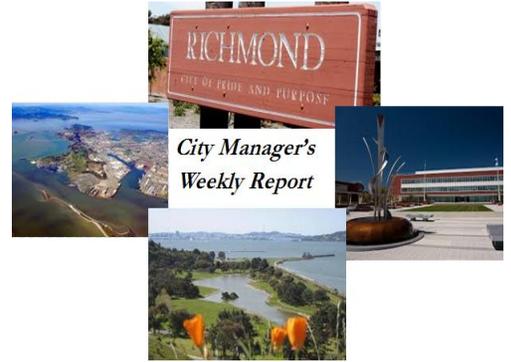




Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the weekly report for the week ending August 26, 2016.



1. Meeting Notes

The City Council is in recess for the month for August. Enjoy your break!

2. Report on the August 25th Meeting of the Berkeley Global Campus Community Working Group (CWG) with Chancellor Nicholas Dirks

Yesterday evening, I attended a meeting of the Berkeley Global Campus Community Working Group (CWG) held at the Chancellor’s office on the UC Berkeley campus. The purpose of the meeting was to allow the opportunity for UC Berkeley Chancellor Nicholas Dirks and members of his staff to provide initial responses to recommendations prepared by the CWG for development of a “compact” between the University and the Richmond community regarding development of the Berkeley Global Campus.

What has been widely reported following the meeting was the suspension of UC Berkeley’s plans to build the Berkeley Global Campus at the Richmond Field Station along Richmond’s southern shoreline. I have provided below the complete statement prepared by the UC Berkeley Chancellor’s office following this meeting:

Campus Statement on Meeting with Richmond Community Working Group

UC Berkeley Chancellor Nicholas Dirks met with members of the Richmond Community Working Group earlier this evening to thank them for their service and inform them that due to the continued need to address significant budgetary challenges confronting the University, UC Berkeley is indefinitely suspending plans to build the Berkeley Global Campus at Richmond Bay. The University will, however, continue to explore options for the site that reflect new priorities for the campus around enrollment growth and housing in the near future. The campus is also committed to continue working closely with the City of Richmond on their Richmond Bay Specific Plan and existing partnerships in workforce training, procurement, and education. Campus representatives also agreed to work with the City of Richmond to follow up on the Community Working Group’s recommendations when the university’s plans for new large scale construction in Richmond are clear.

Chancellor Dirks expressed his regret that the project will not be moving forward as earlier anticipated, and conveyed his sincere respect and appreciation for the time and effort expended

by so many community members who came together to participate in the Community Working Group, united by their shared interest in and aspirations for the City of Richmond, and its people. The Chancellor noted that the work of the CWG has provided an invaluable foundation for all future projects on the Richmond Bay Campus when we are able to launch them, and said that the experience gave him great hope for and confidence in the future of city-university partnerships.

While the announcement of the “suspension” of the project sounds ominous, there are aspects of it that require context. First, UC Berkeley has been in the active planning stage for the Richmond Field Station for several years now, and has seen its plans evolve from the second campus of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, to the Richmond Bay Campus, to Chancellor Dirks’ vision of the Berkeley Global Campus at Richmond Bay. While the Berkeley Global Campus is not moving forward in its current form, UC Berkeley is still indicating that it will “continue to explore options for the site that reflect new priorities for the campus around enrollment growth and housing in the near future.”

Because of that statement, I believe that Richmond should view this “suspension” as a new chapter for ultimate development of this underutilized site that is the Richmond Field Station – not the end of an aspiration to see development of the Richmond Field Station as the Global Campus. It is critically important for the Richmond community to encourage UC Berkeley to continue to work with the City of Richmond to explore development options through the Richmond Bay Specific Plan process so that the Richmond Field Station can still be a catalyst for new investment.

Another positive aspect of the meeting this past Thursday was Chancellor Dirks, and UC Berkeley, affirming their support for “existing partnerships in workforce training, procurement, and education.” They also acknowledged the efforts of the Community Working Group that has “provided an invaluable foundation for all future projects on the Richmond Bay Campus when we are able to launch them.”

I believe that there should be continued efforts to tie this foundational work of the CWG to the property that is Richmond Field Station, and not simply to the project that was the Berkeley Global Campus.

The key word in our message to UC Berkeley must be “*AND*”: Continue the work to realize the economic potential of the Richmond Field Station; *AND*, continue to work to develop a community compact between UC Berkeley and Richmond to ensure that development of this property is truly transformational for all stakeholders.

