



Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the weekly report for the week ending August 22nd, 2014.

1. Meeting Notes

The City Council is on its annual August hiatus. The next City Council meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, September 16th.



2. Doctors Medical Center Update

Since emergency medical ambulance transports ended at Doctors Medical Center (DMC) on Thursday, August 7th, Contra Costa County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has been conducting a weekly conference call with all interested stakeholders, including Richmond Fire Chief Michael Banks. Chief Banks reported that, during the most recent call, County EMS Director Pat Frost provided a statistical summary of transports that were going to area hospital emergency facilities, the bulk of which might previously have gone to DMC.

From August 7th – August 19th, in West Contra Costa County, there were a total of 598 ambulance transports to a variety of East Bay Hospitals:

- Kaiser Medical Center in Richmond handled the majority of those patients with 322 admitted to their emergency room;
- 139 patients were transported to the Contra Costa County Regional Medical Center in Martinez;
- 75 were transported to the Alta Bates Hospital emergency room;
- 19 patents went to Kaiser Medical Center in Vallejo;
- The remainder of the patients were sent to John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek (8), Children's Hospital in Oakland (5) and other Bay Area Hospitals (30)

While Doctor's Medical Center is accepting walk-in patients, their emergency room is considered to be in "stand-by" status as hospital staffing has become a major challenge. We will continue to keep you informed.

3. Be Smarter, Drink Water – Community Transformation Grant Update

The City's Environmental and Health Initiatives is working collaboratively with Contra Costa Health Services and the nonprofit Youth Enrichment Strategies (YES) to implement the Be Smarter, Drink Water health campaign throughout the community. Be Smarter, Drink Water is funded through a Community Transformation Grant (CTG) provided by the California Endowment.

The Be Smarter, Drink Water team is making great strides in WCCUSD Richmond school sites for the new school year. Working with WCCUSD Maintenance and Operations staff, the Be Smarter, Drink Water team installed new “hydration stations” – a combination of traditional bubbler water fountains and water bottle fillers – at Verde Elementary, DeJean Middle School, Kennedy High and Richmond High over the summer. Each station will also feature special educational art posters created by local artist and Richmond High graduate, Richard Muro.

YES will work with students and staff over the coming year to educate them on the environmental and health benefits of drink tap water. Students will also receive reusable water bottles to use at their new stations free of charge.

To find out more information about the project, please visit BeSmarterDrinkWater.org or follow the Environmental and Health Initiatives Team on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).





4. 2014 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award

The National Procurement Institute (NPI) has awarded the City of Richmond its Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award for the 5th consecutive year. The City is one of only 46 government agencies in California, and one of only 68 cities in the United States to receive the award.



The award recognized organizational excellence in procurement by public and non-profit organizations. The judging criteria is designed to measure innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership attributes of the agency's procurement function, as calculated by standardized criteria.

Congratulations to the Finance Department's Purchasing Division for their outstanding efforts in maintaining the standards necessary for receiving this award.

5. Code Enforcement Updates

The Code Enforcement Unit abatement team now performs all of the City's warranted demolitions, and recently executed a demolition on one the most blighted properties in the City. Although demolition is always a last resort, it is the best alternative in some cases, and, in this case, the neighborhood expressed relief that the burned out structure in the photo below has been removed.



6. Positive Mentoring at PAL

Susan Mireles is a valued member at the Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) who has done tremendous work helping the greater Richmond community, and has offered a testimonial to the benefits of PAL mentors. Before receiving help from her mentor, Susan struggled with academics, and had a hard time connecting with her community. After working with counselors, and advisors, Susan was referred to the Be A Mentor program at PAL, where Project Coordinator Brenda McCuiston matched her with a caring adult. Since then, she has excelled in her academics, and has dedicated her time to serving the broader Richmond community.

RPAL has partnered with other organization to help spread the word about this amazing program. You can find out how you can become a mentor, or refer a mentee, by visiting www.RPAL.org. You can also visit the Be a Mentor Blitz on Saturday, August 30th, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the RPAL Center located at 2200 Macdonald Avenue. The "Blitz" will feature entertainment, food, jumpers, guest speakers, and more.

