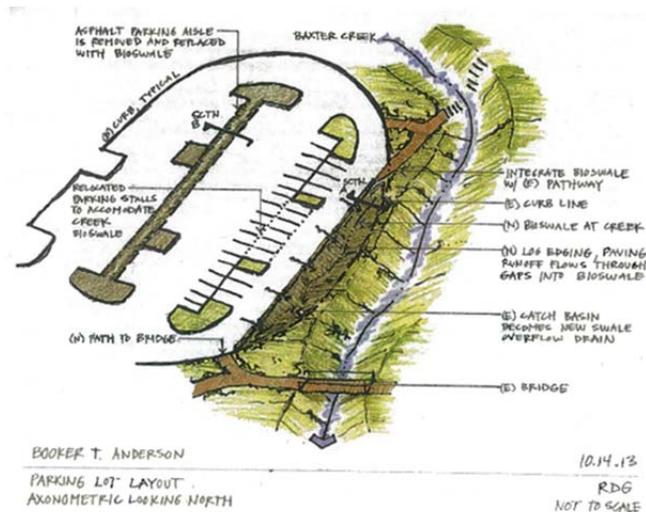


Sarah from Groundwork Richmond describes the vision for one of the six urban pocket parks.

b. Booker T. Anderson Green Parking Lot and Riparian Protection

The City of Richmond partnered with the Watershed Project to propose a \$380,000 grant for a green parking lot and riparian zone protection project located in Booker T. Anderson Park. In 2001, 850 feet of Baxter Creek in Booker T. Anderson Park were restored to provide a site to enjoy and educate residents and students. However, climate change brings more rainfall in shorter time frames. These intense rain storms flood the parking lot, breach the curb, and cause erosion on the stream bank. New techniques now slow down the storm flow and even treat parking lot runoff pollutants. This project will replace 6,660 sq. ft. of asphalt with a bio-swale and a bio-retention facility to treat runoff and prevent creek bank overflows. The project will use recycled materials for benches, pathways, and weed control.

The site will be able to educate residents and students in low maintenance techniques for reducing stormwater pollution as well as continue to teach riparian ecology, native plants, and integrated pest management. The project will include in-school and after-school activities in the creek for students elementary to college age. Workshops are planned to engage the community in the project and interpretive signs will explain the project and benefits.



Visual of the proposed project.



Lynne Scarpa from the City of Richmond describes the vision during the site visit.

c. Harbour 8

The Trust for Public Land, in partnership with the City of Richmond, Pogo Park, and the Watershed Project, are working to build Harbour-8 Park. The Harbour-8 Park Project will transform the segment on the Richmond Greenway from Harbour Way South to 8th Street into a beautiful community gathering place and will be a critical linkage in the regional Greenway by developing the following features: a nature-play area for children, planting areas with colorful native plants and trees, planter boxes for community gardening, a fruit tree orchard, community art, multiple stormwater features such as two bioswales, educational signage about the watershed hydrology and habitat, and seating areas for outdoor education.

Phase I of the project is funded privately, and construction will begin in summer 2014. On April 25th, the project partners met with the Urban Greening Projects for Sustainable Communities grants program managers to discuss the requested funds for Phase II of the project, which includes the native gardens, stormwater features, fruit tree orchard, native trees and educational signage.

The Harbour-8 Park is a key element in the larger, multi-phase effort led by the City of Richmond to develop the entirety of the Richmond Greenway into a vital, natural corridor of amenities and green space that will knit together the communities around the Greenway.



Concept drawing for the Harbour 8 Park.



Trudy from Trust from Public Land holds the drawings of the proposed vision, Toody explains the vision during the site visit.

CNRA will announce the grant recipients on May 23, 2014. We will keep you informed about these grant awards.

8. Richmond Youth on Course Golf Programs

As part of the Northern California Golf Association's Youth on Course golf program, 25 kids from the Richmond Youth on Course golf program were transported to the University of California, Berkeley this week for a tour of the campus and their year-end awards reception. The program participants were the invited guest of UC

Berkeley's golf coach, Steve Desimone. Coach Desimone has made a commitment to the Richmond Youth on Course golf program. His commitment includes mandatory participation from his golf team as mentors and instructors at the program's weekly golf clinics. Chaperones from Richmond Youth on Course participating partner accompanied the kids on the tour. The participating partners are the City Manager's Office, Richmond Recreation Department, Richmond PAL, Richmond YMCA, and Girls, Inc.

