



Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the weekly report for the week ending May 16th, 2014.

1. Meeting Notes

The next City Council meeting is a special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 20th, 2014, beginning with Closed Session at

5:00PM and followed by a special meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority at 6:15PM, and a regular meeting of the Richmond City Council at 6:30PM.

2. Oakland A's Investing in the Richmond Community

The Oakland A's currently lead in the American League West standings, and the Richmond community has yet another reason to hope for their continued success. The Richmond Community Foundation, working with the City of Richmond, submitted a grant proposal to the Energize Your Field program sponsored by the Oakland Athletics (Oakland A's) and Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) in September 2013, for the renovation of the baseball field at Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Park. In April 2014, we learned that the Oakland A's, along with the Good Tidings Foundation, will undertake this ballfield renovation. Renovations and work has already begun on the field!

The MLK Park ballfield renovation will be done "turn-key" by the Good Tidings Foundation. Work started on May 7th and will continue until the field dedication ceremony on Saturday, May 31st.

Part of the Good Tidings Foundation mission is to work in partnership with professional sports franchises throughout the Bay Area, leveraging resources to increase access to enriching opportunities by deserving youth. They help design, fund and build projects that are maintained and programmed in perpetuity by school districts, recreation departments, or city governments (click [here](#) to learn more about this organization).

Please join the City of Richmond, the Richmond Community Foundation, the Oakland A's, PG&E, Good Tidings, Richmond Little League players, and the



community on Saturday, May 31st at noon on the newly renovated MLK Baseball Field for the field dedication ceremony! An Oakland A's player will also be in attendance to have a baseball clinic with the little league players. We hope to see you there! Contact LaShonda White in the City Manager's Office at (510) 620-6828 or at lashonda_white@ci.richmond.ca.us.

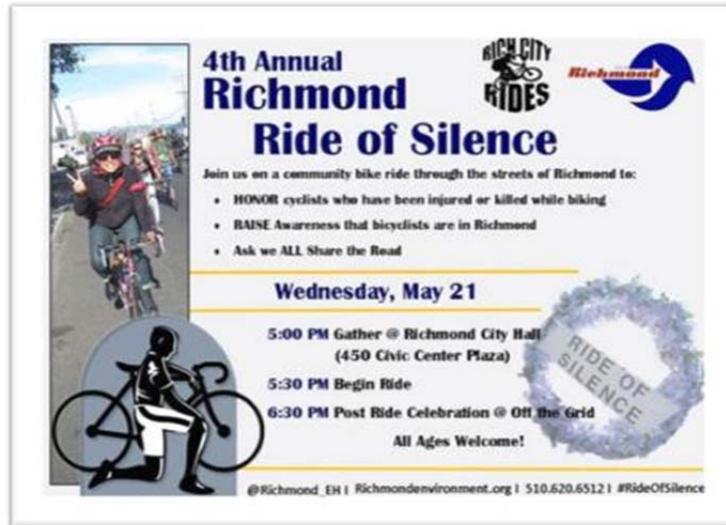


3. National Bike Month

May is National Bike Month, and there are exciting activities happening in Richmond throughout the month. Find out more about biking news and activities all through May at www.richmondenvironment.org and <http://www.youcanbikethere.org/calendar>.

Fourth Annual Richmond Ride of Silence

On Wednesday, May 21st at 5:00PM, please join us for the community-wide Richmond Ride of Silence in front of Richmond City Hall at 450 Civic Center Plaza. The Ride of Silence, part of a worldwide effort, is a slow, quiet ride to honor those who have been seriously hurt or killed while bicycling in Richmond. Held during National Bike Month, the Ride of Silence aims to raise community awareness that cyclists have a legal right to the public roadways, promote bicycle safety and ask that we all share the road.