3. RichmondWORKS Will Host a Workshop on “How to Get a State Job”

RichmondWORKS staff is working with the State of California’s Department of General Services to offer an informational workshop on “How to Get a State Job”. There are currently hundreds of job openings throughout the state, many of which do not require a college degree. Richmond residents are encouraged to contact the RichmondWORKS office to reserve a seat for the workshop. Space is limited.



For more information, please visit <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/660/Job-Seeker-Services> or call 510-307-8014.

4. September 24th Rainwater and Greywater Workshop for Richmond Residents

East Bay Municipal Utility District, in partnership with the City of Richmond, GrayWater Action, the Ecology Center, and the Watershed Project, is hosting a rainwater and graywater workshop for Richmond residents and the surrounding area. Graywater is the relatively clean waste water from baths, sinks, washing machines, and other kitchen appliances. The workshop will be held on September 24th from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM in the Catalina Room in the Auditorium at 450 Civic Center Plaza. Graywater and rain garden experts will cover how to capture rainwater, storm water, and graywater to irrigate landscapes. The workshop will cover simple do-it-yourself designs and systems.

Informational tables, hands-on activities, and light refreshments included will be included. For more information, visit: <http://www.ebmud.com/about-us/events/>



Capture Your Rainwater and Graywater Workshop

Redirect your water to create a beautiful and productive garden!

Learn from graywater and rain garden experts on how to capture rainwater, stormwater, and graywater to irrigate your landscape. This workshop will cover simple do-it-yourself designs and systems. Informational tables, hands-on activities and light refreshments included.

Cost: Free

Date: Saturday, September 24th
2016

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Richmond Convention Ctr.
403 Civic Center Plaza
Catalina Room
Richmond, CA 94804

Space is limited. Sign-up online at
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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 the Berkeley Global Campus Working Group “negotiating team”;
- Met, together with Administrative Chief Shasa Curl and Management Analyst Mike Uberti, with representatives from Integral Development, the selected developers for the Richmond Fire Training site;
- Attended the meeting of the Bay Area Council Water Transit Committee;
- Interviewed potential consultants for the “First Mile/Last Mile” Sustainable Transportation Strategic Plan;
- Attended the meeting of the Berkeley Global Campus Community Working Group (CWG) with UC Berkeley Chancellor Nicholas Dirks (see item 2, above);

- Attended my regular monthly check-in meeting with West Contra Costa Unified School District Superintendent Matt Duffy;
- Met, along with Development Project Manager Craig Murray, with representatives from Turner Construction to review close-out costs for the Family Justice Center.

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.

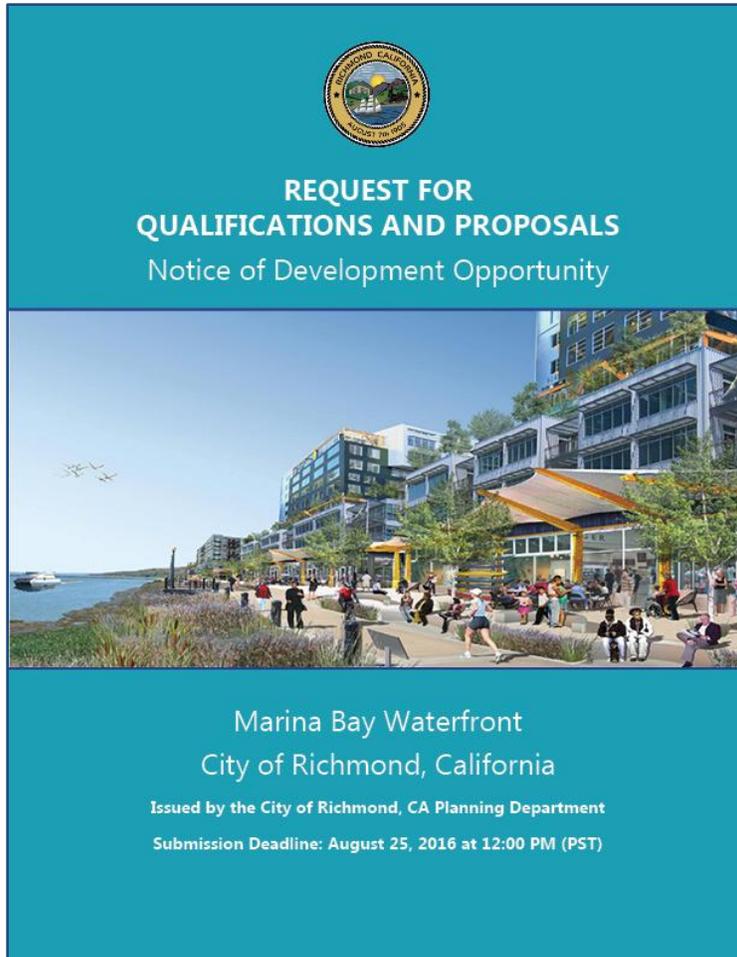
Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the substance of these or any other topics.