The Richmond Youth on Course golf program is a unique partnership with Northern California Golf Association Foundation, the Richmond Country Club, and the participating partners. The Youth on Course golf program uses golf as a medium for teaching life skills to at-risk kids. In addition to learning the game of golf, the participants have to complete a class that teaches values like honesty, responsibility and perseverance.

This is the third year of the Richmond program, during which an average of 25 participants per year have enrolled in the program. Northern California Golf Foundation also makes scholarships available to graduating high school seniors. Participation in the golf program is not a requirement for the scholarship.



9. Recognized Partnerships

As we have previously reported, City staff have established a "recognized partnership" program that seeks to tap into the excellent non-profit community programs that are offered in the City, through which the City we can expand recreation and enrichment programs offered to residents. The program recently welcomed a new partner, and is helping to support the activities of another existing partner:

Welcome: Boys & Girls Club of El Sobrante

The Boys & Girls Club of El Sobrante was established in 1958 as a Boys Club when a group of parents, concerned about the lack of facilities and activities for boys in the neighborhood pioneered the movement. In 1998, the Girls Club, previously a separate organization located in the building next door, joined the Boys Club to create the Boys & Girls Club of El Sobrante that we know today. The goal of the Boys & Girls Club of El Sobrante is to expand after-school program opportunities with five areas of focus: education & career development; sports, fitness & recreation; health & life skills; and character & leadership development.

Serving children ages 7-18 from West Contra Costa, the Boys & Girls Club of El Sobrante will partner with the Parchester Community Center for summer 2014 to develop a Jr. Giants team. Staff from the City of Richmond and the Boys & Girls Club will bring youth together from each entity to form a team which will participate in the Jr. Giants league playing games against other community centers. The Boys & Girls Club is also the supporting non-profit for the Parchester Park Project 2014 funded by Livie & Luca.

We welcome our Recognized Partner: Boys & Girls Club of El Sobrante to the City of Richmond. To learn more about Boys & Girls Club of El Sobrante, and to see their schedule of activities, visit their website at <http://www.bgcelsobrante.org/main.asp?id=4>.



Heritage Riders Horsemen's Association (HRHA): Fundraiser

Heritage Riders Horsemen's Association will be hosting their first annual "Thrive, Not Just Survive Roundup" fundraiser in Richmond! HRHA has a three year history of bringing the "Thrive, Not Just Survive" horse clinics to youth who would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in horsemanship. The horse clinics will serve youth from Richmond, El Sobrante, Pinole, Hercules, Rodeo, and San Pablo. This summer, the youth who participate from Richmond in HRHA's program will be from Parchester Village.

The evening will consist of food by Souley Vegan, wine tasting, dancing, a performance by the Oakland Men of Iron, youth demo team, and a silent auction with art and sports memorabilia. Guests will hear from youth that have participated in the

Thrive program, meet existing sponsors, and meet the volunteer trainers who work with HRHA's horses and young people. We hope to see you there!



HRHA's instructor provides reassurance to a young man from Parchester Village who rode a horse for the first time.

Heritage Riders Horsemen's Association



HRHA's 1st Annual
"THRIVE, NOT JUST SURVIVE"
ROUNDUP

A fundraiser for the youngsters of Richmond

Come Ready to Kick Up Your Heels & Party!

Food by "Souley Vegan", Wine Tasting, Dancing to DJ Music,
Performance by the Oakland Men of Irons youth "Demo Team"
Silent Auction with Art, Sports Memorabilia & more

Saturday May 10th
6:00 pm – 11:00 pm
Richmond Memorial Auditorium
"Bermuda Room"
403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond

\$20 adults, children free
For more info contact: Ginger at okieladv9@yahoo.com or
510-260-7485
www.heritageriders.org



HRHA's instructor teaches youth from Parchester Village about horsemanship.

