

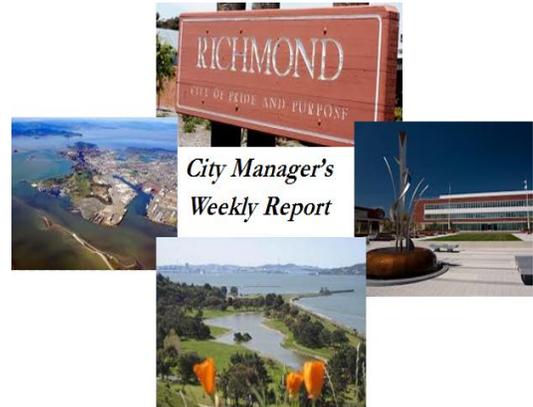


Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the weekly report for the week ending October 30, 2015.

1. Meeting Notes

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd beginning with a closed Session at 5:00 PM, followed by the regular agenda at 6:30 PM. The agenda may be found by clicking this [link](#).



2. Make a Difference Day at John F. Kennedy Park!

Did we build it? Yes, we did! This past Saturday, October 24th, over 650 volunteers joined together at John F. Kennedy Park (Cutting Boulevard and South 41st Street) on Make a Difference Day, the nation's largest service day, with one goal in mind: rebuild the park in one day so neighborhood children and families can have a safe and vibrant space for outdoor recreation.

It was an incredible day for resident volunteers, church members, and school personnel of the Park Plaza neighborhood and other south side communities, that met on a weekly basis since this past April to share their vision for a newly designed John F. Kennedy Park. All of those who participated in this planning effort are to be commended for their commitment to neighborhood revitalization.

On hand to support this planning collaborative effort were:

- The Trust for Public Land, which generously funded the project and provided technical support;
- Chevron, which sponsored the picnic pavilion at the park and supported the Super Bowl 50 Community Tour visit to JFK Park;
- Richmond Trees and Groundwork Richmond, which led the Arbor Day project;
- PG&E, which funded the trees for the event;
- The Richmond Art Center, which led the community art class for the mural and secured the artist;
- Livie and Luca, an ongoing community-build park sponsor, which provided art designs for the children's play area and supported the dirt bike track;

- Public Allies/Service Works and AmeriCorps, which supported the outreach efforts;
- Overaa Construction, which provided construction support;
- O.C. Jones and Sons, which renovated the softball field in May 2015;
- RichmondBuild students, who assisted with pre-construction projects; and
- City of Richmond staff representing the City Manager's Office, Parks and Landscaping, Recreation, Arts and Culture, Richmond Police and Fire Departments, Office of Mayor Butt, and City Council Offices.

The impact of this cross-sector volunteer effort and partnership yielded:

- Richmond's first outdoor fitness zone, featuring nine accessibility-friendly fitness equipment stations;
- A one- acre children's play area and picnic area for families;
- A ¼-mile walking trail with stenciled inspirational quotes regarding health and community;
- 9 exercise circuit stations along the walking trail;
- 70 trees planted in recognition of Arbor Day;
- A 5,000 square foot mural in the circular event plaza;
- 23 LED lighting upgrades throughout the park;
- A Community flower garden with 30 rose bushes;
- A picnic pavilion (to be completed in two weeks);
- STEM outdoor learning center and rain garden;
- Richmond's first dirt bike track;
- 6 mosaic trash cans;
- Refurbished storage building;
- One horseshoe game pit;
- Hundreds of stenciled footprints throughout the neighborhood to promote safe routes for children.

This day would not have been a success without the amazing service champions who dedicated their day to make a difference. And, it would not have been a success without the leadership of City of Richmond Chief Service Officer Rochelle Monk, who, together with the Richmond ESC team, organized the entire event.

There are great photos of the day, including from Mayor Tom Butt, and an outstanding news story on NBC Bay Area (<http://www.nbcbayarea.com/video/#!/on-air/as-seen-on/Richmond-Park-Gets-Makeover---In-1-Day/338154191>) captured the volunteers in action. The [San Francisco Chronicle](#), [Richmond Confidential](#), and [The Richmond Standard](#) also featured the event as well.

The [Super Bowl 50 Tour](#), featuring Lombardi trophies from the Oakland Raiders and San Francisco 49ers, received the largest turnout in a community thus far. Visitors also had an opportunity to visit interactive STEM learning exhibits and receive an autographed photo from NFL legend Raymond Chester.

