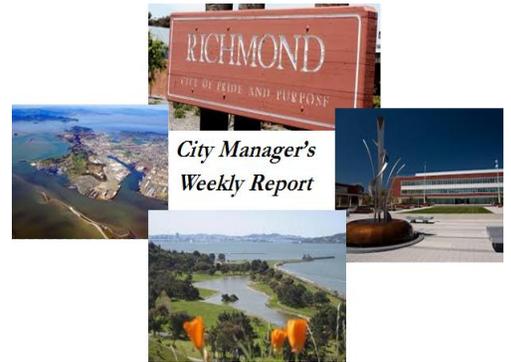




Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the weekly report for the two weeks ending January 20, 2017.



1. Meeting Notes

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24th beginning with Closed Session at 5:30 PM followed by the regular meeting at 6:30 PM. The agenda may be found by clicking this link: [Richmond City Council Agenda Packet](#).

2. Office of Neighborhood Safety Named Semifinalist for *Innovations in American Government Award*

This past week, City staff learned that the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, has recognized Richmond’s Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) as one of 100 national semifinalists in this year’s Innovations in American Government Awards competition. The Office of Neighborhood Safety will compete to be named a Finalist in the competition and have the chance to be awarded the \$100,000 grand prize in Cambridge this spring.

The ONS advanced from a pool of more than 500 applications from all 50 states, and was selected by the Innovations Award evaluators as an example of novel and effective action which has had significant impact, and which they believe can be replicated across the country and the world.

As you may know, the Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) is a non-law enforcement department launched in late 2007 with the sole mission to reduce firearm assaults and associated injury and deaths. Under the direction of the Neighborhood Safety Director DeVone Boggan, Richmond hired individuals who had formerly been incarcerated for firearm offenses to serve as Neighborhood Change Agents (at the time a new city employee classification) to provide intensive street outreach, case management and life coaching in the city's most impacted neighborhoods. Change Agents were hired in February of 2008 and have proven to be a stable and exemplary group of employees, with most remaining employed with the city today. Between the agency’s launch in 2007 and 2016, the Office of

Neighborhood Safety has contributed to a 71% reduction in firearm assaults causing injury or death.

According to Stephen Goldsmith, Director of the Innovations in American Government Program at the Ash Center, “These programs demonstrate that there are no prerequisites for doing the good work of governing... What makes government work best is the drive to do better, and this group proves that drive can be found anywhere.”

The 100 semifinalists for the Innovations Award represent a cross-section of jurisdictions and policy areas. They were invited to complete a supplementary application last fall, answering in-depth questions about their work, the process of creating and sustaining their programs, and how they believe they can teach others to do what they do. The Ash Center expects to announce 10 programs that will be named Finalists and be invited to Cambridge to present to the Innovation Awards Program’s National Selection Committee in March, with the grand prize winners to be named in June.

Please visit the Government Innovators Network at <http://innovations.harvard.edu> for the full list of Semifinalists, and for more information regarding the Innovations in American Government Awards.

Congratulations to the entire Office of Neighborhood Safety team for this achievement!

3. Two Significant Capital Improvement Projects Nearing Completion

Two significant capital improvement projects that improve accessibility and walkability in the area of the Richmond Civic Center are nearly complete and earned a (near) top spot in this weekly report: the Nevin Avenue Streetscape Project; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades to the Richmond Auditorium.

Nevin Avenue Streetscape Project

The Nevin Avenue Streetscape is nearly complete with only a few minor punch-list items remaining. The new lighting is functional, curbs with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) are completed, and the turn-about is open. This well-designed project creates a pedestrian-friendly connection between the downtown Richmond BART station and the Richmond Civic Center (a future parade route perhaps?).



Nevin Avenue

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Upgrades at the Auditorium

Improvements to the Auditorium which allow for the facility to fully comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) are also nearly complete. The foyer elevator is fully installed and the ADA compliant restrooms are finished. There has also been new carpet installed and new paint to go along with these other upgrades creating both an esthetic and functional entrance to the entire Auditorium.



Elevator in Auditorium



Upgraded Lobby

Thanks to the Capital Improvements/Engineering Department for overseeing efforts on these projects.

4. Illegal Dumpers are “Stung” by Code Enforcement and Richmond Police

One of the most frustrating activities occurring far too often in the Richmond community is illegal dumping of trash and debris. Code Enforcement staff work very hard and do an excellent job picking up this trash and debris as soon as possible. But there can be no argument that the responsive, hard work of these City employees would be far better honored if it could be used to improve the community’s parks, streets, and facilities, rather than picking up after perpetrators of this thoughtless crime.

City staff members are employing new, aggressive methods to deter this illegal dumping activity. In particular, Code Enforcement staff members, in partnership with the Richmond Police Department, are working diligently to prevent illegal dumping by educating the community and conducting illegal dumping “stings” throughout the City.

