



Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the weekly report for the week ending January 15, 2016.

**1. Meeting Notes**

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 beginning with a closed Session at 6:00 PM, followed by the City Council agenda commencing at 6:30 PM. The agenda may be found by clicking this [link](#).

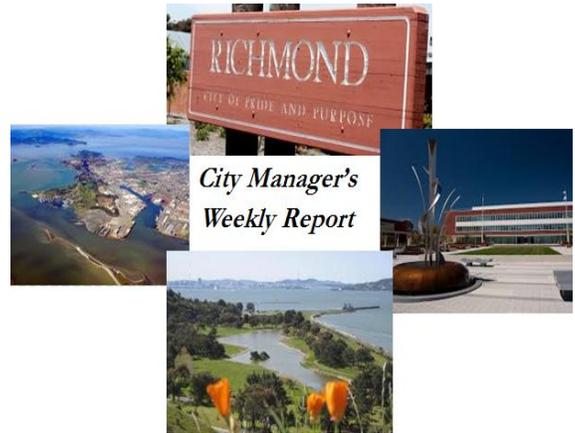


Image of the San Francisco Bay, taken from the Richmond shoreline by KCRT staff

**2. Martin Luther King National Day of Service on the Greenway**

Make this Martin Luther King Day a day *on!* Join the Friends of the Richmond Greenway in partnership with the City of Richmond, for the ninth annual MLK Day of Service, Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, along the Richmond Greenway

(4<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Street & Ohio Avenue). Activities include volunteer projects, a kids zone, and a commemoration ceremony. For more information, please visit <http://www.richmondgreenway.org/>.



**3. Get Covered! Health Care Enrollment Event (Covered CA/Medi-Cal) on Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Get Covered, Richmond!

Millions of families now qualify for free or low-cost quality healthcare, and there is an opportunity to find out more about this opportunity during a health care enrollment event in Richmond on January 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2016

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Richmond Memorial Auditorium, 403 Civic Center Plaza

Languages Supported: Spanish, Cantonese, Hindi, Khmu, Korean, Lao, Mien, Nepalese, Thai, Tibetan, Urdu, Vietnamese

**Free** assistance at the event will be provided by certified enrollment counselors to help find the best options for enrollees and their families, whether it's through plans with Covered California, Medi-Cal or a new program called Contra Costa Cares. There are health benefit options for everyone, regardless of age, income or immigration status. **Covered California open enrollment ends January 31, 2016.**

Please call Gabino Arredondo at (510) 620-6606 to make sure you're ready to enroll or if you have any questions. To download the fliers, please visit the City of Richmond Health Initiatives webpage at [www.richmondhealth.org](http://www.richmondhealth.org).

Download the Event [Flier](#) using this link.



**Get Covered, Contra Costa!**  
**Got health coverage? Take a Minute to Enroll or Renew on January 23rd!**

Millions of families now qualify for free or low-cost quality healthcare! Learn more at our event on January 23rd from 10AM to 2PM and enroll and renew right then and there in health coverage for 2016! It's just a step away.

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**What to Bring to Enroll or Renew**

- **IDENTITY:** Photo ID, driver's license, or U.S. passport for each adult applying
- **CALIFORNIA ADDRESS:** Any piece of postmarked mail sent to you
- **INCOME:** Last 30 days of paystubs or most recent income tax filings (2014)
- **CITIZENSHIP OR IMMIGRATION STATUS:** Birth certificate, permanent resident card, certificate of naturalization, or certificate of citizenship for each person applying. \*Information on options available, regardless of immigration status, will be provided\*
- **INFORMATION** (no proof necessary): the # of people enrolling (whole or partial family) and their respective birth dates, Social Security numbers, and home zip codes. Also, for renewal, it will be helpful to bring your Covered California account information / access code if you have one.

Questions about what to bring? Please call Gabino Arredondo at (510) 620-6606.

