



Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the weekly report for the two weeks ending August 21, 2015.



1. Meeting Notes

The City Council is on hiatus for the remainder of August, with the next regular meeting currently scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th.

2. Rosie the Riveter Rally

This past Saturday, August 15th, the National Park Service hosted a very interesting and memorable event at the Rosie Memorial to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. The event served as a focal point for Rosies throughout the country, with the successful breaking of the Guinness Book of World Records mark for most persons gathered in one place dressed in Rosie the Riveter garb. It also marked a local unveiling of a life-sized bronze sculpture of Rosie the Riveter from Seward Johnson. The sculpture will be on permanent loan to the National Park Service, which will be installing it near the front door of the Visitor Center. The sculpture will only be here in Richmond for brief periods of time, and will be touring the country during the next year to help commemorate the centennial of the National Park Service.



Courtesy of Ellen Galling Photography

3. PG&E Community Pipeline Safety Initiative

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is working with customers and the City of Richmond to ensure that first responders and safety crews have immediate access to underground natural gas pipelines in case of an emergency. This important pipeline safety work includes reviewing structures, trees and brush located near the gas pipeline to identify those items that need to be removed and replaced to keep the area safe and clear for first responders.

For any tree or structure that needs to be removed and replaced for safety reasons, PG&E will work with the property owner to develop a plan that balances the need for public safety with the need to preserve the character and natural beauty of the community.

Throughout the month of August, PG&E will be performing safety checks on the area above and around their natural gas transmission pipelines in Richmond.

For more information on the planned gas safety work in Richmond, please contact Sarah Wetter, PG&E's local customer outreach specialist, at (925) 270-2888 or sarah.wetter@pge.com. Additional information on the Community Pipeline Safety Initiative, as well as other PG&E gas safety efforts, can also be found at pge.com/GasSafety.

4. 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.

A significant amount of activity was devoted to issues related to the recent Moody's downgrade, including a meeting with Moody's staff attended by Mayor Butt, the City's bond counsel John Knox, Mayor's staff member Alex Knox, and the city manager.

Additional activities and meeting topics during the past two weeks included:

- Attended a meeting of the Education Subcommittee of the Berkeley Global Campus Working Group;
- Attended the fourth meeting of the Richmond Promise Ad Hoc Committee that was appointed by the City Council;
- Attended the Rosie the Riveter Rally (see item 2, above);
- Participated, together with Mayor Butt and other staff members, in a telephone conference with HUD management;
- Received a presentation, along with staff from the Planning Department and Port Department, from the developer of the Terminal 1 project to review the status of that project;
- Participated in a telephone conference with representatives from the National Resource Network, which provides technical assistance on a grant basis to local governments, to discuss potential projects in Richmond;
- Provided (at two separate times) a presentation for all City staff which covered City finances, recent survey data, infrastructure and other development projects that are in progress, and other topics (a presentation such as this is done annually by the city manager for City staff);
- Met, together with Transportation Project Manager Lori Reese-Brown, with several transportation consultants to discuss the potential for transportation shuttle systems in Richmond;
- Attended the monthly luncheon meeting of the Council of Industries;
- Met, with representatives from the REACH Fellowship, together with Transportation Project Manager Lori Reese-Brown, to discuss their activities in Richmond;
- Attended the initial portion of the Climate Action Plan Community Workshop;
- Participated in the monthly budget update meeting with Finance Department staff;
- Participated, together with Housing Authority Executive Director Tim Jones, in a telephone conference with staff from the California Department of Veterans Affairs to discuss the potential for developing veterans housing in Richmond;
- Met with a consultant team, along with staff members from the City Manager's office, City Attorney's office, the Planning Department, the Housing Division, and Information Technology Department, to begin to discuss plans for implementing the recently-adopted rent control and just cause for eviction ordinance;
- Met, together with Environmental Manager Adam Lenz, with Stan Hakes, the new Executive Director of RecycleMore;
- Met with Melinda McCrary, Executive Director of the Richmond Museum, to discuss grant possibilities;

- Attended my monthly meeting with West County Schools Superintendent Dr. Bruce Harter.

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.

5. Update on FY2014-15 Financial Audit

The City’s interim phase of the audit is complete and an exit conference was held on August 6th with Maze & Associates. Items discussed were: audit findings; calendar for the final audit; checklist of schedules and reports required to complete the audit, and new Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements that are effective for the current audit year, and for the following fiscal years. The auditors will be back on November 9th and will be onsite for four additional weeks upon their return.