Recently, Code Enforcement staff, working in conjunction with the Richmond Police Department, conducted an illegal dumping “sting” at 15th Street and Roosevelt in the Belding Woods neighborhood. While monitoring various locations that are “hot spots” for illegal dumping, Code Enforcement staff observed a person with a large amount of debris in the back of his pickup truck. The Richmond Police Department was immediately called and interviewed the suspect who claimed to be “picking up” illegal dumping (yeah, right!). This certainly did not ring true, as it was 3:00 AM in one of our illegal dumping hot spots. The vehicle containing the debris was towed away.





5. Point Molate Creosote Removal and Pacific Herring Habitat Restoration

The first phase of the San Francisco Bay Creosote Removal and Pacific Herring Habitat Restoration Project at Point Molate is complete. The goal of the project was to remove debris from the former site of the Red Rock Warehouse. The work included removal of creosote pilings, concrete, and other miscellaneous debris.

Due to the nature of the site, debris in the area was removed using two different equipment operations. On the water, a floating barge was used with an excavator and a crane; on land, a tracked excavator was utilized. Both of these operations used GPS and visual methods to locate pilings and then cut them at the ground or extract them in their entirety.

Now that the demolition phase of the Red Rock Warehouse project is complete, the restoration phase will commence. The Restoration Phase will consist of fabricating and placing artificial oyster reefs, planting eel grass, and other habitat restoration activities in the Bay and on the shoreline of Pt. Molate.



Before and After



Before and After

6. 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.

A significant amount of activity, including several meetings not listed here, was the result of working to implement Measure L, the Richmond Fair Rent, Just Cause for Eviction and Homeowner Protection ordinance. Other meetings of note included:

- Met with City staff members and potential consultants to discuss completing a cost of service study for a “litter fee”;
- Discussed the Richmond air quality monitoring program with Bay Area Air Quality District staff member Eric Stevenson, along with Administrative Chief Shasa Curl, Environmental Manager Adam Lenz, and Project Manager Lina Velasco;
- Discussed the eEquip Richmond business incubator program with Chevron representative Andrea Bailey and consultants, together with Economic Development Manager Janet Johnson;
- Attended the monthly Council of Industries luncheon, at which Mayor Butt was the keynote speaker;
- Made a presentation regarding the Richmond Fair Rent, Just Cause for Eviction and Homeowner Protection ordinance at the first community workshop since the adoption of this measure, also attended by Administrative Chief Shasa Curl, Management Analyst Gabino Arredondo, Management Analyst Paige Roosa, and interns Mariah Fairley and David Padilla;
- Met with various City staff members, including union representatives and staff from the Paratransit program, to discuss budget issues related to the program;
- Attended the Richmond Promise board meeting;
- Attended the Richmond Community Foundation Corporate Advisors Circle meeting;
- Met, along with Project Manager Lina Velasco, with Deb McCoy, Y-Plan Director from the Center for Cities and Schools at UC Berkeley, to discuss the strategic direction of the program;

- Met, along with Administrative Chief Shasa Curl, Environmental Manager Adam Lenz, Planning Director Richard Mitchell, Project Manager Lina Velasco, CivicSpark Intern with the Environmental and Health Initiatives Team in the City Manager's Office Samantha Carr, Code Enforcement Officer Eva Mann, and RecycleMore representative Andrew Schneider, with representatives from Republic Services to receive an update on their composting facilities and recent odor problems.

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.

7. Get Covered Contra Costa! Enroll or Renew your Health Care Coverage

Get healthcare coverage now before open enrollment ends on January 31, 2017. Your coverage will remain intact through 2017.

Saturday, January 21, 2017
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 City of Richmond Computer Lab
 450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond CA 94804
 (Enter from the main lobby)

Get FREE assistance with enrolling and renewing in plans through Covered California or Medi-Cal. Our enrollment counselors can help you enroll in the coverage that best fits you and your family, regardless of age, income, or pre-existing health conditions. No appointment is needed. We encourage everyone to attend!

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 fillings (2015).
- **CITIZEN 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:** The number of people enrolling (whole or partial family) and their respective birth dates, social security numbers, and home zip

codes. For renewal, it will be helpful to bring your Covered California account information/access code.

If you have additional questions please call Gabino Arredondo at (510) 620-6606.

8. High Schoolers: Join Richmond's First Mountain Biking Team

Richmond's Rich City Rides bicycle advocates are joining NorCal High School Mountain Bike Racing League coaches to invite all City of Richmond high school students to explore one of the most challenging and fun co-ed sports on the planet: Mountain Biking!

The fun starts at 5:30 PM Sunday, January 22nd at the Rich City Rides Bike Shop on Macdonald Avenue across from BART (1500 Macdonald Avenue). The group will share some eats, talk, and be treated to a movie, "Single Track High", an introduction to what mountain bike racing is all about in the words of the experts: the young men and women riders of NorCal.

Would you like to join Richmond's First High School Mountain Biking Team?