The Friends of JFK Park will resume meetings in the coming weeks to begin planning for Phase II improvements, which include fundraising for the basketball court renovation, park restrooms, and planning future programs and events for the park. Please contact (510) 620-6511 to learn more about how you can get involved.



3. Grand Reopening of Coach William Randolph Richmond Swim Center

The grand re-opening reception and showcase of the Richmond Swim Center was also held this past Saturday, October 24th at 5:00 PM. The facility renovations and Saturday's event were completed in partnership between the West Contra Costa Unified School District and the City of Richmond. Approximately 200 attended the

showcase and ceremony. The family of Coach William Randolph, dignitaries from the WCCUSD and the City of Richmond, and special guest, Justin Lynch, UC Berkeley NCAA champion swimmer, addressed everyone with heartfelt sentiments. The ceremony culminated with a grand ribbon cutting.

Throughout the event, visitors were able to view all the new features and beautiful upgrades in the swim facility. The Swim Center boasts a reconfigured swimming pool, an outdoor play structure, a courtyard, picnic areas surrounded by new landscaping, and is highlighted by the addition of a retractable, skylight style, roof.

The amazing weather complimented the evening as guests toured the facility and enjoyed the festive atmosphere. For information regarding programming dates, please contact staff at (510) 620-6793 or check the [City of Richmond website](#).



The renovated Richmond Swim Center will be open for aquatic use by the public on Monday, November 2nd.



4. Made in Richmond Halloween Treats Gift Box

California Delicious, a local business dedicated to creating gourmet selections from across California in spectacular gift boxes and celebration packages, has assembled a “Made in Richmond” Halloween Treats Gift Box that is sure to delight! This gift box is filled with yummy treats from the City of Richmond with a few traditional Halloween sweets. From the gift box, you can enjoy organic O’Coconut hemp and chia treats from Nutiva, savory roasted cashews from Oren’s Kitchen, Forbidden Rice Ramen from Lotus Foods, Arawak Farms Sweet Ginger Pepper spread from Vassell Foods - perfect with soft cheese on crackers, Apple Butter from Urban Tilith - made with apples grown in Richmond, and an assortment of Halloween candies. We encourage you to share Richmond's new energy with family, friends and coworkers.

To purchase the gift box please go to the California Delicious website at <http://www.californiadelicious.com/made-in-richmond-trick-or-treats.html>.



5. 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:

- Attended the rebuild of John F. Kennedy Park (see item 2);
- Attended the reopening of the Coach William Randolph Richmond Swim Center (see item 3);

- Met, together with Senior Planner Lina Velasco, with UC Berkeley staff to review land use planning activities along the Berkeley Global Campus shoreline;
- Attended, and assisted in facilitating, a meeting organized by Assemblymember Tony Thurmond regarding State legislative approaches to increasing the supply of affordable housing;
- Attended the Economic Summit at the Craneway, hosted by the Richmond Chamber of Commerce;
- Participated with the City's finance team in a review of documents related to refinancing the pension obligation bond swaps;
- Participated in a conversation with representatives from the Urban Institute, evaluating the National Resource Network program.

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.

6. Goat Grazing in Richmond

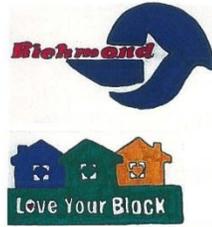
The Love Your Block Team at Richmond City Hall is holding a special event in North Richmond on Monday, November 2nd from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

The goats are coming!

Code Enforcement officers in North Richmond collect on average 12.09 tons of waste every month from abandoned, overgrown lots. Unfortunately, underutilized open spaces are magnets for illegal dumping. That is why the Love Your Block Team at Richmond City Hall is employing a herd of goats to eat the waist-high grass on a lot at 695 Chesley Avenue.