6. The Main Library Will Close on August 21-22 for Construction

The Main Library’s ADA restroom upgrade began on Friday, August 14th, necessitating that this facility be closed for two consecutive three (3) day weekends - - Friday and Saturday, August 14-15, and Friday and Saturday, August 21-22, with a possible third closure late in the project. The closures will allow the City to complete the demolition element of the project, while allowing uninterrupted patron usage during the week.

This important ADA project is expected to take 45 working days to complete. The most disruptive work demolition will only be performed on weekends while the library is closed. The duration of the total project is approximately 60 days, with completed projected around October 14th.

Phase one of the project includes replacing all fixtures and finishes in the men’s and women’s restrooms, located in the Main Reading Room. When complete, both restrooms will meet or exceed the latest ADA standards.

Phase two of the project will upgrade the accessible path from the street into the Main Reading Room. It includes both van and automobile accessible parking, a new ADA ramp leading to the front main entrance, and a new ADA compliant storefront entrance.

During the Main Library closures, the Book Drop will be closed. Fines will not be assessed on closed days, and we ask that library materials not be left out in front of the library.

The Library and Public Works Departments are committed to minimizing the disruption of services during the construction as much as possible, and we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Now might be a good time to make full use of our eResources, including ebooks and audio through Overdrive, Internet Archive, or enki. You can also explore language learning with Basic ESL or Pronunciator, the fun free way to learn any of over 80 languages. Enjoy a trip to a Bay Area museum or cultural center -- free/low cost tickets are available online through Discover and Go. All of these resources are available at www.richmondlibrary.org.

7. #Sk8boardin2Physics!: A Teen Skateboard Event Using Physics

Richmond Public Library Teen Services Librarian, Añgela Cox, in collaboration with the City of Richmond's Recreation Department and Richmond Police Activities League, is coordinating the second annual FREE, fun-filled, skateboard event for teens. #Sk8boardin2Physics! is the theme for the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) event. Minna Stess, the first girl to win the California Amateur Skateboard League Series, will perform gravity defying stunts and the San Francisco Exploratorium's mobile skateboard interactive van will be on hand. Professor Daryl Chrzan from the UC Berkeley Materials, Sciences and Engineering Department will be on hand to explain how the apparatus on the van demonstrates why teens can perform those cool ollies, grinds and other stunts.

Attendees, ages 12 to 18, are eligible for the raffle of skateboard gear donated by the iconic Berkeley store, 510 Skateboarding, as well as free Gatorade! The event will take place Saturday, August 22nd from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM at the Skateboard Park, in Nicholl Park, 29th Street and Macdonald Avenue.

For more information about this year's event, please visit www.richmondlibrary.org or contact Añgela Cox at (510) 620-5516. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Richmond Public Library and SIMS Metal Management.

#Sk8board in2 Physics!
TEEN SKATEBOARD EVENT USING PHYSICS

FEATURING:
Minna Stess
Winner of the California Amateur
Skateboard League Series
First Ever Girl Skater to win!

FREE EVENT
Skateboard Park
(In Nicholl Park)
29th Street & Macdonald Ave.
Richmond, CA 94801
Saturday, August 22
1:00 - 3:30 PM

DISCOVER HOW IT WORKS
San Francisco Exploratorium's
mobile skate interactive van will
be onsite!

FREE GATORADE
for participants

RAFFLE FOR PRIZES (Ages 12-18)
Skateboard gear donated by
510 Skateboarding & CA iconic

www.richmondlibrary.org
For more info call : Angela Cox at (510) 620-5516

In Collaboration with
the City of Richmond's Recreation Department and Richmond P.A.L.

Richmond Public Library

Sponsored by The Friends of the Richmond Public Library
and SIMS Metal Management

8. Nevin Avenue Improvement Project Update – Parking Restrictions

The Nevin Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements Project will reconstruct Nevin Avenue between 19th Street and 27th Street. The project will improve aesthetics and safety for travel between the Civic Center and Richmond BART Station areas. The project involves new sidewalks, curb and gutter, streetlights, landscaping, and stormwater drainage improvements.