COME TO THE
FIRST MEETING - GRADES 9-12

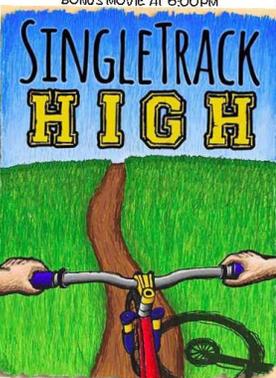
PARENTS - voluntary DONATION

ALL STUDENT -ATHLETES ARE FREE



BONUS MOVIE AT 6:00PM







Coaching



Camps



Racing



Teams

High School Mountain Biking Information Night

When: January 22th, 2017
Where: Rich City Rides Bike Skate Shop
Time: 5:30 - 7:30 PM

1500 Macdonald Ave. Richmond, CA 94801

9. Goodrick Avenue Bay Trail Gap Closure Project Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Declaration (IS/MND) Report Available for Comment

On January 12, 2017, the City of Richmond Planning Division released the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Goodrick Avenue Bay Trail Gap Closure Project. The City of Richmond proposes to construct a 0.3-mile Class I bicycle and pedestrian trail along the eastern side of Goodrick Avenue, north of Richmond Parkway (proposed trail or project). The proposed trail would connect the existing Class I San Francisco Bay Trail (Bay Trail) segment along the Richmond Parkway to a new 1.5-mile segment of the Bay Trail north of the project site. The proposed project would be a segment of a continuous Bay Trail alignment that

extends from Buchanan Street in Albany to Atlas Road and San Pablo Avenue in Richmond.

The project alignment and all proposed improvements would be located within the existing Goodrick Avenue public right-of-way. The proposed trail would consist of a 10-foot-wide paved trail with two 2-foot-wide gravel shoulders. Existing accessible curb ramps at the northwest corner of the intersection of Goodrick Avenue and Richmond Parkway would be replaced to comply with current accessibility and Bay Trail design guidelines. Wayfinding signage would be installed at the Goodrick Avenue and Richmond Parkway intersection. In addition, the crosswalks across Goodrick Avenue would be striped to provide a safer crossing for cyclists and pedestrians in the area.

Review and Comment Period: Comments on the IS/MND, sent in writing, must be received by **5:00 PM on Friday, February 10, 2017**, at the following address or email:

City of Richmond Planning Division
ATTN: Lina Velasco
450 Civic Center Plaza, 2nd Floor
P.O. Box 4046
Richmond, CA 94804
Lina_Velasco@ci.richmond.ca.us

A copy of the MND is available for review online at www.ci.richmond.ca.us/goodrickbaytrail. Copies are also available for review at the following locations: **Richmond Public Library - Main Branch** 325 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, and City of Richmond, **Planning and Building Services Department**, City Hall, 450 Civic Center Plaza, 2nd Floor, Richmond. The Planning Department public counter is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM and Friday from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

10. Construction Trades Event for Modernization Project

The Employment and Training Department's RichmondBUILD Academy and Chevron are hosting Trades Day II, in partnership with the Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades and other local partners. Trades Day II participants will receive information about temporary opportunities through third party contractors on the Richmond Refinery Modernization Project.



Interested in Contract Work on the Richmond Refinery Modernization Project?

We invite you to attend Trades Day III!

Chevron and RichmondBUILD Academy are hosting Trades Day II, in partnership with the Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades and other local partners, to share information about temporary opportunities through third party contractors on the Richmond Refinery Modernization Project.

Receive information about upcoming apprenticeship opportunities and educational and employment resources in construction and non-construction positions. Sign up for training at the RichmondBUILD Academy and receive additional resources with the goal of removing barriers to employment and broadening lifetime career path choices.

Please note the option to attend the morning or afternoon resource fair. Be prepared to stay the entire duration of the morning or afternoon resource fair and bring copies of your current resume. Veterans and women are encouraged to attend. Preference given to Richmond, North Richmond and San Pablo residents who reside in the following zip codes: 94801, 94803, 94804, 94805, 94806, 94808, 94850. Most jobs will require the ability to lift 30 or more pounds. The basic qualifications are in addition to other requirements for each position. Attending Trades Day II does not guarantee employment.

For questions or additional information, contact Akeele Carter, Local Hire Job Coordinator for the Richmond Refinery Modernization Project. Email: acarter@chevron.com or call 510-242-4018.

Date:

Wednesday,
January 25, 2017

Time:

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Welcome/Arrival
Overview of
Modernization Project
and Employment
Resources

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Morning Resource Fair

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Welcome/Arrival
Overview of
Modernization Project
and Employment
Resources

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Afternoon Resource
Fair

Location:

The Bermuda Room
Richmond Memorial
Civic Center
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

For more information, please e-mail: acarter@chevron.com or call 510-242-4018.

11. RichmondWORKS is Recruiting for 20 Food Service Jobs

RichmondWORKS One Stop Career Center is working with Food Service Partners to fill twenty (20) food service jobs. The positions include Production Manager, Production Supervisor, Cooks, Porters/Dishwashers, and Storeroom, Clerical, and Operations staff. All jobs are full-time, union, and offer great benefits with paid vacation and holidays.

