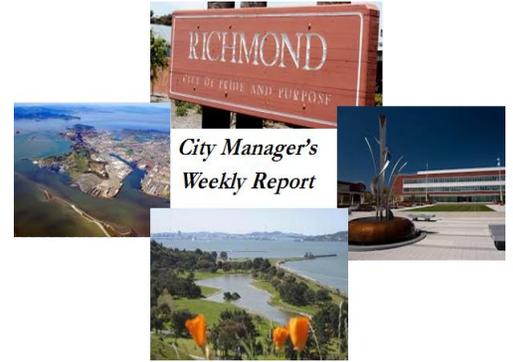




Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the weekly report for the week ending May 27, 2016.



1. Meeting Notes

The next City Council meeting will be a special meeting for budget presentations only and is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st beginning at 5:00 PM. The agenda may be found by clicking this link: [Richmond City Council Agenda Packet](#).

2. Richmond Promise Scholars Celebration on Thursday, June 2nd

On Thursday, June 2nd, 375 students across 13 schools in the graduating class of 2016 will receive Richmond Promise Scholarships to attend two- and four-year universities. This event will honor the inaugural Richmond Promise Scholars who are owning their future and continuing to higher education, recognize our civic and community partnerships critical to their success, and celebrate what this investment means to students, families, and the Richmond community.

Highlights include:

- Student Scholar Recognition + Student Scholar Address
- Remarks by Mayor Tom Butt, Congressman Mark DeSaulnier and Assemblymember Tony Thurmond
- Keynote Speaker: Erik Moore, Richmond Native and Founder of [Base Ventures](#); Sarahi Salamanca Espinoza, Founder and CEO of [Dreamer's Roadmap](#)
- Dinner + Photo Area
- College and Community Networking + Resources!

Doors to the event open at 4:30 PM, with the celebration taking from 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium. The event is free, but space is limited. Student Scholars may bring up to three friends or family members. Please [RSVP online](#) to confirm attendance. Please send inquiries to info@richmondpromise.org or call (510) 620-6570.

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3. 2016 Historic Preservation Awards

This past Wednesday, May 25th, the Richmond Historic Preservation Commission and National Park Service held the 2016 Richmond Historic Preservation Awards ceremony. The purpose of the Historic Preservation Awards program is to increase public awareness of Richmond's heritage by recognizing individuals, organizations, businesses, and agencies whose contributions demonstrate outstanding commitment to excellence in historic preservation, local history or promotion of the heritage of the City.

The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Richmond Art Center, catered by the Contra Costa College Culinary Department.

This year's Historic Preservation Award recipients were:

- Rosemary Corbin and Jennie Alexich, for Creating the WWII Home Front Quilt Challenge
- The East Brother Wickies, for Their Stewardship of East Brother Light Station
- Ryland Construction, for Rehabilitating the Historic Home at 221 East Scenic Avenue

- Point Richmond History Association, for Promoting the History of Richmond through its Museum and Newsletter
- The City of Richmond, The Rosie the Riveter Trust, The Richmond Convention & Visitors Bureau, The Spirit of '45, and The Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park, for Sponsoring the Rosie Rally

In addition, the National Park Service presented Jan Brown with the National Park Service Home Front Award for her Body of Work Over Many Years Supporting the Rosie the Riveter Park. Special thank you to the event sponsors: City of Richmond, National Park Service, and mack5.

To view more great pictures go to <https://goo.gl/vr2EKL>



2016 Historic Preservation Award Honorees

(Photo credit: Ellen Gailing)



Rosies at the 2016 Historic Preservation Awards

(Photo credit: Ellen Gailing)



Jan Brown, Historic Preservation Award recipient with Tom Leatherman, Rosie the Riveter World War II Homefront National Historic Park Superintendent

(Photo credit: Ellen Gailing)

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4. Richmond Tool Library Post

The Richmond Tool Library (RTL) Crowdfunding Campaign was a success!! Tooltogether, we raised \$12,743!! Thank you to everyone who donated and sent words of encouragement!!

Now we're on to the next steps.

The Richmond Tool Library is currently seeking:

- **Volunteers** to take on tool repair/maintenance, grant-writing, social media/marketing, cataloging of tools.
- **Steering committee members** interested in mapping out the future of the Richmond Tool Library.
- **Feedback** on the types of tools residents would like to see in the Richmond Tool Library.
- **Tool donations**

To submit tool requests to the RTL, [follow this link](#).