7. Good Garbage News: Expanded Recycling Service for Residents and Business

Recycling is a free service provided to all Richmond residents and businesses. The items accepted in the program have now been expanded to include plastic bags (bundled) and all rigid plastic containers including tubs and to-go containers.

Participating in recycling service is another opportunity for businesses and residents to save money on their trash bill and reduce the amount of waste landfilled. For questions regarding what is accepted in the recycling program, or to request service changes, please call Richmond Sanitary Service customer service at (510) 262-7100.



8. More Good Garbage News: Expanded Food Scrap Service Now Available for all Commercial Businesses

Richmond businesses are now eligible to participate in the City’s curbside compost program at no cost. This service will allow businesses to decrease the amount of waste landfilled and save money on trash bills. Businesses can call Richmond Sanitary Service customer service at (510) 262-7100 to schedule a walk-through and to start green cart service. Items accepted include food scraps, food-soiled paper, and plant and yard debris. Upon request, Richmond Sanitary Service recycling coordinators can provide training, indoor collection bins and service recommendations to businesses.



9. Even More Good Garbage News: New Trash Service - On-Call Bulky Item Service for Residents

Starting September 1st, residential customers will have an option to request annual bulky item service at no-cost. Residents should call Richmond Sanitary Service (RSS) customer service at (510) 262-7100 in advance to schedule a free pick-up of up to three bulky items. RSS customer service representatives will provide participation guidelines and instructions to participate in the bulky item program. Regularly accepted items include:

- Appliances such as a washing machine, clothes dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, freezer;
- Mattress & box springs (a matched set of mattress and box springs counts as one item);
- Furniture such as a sofa, loveseat, large chair, televisions, dining set or lawn furniture (a dining or lawn furniture set of table and chairs counts as one time);
- Equally sized items such as a water heater, barbeque, exercise equipment or four tires (four tires count as one item).

Please note that items weighing in excess of 200 lbs. are not accepted under the free program. Residents may have a pickup scheduled for heavier items an

additional cost. Residents may also substitute one bulky item for up to 5 E-waste (electronic waste) items such as computer monitors, microwaves, computers, or similar sized E-waste items.

The Richmond City Council approved the bulky item service enhancement at the July 29th City Council meeting. City staff is currently developing outreach materials with RSS that will be mailed to all residents this Fall. Each year, residents will receive annual participation guidelines, and two annual reminders.

10. 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 included:

- Met along with Richmond Finance Director Jim Goins and Revenue Manager Antonio Banuelos, Jim Becker and Josh Genser of the Richmond Community Foundation, and special legal counsel (pro bono) John Knox, with Contra Costa County Treasurer-Tax Collector Russell Watts and members of his staff, to discuss ways in which to acquire distressed Richmond properties that might be rehabilitated using “social impact bonds”;
- Provided a general update on activities in Richmond to City employees at two “all hands” meetings;
- Attended the monthly Council of Industries luncheon, at which Finance Director Jim Goins provided an update regarding the City budget;
- Briefed a staff working group on elements included in the Chevron Environmental and Community Investment Agreement;
- Facilitated an organizational development meeting for all Library personnel;
- Discussed with environmental attorney Peter Weiner, together with staff from the City Manager’s Office and Planning Department, the process for working with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to facilitate soil remediation at the Zeneca site;
- Met together with Nathan Trivers, owner of *Up and Under*, along with Richmond ESC Service Officer Rochelle Monk, to discuss his plans for a *Let’s Grow Richmond* project to help provide food for those families in need in Richmond.

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.

11. Officer Bradley A., Moody Memorial Underpass Project

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.