The positions begin training February 2017 in South San Francisco and will move to Richmond in mid-2017. Transportation is provided from the East Bay to South San Francisco during training.

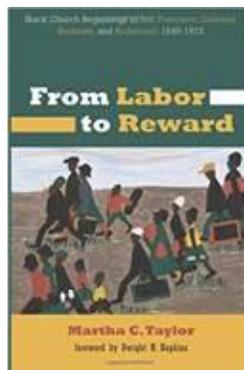
Applications are available at:
RichmondWORKS One Stop Career Center
330 25th Street
Richmond, CA

Please call the RichmondWORKS One Stop Career Center for more information:
(510) 307-8014

12. Bay Area Black Church Beginnings

The Richmond Public Library will celebrate Black History Month 2017 by hosting author Dr. Martha C. Taylor who will discuss her new book *From Labor to Reward: Black Church Beginnings, San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, and Richmond 1849 – 1972*.

The book details how Black churches were more than religious institutions, how they became the center of Black communities providing social, economic, political, and educational support for Black people. The book also details the unity of Black people who started communities in the enclaves of the San Francisco Fillmore District, West Oakland, South Berkeley, and North Richmond as they struggled against adversities of racism, housing discrimination, KKK threats of violence and death, and other socio-political barriers.



Following the presentation, Dr. Taylor will engage in a question and answer forum. Copies of the book will also be available for purchase. The event will be held, Saturday, February 4, 2017, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM, Richmond City Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. For more information, contact Angela Cox at (510) 620-5516 and visit www.richmondlibrary.org. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Richmond Public Library.

13. Richmond Seeks Next Poet Laureate

The City of Richmond's Arts & Culture Division is currently seeking applications for the next Richmond Poet Laureate. This position offers the unique opportunity of

being able to interpret the challenging times we live in through original poetry, and allows the poet to gain exposure for his/her work. The position is a two-year term. The new application period will remain open until **February 1, 2017**. For the application and more information go to <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1507>.

The Poet Laureate position provides a focus for the appreciation and dissemination of poetry in Richmond, promotes poetry among our youth, and acts as a spokesperson for the growing number of poets and writers in Richmond. The Poet Laureate will also work with the West Contra County Unified School District (WCCUSD) to bring poetry into the classrooms, and will coordinate poetry events in the community. An anthology of poetry will be published at the end of each Poet Laureate term.

Previous Poets Laureate include Dwayne Parish, Donte Clark, Lincoln Bergman, and Brenda Quintanilla. A combined anthology of Clark, Bergman, and Quintanilla is available for \$10 through the Arts & Culture Manager by contacting her at Michele_seville@ci.richmond.ca.us. An anthology of Dwayne Parish's work will be available in 2017.

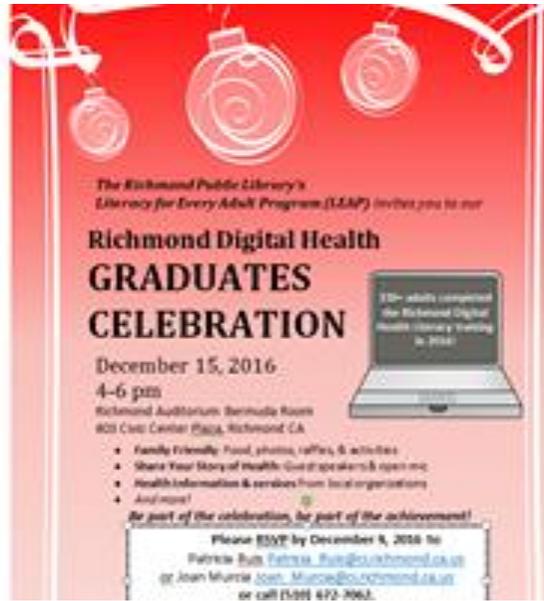
Live poetry events were recently held at Kaleidoscope Café on December 10th, and at Richmond Progressive Alliance headquarters on December 15th. Both events featured over 30 poets, who read to overflow crowds at both locations – proving poetry is alive and well in Richmond.

14. LEAP's Digital Health Literacy Project

LEAP's Digital Health Literacy Project celebrated with over a dozen community partners and hundreds of participants to mark the accomplishments of the two year federally funded project. Although federal funds for the grant will be exhausted by March 31st, LEAP will continue to provide access to an award winning health curriculum with local Richmond content. The curriculum is featured in English and Spanish, and LEAP will provide access and training to any community member and/or agency at no cost.

Our digital health literacy curriculum is now used by libraries, community colleges, and adult schools throughout California as well as in Oregon, Minnesota, and Texas. Please feel free to access important health information at www.richmondhealth.learnerweb.org and explore this innovative learning program. For more information about the program, follow us on Facebook at [LEAP Digital Health Literacy](#).