**Saturday, January 23, 2016**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**403 Civic Center Plaza**  
**Richmond Memorial Auditorium**  
**(Bermuda Room)**  
**Richmond, CA 94804**

**Translation Services**  
 will be provided in the following languages:

- Spanish español
- Cantonese 广东话
- Hindi हिंदी
- Khmu khmu?
- Korean 한국어/조선말
- Lao lao/fan
- Mandarin 官话 官话
- Mien 勉語 勉方言 mian/fan
- Nepalese नेपाली
- Thai 泰语 Thai
- Tibetan བོད་སྐད་
- Urdu اردو
- Vietnamese Tiếng Việt

#### 4. Leadership Capacity Development Workshops for Richmond Youth

ServiceWorks is a groundbreaking, national youth development program that uses volunteer service as a strategy to help youth and young adults develop the skills they need to prepare for college and career success. In collaboration with the City of Richmond and Public Allies, the City is offering a series of training sessions to coach young adults in developing group service projects to make transformative changes in their communities.

Session 1, the MLK One-Day Program, will be held on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM at the Richmond Council Chambers (440 Civic Center Plaza).

For more information about ServiceWorks, to sign up for this Session 1, and to find out about future sessions visit this link: [RichmondServiceWorks](http://RichmondServiceWorks)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jantsan Damdinsuren at (510) 620-6563 or [jantsand@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:jantsand@ci.richmond.ca.us).



**Space is limited! Sign up TODAY**  
**[tinyurl.com/RichmondServiceWorks](http://tinyurl.com/RichmondServiceWorks)**

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**DATES OFFERED:**

**SESSION 1: MLK One-Day Program - January 16**

\*Service learning & reflection on community and cultural identity.

9 AM - 3:30 PM in Richmond Council Chambers; 440 Civic Center Plaza

**SESSION 2: Weeklong Program- February 15 - 19 (\*Presidents' Week Recess)**

**SESSION 3: Weekend Program- March 12, 13**

**SESSION 4: Weekend Program - March 26, 27**

**SESSION 5: Weeklong Program - April 4 - 8 (\*Spring Recess)**



San Francisco, CA Host Site

**SERVICEWORKS**

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## **5. Richmond Tennis Association Acknowledged by the USTA for Excellence**

Garry Hurlbut, one of the leaders of the outstanding Richmond Tennis Association (RTA), reports that the Northern California Division of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) will be presenting the **Richmond Tennis Association with the 2016 Outstanding Community Tennis Association Award** at their annual ACES event on Sunday, January 31, 2016.

This is a notable accomplishment for an organization that represents the Richmond community so very well throughout all of northern California. The RTA competes at a high level against teams from surrounding areas including Oakland, Walnut Creek, San Leandro, Berkeley, Claremont, Alameda.

Congratulations to Garry and Maryn Hurlbut and the entire RTA Board of Directors for this honor.

## **6. Grand Opening of John F. Kennedy Park**

On behalf of the Friends of JFK Park, you are invited to come to see the transformed John F. Kennedy Park (Cutting Boulevard and South 41<sup>st</sup> Street) on **Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**. This day would not have been possible without the generous funding of partners and remarkable volunteers who helped rebuild the park on Make a Difference Day in October 2015. The Friends of JFK Park are excited to showcase this beautiful gem.

Bring your family and friends to:

- play in the new kids zone area
- workout on the outdoor fitness equipment
- have your kids tryout the new dirt bike track
- take a walk on the fitness trail
- view the completed event plaza mural
- check out the new Little Free Library

To help keep you warm, the Friends of JFK Park will have plenty of hot beverages. For additional information, please contact (510) 620-6511.

THE FRIENDS OF JFK PARK  
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE  
GRAND OPENING OF

**JOHN F.  
KENNEDY  
PARK**

This would not have happened  
without extraordinary volunteers  
like you!

**Saturday  
Jan. 23rd  
1pm - 2:30pm**

South 41st Street  
& Cutting Blvd.