To contact us about volunteering at the library or donating tools, call (510) 620-6552 or email kiana_ward@ci.richmond.ca.us.

To stay updated on the progress of the Richmond Tool Library, [check us out on Facebook](#).

Request for Tools at the Richmond Tool Library

Let us know what types of tools you'd like to see at the Richmond Tool Library!

What tool(s) would you like to borrow? Check as many that apply in each tool category. Don't see a tool you'd like? Check and fill in the blank box below.



Carpentry and Woodworking

- Awl
- Butt Hinge Marker
- Cabinet Scraper
- Chalk Line
- Power Drill

5. City Manager Chronicles

I have listed below some of the topics for meetings that I attended during the past week in the hope that it provides an idea of the varied issues with which our organization deals routinely. Meetings of note during the past week included:

- Met with Police Chief Allwyn Brown and his command staff to review the status of the “open data” project being developed for the Police Department;
- Met briefly with representatives from the Cities of Service organization, together with Community Services Director Rochelle Monk, Emergency Services Manager Kathy Gerk, and CERT volunteer Bea Roberson, to discuss the grant awarded to the City of Richmond to augment its emergency preparedness efforts;
- Met with staff members from the Finance, Infrastructure Maintenance, Human Resources departments, and from the Mayor’s office, to review field programs to improve revenue collection and compliance for the business license, permitting, cannabis regulation, inspection programs;
- Attended the 2016 Historic Preservation Awards ceremony;
- Attended the monthly West County Mayors and Supervisors meeting;
- Met with members of the City’s finance team to discuss an advanced refunding of assessment district bonds to achieve savings, and to discuss wastewater capital program financing options;
- Attended an orientation and City of Richmond tour for Metropolitan Transportation Commission Executive Director Steve Hemminger and staff, organized and attended by Mayor Butt, Mayor’s staff member Alex Knox (also the tour driver), Planning Project Manager Lina Velasco, and Administrative Chief Shasa Curl;
- Attended the meeting of the Berkeley Global Campus Community Working Group.

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. Youth Baseball Documentary Screening

Richmond Public Library Teen Services and Richmond Police Activities League hosted a screening of the documentary, *Ghost Town to Havana*, May 20, 2016. The documentary shows that mentorship through sports (baseball) can be a tool to cultivate self-esteem, support and skills for life challenges. Filmmaker Gene Corr and cast member Roscoe Bryant were on hand to address the audience of 40 youth and adults, along with Councilmember Nat Bates. The program was sponsored by the Friends of the Richmond Public Library and Richmond Police Activities League.



7. Free Home Solar Systems Now Available for Qualifying Richmond Residents!

Richmond homeowners can now qualify for a FREE home solar system funded by the City of Richmond and State of California. Program eligibility requires Richmond and North Richmond residents to live in their own home, and make less than 80% of area median income (income limits are included in the flyer below and at www.richmondenvironment.org).

To date, the City's partnership with GRID Alternatives has serviced over 150 homes in Richmond and provided millions of dollars in energy cost savings to the community. This new partnership initiative will provide free solar to an additional 135 Richmond households, create more than \$2.5 million in energy cost savings for local families, and prevent more than 5,700 tons of greenhouse gases over the systems' lifetimes.

Qualifying homeowners are encouraged to attend the City of Richmond and GRID Alternatives' sign-up event on Wednesday, June 1st, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at the Multipurpose Room in 440 Civic Center Plaza. Please RSVP at <http://www.gridalternatives.org/Richmond> or call (510)-621-1541.

To enroll at the workshop please bring copies of:

- 1) A latest tax return (two pages) for each member of the household;

- 2) One PG&E bill (all pages); and
- 3) Either a mortgage statement, insurance statement, property tax bill or copy of deed to apply.

More information about the program can be found at <http://www.gridalternatives.org/clients>.

FREE Solar For Qualifying Richmond Homes

Sign-Up Workshop
Wednesday, June 1st, 2016
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Multi-Purpose Room, 440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804



Richmond homeowners can now qualify for a FREE solar system funded by the City of Richmond and State of California. Program Requirements:

- You own and live in your Richmond/North Richmond home.
- Your 2015 household income is at or below the qualifying limit.