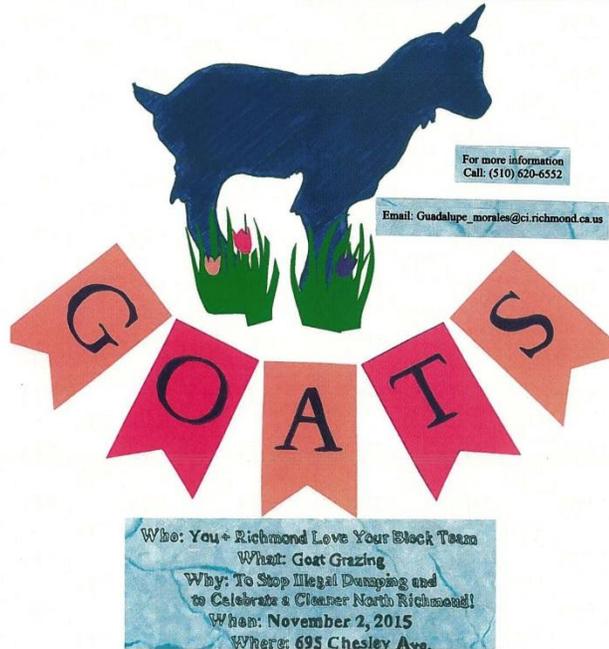
The November 2nd event is a pilot project to see if goat grazing can become a regular part of North Richmond's landscape in the future. Richmond's Fire Department has plans to use goat grazing as a permanent tool in their fire abatement toolbox, and this event is a chance to introduce community members to appropriate ways to interact with these animals.

On October 31st, there will be a neighborhood clean-up at 695 Chesley Avenue, at which community members will clean the lot in anticipation of the goats' arrival. Residents will also learn how to report illegal dumping in progress in the future. The arrival of the goats will be this Monday, November 2nd between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM at 695 Chesley Avenue.



A herd of goats is coming to North Richmond!
Help us clean the lot at
695 Chesley Ave.
before they arrive!
The annual neighborhood cleanup is on
Saturday, October 31st.
The goats come on
Monday, November 2nd from 10AM-6:00PM

BOTH EVENTS ARE FREE!!
Come out to clean up North Richmond, pet goats, and
learn about Richmond's long-term goat grazing
plans.



7. The East Bay Center for the Performing Arts Presents Dia de Los Muertos

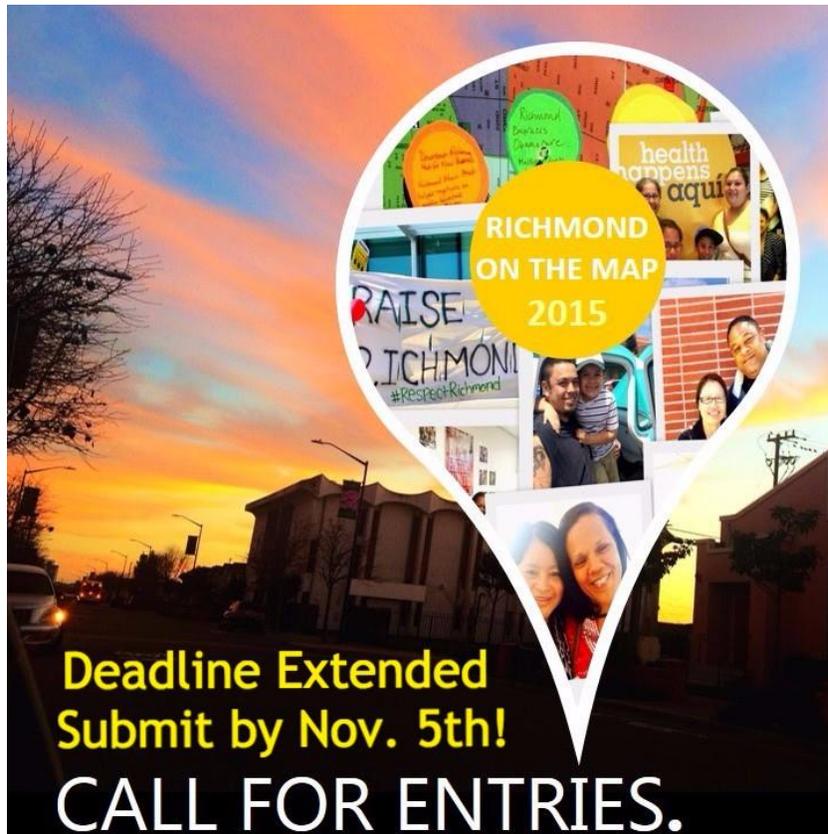
Join the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts on November 2nd for a celebration of our ancestors, all of those who have passed who paved the way for us to be here. Son de la Tierra will be honoring the dead with traditional music from San Luis Potosi, minuets and canarios. The public is invited to bring their offerings of food and a photograph by which to remember their loved ones.

8. Richmond on the Map 2015

Do you have a favorite spot of beauty for families and children in Richmond? Share it! A team of partners on Healthy Richmond's Economic Revitalization Action Team are putting "Richmond on the Map," by creating a community map that shows Richmond's positive assets and places of beauty for families and children.