10. City of Richmond Wet Weather Storage Outreach Meeting

Thirty-four small and local business representatives joined the City of Richmond's Wet Weather Storage Design-Build Team on Thursday, April 24th and Wednesday, April 30th from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM for a project outreach meeting to learn about contracting opportunities resulting from this project.

The project has been designed to respond to the City's wet weather overflows near the Richmond Inner Harbor and to meet a key requirement from the City's agreement with San Francisco Baykeeper. Representatives from the design-build team talked about the purpose and overview of the project, provided details about the project team, and outlined the project schedule and the bidding process. Further information was provided about the City's Local and Small Local Business Ordinance, local construction workforce requirements, the City's Project Hire OJT Program Grant and the City of Richmond's BidsOnLine system for accessing the bid packages currently available for bid on the project. Each meeting wrapped up after a vigorous question & answer session followed by networking among the attendees.

Many thanks to Chad Davisson, Gina Baker, Fred Lucero, Monica Castrillo, Jacquelyn Holley-Young, Ofelia Alvarez, Rose Gibson-Martinez, Vivian Housen and A Squared Ventures staff - Atu Fields and Priscilla Mars.



11. Recreation Department and Police Department Team Up to Implement Crisis Response Protocol

As part of our ongoing efforts to make the City's recreation facilities continually safe, Police personnel will be visiting each of these facilities over the next month to discuss and implement a crisis response protocol. The crisis response protocol is a plan that prepares City staff to respond effectively to a crisis situation at Richmond recreation facilities. The plan includes strategies and approaches for City recreation staff to consider when responding to a crisis and having the ability to maintain a safe environment. During the visit, each site receives 2 e-vac kits, phone-calling trees to be posted in offices, emergency phone numbers to be posted in every room, and staff labeled vests for identification.



E-vac kits recreation facilities will receive.



Police and Recreation personnel discussing the Crisis Response Protocol for Shields-Reid Community Center.



Helidia Maldonado, Recreation, Travis Gok, Recreation, Officer Funk, Police, Lieutenant Curran, Police, Troy Porter, Recreation.

12. R-Transit Opening Celebration

On Thursday, April 24th, R-Transit (formerly Paratransit) had an opening reception to celebrate its move to the R-Transit Center at the Richmond Amtrak/BART Intermodal Station. The reception embraced the concept of “mobility management”, a strategic approach to transportation service coordination and customer service. The R-Transit Center is a one-stop transportation shop, providing information on transportation options in Richmond, West County, and the surrounding Bay Area. The idea behind this approach is to create a full range of well synchronized services within the Richmond community and regionally.

To learn more about R-Transit services, please visit the City of Richmond [website](#) or contact us directly (510) 307-8026.



13. City Manager Chronicles

I have listed below some of the topics for meetings that I have recently attended in the hope that it provides an idea of the varied issues with which our organization deals routinely.

Activities and meeting topics during the past week have included:

- Attended the luncheon for the Mayor of Richmond's Sister City of Shimada, Japan, along with other visiting delegates;
- Met with staff from the Finance Department to discuss long-term funding strategies for post-retirement benefits;
- Attended the biweekly meeting of the Richmond Bay Campus project team, with City staff and staff from UC Berkeley and LBNL;
- Attended an outreach meeting for Richmond businesses to discuss issues associated with proposed changes to the minimum wage;
- Joined Port, Planning, and City Attorney staff for a site visit at Richmond Port Terminal 4;
- Met with The California Endowment Program Officer Diane Aranda to discuss projects in Richmond;
- Met with the City Council ad hoc committee regarding the Richmond Housing Authority (McLaughlin, Boozé, Myrick) to review the status of the disposition/demolition application for Hacienda;
- Met, along with City staff from the Planning and Engineering Departments, with representatives from Zeneca to discuss soil remediation issues at their former site on Richmond's southern shoreline;
- Met with the City Council ad hoc committee regarding the Chevron modernization project EIR (McLaughlin and Butt), along with City Planning staff and consultant team members to review the status of the EIR.

These meetings were in addition to attending the regular management staff meeting, agenda planning, reviewing staff reports to the City Council, doing department head "check-ins," having discussions on various personnel matters, and having short discussions with staff, community members, members of the press, etc.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the substance of these or any other topics.