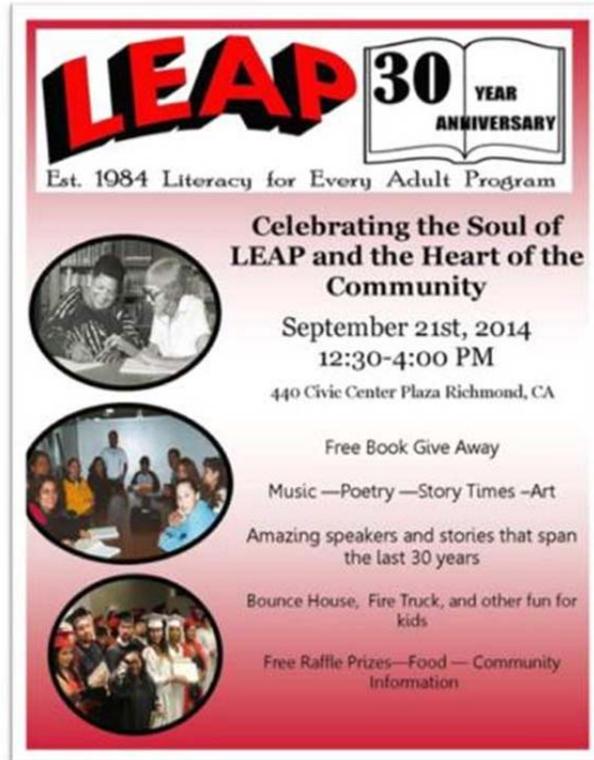
During the week of August 18th, waterproofing installation continued, and tieback removal was completed. Construction of forms and installation of rebar for retaining walls continued. Two sets of forms have been assembled, in part to slightly accelerate the pour cycle from the originally anticipated one pour per week to one pour per four days. Additionally, forms for the second of four pump station wall pours were installed; and final sidewalk and curb and gutter grades were established at the Jetty/Pierson intersection with Marina Bay Parkway.

For the week of August 25th, waterproofing in advance of retaining wall formwork and rebar installation will continue, and the first retaining wall pour is scheduled to occur in the first part of the week. The second pour for pump station walls is also scheduled for this week, and work to restore power to streetlights on Regatta is also expected to commence.

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.

12. LEAP's 30 Year Anniversary Celebration

Teenage Ninja Turtles, Tetris, the Cosby Show, the Mac.... and the Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP), what do they all have in common? Find out on September 21st when we celebrate our community, our learners and our volunteers from 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM at the Civic Center Plaza.



13. Information Technology (IT) Department Updates

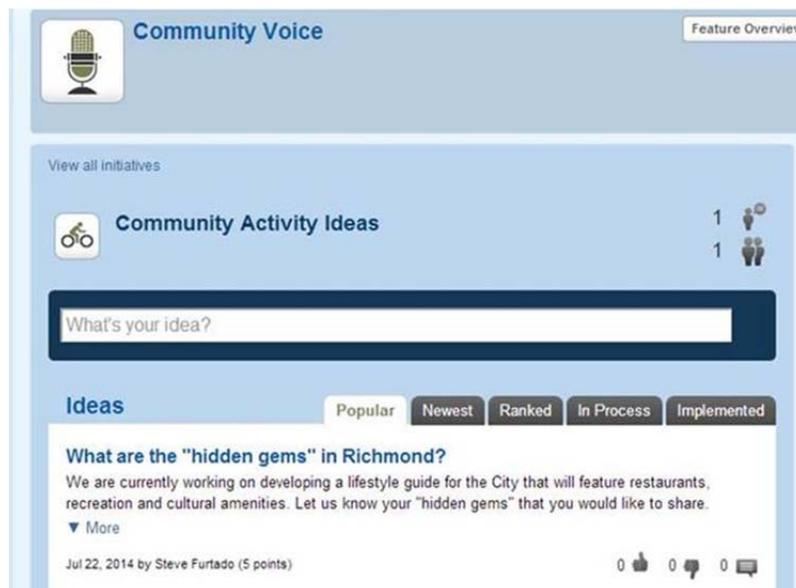
Website Home Page Makeover and Launch of Community Voice Module

The City's website has undergone a refresh that launched this week. The refresh includes the following changes:

- Enlarged slideshow to the full width of the page;
- Revised calendar display to be a monthly graphical display;
- NEW tabbed area for "How Do I?", Newsflash, and Quick Links;
- Enhanced graphical icons highlighting featured content shortcuts.