If you are interested in participating, please submit your nomination for the map by November 5th: <https://healthyrichmond.typeform.com/to/uMw0WV>

Please view the criteria and email us with any questions at healthyrichmondbhc@gmail.com.



9. 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 October 30, 2015 the following relocation activity has occurred:

Total # of units 101	9-25-2015	10-2-2015	10-9-2015	10-16-2015	10-23-2015	10-30-2015
Tenants interviewed	98	98	98	98	98	98
Vouchers Issued	97	97	97	97	97	97
Inspections Conducted	39	42	46	46	49	49
Request to port out of	21	22	22	22	22	22

Richmond						
Applications Submitted	89	93	93	93	93	93
Relocations completed	35	35	38	40	40	42

Autotemp consultants are actively providing ongoing advisory assistance, rental referrals and transportation to view rentals; in addition to the completed relocations thirty-seven (37) Hacienda households have been accepted with approved applications and unit assignments at the newly constructed Harbor View Senior Apartments. There have been eight households that have successfully leased up out-side our jurisdiction and two of them have successfully leased up outside the State of California (New Jersey and Arizona). Total relocation costs thus far are \$372,990 (approximately 37% of the relocation budget), all of which have been supported with federal funds.

10. Draft Richmond Bay Specific Plan (RBSP)

The draft Richmond Bay Specific Plan (RBSP) (formerly known as the South Shoreline Specific Plan) is now available for public review and comment. Written comments on the draft RBSP are due by November 16, 2015.

The draft RBSP was presented at the Planning Commission meeting this past Thursday, October 15th, and is was presented to the City Council at their most recent meeting on Tuesday, October 27th.

The RBSP will facilitate the implementation of Richmond's new General Plan by establishing specific planning policies, regulations, and urban design guidelines for an approximately 220-acre area located in the City of Richmond, south of Interstate Highway 580. The RBSP will focus on ways Richmond can take advantage of the planned Berkeley Global Campus at Richmond Bay, future ferry service, and other area assets to create a sustainable shoreline district providing jobs, housing, transportation options, and opportunities for entertainment and recreation. This planning effort is being funded in part by a Priority Development Area (PDA) Planning Grant from the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

Comments on the draft RBSP must be in writing and received no later than November 16, 2015. Please send comments to:

Lina Velasco, Project Manager
 Planning and Building Services
 450 Civic Center Plaza
 P.O. Box 4046
 Richmond, CA 94804-1630

Comments may also be sent electronically to rbsp@ci.richmond.ca.us:

Start of Public Review: October 1, 2015

End of Public Review: November 16, 2015

Plan Availability: A copy of the draft RBSP is available for review online at www.ci.richmond.ca.us/rbsp. Copies are also available for review at the following Richmond locations:

- Richmond Main Branch Library, 325 Civic Center Plaza;
- Bayview Branch Library, 5100 Hartnett Avenue;
- West Side Branch, 135 Washington Avenue; and
- City of Richmond, Planning and Building Services Department, City Hall, 450 Civic Center Plaza, 2nd Floor.

11. Digital Health Literacy classes at the Nevin Community Center

The Richmond Digital Health Literacy Project continues to lead successful Digital Health computer classes at the Nevin Community Center. The class has grown from 7 to 18 students over the past five weeks. This first cohort includes English- and Spanish-speaking learners from the YES Nature to Neighborhoods Wellness Navigators program. More students will start the training program during drop-in computer lab hours at Richmond's Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

You are welcome to explore the Digital Health curriculum by creating an account at the [Richmond Digital Health Literacy webpage](#). Please let us know what you think! Topics include finding reliable health information online, using Google Maps to locate health services, and understanding health insurance. Additional learning plans on the topics of physical wellness, family wellness, and community wellness will be added over the next month.

To volunteer to help out with the classes, or for more information about the Richmond Digital Health Literacy Project, contact the Project Coordinator, Ellen Kersten, at (510) 307-8002 or Ellen_Kersten@ci.richmond.ca.us.



12. Nevin Avenue Improvement Project

The Nevin Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements Project is a reconstruction of Nevin Avenue between 19th Street and 27th Street that 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 next phase of work from 23rd to 27th Street is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of November 2nd. During this phase, the eastbound lane of Nevin Avenue will be removed for storm drain installation. This will necessitate demolition of the south side of the street between 24th and 27th Streets. During this phase, one way traffic control will be in place and only westbound traffic will be permitted. Additionally, no on-street parking will be permitted, 24 hours a day on Nevin Avenue. Due to the parking limitations, visitors to Civic Center facilities are encouraged to use the parking lot located at Barrett and 25th Street. The parking restrictions will be in place for the duration of work on this phase, estimated to be approximately five months.