Household Size	Maximum Household Income
1	\$50,150
2	\$57,300
3	\$64,450
4	\$71,600
5	\$77,350
6	\$83,100
7	\$88,800

Please Bring Copies of:

- Latest tax return (first two pages) for each member of the household.
- One PG&E bill (all pages).
- Mortgage statement, insurance statement, property tax bill or copy of deed.

Please RSVP for event at:
www.gridalternatives.org/richmond
or call (510) 621-1541

Apply to participate now at:
<http://www.gridalternatives.org/clients>
or call (510) 731-1333

Solar GRATIS Para Hogares en Richmond que Califican

Taller para Inscribirse
Miércoles, 1 de junio del 2016
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Multi-Purpose Room, 440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804



Dueños de casas en Richmond ahora pueden calificar para un sistema solar GRATIS financiado por la Ciudad de Richmond y el Estado de California. Requisitos del programa:

- Ser dueño y vivir en su casa en Richmond/North Richmond.
- Que su ingreso total del 2015 haya sido igual o inferior al límite de clasificación.

Por favor traiga copias de los siguientes documentos:

- Los impuestos más recientes (las primeras dos páginas del 1040) de cada miembro del hogar que los presentó.
- Una factura de su cuenta de PG&E (todas las páginas).
- Recibo de la hipoteca, declaración del seguro de casa, impuesto a la propiedad o copia de las escrituras.

Número de Personas en el Hogar	Ingreso Máximo del Hogar
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8. Voter Drop-Off Boxes Return to Contra Costa City Halls This Month

Residents can save postage and time with an expanded vote-by-mail program. Contra Costa residents will find it easier to vote in the upcoming June 7th Primary Election, as the Contra Costa Elections Office and city clerks countywide are providing convenient “CoCo Vote-N-Go” drop off locations, prior to and on Election Day.



The secure, steel drop-off boxes have been placed at all Contra Costa city halls and the County Administration Building, located at 651 Pine Street in Martinez. The distinguishable red boxes are available during normal city business hours. Postage is not required with the drop-off box service.

The City of Richmond drop-off box is located at 450 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 300 (City Manager's Office).

Contra Costa voters can drop their ballot at any city hall, regardless of where they live. City staff members will have the popular "I Voted" stickers available for those who drop off their ballots.

9. R-Transit is Now a Registered Transportation Provider with Medi-Cal

After a thorough and comprehensive review, the State of California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) approved the City of Richmond R-Transit (Paratransit) as a registered non-emergency ground transportation provider with Medi-Cal.

This approval means that Richmond can now more effectively address the mobility barriers faced by Richmond residents. R-Transit currently provides non-emergency medical trips to and from scheduled medical appointments, trips to hospitals emergency rooms, and transfers between hospitals for people without access to transportation. Future plans include expanding services to Martinez Hospital and the Veterans Hospital in Martinez and other areas of need.



Each year, approximately 3.6 million people miss or delay preventative medical care due to their inability to access transportation services. With the closure of Doctor’s Medical Center and an increasing number of people with chronic conditions, trips to medical appointments are a vital aspect of a sustainable healthcare system. Providing access to medical services and preventative treatment prior to escalating healthcare needs has proven to be a less costly and a more effective means of keeping low income, elderly, and disabled residents out of hospitals and nursing homes resulting in healthier and more independent lives.

Medi-Cal reimbursements will take place as early as June 2016. For additional information, please contact R-Transit at (510) 307-8026.

10. Assemblymember Thurmond Office Hours at City Hall

15th District Assemblymember Tony Thurmond will offer satellite office hours in West Contra Costa County, including at Richmond City Hall. The Assemblymember’s staff representatives are available to meet with constituents by appointment on the following dates in West Contra Costa County. Please call (510) 286-1400, 24 hours in advance to schedule an appointment or visit their website www.asmdc.org/members/a15.