Team Bike Challenge

If you enjoy saving money, having fun and being healthy on Bike to Work Day, you don't have to stop! Those who want to keep biking through May can join the City of Richmond's team as a part of the Team Bike Challenge or start your own team! The City has a team that will log its miles each week and compete against other cities and organizations in the East Bay. Those who start their own teams (up to five people) can compete for prizes as they log their miles versus other Contra Costa riders. Learn more and join the team at: www.youcanbikethere.org/tbc.

Friday Lunch Rides

Join us every Friday during May at noon as we bike to beautiful locations across Richmond for lunch. We will meet in front of 450 Civic Center before rolling out! Bring your own lunch or grab something from the Farmers Market next door. Riders of all caliber are welcome!



4. 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 May 12th, tieback testing and "lockoff" (tensioning and installation of spacers) continued, along with restoration of the Department of Public Health campus. As noted in prior reports, Jetty Drive was closed, and will remain closed for approximately four months. During this time, the Anchorage at Marina Bay development is accessible via the new driveway at Regatta Boulevard.

For the week of May 19th, significant activity is expected at the site, due to roadway excavation to final subgrade depth north of the railroad tracks. Tieback lockoff should be completed for the area south of the railroad tracks, which will allow roadway excavation to final subgrade depth in that area in the coming weeks.

As noted in prior reports, the fourth 24-hour a day weekend closure window has been re-scheduled for the weekend of June 7th. During this closure window, a precast concrete fascia beam will be placed, using a crane positioned on the new bridge. Additionally, the approach slabs will be installed and crews will be placing waterproofing on the bridge. Richmond Pacific Railroad also plans to perform trackway work during this closure window, to minimize disruption of the adjacent communities. Additional information on the work to be completed during this closure window 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.

5. **Chevron Refinery Modernization Project Community Workshop**

On Wednesday, May 28th, the City of Richmond invites you to participate in a Community Workshop to develop recommendations for Chevron's health and community benefits initiatives in Richmond. The ideas formulated at this meeting will be used to inform the Conditions of Approval for the Chevron Refinery Modernization Project. The workshop will take at the Richmond Civic Center Auditorium from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Doors will open at 5:30PM with light refreshments.

Please visit www.ChevronModernization.com for more information and to RSVP. Please call (510) 620-6512 for more information.

CHEVRON RICHMOND REFINERY MODERNIZATION PROJECT

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

May 28, 2014
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Richmond Civic Center Auditorium, Bermuda Room
403 Civic Center Plaza
Doors open at 5:30 pm
Light refreshments provided

The City invites you to participate in a community workshop to develop recommendations for Chevron-funded health and community benefit initiatives in Richmond. These ideas will be used to inform the development of conditions of approval for the Chevron Refinery Modernization Project.

If you have questions, call (510) 620-6512.

For information on the Chevron Refinery Modernization Project and to RSVP visit www.chevronmodernization.com

PROYECTO DE MODERNIZACIÓN DE LA REFINERÍA CHEVRON RICHMOND

TALLER COMUNITARIO

28 de Mayo, 2014
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Richmond Civic Center Auditorium, Bermuda Room
403 Civic Center Plaza
Las puertas se abren a las 5:30 pm
Se proporcionará comida ligera

La Ciudad le invita a participar en un taller comunitario para desarrollar recomendaciones para iniciativas de salud y beneficios comunitarios financiados por Chevron en Richmond. Estas ideas serán utilizadas para informar el desarrollo de las condiciones de la aprobación del Proyecto de Modernización de la Refinería Chevron.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame al (510) 620-6512.

Para obtener información sobre el Proyecto de Modernización de la Refinería de Chevron y para confirmar su asistencia visite www.chevronmodernization.com

6. Improvements to the San Pablo Dam Road Interchange at I-80

In preparation for future improvements to the San Pablo Dam Road Interchange at I-80, El Portal Drive, near Glenlock Street in the City of San Pablo, will be temporarily closed to allow for the advance relocation of underground utilities.