6. Deadline Extended for Development Opportunity in Richmond: Marina Bay Parcel

During the past several months, the City of Richmond has been marketing several outstanding parcels of land, formerly owned by the Richmond Redevelopment Agency, for development purposes.

The most recent “Notice of Development Opportunity” is a unique, ±4.5-acre, waterfront site located in Richmond’s Marina Bay neighborhood. The Richmond Planning Department has extended the deadline for first-round development proposals until **Monday, September 12th at 12:00 noon (PST)**. A copy of the Request for Qualifications and Proposals and details regarding submission requirements and the selection process are accessible at www.ci.richmond.ca.us/opportunitysites.

If you, or someone you know, would like to schedule additional time with City staff for a meeting or conference call regarding the Marina Bay site, please contact Planning Director Richard Mitchell by email at richard_mitchell@ci.richmond.ca.us or phone at (510) 621-1231.



7. Public Review Draft Zoning and Subdivision Regulations Update Available for Comment

The Zoning and Subdivision Regulations Update (Update) and the Zoning Map are the key documents that implement the General Plan, and they must be updated to be consistent with the new General Plan. The City's Planning and Building Services Department embarked on an 18-month effort to comprehensively update the City's Zoning and Subdivision Regulations Update.

Consultant assistance was provided by Dyett & Bhatia, Urban and Regional Planners, and the Planning Commission provided policy direction and oversight during the Update. Newsletters, community open houses, and targeted stakeholder outreach ensured that concerns about how General Plan policies would be implemented were heard and addressed.