Richmond:

- 1st Wednesday of each month from 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM: June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2 and December 7
- 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM: July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15 and November 19

San Pablo: May 25 and September 28 from 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Hercules: June 22 and October 26 from 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

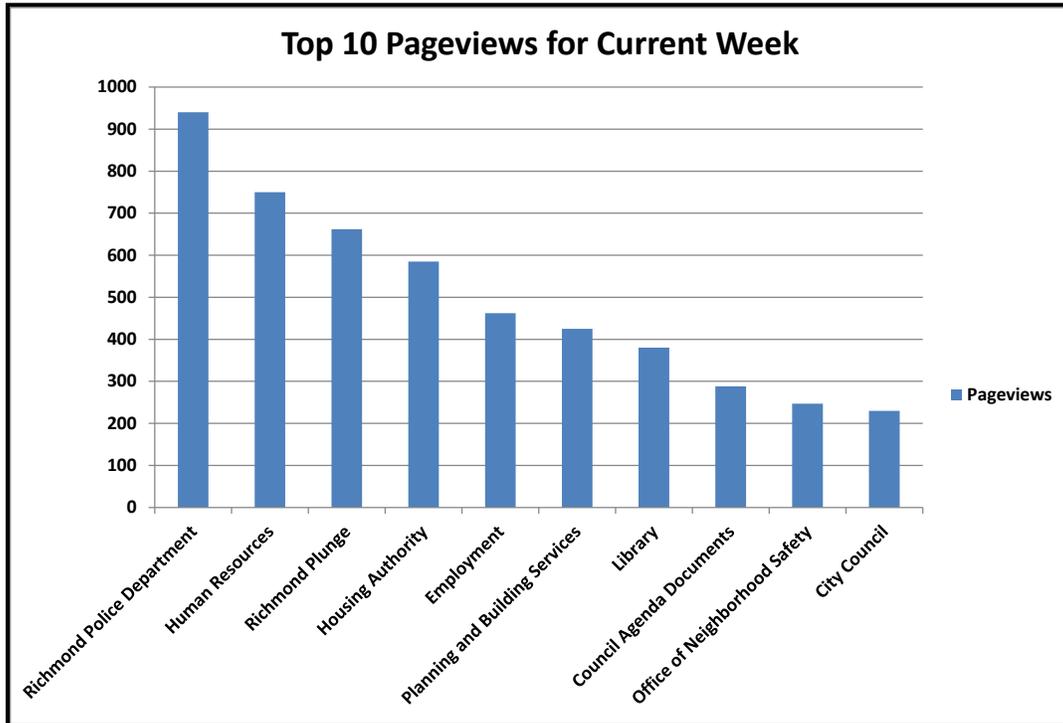
Pinole: July 27 from 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

El Cerrito: August 24 from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

11. Information Technology

Website

TOP 10 WEBPAGE VIEWS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 05/27/2016

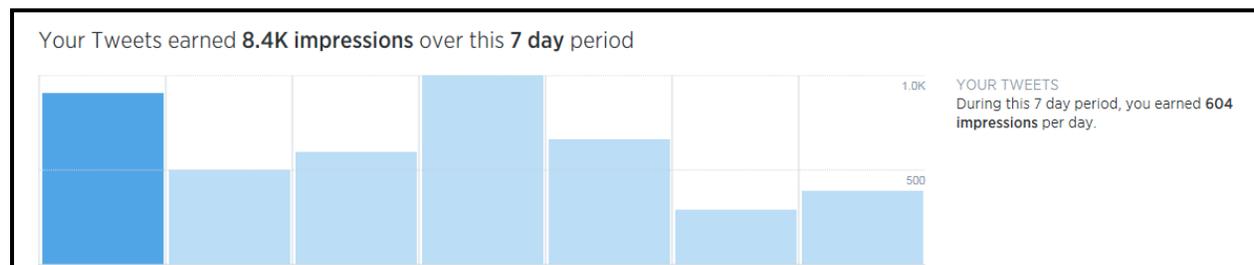


Facebook Statistics

Page likes increased by 100%
People reached increased by 131%
Post engagement increased by 100%
Total video views increased by 32%

Twitter Statistics

Tweet impressions increased by 134.7%
Profile visits increased by 23.6%
Followers are up



May 2016 • 25 days so far...

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

Top Tweet earned 598 impressions

Richmond Business Bites: Get Your Money Straight Micro-Loan "Kick Off" Workshop:
Event date: May 19, 2016 Event...
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View Tweet activity

View all Tweet activity

Top Follower followed by 9,772 people



Spare The Air

@SpareTheAir FOLLOWS YOU

The Spare the Air program encourages Bay Area residents to reduce air pollution by driving less, carpooling, taking transit, and walking and biking.