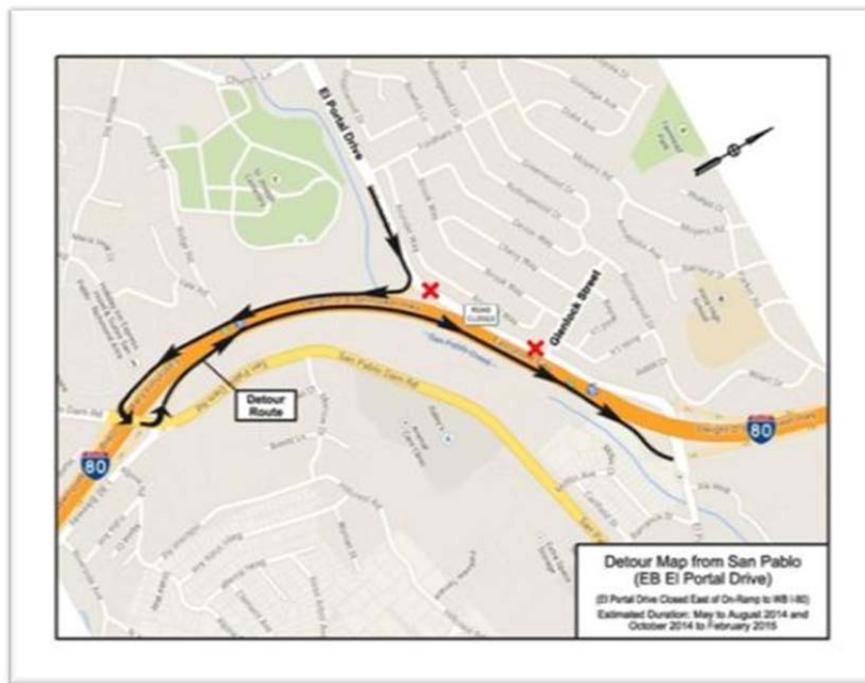
The roadway closure is anticipated to begin in late May 2014 and continue into August 2014. The closure limits on El Portal Drive will be between Glenlock Street and the entrance ramp to westbound I-80 (towards San Francisco), near the Shell Gas Station. Access to/from Glenlock Street from/to El Portal Drive and all entrance and exit ramps will remain open at all times during construction. The sidewalk on El Portal Drive within the road closure segment will remain open at all times, except as needed, when construction activities require temporary closure for public safety.

Detour signs will be posted to inform drivers of alternative routes to reach their destination during the roadway closure (see map below). Electronic changeable message signs will be placed in strategic locations on city streets to minimize traffic delays and public inconvenience.

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) and project partners, including the cities of San Pablo and Richmond, Contra Costa County, and Caltrans, are making every effort to provide opportunities for project neighbors to stay informed about this construction work. More information about the project can be found at: <http://www.ccta.net/projects/project/38>.

The Project hotline's number is (510) 277-0444.

Thank you for your cooperation during this essential work.



7. Major Taylor Bike Fiesta at Lincoln Elementary School

On May 24th, Building Blocks for Kids (BBK) Richmond Collaborative hosts The Major Taylor Bike Fiesta. This event is a product of the collaboration with local government and community organization 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.

When: May 24th

Time: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Where: Lincoln Elementary School, 29 6th Street Richmond, 94801