The project will be constructed in phases, with the first phase of work scheduled to commence August 31st on Nevin Avenue between 19th Street and 23rd Street. During this work, one way traffic control will be in place for this segment of Nevin Avenue, and no on-street parking will be permitted, 24 hours a day. In order to accommodate the needs of residents that live along this stretch of Nevin Avenue, portions of 19th, 20th and 21st Streets near Nevin Avenue will be assigned for resident parking only, and temporary construction parking permits were issued to residents along the parking restricted area. BART patrons that may have been parking in this neighborhood are advised that parking is available east of the Richmond station at several locations, including (1) the BART parking structure at 16th Street and Macdonald Avenue, (2) the City-owned lot at 13th Street and Nevin Avenue, and (3)

the City-owned garage at 12th Street and Nevin Avenue. The parking restrictions will be in place for the duration of work on this phase, estimated to be approximately five months.

During the week of August 17th, utility relocation work by East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) continued, and the project team held a community meeting with area residents to discuss the project and parking restrictions. For the week of August 24th, EBMUD relocation work will continue, as will outreach to the community and preparation of traffic control elements, including signs.

For additional information or to be added to the project update contact list, please contact the project's Public Outreach Coordinator Jacqueline Majors at (925) 949-6196.

9. 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. The project is intended to resolve long-standing access limitations to the Marina Bay area caused by frequent train crossings. Project completion is scheduled for Fall 2015.

During the week of August 17th, off-site fabrication of the bridge towers continued, while the majority of sidewalk railings were installed. Additionally, work on the project's stormwater bioretention basin commenced, and PG&E installed electrical service to the pump station. For the week of August 24th, sidewalk railing installation will continue, along with off-site fabrication of the bridge towers and electrical work in the pump station.

For additional information or 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](https://twitter.com/moodyunderpass), or contact the project's Public Outreach Coordinator Jacqueline Majors at (925) 949-6196.



Sidewalk Railing Installation

10. YES Walk to Nature

YES Nature to Neighborhoods' third annual Walk to Nature is August 29th. Come join the Richmond community from 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM for a walk to Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline.

YES Nature to Neighborhoods is partnering with the East Bay Regional Park District and the City of Richmond to promote physical activity and good health by introducing access to nearby regional parks in Richmond. Enjoy a beautiful day with your fellow community members and enjoy free giveaways of t-shirts, water bottles, back-to-school gear and more! Please register at the Richmond Greenway (6th Street and Ohio Avenue) by 9:30 AM. Together, everyone will walk to Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline and arrive by 11:00 AM. There will be bus transportation back to the Richmond Greenway starting at 2:00 PM. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please email nancy@yesfamilies.org, or call 510-232-3032. For more information, please visit the Walk to Nature Facebook page: [YES – Nature to Neighborhoods](#).



Event info: Register at the Richmond Greenway (at 6th & Ohio streets) at 9:30 A.M. Travel by foot to Miller Knox Regional Shoreline and arrive by 11 A.M. Bus transportation back to the Richmond Greenway starting at 2 P.M.

Activity info: Free T-shirts & Water Bottles, Free Lunch, Games, Back-to-School giveaways, and Activities for all ages!

Contact: YES 510-232-3032 or visit

www.facebook.com/YesNaturetoNeighborhoods

Free Event

Open to all Richmond
Students and Families

Walking Schoolbus
Kickoff Event

11. Join The Richmond Police Department and Saturday, August 22nd the for our "Safe City Summer Crime Prevention Expo" and RPAL Carnival!

This Saturday, August 22nd from 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM, the Richmond Police Department is hosting Safe City Summer Crime Prevention Expo. The Expo will provide residents with free backpacks (first come, first served), steering wheel locks and window locks while supplies last. The expo will have food vendors, music, and fun for the whole family!

While property crime in the city has decreased the past few years, this year, like in other cities, Richmond is seeing some increases. Don't let it happen to you! Together we believe Richmond residents can take on property crime! Come meet and greet with your beat officers and local neighborhood groups. The day will feature

alarm company demos, sign-ups for home security surveys, free steering wheel locks, discounts on security products, food, prescription drug drop offs, activities for the kids, "fix it ticket" sign offs, and more. The Expo will be held on Nevin Street adjacent to 450 Civic Center Plaza and is free to the whole community.

12. RPAL Back to School Carnival

The Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL) and Richmond Police Explorer Post are sponsoring a Back to School Carnival and Festival on Friday - Sunday, August 21-23. The Carnival will kick off on Friday at 5:00 PM and conclude on Sunday at 11:00 PM. Helm and Sons Amusement is the carnival provider.