14. Officer Bradley A. Moody Memorial Underpass Project Update

The Bradley A. Moody Memorial Underpass Project involves the construction of a roadway underpass on Marina Bay Parkway between Meeker Avenue and Regatta Boulevard, and is intended to resolve long-standing access limitations to the Marina Bay area caused by frequent train crossings. In early September 2013, Marina Bay Parkway was closed to traffic. This closure is planned to remain in place until early May 2015.

During the week of April 28th, the roadway excavation and tieback installation continued, while temporary struts were installed across the roadway north of the railroad tracks. Also, restoration of site electrical and landscaping at the Department of Public Health campus continued. To help improve coordination issues caused by the AT&T delay, roadway excavation work is scheduled to occur Saturday, May 3rd.

Community members can expect a high degree of activity at the site between 8:30 AM and 6:00 PM.

For the week of May 5th, tieback installation will continue, including the final row of tiebacks north of the railroad tracks. Repaving of the Department of Public Health campus driveway is scheduled for May 8th.

Due to anticipated railroad freight activity, the fourth 24-hour a day weekend closure window has been tentatively re-scheduled for the weekend of June 7th. Plans for this closure window remain preliminary at this point and additional information will follow as details are developed.

For additional information and to be added to the project update contact list, please see the project website at www.moodyup.com. You can also follow the project on twitter: @moodyunderpass, or contact the project's public outreach coordinator Jacqueline Majors at (925) 949-6196.



15. Richmond Main Street Uses Art to Revitalize Downtown and Promote Positive Images for Youth – Alive and Free Mural on Macdonald Avenue

The Richmond Main Street Initiative (RMSI) continues to foster the arts in the revitalization of historic Downtown Richmond. On Thursday, May 8th, from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM, RMSI will unveil a new public art piece by local artist Richard Muro Salazar with *Alive and Free: Murals on Macdonald*, a celebration and dedication ceremony in the Community Green Space Park, located directly across from the mural on the southwest corner of Macdonald Avenue and Harbour Way.

RMSI invites the public to come downtown to the Community Green Space Park at Macdonald Avenue and Harbour Way on May 8th, from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM, to meet the artist and celebrate his work. Guests at *Alive & Free: Murals on Macdonald* will

also be invited to enjoy art throughout the downtown via a self-guided walking tour which will include projects near the Kaiser parking lot on 8th Street and Macdonald Avenue, the Richmond BART Station, downtown storefront locations, and other sites throughout the corridor. The event will also include music, food and artists vendors, and free bike parking courtesy of Rich City Rides.

For more information please call (510) 236-4049 or visit www.richmondmainstreet.org.



Alive & Free: Murals on Macdonald

Music, art walk, wine, food & artist vendors.
A celebration of public art and dedication of Downtown's new mural,
Alive & Free, by Richard Muro Salazar.

Free admission & bike parking

For more information, visit www.richmondmainstreet.org/downtown-arts

16. Rescue on San Pablo Dam Road

On April 25th, Richmond Fire Engine 63 was part of a multi-agency response to a head-on collision with entrapment on San Pablo Dam Road near the entrance to the EBMUD San Pablo Reservoir. Upon arrival, firefighters found two vehicles involved, one of which was perched on the guard rail with a victim trapped inside. Engine 63 (Richmond Fire) and Engine/Rescue 69 (Contra Costa County Fire) utilized specialized equipment to stabilize the vehicle. A hydraulic rescue tool was then used to cut one of the vehicles apart and free the trapped driver. A Moraga-Orinda Fire District Engine and Ambulance provided advanced life support care for the patients and also assisted in coordinating a landing zone for an Air Ambulance (CAL-Star). The two patients were transported to the Trauma Unit at John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek.



In addition to the usual, skilled response by Richmond Fire personnel, what is notable about this emergency response is the effective, multi-agency coordination which is common among emergency service providers: Richmond Fire, Contra Costa County Fire, Moraga-Orinda Fire District, and CAL-Star. (A similar theme is apparent in the next item, below.)