Top mention earned 28 engagements



LA City Attorney

@CityAttorneyLA · May 2

.@DeVoneBoggan, Neighborhood Safety Director @CA_richmond: social services have to meet kids where they are
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KCRT DATANET OF THE WEEK:



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Get started to see if you pre-qualify:
www.gridalternatives.org/Richmond

(If you appear to be eligible, you will be contacted by a GRID staff to complete the process)



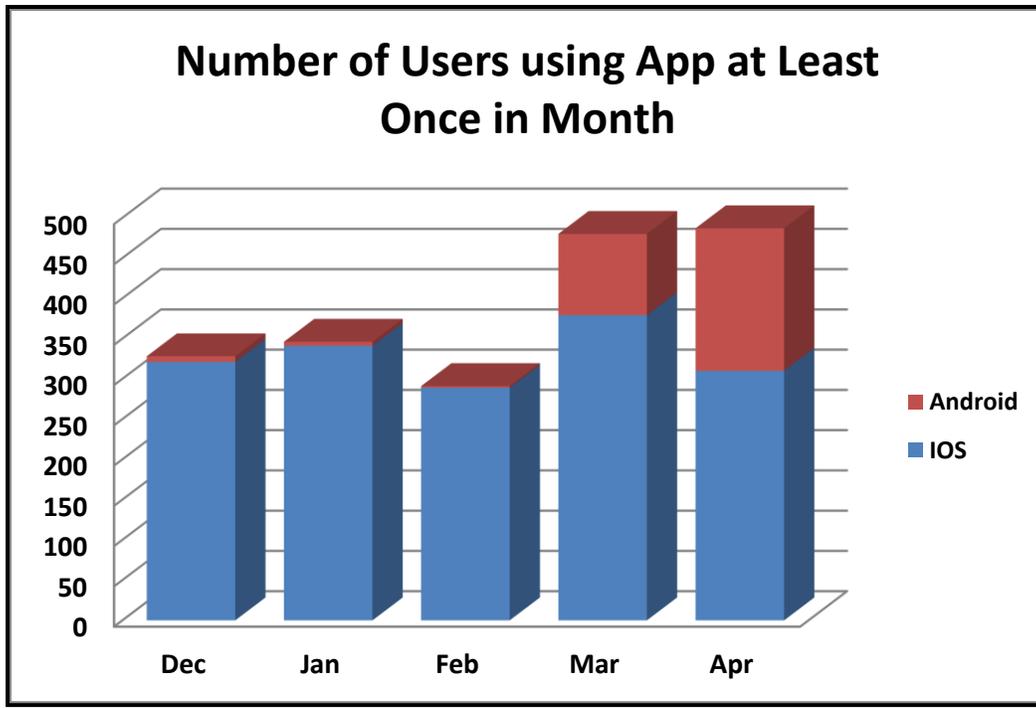
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City of Richmond Website and Mobile APP UPDATE

An upgraded version of the City of Richmond's mobile phone app is now available on the Apple App store and Google Play store.



QR Codes are available for easy downloading of this APP:

[Apple version of APP](#)

[Android version of APP](#)



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

12. Community Services Highlights



In Partnership with



Community Outreach Outdoor Program Camping + Day Trips to Regional Parks!

The East Bay Regional Park District and the City of Richmond have joined forces to offer three fun Day Trips to Regional Parks and one big Camping Trip for healthy and fun family recreation. Sign up today for these FREE outings. Every trip is free; you just need to complete the permission slip. For more information, please call Tetteh Kisseh, Recreation Coordinator, at 231.3009 or call 620.6793.



April 30, 10am-4pm: Redwood Regional Park, Oakland

Come out to beautiful Redwood Park in the Oakland Hills for hiking through the woods, teambuilding games, lunch, and learning basic camping skills.



May 28, 10am-4pm: Castle Rock Regional Park, Walnut Creek

Our bus will take you to this beautiful park near Mt. Diablo, for a fun day of games, hiking, learning basic camping skills, and swimming.

August 5th-7th: Anthony Chabot Regional Park, Castro Valley

Our bus will take you out to this rugged and remote park for a camping trip. We provide the tents, sleeping bags, pads, food, and activities! Come out and hike, play games, hang out by the campfire, eat s'mores, and learn camping skills under the stars and tall eucalyptus trees.