On Saturday, August 22nd, between 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, we plan to encourage youth to go back to school with a positive mental attitude and better prepared for school. PG&E and the Hotel Mac, along with other supporters, will sponsor a backpack give away, including school supplies and other important information and safety tips to help our youth succeed in school and feel safe.

For more information, contact Richmond PAL at 2200 Macdonald Avenue, 510-621-1221.



13. Richmond Main Street Farmers' Market Every Wednesday!

The Richmond Main Street Farmers' Market is in full swing! Come Downtown on Wednesdays, now through November 18th, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Nevin Plaza (Nevin Avenue at 13th Street) for a fantastic selection of fresh, seasonal fruits and veggies, artisan vendors, baked goods and treats, food booths, and more!

The market proudly offers the Market Match program: any CalFresh recipient who shops using their EBT card will get extra money to buy fruits and veggies! For example, spend \$10 and get another \$10 to spend. Visit the information booth for details.

For more information on the market, visit the [Farmers' Market webpage](#), like our Facebook page, or call (510) 236-4049.



14. Downtown Set to Come Alive with the Sounds of the Bayou at Music on the Main!

The sounds of the Bayou and Caribbean are coming to Richmond at Music on the Main on Wednesday, August 26th. Come Downtown for music, food, and fun for the entire family! The festivities will take place from 5:00 PM -7:30 PM in the lot on the corner of Marina Way and Macdonald Avenue, just one block from the Richmond BART Station.

The concert will feature spectacular performances by Zydeco king *Andre Thierry* and *The Caribbean Allstars*. The event will also feature family-friendly activities, Zumba, artisan and food vendors, beer and other beverages for sale, drawing prizes, and more. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Richmond Main Street Presents:

MUSIC on the MAIN
 Music, Food & Fun for the Entire Family
 Beer Garden • Fitness Breaks • Produce Giveaway
 Marina Way & Macdonald Avenue, Downtown Richmond
 (Parking lot next to BART parking garage)

FREE!

AUGUST 26, 2015
 5:00 - 7:30pm

Andre Thierry
 Zydeco

Caribbean Allstars
 Reggae

Sponsored by:

Richmond Main Street Presenta:

MÚSICA en la CALLE
 ¡Música, Comida & Diversión por todos!
 Cerveza • Sesión de Ejercicio • Reparto de Verduras
 Marina Way & Macdonald Avenue, El Centro de Richmond
 (Al lado del estacionamiento de BART)

¡GRATIS!

26 de AGOSTO, 2015
 5:00 - 7:30pm

Andre Thierry
 Zydeco

Caribbean Allstars
 Reggae

Patrocinado por:

15. Richmond's National Drive Electric Week

Richmond's National Drive Electric Week

Join us for the celebration on **Thursday, September 17, 2015**



New to electric vehicles? This is the perfect event for you! There will be experts at the event to answer questions and explain the technology to you.

Own an electric vehicle? Please follow the link to register your vehicle to the show and share your experience with others.

<https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=450>

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC to learn how Electric Vehicles will change the way you drive

Join us at Richmond City Hall 440 Civic Center Plaza
(Parking Lot across from Richmond Public Library)

Thursday, September 17th from 10 am - 4 pm

For additional information: Lori Reese-Brown (510) 620 - 6869



16. Hacienda Tenant Relocation Update:

In January 2015, the Richmond Housing Authority received approval from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the disposition of the Hacienda public housing development and approval of Tenant Protection Section 8 Vouchers to assist in the relocation of the residents. The Housing Authority has retained the professional firm of Autotemp to provide relocation assistance for the residents. As of the Week ending August 21, 2015 the following relocation activity has occurred:

Total # of units 101	7-17-2015	7-24-2015	7-31-2015	8-7-2015	8-14-2015	8-21-2015
Tenants interviewed	98	98	98	98	98	98
Vouchers Issued	96	96	96	97	97	97
Inspections Conducted	22	24	26	27	29	29
Request to port out of Richmond	16	18	18	19	21	21
Applications Submitted	62	64	67	71	71	76
Relocations completed	16	16	17	17	18	20

Autotemp consultants are actively providing ongoing advisory assistance, rental referrals and transportation to view rentals; in addition to the completed relocations twenty-four (24) Hacienda households have been accepted or have applications pending at the newly constructed Harbor View Apartments, with an additional twenty-one (21) other households that have ported out to other jurisdictions, all but four (4) in the in the Bay area. The Hacienda Relocation Plan was adopted on June 16, 2015 by the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

17. R-Transit

R-Transit is Richmond's very own Paratransit service for the senior and disabled population, and it is expanding mobility options for its clients. Please see the brochure below for information about the opportunity to take free round trip rides to the Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historic Park visitor center.