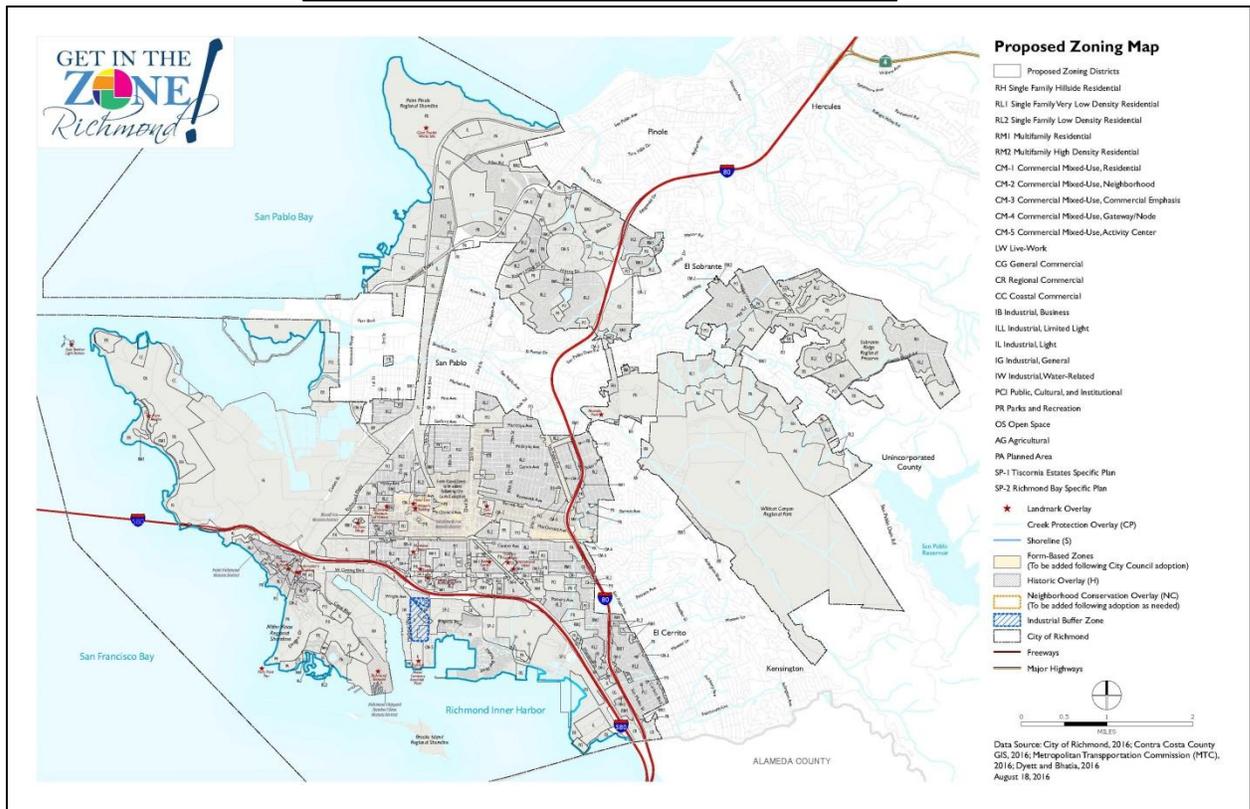
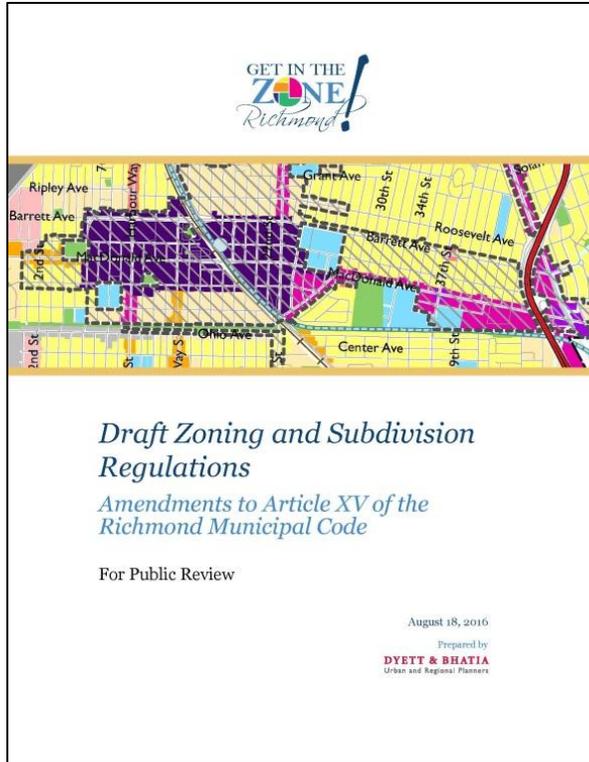
The draft Update, Zoning Map, and Zoning Map Atlas are available on the project's website (www.zonerichmond.com) and printed copies are available for review at the following Richmond facilities:

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

The new Zoning and Subdivision Regulations will provide the basis for development decisions by the Zoning Administrator, Historic Preservation Commission, Design Review Board, Planning Commission, and City Council. They express the City's expectations for future land use and are a key tool for guiding new development so that it is consistent with and implements the General Plan and for improving the quality of life in Richmond for all residents.

Staff and consultants will be presenting the draft Zoning and Subdivision Regulations Update at the upcoming September 1st Planning Commission meeting at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza, and will be hosting an Open House at 5:30 PM, before the Planning Commission meeting in the Council Chambers.

Comments on the draft Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Map are due by September 22nd to Lina Velasco, Project Manager, 450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94801 or via email at Lina_Velasco@ci.richmond.ca.us.



8. Richmond Promise: Deadline Extended for Class of 2016 to Submit Scholarship Documents

If a young person in your life applied to the Richmond Promise scholarship, please check to ensure they have completed all the documents necessary to process their award. The deadline to submit these documents has been extended to September 30, 2016.

This week, the Richmond Promise team will be notifying students via email and phone on the status of their scholarship award. Scholarship payments will be made directly to colleges and universities.

Mail or email documents to:

Email: richmondpromise@scholarshipamerica.org

Mail: Richmond Promise Scholarship Program
Scholarship Management Services
One Scholarship Way, Saint Peter, MN 56082

Phone: 507-931-1682 (office), 507-931-8033 (fax)

The Richmond Promise team is here to support students and families. Call or email for questions and one-on-one assistance:

- info@richmondpromise.org
- 510-620-6531

9. Mayor Tom Butt Community Fund Annual Golf Tournament

The Mayor's Community Fund Annual Golf Tournament is now accepting online registrations and sponsorships. Visit fundraise.richmondcf.org/mayorsgolf2016 to sign up!