<p>MAJOR TAYLOR BIKE FIESTA </p>  <p>A Day of Bike Riding in Richmond!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Building Blocks for Kids Richmond Collaborative</p> <p>When: May 24th Time: 11am-3pm Where? Lincoln Elementary School 29 6th Street, Richmond, California</p> <p>There will be: A bike ride Bike racing Zumba Face Painting Bike Decoration Bike Repair Shop Water Bar Free Food Free Bike Gear</p> <p><i>Also, there will be fun games and activities in which you can win prizes!</i></p> <p>FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Dulce Galvis (510) 932-6031 dulce@bbk-richmond.org www.BBK-Richmond.org</p>	<p>MAJOR TAYLOR BIKE FIESTA FAMILIAR </p>  <p>¡Un día para andar de Bicicleta en Richmond!</p> <p>¿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.</p> <p>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→</p> <p>Building Blocks for Kids Richmond Collaborative</p> <p>Quando: 24 de Mayo Tiempo: 11am-3pm ¿Dónde? Lincoln Elementary School 29 6th Street, Richmond, California</p> <p>Habrà: Rides de bicicletas Carreras de bicicleta Zumba Pinta caras Bicicleta decoracion Taller de reparacion de bici Barra de agua Comida gratis Equipo de bicicleta</p> <p><i>Ademas, habrà juegos de diversion y actividades en las que usted puede ganar premios!</i></p> <p>PARA MAS INFORMACION PUEDE CONTACTAR A Dulce Galvis (510) 932-6031 dulce@bbk-richmond.org www.BBK-Richmond.org</p>
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BBK is looking for volunteers for the Major Taylor Bike Fiesta to help lead fun games and activities along with setting up for the event. This volunteer opportunity can count as community service hours for students, for more information from BBK and to register go to <http://tinyurl.com/bikefiesta>. If you have any questions feel free to call (510) 932-6031.

Volunteer for the 4th Annual Major Taylor Bike Fiesta!




What about Bike Fiesta?

- In Richmond we celebrate the first African American World Champion bike cyclist, Major Taylor.
- Takes place on May 24th at Lincoln Elementary School from 11am-3pm!
- Volunteers will receive free shirts, and breakfast!
- We need your help for this event!!!

Register Now!

- Go to:
<http://tinyurl.com/bikefiesta>
- OR
- Call us at 510-932-6031

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

The Richmond Certified Farmers Market (Market) is held every Friday from 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM, rain or shine, in the parking lot at 24th & Barrett Avenue, and is one of the first farmers' markets to open in the Bay Area, with April marking its 30th anniversary. The Market accepts 'WICS', 'SENIOR WICS' and dispense EBT tokens that are honored by the farmers. Please come attend the Market and enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables, nuts, baked goods, kettle corn, local honey, eggs and much more!





9. Recreation Highlights

Summer Programs

Registration for summer programs is now open! Check out the summer/fall 2014 Activity Guide online at www.ci.richmond.ca.us/recreation. Register for classes in any of the following ways:

- On line at <https://online.activenetwork.com/richmond> or
- 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 Ave, Richmond, CA 94804
- By visiting the registration office in the 1st floor lobby at the Richmond Recreation Complex, 3230 Macdonald Ave

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)

Music unlocks doors that we sometimes think will always stay locked. Especially in the case of the Therapeutic Interactive Recreation Program participants, who have unlocked the door and entered into a world that allows them to soar to heights that bring inner joy; shown through their countenance and body language. It is extraordinary to witness.

Pt. Richmond

The Knit & Such women come together on the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM to work on knitting and other craft projects while enjoying one another's company.



Seniors

May is Older American Month! Join the City of Richmond at the following events:

Annual Senior Night Out

The Commission on Aging and the Recreation Department will be hosting the Annual Senior Night Out on May 16th at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium from 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM. Enjoy dinner, performances by Top Shelf, an R&B group, and the honoring of, Irene Patterson, Centenarian of the Year, who recently turned 100 years old. Call Chair, Eli Williams, at (510) 232-4690 for event information or (510) 620-6793 for ticket information.

Senior Hiking Club

The Senior Hiking Club has spots available for the May 21st hike. Participants will meet at 10:15 AM at the Richmond Recreation Department (3230 Macdonald Avenue) to register (\$2 per person) and staff will drive the group to the Hayward Shoreline Regional Park. The 3 mile hike through the wetlands will include social time between the group plus a visit to the nature educational center. The hike will not take longer than 1 and a 1/2 hours and will include a 10 minute rest

stop. Call Debbie Hernandez at (510) 307-8086 for more information. Sign up quickly as space is limited!

Painting Class

The Richmond Senior Center began a new painting class. The session is from May 7th through June 25th. Participants will learn techniques while using stills, live models, and of course your own inspiration! Spots are still available. Call (510) 307-8087 for class information or register at the Recreation Department, 3230 Macdonald Avenue, from 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM.