Register Reserve Ride Reach

Let R-TRANSIT take you to your next destination!

Register and reserve your next trip with us!
Redeem your **FREE** round trip ride to **Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Park** on Friday, August 28th from 10 am – noon

Rosie Meet and Greet!

A group of civilian WWII docents share their stories in an informal setting at the Visitor Center. This is your chance to ask the experts about life and work on the WWII American Home Front.



Eligibility Criteria

✓ Do you live in Richmond, North Richmond, El Sobrante, or Kensington?

✓ Are you age 55 or older? If you are under age 55, are you disabled?

If you answer YES to the questions above, then you qualify for R-Transit service.

Obtain an application

- ◆ www.rtransit.com
- ◆ Call 510-307-8026 to request an application by mail.
- ◆ In Person at the R-Transit Center

To redeem your FREE round trip ride to Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Park you must qualify & register for R-Transit service by August 21st. For more information please call

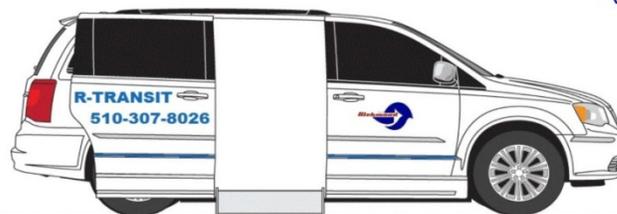
510-307-8026

FREE OFFER

R-TRANSIT

1600 Nevin Plaza
Richmond, CA 94801
Phone: 510-307-8026
Fax: 510-307-8080
www.rtransit.com

E-mail: paratransitservices@ci.richmond.ca.us
Hours of Operation: Monday–Friday 8:30 am–5 pm
Closed weekends & holidays



18. Firefighter Hiring

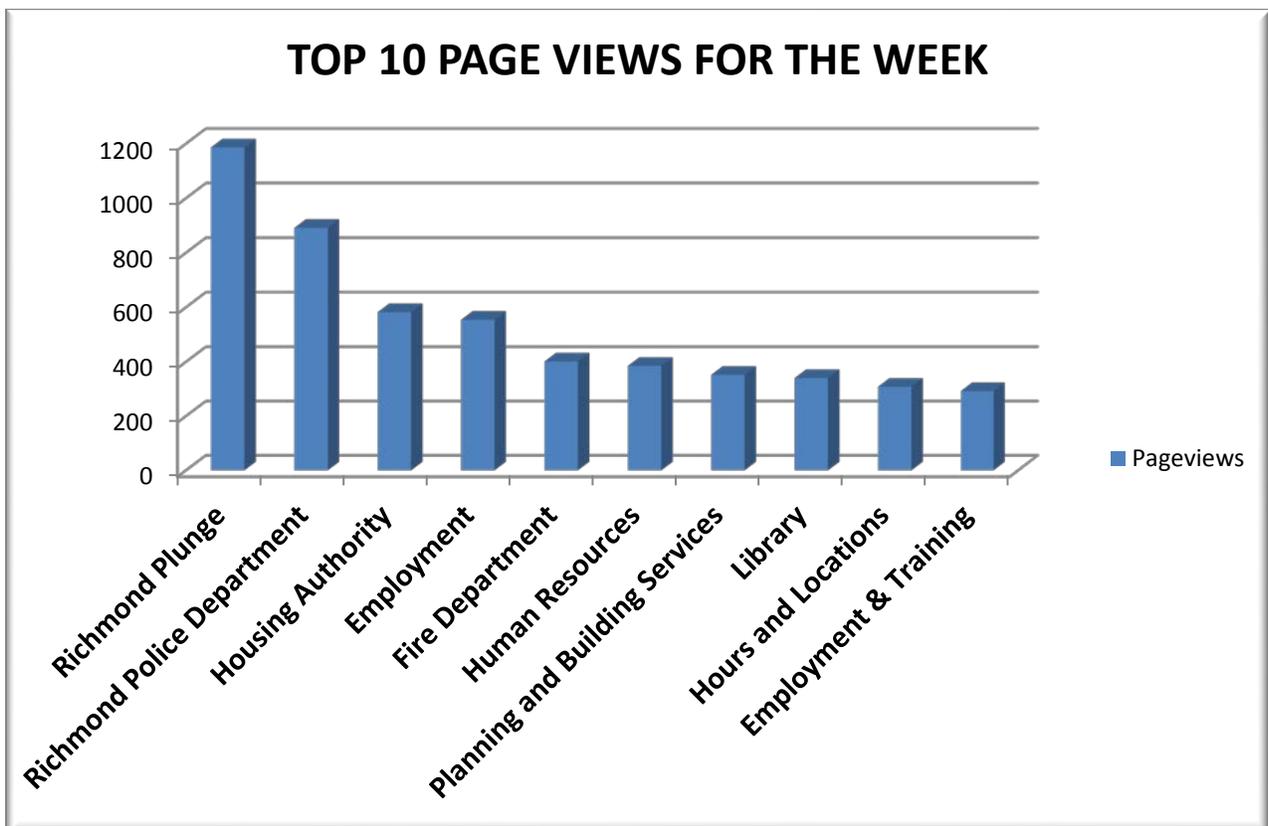
The Richmond Fire Department is hiring lateral firefighters. Online applications are currently being accepted on the [City of Richmond Human Resources website](#) to fill vacancies as they occur.