For info:  
(510) 620-6511  
Spanish  
(510) 620-6553

Come see the  
STEM Outdoor Learning Pavilion • Children's Playground • Event  
Plaza • Unveiling of the Kennedy High Little Free Library  
(sponsored by Learning Out Loud Educational Community) and more!

Hot beverages and snacks provided!



## 7. City Manager Chronicles

I have listed below some of the topics for meetings that I attended this past week 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:

- Participated in a comprehensive review of the Preliminary Official Statement for the Richmond Joint Public Financing Authority Lease Revenue Bonds, along with Finance Director Belinda Warner and the finance team;
- Met, along with Mayor Butt and Chief of Staff David Gray, with Father Paul Fitzgerald, President of the University of San Francisco, to discuss potential partnerships through the Richmond Promise program;
- Met with Cynthia Armour, Project Manager for Bike East Bay, and Najari Smith, of Rich City Rides, along with Transportation Program Manager Lori Reese-Brown and Engineering Infrastructure Administrator Patrick Phelan, to discuss potential bicycle transportation program opportunities;

- Participated, along with Administrative Chief Shasa Curl and Chevron Public and Government Affairs Manager Patty Canessa, in interviews for the Executive Director position for the Richmond Promise non-profit organization;
- Met with staff members from the City and the West Contra Costa Unified School District to discuss data collection agreements for implementation of the Richmond Promise program;
- Met with representatives from the Hilltop District Homeowners and Stakeholders to discuss the Hilltop Landscape Maintenance District, and other related issues;
- Attended the monthly meeting of the Contra Costa Public Managers Association;
- Participated in the quarterly informational meeting with representatives from the City's bargaining units, together with Human Resources Director Lisa Stephenson and Finance Director Belinda Warner;
- Met with representatives from Richmond Swims to discuss aquatics program opportunities;
- Met, together with Richmond Housing Authority Executive Director Tim Jones, with representatives from the Safe Return Team to discuss housing policy issues
- Attended a forum with Assemblymember Tony Thurmond, hosted by the El Cerrito Branch of the NAACP at the Easter Hill United Methodist Church.

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.

## **8. June 30, 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**

The City of Richmond issued its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Year Ended June 30, 2015 on December 31, 2015 with an unqualified opinion from the City's external auditors, Maze & Associates. The CAFR presents the financial position and results of the City's operations, as well as cash flows of its proprietary funds for the fiscal year then ended.

In conjunction with the issuance of the CAFR, the City's application for the Excellence in Financial Reporting Award was submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This certificate of achievement, which the City has received in each of the past eight years, is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

The City's CAFRs, dating back to fiscal year 2001-2002, are all available online at the following link: <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=1000>

## **9. 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 service and reserve your next trip to the movie theatre for \$2.00 each way. See the flyer below for additional details.



## Movie Tuesdays

### R-TRANSIT

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

Register Reserve Ride Reach



**DISCOUNT DAYS  
at Cinemark!**

\*Check individual theatres for day of the week participation. Day of the week participation varies across the country.  
Discount Day offer not valid for new movies on opening day. Offer not valid for specially priced engagements. Offer not valid on holidays. One film/showtime per ticket purchased. Check your local Cinemark theatre for pricing and participation.  
Excludes Cinemark XD, Cinemark IMAX and Special Engagements. RealD 3D showtimes - Discount Ticket Price Plus Premium.

**New Year Special**

Reserve a round trip to Century Hilltop and catch the latest movie for **\$6.25 on Tuesdays**.

All one-way trips to and from Century Hilltop will be offered at **\$2.00 each way** for the month of January & February.

All travel must occur between 9 am - 4 pm. Travel requests must be made three business days in advance. For information and reservations, call 510-307-8026

**Eligibility Criteria:**  
To qualify for R-Transit service, applicants must meet the residency and age or disability requirements:

1. Applicant must be a resident of one of the following Cities/areas: Richmond, Kensington, El Sobrante, unincorporated communities of East Richmond Heights, Hasford Heights, Rollingwood, or North Richmond.
2. Applicant must be age 55 or older; applicants between the ages of 18 - 54 must provide proof of disability.