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. You can also follow the project on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NevinAvenueProject>.

13. Richmond Transit Village Phase II, Nevin Avenue Improvements BART-19th Project

The Richmond Transit Village Phase II Nevin Avenue Improvements BART-19th Project involves the complete reconstruction of the east entrance to the Richmond

BART station, replacing the existing sloped walkway with 1) an extension of Nevin Avenue, 2) a plaza and stairway, 3) an elevator and 4) a realigned ramp.

Beginning Monday, October 26th, the sloped walkway to BART was closed. The passenger drop off area and pedestrian access to the station have been relocated to the fenced BART parking lot north of the walkway, using the existing stairway near the station entrance. BART patrons are encouraged to utilize access from the west side of the station, where BART recently reopened the intermodal bus/taxi/passenger drop off area to traffic. This project is expected to be completed in early 2017.

For additional information please contact the project's Public Outreach Coordinator Andrew Poelvoorde at (510) 595-4724.



Recently completed BART intermodal access west of the Richmond BART station



Preparations for partial closure of the east entrance to the Richmond BART station

14. Richmond's Minimum Wage Ordinance

The City of Richmond's Minimum Wage increase goes into effect January 1, 2016. The new minimum wage set forth in the Ordinance will be \$11.52 an hour (compared to \$9.00/hour for the State of California and the initial \$9.60/hour wage initially established in the City on January 1, 2015) and it applies to any employee who works two or more hours per week.

The Employment & Training staff posted notices announcing the increase on KCRT, and the City's website. Packets will be mailed to over 3,000 businesses and the Richmond Chamber of Commerce members to inform them of the change. The information packet includes English and Spanish versions of the official notice that must be posted in all workplaces along with a list of employer and employee rights under the ordinance. Employers who pay for less than 800 hours of employee labor in a given two-week period need not pay the City's minimum wage until they pay over 800 hours or more of employee labor in a two week period. This is the first of three annual increases that will max out at \$13.00/hour on January 1, 2018.

For questions and concerns please contact Gina Baker at (510) 307-8011.



15. The 2015 Community Survey Available to All Richmond Residents to Complete

The 2015 Richmond Community Survey can now be completed by **ALL** Richmond residents in English or Spanish by accessing the following link: www.n-r-c.com/survey/richmondncs.htm.

Feel free to contact LaShonda White in the City Manager's Office at (510) 620-6828 with questions, comments, or to obtain a paper copy of the survey. Your input can help make the City of Richmond a better place to live, work, and play. We look forward to receiving your feedback.

16. City of Richmond: Transportation

By rethinking your daily commute, you can decrease congestion, improve air quality, conserve natural resources, and save money. Now you can learn more about your commute options at the City of Richmond's [Transportation webpage](#). You can enjoy the benefits of alternate transportation modes – the key is finding which one (or combination of options) that work for you! Need assistance planning your trip? Call 510-620-6869.

RETHINK YOUR CO₂MMUTE

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to work.

COMMUTER CHOICES
CONSIDER THE OPTIONS

**Bicycle Lockers, Parking Maps, Trails,
EV Charging Stations, R-Transit/Paratransit
Commuter Shuttles, Park & Ride, Ridesharing
and SO MUCH MORE!**

17. R-Transit

R-Transit provides door-to-door transportation service to persons with disabilities and seniors (age 55 and older) living in the communities of Richmond, Kensington, El Sobrante, East Richmond Heights, Hasford Heights, Rollingwood, and North Richmond. Register for services and reserve a free round trip ride to Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historic Park. See the flyer below for additional details.