October 29, 10am-4pm: Ardenwood Historic Farm, Fremont

Come out to this historic organic farm and visit the blacksmith shop, the old mansion, hang out with the goats + pigs, learn how folks used to farm the land, and then come to the pumpkin patch to pick up your Jack O'Lantern.

To Register: fill out the waivers and return them to Richmond Recreation Complex, 3230 Macdonald Ave.

Participants are looking forward to the 2nd Day Trip of the Community Outreach Outdoor Program series this weekend, May 28th. Space is still available. Sign-up at the Richmond Recreation Complex! The first of the series was a great day for everyone. 18 youth (13-17 years of age) participated in the day camp at the Redwood Regional Park in the Oakland Hills. The day was from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and included lunch. All 18 participants demonstrated how to set up and break down tents in addition to safely starting a camp fire. They were also engaged in fun activities and games and had an opportunity to do a two mile hike in the beautiful redwoods. This outing was free to all participants.

Teen Eco Action



Service Learning + Outdoor Adventures

13-17 year olds ♦ July 25-29 9am –5pm



Apply now to join this elite program!

You will explore the Wildcat Creek Watershed and the Regional Parks around Richmond by boating, biking, fishing, hiking, and doing community service projects. You will also learn job skills and learn about careers in parks + recreation.



Here's what you commit to:

- Successfully apply + interview for a place on the team
- Check in every day July 27th - July 31st at the Richmond Rec Complex at 9am; check out at 5pm.
- Work hard on one community service project each day in the Parks
- Take part in career talks
- Be ready to go on outdoor adventures



Here's what you get:

- 15 Community Service hours
- Work experience in Parks + Recreation
- Tips for applying to future jobs
- \$100 stipend upon successful completion
- Fun!
- Meet new people!

To Apply:

Pick up an application from the Richmond Recreation Complex at 3230 Macdonald Ave.; call 510.231.3009; or email them at registration@ci.richmond.ca.us. Applications are due **June 1**. Interviews will take place **July 16 + 17**. If you are accepted, you will receive a confirmation letter with more info.

Applications are still being accepted for the Teen Eco Action Service Learning & Outdoor Adventure program. We look forward to having you!

Aquatics

This semester marked the reestablishment of Kennedy High School PE swim lessons at the newly remodeled Richmond Swim Center (RSC). Starting on March 21st, KHS students attended PE classes twice per week, being taught by RSC swim instructors. Since participation was optional for students in PE classes, attendance was a little low in the beginning. However, after the first couple of weeks, the popularity grew, and some sessions had as many as 32 students, divided amongst the three levels of classes. The school and aquatic staff have been pleased and plan to continue classes next school year.



Sports

In partnership with First 5, Community Services is conducting Pee Wee Soccer programs at the MLK Turf Field on Wednesday and Fridays for ages 3 to 5 years. Pee Wee Soccer teaches basic fundamentals for young participants to get them ready for soccer leagues that begin at age 6 years.



Congratulations to Jesus Bizcaro, a 10 year old participant in the Community Service After School Tennis Program at Nicholl Park, who took 1st place in the 10 & Under Open tournament in the Town of Moraga. We're proud of you Jesus!



Shields-Reid

Micah Ehler, of Hwa Rang Kwan Taekwondo, a popular dojo in San Francisco, has committed to offering free classes to the youth in North Richmond. Three participants attended the first session held Saturday May 21st. Classes accommodate 15 participants, so pass along the invitation to your community. Micah will be offering classes on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays at Shields Reid Community Center from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.



13. Infrastructure and Maintenance Operations

Facilities Maintenance:

Carpenters repaired walls in the Auditorium in front of the main stage, fixed hand rails in the Employment and Training building and replaced a door leading to the boiler room in the Main Library.

Painters completed the employee lunch room at 440 Civic Center Plaza and the storefront entrance of the Employment and Training entrance.