### 10. Holiday Tree Disposal and Recycling Options

Residents have several options to properly dispose of holiday trees. Please read the summary below or access the flyer for more information.

- 1) If you've not already used your allocated On-Call Curbside Clean-up(s), call RSS Customer Service to arrange for no cost curbside pick-up at (510) 262-7100. Unscheduled pickups are subject to a \$16.00 service fee by RSS.

- 2) On any of your regular green waste collection days, cut your unflocked, natural tree to fit in your yard waste cart. Trees must be 6 feet or less in diameter and cut to 3 feet in length. Cut off top and remove stand and all decorations. Artificial trees should be put into the trash bin.
- 3) With proof of residency (driver's license or CA ID), RSS customers can take Christmas Trees to Golden Bear Transfer (1 Parr Blvd, Richmond M-F, 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM; Sat-Sun, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM) through the first weekend in February at no cost for compostable trees; \$8.50 disposal fee for non-compostable tree, or no proof of residency.



Community Recycling & Waste Services News and Information

### Compostable Christmas Tree Recycling & Non-compostable Tree Disposal Options:

- 1) On any of your regular green waste collection days, cut your unflocked, natural tree to fit in your yard waste cart. Trees must be 6" or less in diameter and cut to 3' in length. Cut off top and remove stand and all decorations.
- 2) If you've not already used your allocated On-Call Curbside Clean-up(s), call RSS Customer Service to arrange for no cost curbside pick-up. Trees 5' tall or more must be cut in half.
- 3) With proof of residency (driver's license or CA ID), RSS customers can take Christmas Trees to Golden Bear Transfer (1 Parr Blvd, Richmond M-F, 7am-5pm; Sat-Sun, 9am-5pm) thru the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in February at no cost for compostable trees; \$8.50 disposal fee for non-compostable trees, or no proof of residency.
- 4) If you're unable to cut/trim your compostable tree to fit in your green cart or non-compostable tree (artificial, flocked, contaminated with ornaments, stands, plastic wrapped) in the brown cart, call RSS Customer Service to arrange "For Fee" curbside collection (\$16.00/tree).

**IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR COMPOSTING CHRISTMAS TREES—PLEASE!**

- ✓ Remove all lights, ornaments, tinsel, nails and stands.
- ✓ No flocked, painted, fireproofed, artificial or trees contaminated with decorations, stands or plastic wrappings.
- ✓ On-Call and "For Fee" pick-ups must be scheduled in advance—call (510) 262-7100

**Questions? Need more Information?**

**Call Republic Service  
(510) 262 7100**

- 5) In addition to the other services some local Boy Scout troops and youth organizations in Richmond collect Christmas Trees in exchange for a donation.

  
NO Flocked, painted or artificial trees

  
NO Lights

  
NO Ornaments

  
NO Stands



Community Recycling & Waste Services News and Information

### Reciclaje de Árboles de Navidad Compostables y Opciones de Disposición de Árboles que No son Compostables

- 1) En cualquier día de su servicio regular de recolección de desecho verde, corte su árbol natural sin escarcha de tal tamaño que pueda caber en el depósito de desecho verde. Los árboles deben ser de 6 pulgadas o menos de diámetro y cortados a 3 pies de largo. Corte la punta del árbol y quite la base y todos los adornos del árbol.
- 2) Si aún no ha usado su día designado de la Llamada de Limpieza, llame al Servicio al Cliente de RSS (Richmond Sanitary Services) al teléfono (510) 262-7100 para programar una recolección. Los árboles de 5 pies de altura deben ser cortados por la mitad.
- 3) Con comprobante de residencia (licencia de conducir o identificación de CA), los clientes de RSS pueden llevar los árboles de Navidad a la estación de Transferencia Golden Bear (1 Parr Blvd., Richmond, de lunes a viernes, 7am a 5pm; sábados y domingos, 9am a 5pm) durante el primer fin de semana en febrero, sin costo para los árboles compostables; una cuota de \$8.50 se cobrará para la disposición de los árboles no compostables, o si no tiene comprobante de residencia.
- 4) Si usted no puede cortar / recortar su árbol natural compostable para que pueda caber en su depósito de desecho verde o cortar su árbol no compostable (artificial, con escarcha, contaminado con adornos, bases, envueltos en plástico) llame al Servicio al Cliente de RSS para programar una recolección "Por Cuota" de (\$16 / árbol).