17. Richmond Fire Boat Responds to Mid-Air Plane Collision

On April 27th, at approximately 4:00 PM, the Richmond Fire Boat "Victory" responded to a mid-air plane collision of a Cessna 210 and Hawker Sea Fury TMK 20 just north of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Engine 61 handled the fire boat deployment

and Engine 67 responded to the shoreline area near the accident scene. Upon their arrival, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) took command of the incident and assigned the Richmond Fire Boat to assist in the search and rescue effort for the downed Cessna plane and its pilot. "Victory" worked in coordination with the USCG boat and helicopter crews, the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department Marine Patrol Unit and a number of other fire and law enforcement agencies to establish a search perimeter and safety zone in the bay. At the time of the incident, search and rescue crews were only able to locate debris in the water. Since then, the plane has been recovered with no further word about the pilot.

18. Library Scholarship

The Friends of the Richmond Public Library and Richmond Public Library Teen Services are sponsoring one \$1,500 and one \$1,000 scholarship to high school students who will be attending a four-year college starting fall 2014. Eligible students must reside or attend a public or private high school in West Contra Costa County. Application forms are available on the internet at www.richmondlibrary.org, at the Richmond Public Library at 325 Civic Center Plaza, and at counseling or career offices of high schools in West Contra Costa County.

Applicants need to provide copies of a letter of intent to attend college or registration confirmation to a college. In addition, applicants need to submit a three-page, double-spaced, typed essay entitled, "Public Libraries in the New Millennium: Programs and Resources That Will Attract Teenagers." **Entries must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 16th.** Applications can be delivered or mailed attention to Añgela Cox, Richmond Public Library, 325 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804. For more information contact Añgela Cox at (510) 620-5516.

19. Bike to Work Day – May 8, 2014

Bike to Work Day 2014 is quickly approaching! Last year, Richmond had the greatest ridership increase in the entire East bay and we are looking to build on those great numbers. Please join City of Richmond in partnership with the Bike East Bay, 511 Contra Costa, SunPower, Building Blocks for Kids, the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and Richmond City Rides to promote bicycling as a safe, healthy, and fun mode of transportation.

On Thursday, May 8th, stop by one of four Energizer Stations along key bicycle routes in Richmond to receive a special Bike to Work Day bag, refreshments, and other prizes. Be sure to get your bike ready and don't miss out on the fun! For more information on Bike to Work Day, contact Mike Uberti in the City Manager's office at (510) 620-5502, mike_uberti@ci.richmond.ca.us or visit richmondenvironment.org.

Stop by a Bike to Work Day **Energizer Station on Thursday, May 10th from 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM** for a Bike to Work Day bag and refreshments:

- Richmond BART
- Richmond Greenway (Harbour & Ohio)
- Marina Bay Park (Marina Bay & Regatta)
- San Pablo Ave. and Macdonald Ave.

Benefits of biking to work:

- Save money on gas, parking and transit
- Bypass traffic or transit schedules
- Revel in the convenience of the door to door commute and hassle free parking
- Getting 40 minutes of exercise (the average commute) directly improves physical and mental health



511 & KAISER PERMANENTE PRESENT

20TH ANNIVERSARY

BIKE TO WORK DAY

MAY 8, 2014

MAY IS BIKE MONTH



Visit BIKEEASTBAY.ORG/BTWD and 511CONTRACOSTA.ORG for:

- Energizer Stations
- Social Rides & Events
- Raffle Prizes & Giveaways ...and more!



East Bay Express Guide coming April 30th!

Richmond Energizer Stations



Local Information

- San Pablo Ave & Macdonald Ave
- Richmond Greenway (Harbour & Ohio)
- Marina Bay Park (Marina Bay & Regatta)
- Richmond BART

Pledge online to bike on May 8th and win!



20. The State Water Board Adopts the Industrial General Permit (Stormwater) – May 13, 2014

The Industrial General Permit (IGP) is a statewide, general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit that regulates the discharge of storm water associated with industrial activity. Storm water and urban runoff are significant sources of water pollution and can threaten aquatic life and public health.

The City of Richmond Engineering Services Department will be hosting a workshop regarding the regulations in the new permit and how industries will be affected. This unique workshop covers important compliance issues and current National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements for industrial site activities and storm water discharges that may impact many larger Industrial facilities.