19. Information Technology

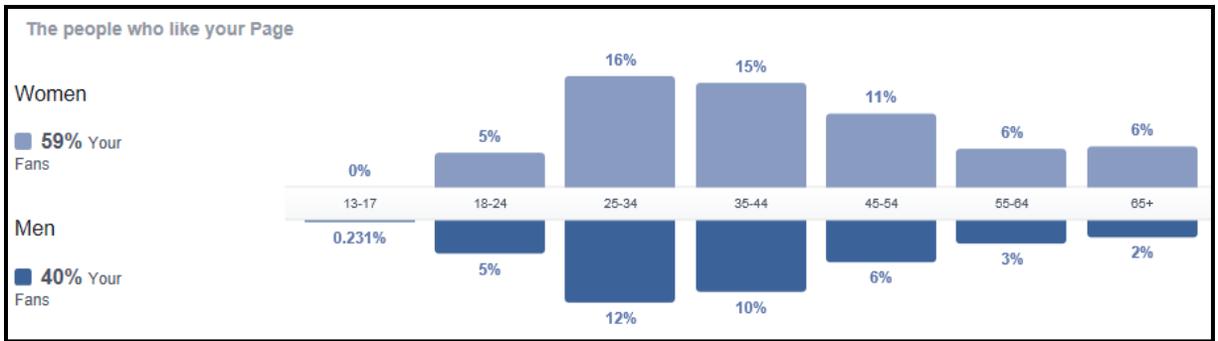
Website Statistics

Top 10 Webpage visits for the week ending 08/21/2015



Facebook Statistics

For the week ending 08/21/2015



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DATANET SCREENS OF THE WEEK

Richmond RPAL August 21 - 23
Police Activities League

BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5:00pm - 11:00pm	12:00pm - 11:00pm	12:00pm - 11:00pm
Opening Day, Games, face painting, community unity, food, vendors and prizes.	Backpack give away, School supply, give-away Meet and greet with leaders of the greater Richmond community	Family Day, Picture booth, games, give away, and much more!

BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Richmond RPAL Police Activities League



Answer: for THROWBACK THURSDAY Photo of the week.



This photo was taken at the intersection of 23rd Street and Macdonald in 1916.
Photo provided by KCRT.

City of Richmond Website and Mobile APP UPDATE

The City recently upgraded its website which now incorporates responsive design that allows the content on the City's website to automatically adjust to the screen size of any device. Forget about using the pinch-zoom to see something. This responsive design makes content easy to view and easy to navigate on tablets and smartphones providing a great user experience no matter how the content is accessed.



**Download the FREE
City of Richmond Smartphone App**

To use on
Apple iPhone or iPad
or Android phone

Available on the
App Store

GET IT ON
Google play

Enter 'Richmond California' to search and install the app

QR Codes are available for easy downloading of this APP:

Apple version of APP

Android version of APP



Great News! The City of Richmond mobile app is now available. It provides Richmond's community members with one-stop access to City services and information. You may watch the [informational video](#) for an overview of the app available for free at Apple App Store for IOS devices and at Google Play for Android phones.

The City of Richmond is looking forward to feedback from the community on this new Mobile APP. We welcome your comments at webservices@ci.richmond.ca.us

20. Recreation Highlights

Seniors

Seniors received certificates and graduated from the AARP Smart Driver Course held at the Annex Sr. Center.