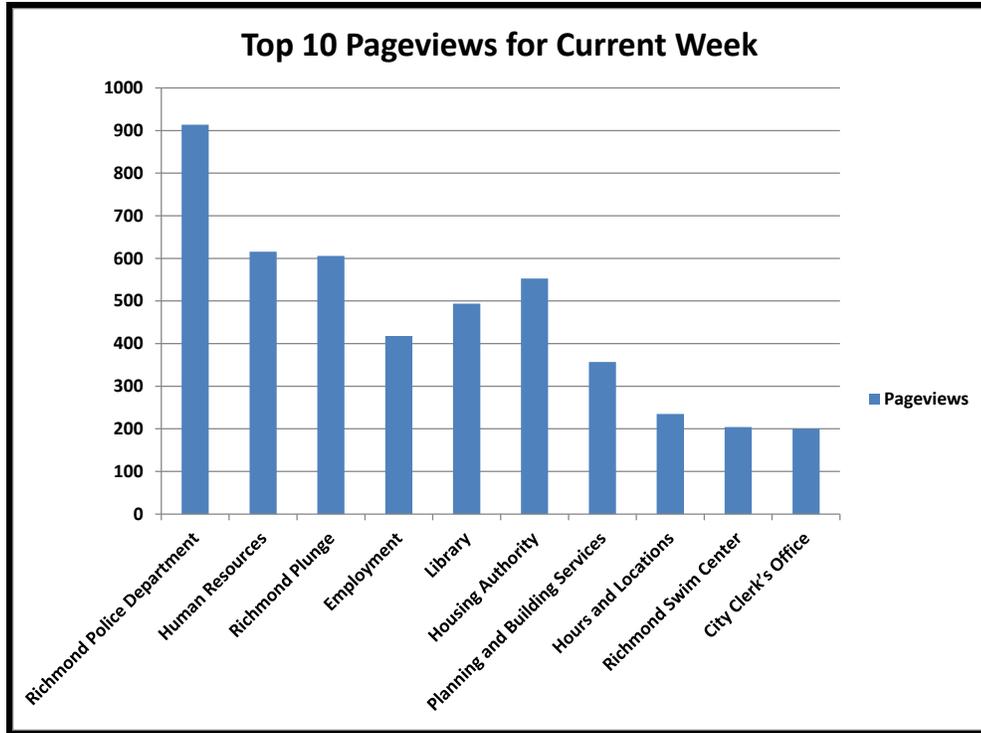
The Richmond Mayor's Community Fund was established to support activities in Richmond that are not currently supported by the City or by other funders, including youth leadership, summer employment, and greening the city. A steering committee of community members has determined that the fund for 2017 will support Richmond's youth athletic teams and leagues.



10. Information Technology

Website

Top 10 Webpage views for the week ending August 26, 2016:



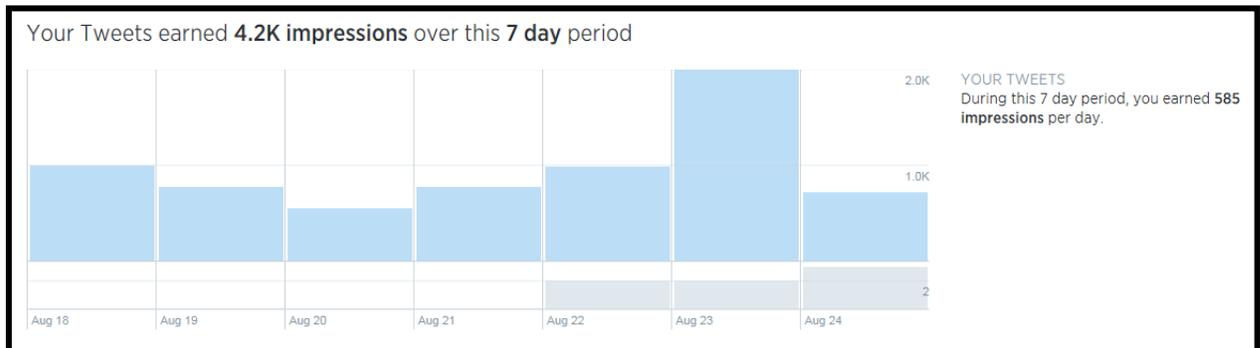
Facebook Statistics

Total people reached increased by 214%

Twitter Statistics

Tweet mentions are up by 25.7%

Followers are up



KCRT DATANET OF THE WEEK:



Come See Your Mural!