The workshop will be held at the Richmond Convention Center (Farallon and Governor Rooms) on Tuesday, May 13th, with both a morning session (8:30 AM to 11:30 AM) and an afternoon session (1:30 PM to 4:00 PM). For more information, please visit our website at: <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=1735>.

For a copy of the permit visit the States web site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2014/wqo2014_0057_dwq.pdf

21. Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Bottoms Property Residential Project on Seacliff Drive

The City of Richmond has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Bottoms Property Residential Project on Seacliff Drive. The project proposes to construct 60 market-rate condominiums on a vacant waterfront parcel. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15105(a), a minimum forty-five-day (45) public review period is required which commenced on March 27th. All written comments on this document must be submitted to the City of Richmond Planning Department within this 45-day review period, or by **Monday, May 12, 2014, by 5:00 PM**. Please submit comments to:

Kieron Slaughter, Associate Planner
City of Richmond Planning Division
450 Civic Center Plaza, 2nd Floor
P.O. Box 4046
Richmond, CA 94804

A copy of the [Draft EIR](#) is available for review online. Copies are also available for review at the following locations:

- Richmond Public Library - Main Branch, 325 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond

- City of Richmond Planning and Building Services Department, City Hall, 450 Civic Center Plaza

22. Major Taylor Bike Fiesta at Lincoln Elementary School

On Saturday, May 24th, from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Building Blocks for Kids Richmond Collaborative hosts “The Major Taylor Bike Fiesta” at Lincoln Elementary School, 29 - 6th Street in Richmond. This event is a product of the collaboration with local government and community organizations to provide Richmond residents with the support and resources they need to be happy, healthy, and informed. Bike Fiesta encourages safe bike riding, family bonding, healthy lifestyle choices, and access to community resources. At this event, there will be free bike repairs, exercise classes, interactive games, and entertainment will be offered for families to enjoy.

MAJOR TAYLOR BIKE FIESTA



A Day of Bike Riding in Richmond!

WHO's Major Taylor? Major Taylor was the first African American world champion who set seven world records, including the one-mile track cycling championship. Come celebrate his passion in cycling by riding your bike to Lincoln Elementary School.

Building Blocks for Kids
Richmond Collaborative

When: May 24th
Time: 11am-3pm
Where? Lincoln
Elementary School
29 6th Street,
Richmond, California

There will be:

- A Bike Rodeo
- Bike Racing
- Zumba
- Face Painting
- Bike Decoration
- Bike Repair Shop
- Water Bar
- Free Food
- Free Bike Gear

Also, there will be fun
games and activities in
which you can win
prizes!

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**MAJOR TAYLOR
BIKE FIESTA
FAMILIAR** 



**¡Un día para andar de
Bicicleta en Richmond!**

¿Quién es Major Taylor? Major Taylor fue el primer campeón del mundo Afro Americano que estableció siete records mundiales, incluyendo el campeonato ciclista de pista estrecha. Venga a celebrar su pasión por el ciclismo en Lincoln Elementary School con su bicicleta.

Este es un evento familiar y adultos deben ser acompañados por niños para entrar. Si está interesado en ser voluntario por favor contacte a Dulce→

**Building Blocks for Kids
Richmond Collaborative**

Cuando: 24 de Mayo
Tiempo: 11am-3pm
¿Dónde? Lincoln Elementary School
 29 6th Street,
 Richmond, California

Habrà:

- Rodeo de bicicletas
- Carreras de bicicleta
- Zumba
- Pinta caras
- Bicicleta decoración
- Taller de reparación de bici
- Barra de agua
- Comida gratis
- Equipo de bicicleta

Además, habrá **juegos de diversión y actividades** en las que usted puede ganar premios!

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23. The Richmond Certified Farmers' Market Celebrates 30 Years!

The Richmond Certified Farmers Market, held every Friday in the parking lot at 24th & Barrett Avenue, is one of the first farmers' markets to open in the Bay Area, with April marking its 30th anniversary.

A Certified Farmers Market is a market at which the farmer must grow all produce that he or she intends to sell. Some of the farmers have been with the Richmond market for over twenty years. Mario Busalacchi, a very colorful and charismatic farmer, travels from Stockton each and every Friday with the freshest produce available. Doa Lee is from Fresno and specializes in Asian produce. The market has a strawberry vendor from Salinas, and fresh eggs and local honey are available. The market has recently welcomed a new farmer that specializes in organic citrus. The market is open year around, which guarantees the freshest produce that is in season.