Senior Health and Information Fair

The Recreation Department praises everyone's efforts in making the Senior Health and Information Fair the best yet! Participants and vendors wholeheartedly agree and repeatedly expressed that this year was the best so far. Vendors were very happy to leave empty handed and the participants were happy with their bags of goodies. One participant commented she was going to call her doctor to make sure he received the most recent record of her blood pressure.

A higher number of participants and new organizations contributed to the incredibly festive nature. Thanks again to staff, the Commission on Aging, and volunteers, as this couldn't have been accomplished without their help. Also, a HUGE thank you to Peter Defabio, Recreation Coordinator of the Senior Center, for organizing and recruiting for this event. Great job Peter!

If you have any recommendations for improvement, please send them to the Recreation Department via email at recreation@ci.richmond.ca.us, by phone at (510) 620-6793 or letter to 3230 Macdonald Ave. Richmond, CA 94804.



Training

May Valley Staff members Patrick Nikolai and Chris Summers, along with Nevin staff, Eric Yee, attended the Summer Matters Training in Oakland, on Friday, May 9th. The Star Wars themed training was organized into small classroom workshops to assist professionals with organizing and preparing for upcoming summer programs. All three attended morning workshops regarding child behavior, incentive for staff, field trips 101, and hands on science. Most of the workshops were instructed by California School – Age Consortium (Cal-Sac) and other youth based trainers. Each staff brought back new ideas and changes for the summer and is eager to implement them into their programs.

10. Public Works Updates

Parks and Landscaping Division: Crews mowed and weed abated the Greenway, weed whipped the sound walls in various locations, repaired the bleachers at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and completed irrigation repairs on the Putting Green.



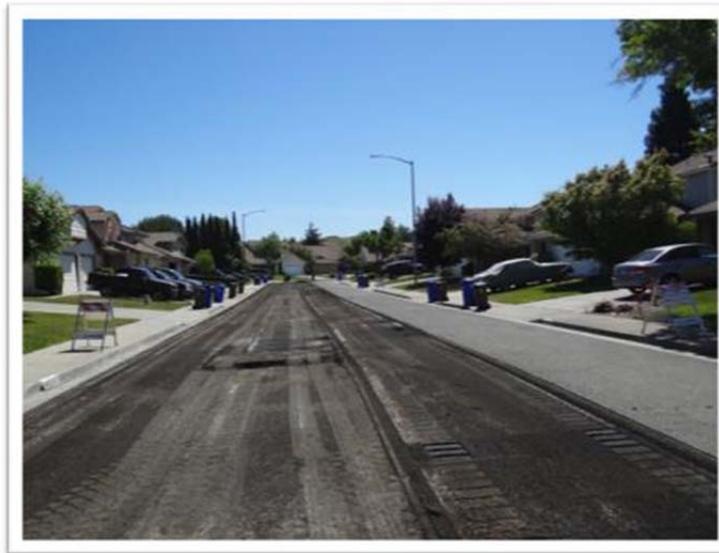
Bleacher Repair at MLK Park

Tree crews cut, trimmed or removed trees on McKenzie Drive, Esmond Avenue and Maricopa Avenue.



Tree Trimming

Streets Division: Staff grinded and paved Wagon Wheel Way and worked from the outstanding pothole and sidewalk list.



Grinding on Wagon Wheel Way



Temporary Sidewalk Patching

Street sweeping performed commercial sweeping services for the second Monday through Wednesday and the third Thursday and Friday in the May Valley, Vista View, Clinton Hill I – III, Atchison Village, South Belding Woods, Santa Fe, Coronado, Marina Bay and Point Richmond neighborhood council areas.

Signs and Lines staff fabricated 135 signs and emblems, installed 13 new signs, repaired 10 pole knockdowns, reinstalled 32 pavement delineations and repainted 1318 feet of curbs.

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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