During the remodel of the Sr. Center, the Yin Ji class remains popular and enjoys the extra space of the Auditorium.



Disabled People's Recreation Center

Although summer is winding down, participants of the Disabled People's Recreation Center summer camp continue to have a blast:

Monday – Started the day with a little exercise to wake up, then into the kitchen to make a little French cuisine: vegetarian crepes for lunch and chocolate crepes for dessert. Later everyone had a fun time dancing, working on puzzles, and playing other games of choice.

Tuesday – Travelled to Fenton's in Vacaville for lunch and shopping at the outlets. Everyone enjoyed the ice cream treats and their favorite outlet stores.

Wednesday – It was a perfect day at Contra Loma Park and Reservoir and everyone enjoyed the swimming and great weather.

Thursday – Stoneridge Mall was a favorite this week for the participants, they expressed how nice the people were and that it was not crowded at all. Best of all was the Lego store and the many great choices they had to pick from for lunch.

Friday – It was a movie day at Hilltop Century 16 to see Ant Man. Everyone enjoyed the movie, popcorn and all the goodies they could consume.



Summer Camp Olympics

On Friday August 7th, the Recreation Department hosted an Olympic event for kids participating in all the Summer Camp sites: Parchester, Recreation Complex, Booker T. Anderson, May Valley and Shields Reid Community Centers. There were about 250 kids at the MLK Turf Field for this event. After learning about the Olympic Games and practicing at their various sites, the kids had the opportunity to compete in 100 meters, 4 by 100 meters, long jump and shot put activities. This event was held to inspire the kids to do more physical activities (running, throwing and jumping), and to teach them about team-work

and sportsmanship in a fun environment. Each youth was awarded a medal for participating in the Recreation Department's first Olympic event.



Back to School Backpack Give-Away

On Saturday, August 8th, over 260 Richmond youth received a free new backpack and school supplies. The items were donated by the One Richmond Motorcycle Association and distributed in conjunction with the City of Richmond Recreation Department.

Included in each backpack was a special children's book, written by Andre A. Lewis, about the work of the City's Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) titled, "Be a Change Agent for Your Community."

A special thank you for making this a wonderful event: Office of Neighborhood Safety staff and participants, the One Richmond Motorcycle Association, and, especially, Recreation Department staff for their contribution.



21. Public Works Update

Engineering Division:

Traffic Calming - Engineering staff has been working with residents to calm traffic in the vicinity of the Solano Play Lot to make it more safe and accessible. As a traffic calming measure, two median islands were constructed near the Solano Play Lot; one along Solano Avenue at the intersection with 37th Street; and one along 38th Street at the intersection of Boyd Avenue. Gardening soil was installed in both median islands to allow local residents to assume the role of “garden caretakers” of the islands. For better access to the park, two curb ramps were installed on Solano Avenue at the intersection with 37th Street; and two more were installed on Boyd Avenue at the Solano Play Lot. City crews will install crosswalks at the curb ramps and will paint the island curbs to further encourage drivers to slow down when in the vicinity of the play lot.



Median Island at 38th Street and Boyd Avenue



ADA Curb Ramp at Solano Play Lot Entrance

Sidewalk Improvements - The City's contractor replaced the sidewalk at the newly refurbished South 2nd Street City Park and added a driveway for maintenance access.



New Sidewalk fronting the recently refurbished South 2nd Street City Park

Slurry Seal Project - Localized asphalt pavement repairs and crack seals were performed on portions of 24th Street, Amador Street and Blume Drive, in preparation for the upcoming slurry seal preventive maintenance treatments. These cost-effective surface treatments seal the pavement surface and slow down surface deterioration, extending the roadway's useful life for about five to seven years.



Localized Pavement Repairs and Crack Sealing on 24th Street

Facilities Maintenance Division:

Carpenters modified work stations in Human Resources and the Finance Departments, resolved issues at the Family Justice Center, started floor installation at the Employment and Training building, built and installed cabinets for the May Valley Community Center restroom and performed ADA improvements in the restroom of the May Valley Community Center.



Flooring Installation

Painters completed the equipment room and interior window trim at the Point Richmond Community Center and Library, and applied finish to cabinets for May Valley Community Center.

Stationary Engineers repaired the 12th Street parking garage gate, serviced boiler room steam pipes at the Main Library, repaired the drinking fountain at the Police Department, cleared the waste line at Fire Station #61, and resolved basement flooding at the Recreation Complex.