To schedule a class for your agency or apply as a student contact Patricia Ruis at (510) 307-6684 or Sherry Drobner at (510) 307-8082.



15. Richmond Promise Near-Peer Ambassador Program

Last week, the Richmond Promise launched the *Near-Peer Ambassador Pilot Program* at Kennedy High School with a training for our seven college students who will begin engaging 9th graders in-class in college and career conversations. These conversations will cover a variety of topics, including education planning and self-advocacy, throughout the semester. We are excited to see the positive influence these conversations will have on both the 9th graders as they begin to think about and prepare for college, and the college students as they continue their college journeys.

16. Apply to the Richmond Promise Scholarship by March 10!

The Richmond Promise Scholarship is due on March 10th! ***Please encourage the eligible high school seniors in your life to apply!***

To be eligible, a student must:

- Be a Richmond or North Richmond resident (i.e. have a Richmond home address);
- Graduate from a public, private, or charter high school within the WCCUSD boundary area;
- Have attended a public, private, or charter high school within the WCCUSD boundary area since 9th grade.

Students must complete their FAFSA/Dream Act in order to complete the Richmond Promise application. The Richmond Promise Team will be hosting workshops to assist students and families complete their financial aid and Richmond Promise

applications on the following dates from **3:00 – 7:00 PM at 450 Civic Center Plaza:**

- March 1
- March 2
- March 7
- March 9
- March 10

The application can be found at www.richmondpromise.org.

Questions? Contact us at info@richmondpromise.org or 510-620-6531.

Thinking about college?
The Richmond Promise is here to support you.

Are you a Richmond Promise Scholar? It's as easy as **A-B-C**

A Are you a Richmond or North Richmond Resident?

B Are you graduating from a high school within the WCCUSD boundaries?

C Have you attended local schools since the 9th grade?

APPLICATIONS WILL OPEN OCTOBER 3, 2016

RICHMOND PROMISE APPLICATION DUE MARCH 10

Up to **\$1,500** is available for your education

- ✓ Four-year university
- ✓ Community College
- ✓ Career & Technical Education

FAFSA/DREAM ACT OPENS OCTOBER 1
MUST COMPLETE FOR RICHMOND PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

www.richmondpromise.org
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info@richmondpromise.org

17. 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.

- a) If you've not already used your allocated On-Call Curbside Clean-up(s), call Richmond Sanitary Service (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.
- b) 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.

With proof of residency (driver's license or CA ID), RSS customers can take Christmas Trees to Golden Bear Transfer (1 Parr Blvd, Richmond Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM; Saturday - Sunday, 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.



18. Richmond's Minimum Wage Ordinance Became Effective January 1, 2017

The increase in the City of Richmond's minimum wage went into effect on January 1, 2017. Effective on that date, the minimum wage as set forth in Richmond's Minimum Wage Ordinance (RMC 7.108) is \$12.30/hour (compared to \$10.50/hour for the State of California effective 2017, and increasing from \$11.52/hour which went into effect in Richmond on January 1, 2016). The Minimum Wage Ordinance applies to any employee who works two or more hours per week.

To advise the business community of this change, the Employment and Training staff posted notices announcing the increase on KCRT and the City's website. Packets were mailed to over 1,000 businesses and to the Richmond Chamber of Commerce members to inform them of the change. The information packet includes versions of the official notice in various languages 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 second 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.

19. Sign-Up Event: 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. To be eligible, Richmond and North Richmond residents must 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).

The City's partnership with GRID Alternatives has serviced over 190 homes in Richmond and provided millions of dollars in energy cost savings to the community. This new initiative will provide free solar to an additional 100 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, January 25th, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM** in the Richmond Council Chambers at 440 Civic Center Plaza. Please RSVP at <http://www.gridsolar.org/Richmond/> or residents may also contact the City at (510) 621-1541.

To enroll at the workshop please bring copies of:

- 1) The 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 the deed.

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

FREE Solar

For Qualifying Richmond Homes



Sign-Up Workshop

Wednesday, January 25th, 2017



6:00pm - 7:30pm

City Council Chambers, 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	\$52,650
2	\$60,150
3	\$67,650
4	\$75,150
5	\$81,200
6	\$87,200
7	\$93,200

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.

Apply now! Visit
www.gridsolar.org/richmond
 or call GRID at (510) 731-1333.
 Residents may also contact
 the City at: (510) 621-1541

Solar GRATIS

Para Hogares en Richmond que Califican



Taller para Inscribirse

Miércoles, 25 de enero del 2017

6:00pm - 7:30pm

**City Council Chambers, 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 propietario y vivir en una vivienda en Richmond/North Richmond.
- Que el ingreso total de los impuestos del 2015 haya sido igual o menor del límite de ingreso máximo del hogar.

Número de Personas en el Hogar	Ingreso Máximo del Hogar
1	\$52,650
2	\$60,150
3	\$67,650
4	\$75,150
5	\$81,200
6	\$87,200
7	\$93,200

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 PG&E (todas las páginas)
- Recibo de la hipoteca, declaración del seguro de casa, impuesto a la propiedad o copia de las escrituras.