Mural Unveiling and Celebration
Saturday, August 27th 12-4pm
The Community Park at the corner of
MacDonald Ave & Harbour Way, Richmond
For more information: info@createpeaceproject.org

KCRT PHOTO OF THE WEEK:



This City of Richmond 1912 photo was taken at 6th and Macdonald looking east.

City of Richmond 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



You may view the City's mobile app on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/i4W1wVvB9fw>

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.

11. Community Services Highlights

Sign up at the Recreation Complex for the final Day Trip with the East Bay Regional Park District! Space is still available for October.



East Bay
Regional Park District

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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.

Parchester Achieve Summer Camp

Achieve Summer Camp concluded on Friday, August 19th. The Parchester Community Center site had a weekly average attendance of 35 participants. Throughout the summer there were great field trips (parks, a baseball game, a museum, and the zoo), participation in fun and educational activities, sports,

swimming, and everyone especially enjoyed the weekly BBQ. The last day of camp was highlighted with a talent show and potluck for everyone.



12. Engineering/CIP Departments

Richmond Auditorium ADA Improvements Project:

The Richmond Auditorium improvements are moving along quite well. The elevator shaft beams are installed and the restrooms are almost complete.



Auditorium Elevator Shaft

BART Connection Project:

The project connecting the Richmond BART Station to Nevin Avenue is progressing well. Currently, the foundation for the plaza that will house elevators is being set.



Nevin Avenue BART Connector Project

Main Library ADA Access Improvements:

A series of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements are being conducted at the Main Library; currently staff members are working on access improvements. The front walk way has been demolished to create a more mobile friendly entrance.



Main Library Front Walkway

Streets Division:

Paving crews grinded and paved 15th Street from Pennsylvania to Roosevelt Avenues and worked from the outstanding pothole list.



15th Street Paving

Street sweeping performed commercial and residential sweeping services for the fourth Monday through Friday in the Santa Fe, Point Richmond, Marina Bay, Coronado, 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 fabricated 24 signs, repaired 12 signs and poles, installed seven pavement messages and painted 172 feet of curbs.



Sign Fabrication

13. Infrastructure Maintenance and Operations

Facilities Maintenance:

Carpenters repaired and refinished closet doors at Fire Station #66 and fixed the eaves of the Bayview Branch Library. Painters are in the process of completing the exterior of the Booker T. Anderson Community Center.



Painting at the Booker T. Anderson Community Center

Electricians installed risers on roof of Fire Station #66, completed wiring repairs on Marina Bay Parkway, repaired the conduit on San Pablo Avenue and Hilltop Drive, replaced a broken light in Memorial Park, repaired Greenway lighting from South 16th Street and 22nd Street, removed a street light pole on the Richmond Parkway, added a second pedestrian beacon on Barret Avenue and 41st Street, secured light fixtures at the Bayview Branch Library, installed box and conduit for a future Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station in front of the Main Library, repaired the gate at the Police Department, and fixed the apparatus door at Fire Station #68.



Gate Repair at the Police Department

Parks and Landscaping Division:

General maintenance crews installed a new backflow at Stewart Playlot, replaced broken swings at Belding Garcia Park, conducted graffiti removal at Nicholl Park and on the Greenway, performed irrigation repairs at Tiller Park, trimmed trees and planted at the Main Library, installed new nets at Burg Park, and weed whipped the parking lot between Nevin and Barrett Avenues.



Planting at Main Library

The tree crew cut or trimmed trees on 15th Street, 21st Street, Berk Avenue, Pennsylvania Avenue, Wiswall Drive, and at State Park. The crew also mowed and edged the Civic Center.

Hilltop District crews continued with general maintenance at Country Club Vista and Bay Vista Parks, trimmed shrubs along Hilltop Drive, weed abated around the Business area, fixed the irrigation controller on Klose Way, watered trees at Vista Del Mar Park, assisted with tree removal on Blume Drive, performed general maintenance on the Richmond Parkway shoulders from San Pablo Avenue to Atlas Road, and removed a fallen tree on the Richmond Parkway center median.



Weed Abatement on Richmond Parkway

Marina District crews mowed and edged turf, cleaned median strips, trimmed trees, checked irrigation, and completed necessary repairs.



Median Clean-up on Regatta Boulevard

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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