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**
Friday, November 13th 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 November 6th. For more information please call 510-307-8026



R-TRANSIT
 1600 Nevin Plaza
 Richmond, CA 94801
 Phone: 510-307-8026
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www.rtransit.com
 E-mail: paratransitservices@ci.richmond.ca.us
 Hours of Operation: Monday–Friday 8:30 am–5 pm
 Closed weekends & holidays

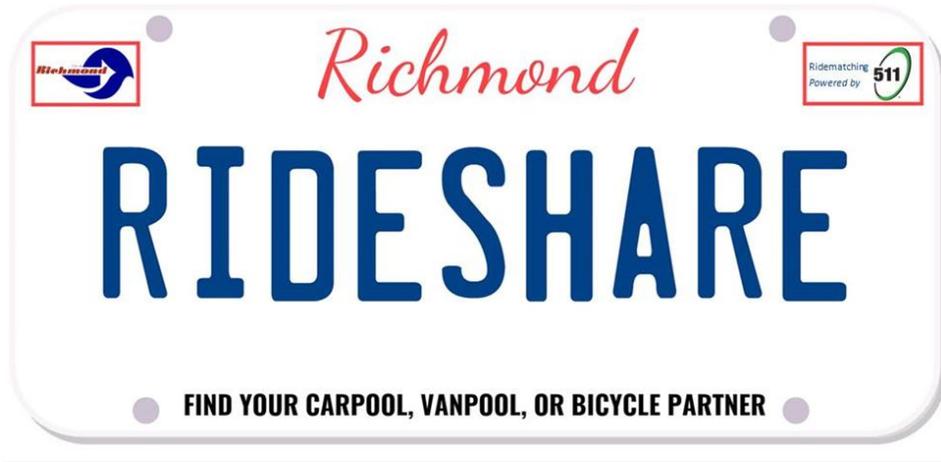


18. Ridematching in Richmond

Create a profile to find local commuters near you to share a ride. Register and pinpoint individuals nearby wishing to share a ride to a similar destination with just a few clicks. The rideshare matching service is completely **FREE!** Visit 511 Contra Costa's RideShare website to create a profile: [511 RideShare](#).

Explore the many benefits of ridesharing today:

- Reduced stress from commuting
- Financial savings due to shared costs
- Reduce parking demand at work
- Reduce traffic congestion



19. 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 Ave 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 which allows any CalFresh recipient who shops using their EBT card to 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.



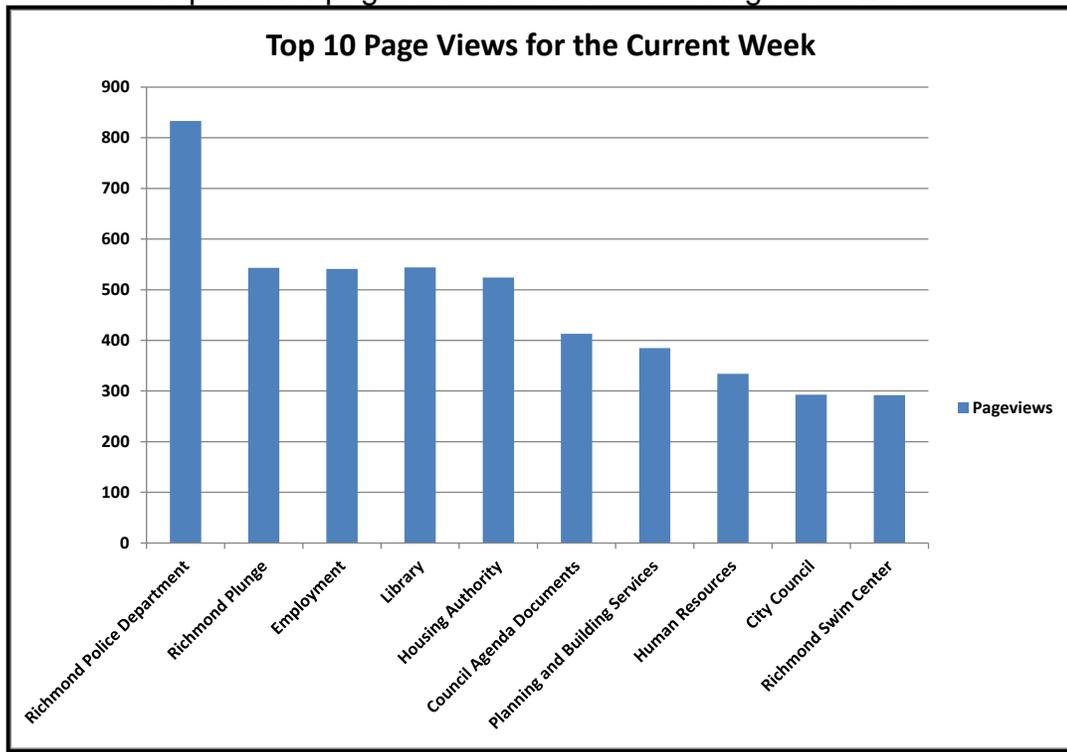
20. Information Technology

The City received the Municipal Information Systems Association of California (MISAC) 2015 Award for Quality in IT Practices.