Aplique ya! Visite
www.gridsolar.org/richmond
O llame al (510) 731-1333
Los residentes también pueden contactar a la ciudad al (510) 621-1541

20. Drug Disposal Law Passed by Contra Costa County

Drug makers will be required to establish drop-off centers to accept unwanted or expired medications, under an ordinance recently passed by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. The bill requires drug makers to pay the full cost of establishing and operating a network of centers to take unwanted or unused pharmaceuticals. The goal is to have at least three drop-off sites in each of the five supervisorial districts in the county.



County staff members noted the program will protect creeks and bays against contamination by illegal dumping of drugs into the environment, and reduce the risk of people overdosing on prescription drugs. The City of Richmond's Department of Water Resource recovery and six other wastewater agencies in Contra Costa County supported the ordinance.

Richmond residents may dispose of expired and unneeded medications at the take-back bin located in the lobby of the Richmond Police Department. We will provide more details on additional disposal centers when the County provides the information.



21. Freshest Cargo Returns!

LEAP is happy to announce the return of the beloved fresh fruit and vegetable truck from Freshest Cargo. Beginning on March 1st, you can count on their arrival at 440 Civic Center Plaza from 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM for your shopping convenience. Freshest Cargo offers locally grown quality produce for LEAP students, City staff, and local residents. Since their initial visit, hundreds of students and residents shopped at this mobile market, making our City Hall site one of their busiest.

Fresh Approach added LEAP to its schedule after LEAP students requested alternatives to the 7/11 for food during long study periods. We approached Freshest Cargo in February of 2016 and they started including City Hall in their route by July of last year. Freshest Cargo halted services during the December break, and due to

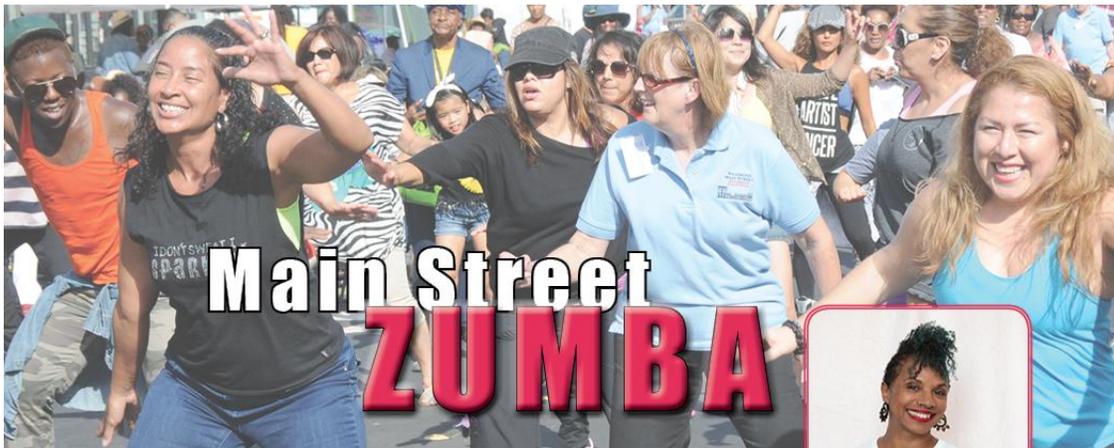
funding restraints, will not serve us in January or February, but will re-start in March. We are grateful to be on their route, for which we pay no fee, and encourage your support of their business throughout the rest of the year.

Fresh squash, kale, apples and more on the way to your grocery bag on March 1st. Eat healthy!



22. New Year, New Main Street Zumba Schedule!

Richmond Main Street is proud to once again offer Zumba classes in 2017. Long-time instructor, Willa Willis-Jacobs, will be back to guarantee that you have an excellent workout experience.



Willa Willis-Jacobs

WHEN **Thursdays**
TIME **6:15pm - 7:15pm & 7:30pm - 8:30pm**
Starting 1/5/2017 Starting 1/12/2017
WHERE **310 9th Street, Richmond, CA 94801**
FEE **\$5 - \$8**
**Sliding scale. No one will be turned away for lack of*

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The new Main Street Zumba will be one hour classes on Thursdays from 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM with a second class from 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM.

Class fees are \$5 - \$8 per class. *No one will be turned away for lack of funds.* All classes will take place at the BBK Health & Wellness Center, [310 9th Street, Richmond](https://www.richmondva.gov/310-9th-street) (9th Street @ Macdonald Avenue). For more information please visit www.RichmondMainStreet.org or call (510) 236-4049.

23. Community Services Highlights

Candy-Cane Classic

The Community Services Annual Youth Candy Cane Classic basketball tournament was held at Booker T. Anderson Center, Richmond PAL, and the Recreation Complex on the weekend of December 17th and 18th. Teams with players ages 8 to 14 played a fun and competitive tournament. Fourteen teams with approximately 160 players participated in this two-day tournament. There was a lot of parent participation as well. Everyone had a wonderful time and all the winning teams represented Richmond.