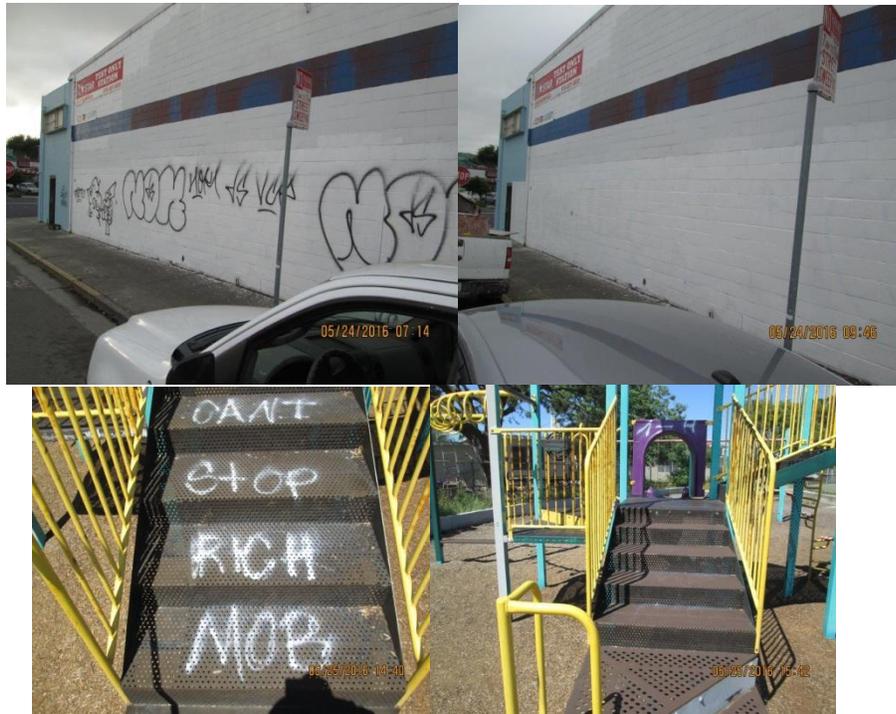
Utility Workers scrubbed floors at the Police Department, set-up Council Chambers for training, attended training, assembled cabinets for the City Clerk's office and maintained 29 city owned facilities.



Cabinet Assembly

Abatement:

Abatement crews abated overgrowth in alleyways on Hoffman Boulevard and Potrero Avenue areas, removed graffiti in various areas and continued with removal of illegal dumping throughout the City.



Graffiti Removal



Alleyway Weed Abatement



Removal of Illegal Dumping

Parks and Landscaping Division:

General maintenance crews weed whipped along the 23rd Street grade separation, picked up trash on the Greenway, repaired irrigation at the Civic Center, weed whipped along the Clinton Avenue soundwall, weed whipped along May Road, trimmed Burg Park, maintenance around the Employment and Training parking lot, completed irrigation repairs at Shields Reid and Veterans Memorial Park and continued with weed abatement around the Richmond Parkway, Shield Reid and Lucas Parks.



23rd Street Grade Separation Maintenance

The tree crew cut or trimmed trees on: 6th Street, 24th Street, Nevada Avenue, Grant Avenue, Santa Clara Avenue and Mariposa Street. Staff also mowed and edged the Civic Center lawns.

Hilltop District crews continued weed abatement and general maintenance throughout, completed the landscaping project at the Auto Plaza, planted 30 trees at Vista Del Mar Park and worked in high fire zones on Atlas Road.



Auto Plaza Landscaping Project

Marina District crews prepared for irrigation installation for the Regatta Boulevard median landscape, finished sidewalk replacement, maintenance around tennis courts, weed abated and trimmed at Barbara Vincent Park and completed maintenance at Lucretia Edwards Park.



Sidewalk Repair

14. Engineering/CIP Departments

Streets Division:

Paving crews ground and paved on 36th Street from Cerrito Avenue to Clinton Avenue, paved the lot near the Recreation Complex and worked from the outstanding pothole list.



Grinding on 36th Street



Paving on 36th Street

Street sweeping performed commercial and residential sweeping services for the fourth Monday through Friday in the Santa Fe, Coronado, Point Richmond, Marina, Metro Richmore Village, Pullman, Cortez/Stege, Park Plaza, Laurel Park, City Center, Richmond Annex, Parkview, Panhandle Annex and Eastshore neighborhood council areas.

Signs and Lines staff installed 27 new poles and signs, 8 pavement messages, repaired 27 signs and poles, removed signs from Market Square parking lot, re-installed barriers and fabricated 20 signs in-house.



Barrier 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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