**PAUTAS IMPORTANTES PARA EL COMPOSTAJE DE ÁRBOLES DE NAVIDAD—POR FAVOR:**

- ✓ Quite todas las luces, decoraciones, papel, cintas y los soportes del árbol.
- ✓ No se aceptan los árboles con escarcha, pintados, preparados contra fuego, artificiales o contaminados de adornos, soportes o envolturas de plásticos.
- ✓ La Llamada de Recolección y "Por Cuota" deben ser ordenadas con anticipación—llame al (510) 262-7100

**¿Preguntas? ¿Necesita más Información?**

**Llame a Republic Services  
(510) 262 7100**

- 5) Además de los otros servicios, algunas tropas de Boy Scouts locales y organizaciones juveniles en Richmond recolectan los árboles de Navidad a cambio de una donación.

  
NO Árboles Escarchados  
Pintados o Artificiales

  
NO Luces

  
NO Adornos

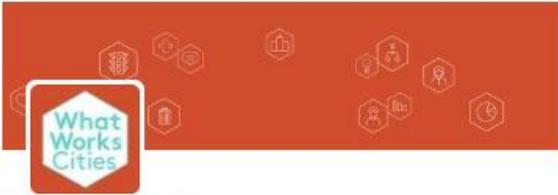
  
NO Bases

View a copy of the flyer and more information at [www.richmondenvironment.org](http://www.richmondenvironment.org).

## 11. Information Technology

### Social Media

**Top Follower** followed by 2,259 people



**WhatWorksCities**  
@WhatWorksCities **FOLLOWS YOU**

Join leading cities across America that are using **#data** and **#evidence** to improve results for their residents.

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**Top media Tweet** earned 236 impressions

Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service on the Richmond Greenway  
[pic.twitter.com/VT5CljpRK5](http://pic.twitter.com/VT5CljpRK5)