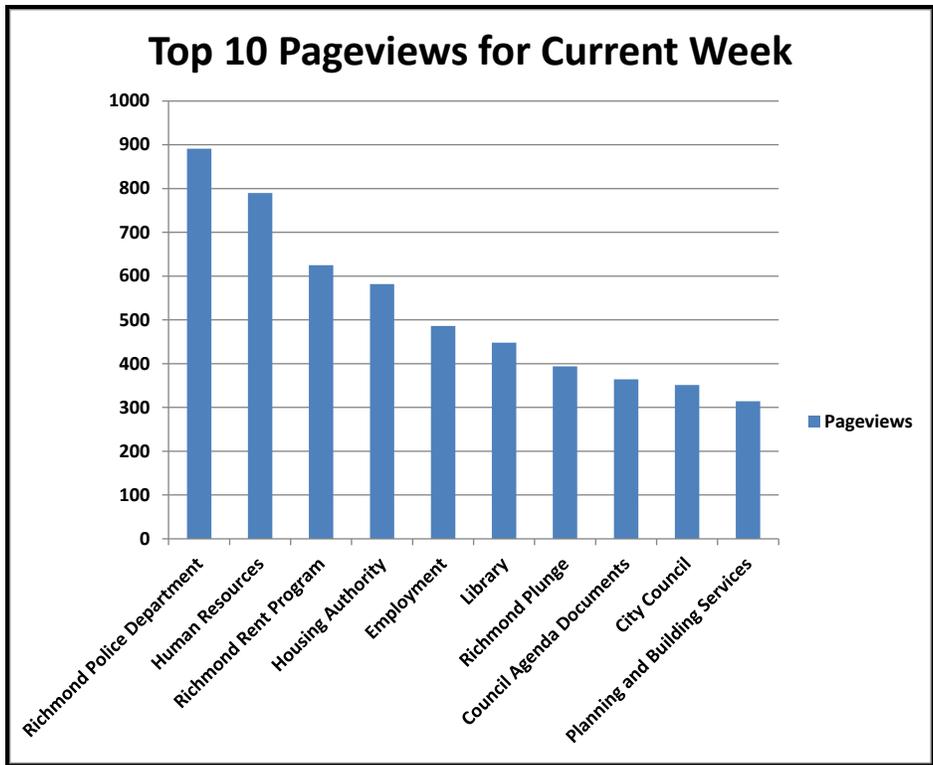
Senior Center Xmas

The Richmond Senior Center celebrated its 14th Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 17th. Over 180 attendees enjoyed the festivities with entertainment provided by many of the classes at the center as well as a visit from Frosty the Snowman.



24. Information Technology

Website Statistics
For the week ending 01/20/2017



Twitter and Facebook Statistics

Followers are up

KCRT DATANET OF THE WEEK



Bring Color and Creativity to Your New Year

For more information:
(510) 620-6772
2540 Barrett Avenue, Richmond

- Enameling
- Color Theory
- Glass Beadmaking
- Weaving Roundup
- Printing Patterns on Fabric
- Watercolor for Beginning and Intermediate Students





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Richmond Art Center has selected some of our most colorful classes for you to explore.

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City of Richmond Mobile APP UPDATE

The City of Richmond's mobile phone app is 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](#)



This City of Richmond mobile app provides Richmond's community members with one-stop access to City services and information via mobile devices. The app allows quick and real-time reporting of neighborhood-related issues; viewing the City's Events Calendar; finding addresses and phone numbers of local businesses, city departments and council members. Locating one of Richmond's numerous parks, and welcoming libraries and community centers, including reserving rental space for that special occasion are all done with ease!

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.

25. Engineering/CIP Departments

Streets Division

Paving crews worked from the outstanding pothole list, filled sand bags, and performed storm patrol.



Sand Bags



Potholing on Richmond Parkway

Street sweeping staff performed commercial and residential sweeping services for the second Monday through Friday in the May Valley, Vista View, Clinton Hill I –IV, and East Richmond neighborhood council areas, and the third Monday through Friday in the North Richmond, Iron Triangle, North Belding Woods, Atchison Village, South Belding Woods, Santa Fe, Coronado, Marina Bay, and Point Richmond neighborhood council areas as weather permitted.

Signs and Lines staff repaired 36 signs and poles, installed 12 new signs and poles, fabricated 23 new signs, installed pavement markers, and performed storm patrol.

26. Infrastructure Maintenance and Operations

Abatement

Abatement crews cleared homeless encampments, gutters, walkways, and continued to remove tons of illegal dumping and graffiti throughout the City.



Drain Cleaning



Homeless Encampment Removal



Illegal Dumping

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement efforts to clean up a blighted property for nearly a year have not been in vain. This property had numerous violations and was a nuisance. The property was finally sold and remodeled by the new owner.