The Richmond Certified Farmers Market is more than just produce, however. They have community information booths, and have sponsored free tree give-a-ways to local residents. Customers can grab a bite to eat with the food vendors or a snack from Cobblestone Bakery or Kettle-Pop. Henry Simmons sells various dried nuts and dried fruits that are delicious.

The Richmond Certified Market hopes to see you every Friday market day, year around from 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM, rain or shine. They accept 'WICS', 'SENIOR WICS' and dispense EBT tokens that are honored by the farmers.



24. Recreation Highlights

Summer Programs

Registration for summer programs is now open! The summer/fall 2014 Activity Guide can be found on-line at www.ci.richmond.ca.us/recreation. You can register in the following ways:

- on-line at <https://online.activenetwork.com/richmond>;
- by phone at 510-620-6793;

- by faxing a completed registration form to 510-620-6583;
- by mailing a completed registration form to 3230 Macdonald Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804; or
- by visiting the registration office in the 1st floor lobby at the Richmond Recreation Complex, 3230 Macdonald Avenue.

Check out the summer/fall 2014 Activity Guide online at www.ci.richmond.ca.us/recreation.

Aquatics

The Richmond Plunge will be hosting its second annual Aqua Zumba Fitness Party Saturday, May 31st, from 10:00 AM -11:30 AM. Tickets are available now for \$15, or \$18 at the door. With the amazing turnout last year of over 80 participants, get your tickets early! We'll see you at the party!

Disabled People's Recreation Center (DPRC)

Adult Morning Program participant, Daniel, and staff member, Mapuana, spent Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Transitions Resource Fair at Vista Hills in Richmond promoting all the wonderful programs and events at the Disabled People's Recreation Center. The event focuses on agencies who are recruiting participants for adult day programs in West Contra Costa County. Students and their families attend the resource fair looking for the best program that fits their child's developmental needs.





25. Public Works Updates

Facilities Maintenance: Carpenters repaired the broken window at 2560 Macdonald Avenue, replaced the kitchen floor in Fire Station #63, installed a lap clock at the Plunge, installed new flooring in Fire Station #67, and relocated Swim Center furnishings.



Floor Replacement at Fire Station #67

Painters completed the dark room at Booker T. Anderson Community Center, touched up paint at Shields Reid Center, and completed the exterior of the Native American Health Center.

Stationary Engineers insulated the steam pipes on the second level of the Richmond Auditorium, cleared waste lines at Fire Station #66, and cleaned debris from the Main Library roof.



Clearing Waste Line

Electricians removed and replaced the broken street light on Carlson Boulevard and Broadway Avenue, and installed a replacement pole at 19th Street and Barrett Avenue.

Parks and Landscaping Division: Crews began treating High Fire Severity Zones, completed irrigation repairs at Burg Park, performed installation of sand and fibar at the Solano Play Lot, repaired the vandalism to the restroom at Vincent Park, and continued Richmond Parkway landscape upgrades.



Solano Play Lot



Richmond Parkway Improvements

Tree crews cut, trimmed or removed trees: on Spinnaker Way, San Mateo Street, Carlson Boulevard, South 18th Street, Andrade Avenue and Florida Avenue.

Streets Division: Staff worked from the outstanding sidewalk and pothole list, placed message boards along 23rd Avenue, and worked on the set up and take down of the stage for the Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Street Sweeping crews performed commercial sweeping services for the fourth Monday the fifth Tuesday and Wednesday and the first Thursday and Friday in the Santa Fe, Point Richmond, Marina Bay, Coronado, Carriage Hills North Side, El Sobrante Hills, Greenbriar, Hansford Heights, Via Verda, San Pablo Dam Road, Bristole Cone, May Valley, Vista View, Clinton Hill I neighborhood council areas, and along the Richmond Parkway.

Signs and Lines crews installed 10 signs, repaired 46 signs and poles, installed 4 delineations, painted 77 feet of curbs, and fabricated 156 day and time emblems for street sweeping signs.



Fabrication of Sign Emblems

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about these or any other items of interest to you.

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