Website

Top 10 Webpage visits for the week ending 10/30/2015



Website and Facebook Statistics

Website visits by device type this week

Device type	
TYPE	▼ VISITS
 Desktop	9771
 Smartphone	3039
 Tablet	857

New Facebook Likes increased by 66.7%
Facebook Engagement increased by 105.3%

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DATANET SCREENS OF THE WEEK



Richmond's Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) is taking a bold new approach to ending gun violence.



NationSwell has nominated DeVone Boggan and the ONS team, as well as five other individuals, in their ALL-STAR campaign, focusing on people renewing America.

Here's your chance to get a Richmond program recognized.


VOTE!
DeVone Boggan

Help make the Office of Neighborhood Safety the #1 NationSwell AllStar

Vote everyday until Oct. 31st [Nationswell.com](https://www.nationswell.com)

The winner will receive \$10,000 to further his or her project



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- Urban Tilith's Apple Butter

Available Now!

City of Richmond Website and Mobile APP UPDATE

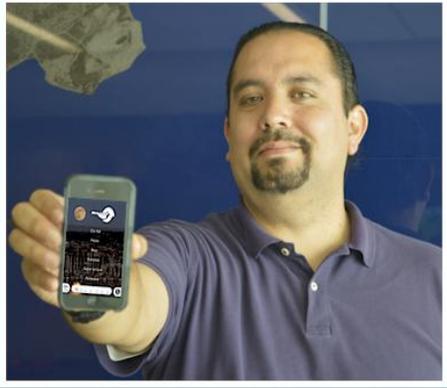
The City recently upgraded its website which now incorporates responsive design that allows the content on the City's website to automatically adjust to the screen size of any device. Forget about using the pinch-zoom to see something. This responsive design makes content easy to view and easy to navigate 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

ANSWER: Throwback Thursday: Featuring Richmond California History

This photo is of the view of Winehaven, c. 1910. (Photos from National Register collection)



After the 1906 earthquake left San Francisco in ruins, the California Wine Association moved to Point Molate and began construction of Winehaven, once holder of the prestigious title, "world's largest winery." At the peak of the season as many as 400 workers lived here, as all of the California Wine Association's shipments to foreign, coastal and New York markets sailed from the Winehaven dock; shipment capacity was 500,000 gallons a month, and 40 ships sailed annually for New York alone. With the advent of prohibition in 1919, Winehaven went mostly unused from about 1920 until the late 1930s. The navy acquired the 412-acre site in 1941, moved into the winery buildings, and constructed 20 large concrete tanks on the hillsides above for a fuel depot. Thousands of drums of fuel were stored in huge buildings, pipelines were laid, a new pier was built and the old one was eventually removed. The Winehaven area was once more alive and bustling with ships and men. The old Winehaven Hotel was pressed into service for a period as barracks and mess hall, and the workers' houses were renovated for the use of naval personnel. The Commanding Officer of the Naval Fuel Depot was assigned the largest house on the bluff overlooking the others, which previously had been the home of the winery superintendent.

Despite the switch from wine to fuel, the historic district remains virtually unaltered from its days as a winery. There are 35 buildings in the National Register historic

district built between 1907 and 1919, the most notable being the castle-like Winehaven Building adorned with crenellated parapet and corner turrets. Also within the district is the Winemaster's House (Building 60), which became the Commanding Officer's residence, and the quaint Village of Point Molate, a row of turn-of-the-century cottages used to house Winehaven and military families. The Navy continued to operate the fuel depot during the Korean War and Vietnam War until it was decommissioned in 1995. (History provided by the National Park Service)

Visit the [City's Facebook](#) page for more!

21. Recreation Highlights

Parchester Community Center

Parchester Community Center, in collaboration with the First 5 Contra Costa, Children and Families Commission, started a four week basic instructional soccer program on October 19th for children ages two to five years old. Currently, 15 participants are attending every Monday and Tuesday from 5:00 PM to 5:40 PM. The entire session is \$10 per child.



Youth Activities

The Recreation Department and Trips for Kids, Marin has established a partnership where youth from Richmond will participate in two mountain bike trip outings in a month (1st and 3rd Wednesdays) at different parks and trails in the East Bay at no cost.