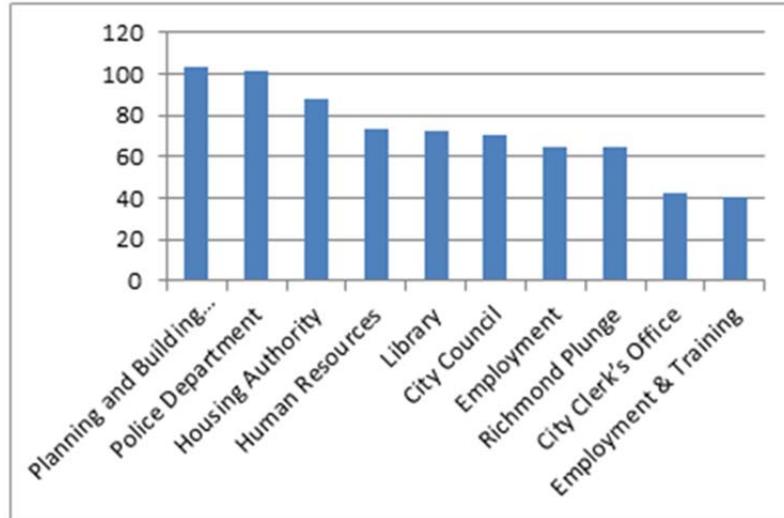


This website refresh also includes the launch of the **Community Voice module** where you may propose ideas, comment on others ideas, and receive comments or answers on the ideas proposed. Community Voice will be one of the enhanced graphical icons on the homepage to direct users to this feature <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/Communityvoice/>.



Website Statistics

Top 10 webpages for the last week



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Datanet images of the week

Chill Cop

Saturday, August 23rd
11am - 1pm

Community Green
Space Park
 Harbour Way & Macdonald Ave.

More information:
 Call (510) 236-4049

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14. Public Works Updates

Facilities Maintenance Division: Carpenters repaired the locks on the outdoor restrooms at the Nevin Community Center, replaced drain grids at the Plunge and installed a new floor in the employee kitchen of the Main Library.

Painters completed the apparatus doors at Fire Stations #62 and #66.



Fire Station Painting

Stationary Engineers replaced the kitchen faucet at Fire Station #62, serviced the water feature at Civic Center Plaza, serviced boiler #3 feed pump at 440 Civic Center Plaza, and repaired the air conditioner at the R-Transit building.

Electricians are continuing with the Richmond Parkway Street Light repair project, relamping on the Richmond Parkway newly restored area, repaired the cross walk beacons and replaced stolen street light wiring on San Pablo Avenue from Garvin to Esmond Avenue.



Wiring Replacement on San Pablo Avenue

Parks and Landscaping Division: Crews removed the barbecue pit and some asphalt for the Parchester Park Rehabilitation Project through donations from Livi &

Luca, assisting with the Shields Reid Park Rehabilitation project and started the Marina Way and Regatta Boulevard corner rehabilitation.



Asphalt Removal at Parchester Park



Shields Reid Park Rehabilitation

Trees were trimmed or cut down on, South 22nd Street, South 17th Street, Visalia Avenue, Carlson Boulevard, Alamo Avenue, and in Point Molate.



Point Molate Tree Trimming

Streets Division: Staff ground and paved on Florida Avenue from South 27th Street to the end as well as worked from the outstanding pothole and sidewalk list.



Paving on Florida Avenue

Street sweeping performed commercial and residential sweeping services for the third Monday through Thursday and the fourth Friday in the North Richmond, Iron Triangle, North Belding Woods, Atchison Village, South Belding Woods, Richmond Annex, Parkview, Panhandle Annex and Eastshore neighborhood council areas.

Signs and Lines staff fabricated 10 new signs, created 10 decals for City equipment, installed 37 new signs and poles, repaired 6 signs, installed 10 pavement markings, completed sign requests from the Police Department, and painted 471' feet of curbs.



Sign Installation

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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