Utility Workers removed carpet glue from the floors at the Senior Center, cleaned carpets in the Council Chambers and serviced 29 facilities.



Carpet Cleaning in the Council Chambers

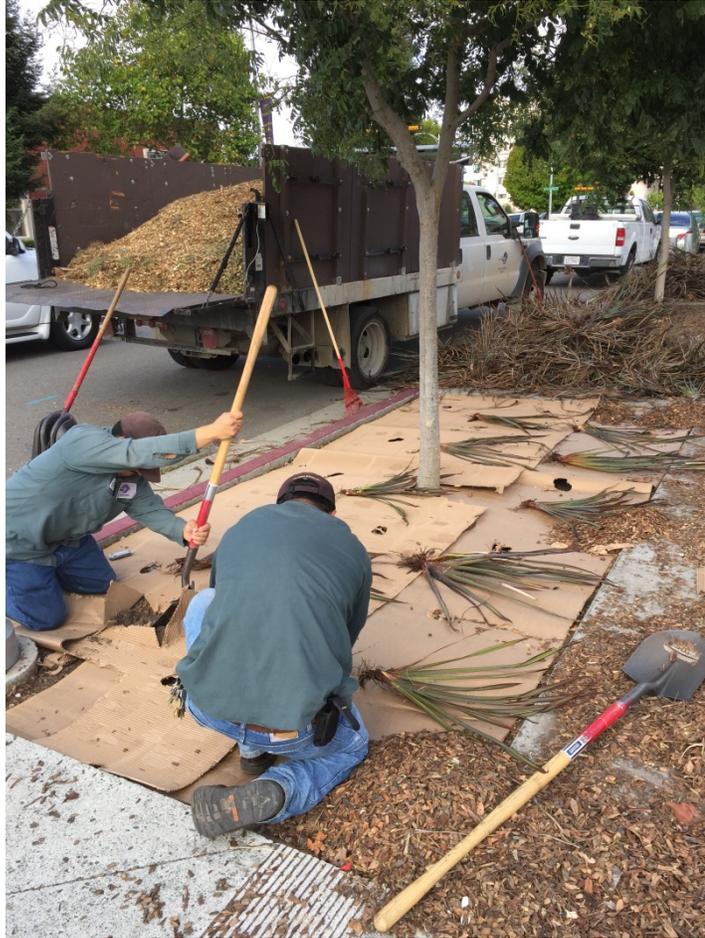
Electricians relamped or repaired bay lights at Fire Stations #62 and #64, repaired lighting in front of the Swim Center, responded to a knockdown on Nunn Street, replaced traffic head at South 23rd Street and Cutting Boulevard, provided support for community events at Nevin and Nichol Parks, repaired Civic Center Plaza lighting and located missing interconnect boxes on the Hensley overpass.



Traffic Head Replacement at South 23rd Street

Parks and Landscaping Division:

General maintenance weed whipped along the Greenway, installed basketball nets at three different parks, weeded and trimmed the 23rd Street Grade Separation, performed irrigation maintenance on the Greenway and at the Civic Center and sheet mulched at Civic Center Plaza .



Sheet Mulching at Civic Center Plaza

Hilltop District crews continued work on the landscaping project near AM/PM on the Richmond Parkway, weed abated Richmond Parkway center medians from Hilltop Drive to the Causeway, flail mowed Hilltop Lake Park, weed abated Country Club Vista and Bay Vista Parks, removed graffiti from the Hilltop area, removed a tree and replaced a banner at Country Club Vista.

Marina District crews performed maintenance from the Rosie the Riveter Rally held last Saturday, August 15th.

Tree crews cut or trimmed trees on or around: 13th Street, Costa Avenue, Fran Way and Collette Drive. The crew also attended First Aid Training.

Streets Division:

Paving staff ground and paved on Richmond Parkway in the #2 west bound lane and worked on potholes and sidewalks from the outstanding lists.



Richmond Parkway Paving

Street sweeping performed commercial and residential sweeping services for the third Monday through Friday in the North Richmond, Iron Triangle, North Belding Woods, Atchison Village, South Belding Woods, Santa Fe, Coronado, Marina Bay and Point Richmond neighborhood council areas.

Signs and Lines staff installed 14 new signs and poles at various locations, placed six pavement messages, painted 631 feet of curb and repaired 43 signs and poles.

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

Have a great week!

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