The first and second trips were held on October 7th and 21st at the Point Pinole Regional Park. The next trip is scheduled for November 4th from Rosie the Riveter WW II Home Front to the Richmond Costco Warehouse area.

All the bikes, helmets, gloves and water bottles are provided by Trips for Kids, Marin.

Providing lessons in self-confidence, environmental awareness and healthy habits are just a few of the objectives of this program.



DPRC

Friends of Disabled Children, Inc. and Disabled People's Recreation Center hosted the annual Halloween dance on Friday, October 23rd with over 97 guests. The center participants and staff had worked diligently all week to complete decorating the multi-purpose room with tons of spiders, creepy webs, scary people and other unexplainable things turning the space into a fabulous Halloween venue.

The entire evening was filled with dancing to music videos by DJ Bert from KCRT and his stand-in assistant, Recreation Leader, Mapuana. How great it was to have a successful dance with so many people having a great time.



Shields-Reid

Twenty five participants from the Shields Reid Afterschool Achieve Program made paper jack-o-lanterns and participated in an ice cream social sponsored by the North Richmond Green Team. The ice cream social was in recognition of Shields Reid's participation in 12 neighborhood clean ups in North Richmond.



Aquatics

The annual Floating Pumpkin Patch was held on Saturday, October 24th at the Richmond Plunge. Approximately, 70 community members, especially the children, truly enjoyed the opportunity to select their pumpkins floating in the water while having a chance to play in the water.



22. Public Works Updates

Engineering Division:

Staff has continued working on different areas for slurry sealing streets. It is a cost-effective way of treating the street surface, sealing the pavement to slow its deterioration, and extending its usefulness for a minimum of five additional years. Currently, portions of 7th Street, Amador Street, Blume Drive and Juliga Woods Street have been sealed and the striping has been completed.



Striping on Blume Drive

The Pavement Rehabilitation Project has completed large portions of Hilltop Drive. The American Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramps, sidewalk repair and curb/gutter repairs have been completed. Currently, the remainder of the surface milling and removal is taking place in preparation for the pavement overlay.



New Curb Ramps



Hilltop Drive Milling

Facilities Maintenance Division:

Carpenters repaired the north door at the Senior Center, the front entrance to the Bayview Branch Library and replaced ceiling tiles at the Employment and Training building.

Painters completed the apparatus lines at Fire Station #67, curbs at the Swim Center and disabled parking at the Disabled Peoples Recreation Center.

Stationary Engineers repaired the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioner (HVAC) at 440 Civic Center Plaza, completed maintenance on the filters and furnace at the Plunge and completed the finishing touches on the furnace and filters at the Swim Center.



Renovated Richmond Swim Center

Utility Workers cleaned the Swim Center, the Bayview Library upholstery, completed extra maintenance at the R-Transit building and the Nevin Center as well as maintained 29 City owned buildings.



Cleaning at Nevin Community Center

Parks and Landscaping Division:

General maintenance crews supported citizens near John F. Kennedy Park for Make a Difference Day on Saturday, October 24, 2015 and Arbor Day.



JFK Park Trenching for Drinking Fountain

Hilltop District crews continued work on the landscaping project near AM/PM on the Richmond Parkway, general maintenance on the Richmond Parkway, completed sight line improvements to the Garrity Way center median and continued color mulching at Vista Del Mar Park.



Sheet Mulching on Richmond Parkway

Marina District crews supported Electricians by digging trenches, reseeded damaged turf areas, replaced valves, cleaned parks after events and removed three trees.



Turf Repair

Tree crews mowed the Civic Center Plaza laws, adjusted newly planted trees, mulched planting strips along South 41st Street and cut or trimmed trees along Grant Avenue, San Pablo Avenue and Macdonald Avenue.



Mulching on South 41st Street

Streets Division:

Paving staff grind and paved 33rd Street, made sandbags, installed bicycle racks, delivered barricades and worked on potholes and sidewalks from the outstanding lists.



Grinding on 33rd Street

Street sweeping performed commercial and residential sweeping services for the fourth Monday and Wednesday and fifth Thursday and Friday in the; Santa Fe, Point Richmond, Marina Bay, Coronado, Metro Richmond Village, Pullman, Cortez/Stiege, Park Plaza, Laurel Park and City Center neighborhood council areas.

Signs and lines staff fabricated 20 signs in house, installed 13 new signs and poles, repaired 20 signs and poles, installed pavement markers and painted 2,538 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.

Have a great week and Happy Halloween!



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