Twitter Statistics

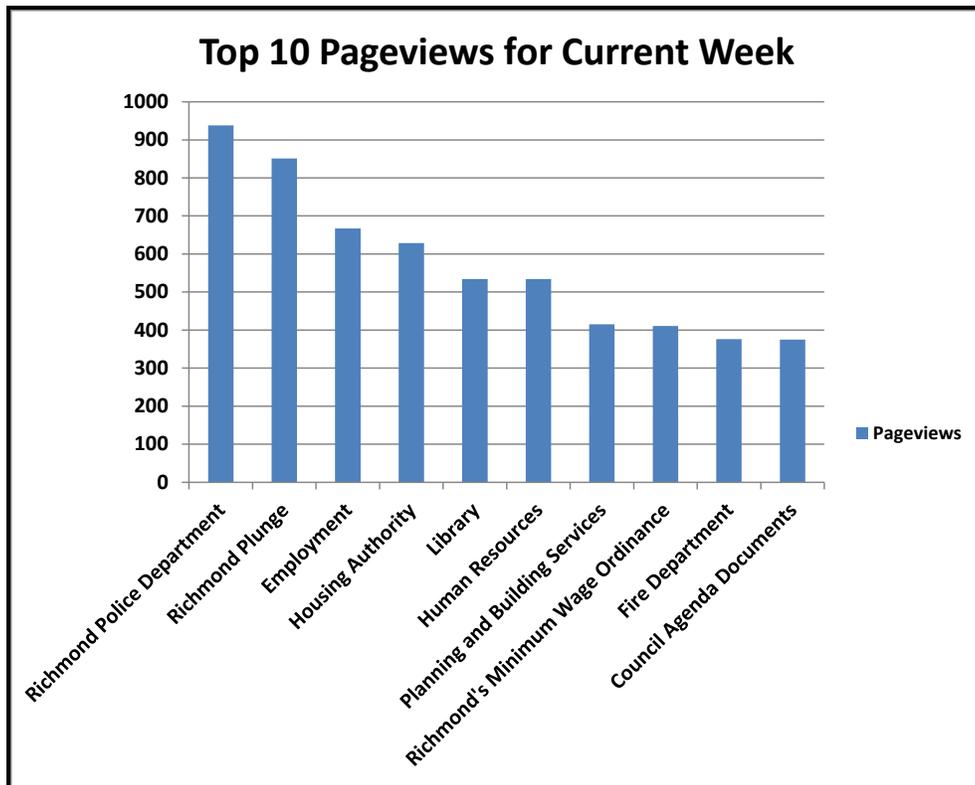
Tweet impressions increased by 24.7%

Profile visits increased by 32.2%

Followers increased by 18.0%

Website

Top 10 Webpage visits for the week ending 01/15/2016



## KCRT IMAGES OF THE WEEK



Don't forget to download and provide feedback on the City's mobile APP.

QR Codes are available for easy downloading of this APP:

[Apple version of APP](#)

[Android version of APP](#)



We welcome your comments at [webservices@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:webservices@ci.richmond.ca.us)

### **12. Public Works Updates**

#### Facilities Maintenance Division:

Carpenters replaced emergency doors at the Plunge, completed cabinets for the west wall of the Senior Center and constructed a customer service desk also for the Senior Center.

Painters completed the lobby of the Plunge and applied finish to the Senior Center cabinets.



Painting at the Plunge

Stationary Engineers repaired the radiant heating, replaced water supply valve all at the Plunge and fixed the water closet at the Art Center.

Utility Workers changed light bulbs at City Hall, set up Council Chambers for various events and maintained 29 City owned facilities.

Electricians assisted with Plunge repairs, fixed knockdowns at Hilltop and Shane Drives and Roosevelt Avenue and Harbour Way, repaired lights along the Marina trails, removed the traffic controller at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Nevin Avenue and repaired the timing for the Greenway trail lighting.



Knockdown Repair

Parks and Landscaping Division:

General maintenance crews trimmed brush on Santa Rita Road, removed graffiti at Nicholl Park, picked up trash on the Greenway, completed maintenance at the Clinton Avenue turn around, trimmed medians on Carlson Boulevard, completed and mounted the Santa Fe Union sign, tightened the loose fence at Santa Fe Union Park, performed maintenance at Boorman Park and cleaned various storm drains.



Storm Drain Clearing

Hilltop District crews conducted storm patrol, continued weed abatement and clean up of right-of-ways.

Marina District crews completed installation of hot coal bins, irrigation changes at Shimada Park, rose pruning throughout and storm clean up in the District.



Marina Maintenance

Tree crews trimmed or cut trees on/at: Barrett Avenue, 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Macdonald Avenue, San Mateo Street and Marine Street.

Streets Division:

Paving staff ground and paved an area of 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, worked from the outstanding pothole list, conducted storm patrol, constructed sandbags and delivered sandbags.



Area Paving on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street

Street sweeping performed commercial and residential sweeping services for the second Monday through Thursday and the third Friday in the May Valley, Vista View, Clinton Hill I – IV, East Richmond, Santa Fe, Coronado, Marina Bay and Point Richmond neighborhood council areas.

Signs and Lines staff installed 31 new poles and signs, repaired 33 signs, fabricated 43 signs, installed pavement delineations and conducted storm patrol.



Stop Message 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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