Before and After

Code Enforcement received a complaint submitted by City staff of boulders being stored on the sidewalk. The owners were given notice to abate the issue and

failed to comply. They received two administrative citations for failing to remove the boulders. They have now been removed and no longer pose a hazard.



Before and After

Facilities Maintenance

Carpenters repaired the roof at the Senior Center and the Native American Health Center, insulated the equipment room of the Main Library, performed repairs at the Auditorium, completed workstation modifications for the Planning Department, and organized the workstation storage area located at 440 Civic Center Plaza.

Painters touched up walls for the City Council reception in the Auditorium and painted the following areas: men's restroom at the Senior Annex Community Center, main exhibit room at the Museum, main hallway at the Nevin Community Center, and the main hallway at the Recreation Complex.



Utility Workers cleaned carpets, scrubbed and waxed floors at City Hall, auto-scrubbed the Swim Center, set up various rooms for events, and maintained 29 City-owned facilities.



Rug Cleaning at Civic Center Plaza



Autoscrubbing the Plunge

Stationary Engineers replaced carpet squares in the Fire Department's Administrative offices, replaced the glass front door at the Bayview Branch Library, addressed roof leaks, replaced water fountains at Nevin Community Center and the Recreation Complex, fixed the heating and air conditioner (HVAC) system at the Nevin Community Center, repaired the dishwasher at Fire Station #67, fixed the shower at Fire Station #64, installed sump pump and replaced the partition in the shower room at the Plunge, and replaced batteries for the main server room at City Hall.



Water Fountain Replacement



Partition Installation

Electricians repaired the knockdown at Macdonald and Broadway Avenues, installed a new electric vehicle charger at the Main Library, installed a new traffic signal at 16th Street and Macdonald Avenue, repaired lighting at the Main Library, restored power to the portable restroom at Fire Station #66, removed a damaged

pole on Moyers Avenue and Shane Drive, restored trail lighting in the Marina, placed a sand barrel at Marina Bay Parkway to protect a pole, and provided electrical support to the pumping station.



Pole Repair

Parks and Landscaping Division

General maintenance crews weeded and trimmed around the Communications building and the right-of-way on Amador Street, continued trimming, mulching, and maintenance in the Civic Center Plaza, removed trash from the Greenway, cleared the creek drain at Mira Vista Park and the drains at Civic Center Plaza, repaired irrigation at Nicholl Park, trimmed shrubs at John F. Kennedy Park, and completed the monthly playground inspections.



Irrigation Repairs at Nicholl Park



Drain Clearing on the Greenway

Tree crews trimmed or cut trees on 28th Street, 38th Street, A Street, Berk Avenue, Barrett Avenue, Bissell Avenue, Clarence Street, Clinton Avenue, Garvin Avenue, Lassen Street, Maricopa Avenue, Marina Bay Park, McBryde Avenue, Robert Miller Drive, Salesian Avenue, San Pablo Avenue, West Macdonald Avenue, and Regatta Boulevard. Crews also ground stumps on Rheem Avenue, and responded to downed branches and trees.





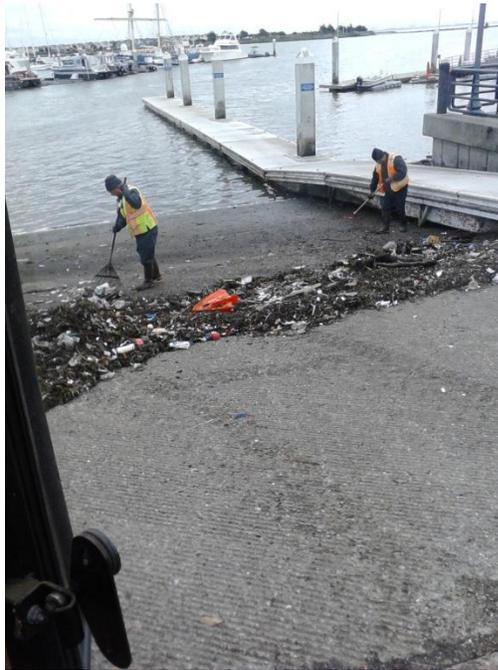
Fallen Tree Removal

Hilltop District crews completed weed abatement on the Richmond Parkway shoulder, finished banner repairs at Country Club Vista Development, continued maintenance around Hilltop Mall business area, Country Club Vista, and Bay Vista Park. Crews completed storm clean up, assisted with right-of-way street sweeping, continued with weed abatement on Atlas Road medians, continued maintenance around Hilltop Mall business area, and performed general maintenance around Country Club Vista and Bay Vista Parks.



Atlas Road Median Maintenance

Marina District crews cleaned storm debris, removed fallen trees and branches, completed vandalism repairs to restrooms, assisted with several Martin Luther King, Jr. events, cleaned storm debris, mowed Marina parks, and began replanting trees along the Meeker Pathway.



Storm Debris Clean-Up

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

Have a great week!

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