



Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the report for the week ending August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### 1. Meeting Notes

The City Council is on meeting hiatus until Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the summer break!

### 2. Richmond Library “Gaining Steam” for Summer (and Other Events)

There are a lot of things happening for kids and families this coming week at the Main Library:

- This is the last week of Reading Heroes, where kids read with adult volunteers from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Tuesday and Thursday. Advanced sign ups available but not required.
- The Library is continuing to provide its free summer lunch this week and next week, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays through August 17<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM.
- Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, the Library will host its first and only STEAM day of the fall (or late-summer) at the Main Library. Children’s library staff members have provided STEAM throughout the summer at West Branch and Bayview. Program participants can:
  - Create wave bottles – discover viscosity;
  - Experiment: what combination of glycerin, soap and water makes the BEST bubbles?
  - Strawberry DNA? Or make butterflies with chromatography and coffee filters!

For more details, call the Children’s Room at 510-620-6557.





## Summer STEAM at the Main Library

Wednesday August 9 @2:00-3:30PM

For Ages 6-13

Explore science concepts, combine, extract, and create!

Chromatography Butterflies. Exploring bubbles.

Making Cool Wave Bottles!



Richmond Public Library  
325 Civic Center Plaza  
Madeline F. Whittlesey Community Room  
Questions? Call the Children's Room:  
510-620-6557



Wheelchair accessible. Se habla español.  
[www.richmondlibrary.org](http://www.richmondlibrary.org)



### 3. Vision Van Visits

The Richmond Public Library hosted the Vision Van this past week, at which kids were prescreened by Library staff to qualify them for a free eye exam, and free glasses. The Library had over 30 kids who qualified for glasses, as well as dozens more who completed the prescreening during the last week of July. The screenings helped determine if kids should receive free glasses with fun frames, or, perhaps, didn't need glasses.

Kids will be able to pick up their glasses in a few weeks, or have them mailed to them, hopefully just in time to start school with better vision.



#### **4. LEAP: Building Capacity in the Richmond Community**



LEAP, the Richmond Library's outstanding literacy program, recently partnered with the Sparkpoint financial education center to provide a project-based literacy class on advocacy. LEAP prepared a curriculum to build critical research skills, comprehension, digital literacy skills and collaboration. The six-week course, "Faces of Poverty," will culminate in the production of six different PowerPoint presentations that explore poverty in Richmond. Learners at LEAP provided much of the foundational data for the development of the curriculum through their stories, and critical research questions about poverty.

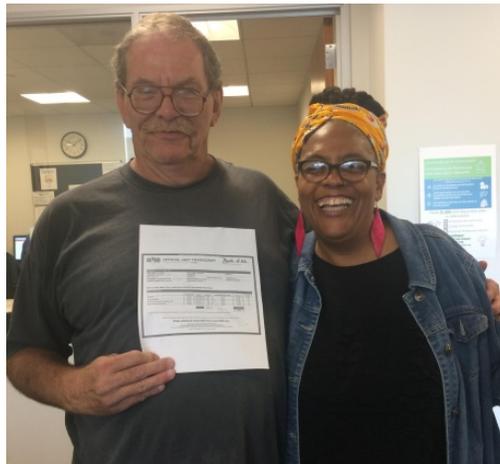
Two other recent examples of LEAP success stories are:

- Erin Newsome, the first to complete LEAP's Career On-line High School Diploma program. Erin worked toward a traditional GED on and off for many years while working and caring for her children. The opportunity to try the online program proved to be the right fit. With Diploma in hand, Erin is looking toward the future.



Erin Newsome, LEAP Graduate

- Stephen Edwards (shown below with LEAP instructor, Abigail Sims-Evelyn) shows off his GED transcript. Despite housing challenges, Stephen persisted in his studies at LEAP daily, mastering and passing each test, month after month.



Stephen Edwards with LEAP instructor Abigail Sims-Evelyn

**5. West Contra Costa County Household Hazardous Waste Facility Now Open on Wednesdays**

The West County Household Hazardous Waste Facility, located at 101 Pittsburg Road in Richmond, is expanding its hours, and is now open on Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (see all available hours below). Richmond residents can also dispose of paint, pharmaceuticals, batteries, automotive fluids, and other Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) for FREE at El Cerrito Recycling Center and the West County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. A summary list of accepted items is provided below. Please bring proof of residency when dropping off HHW materials.

Please note that it is illegal to put any HHW or electronic waste in the garbage, sink, toilet, or storm drain because they contain toxic materials that can contaminate the soil and water. Visit [www.richmondenvironment.org](http://www.richmondenvironment.org) for more information about HHW services available to Richmond residents and businesses. For questions about HHW disposal, please visit the [West Contra Costa County Household Hazardous Waste \(HHW\) Facility](#) webpage, or call (888) 412-9277.

**West Contra Costa County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility**  
101 Pittsburg Road  
Richmond, CA 94801  
Open Every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday  
9:00am – 4pm (Closed Noon-12:30pm)  
(888) 412-9277

**El Cerrito Recycling Center**  
7501 Schmidt Lane,  
El Cerrito, CA 94530  
Open Every Tuesday for HHW disposal  
8:00am - 5:45pm  
(510) 215-4350

**Accepted Materials**



**Pharmaceuticals  
(no controlled substances)**  
*Productos farmacéuticos  
(pero no sustancias controladas)*



**Electronics**  
*Aparatos electrónicos*



**Household batteries**  
*Baterías y pilas del hogar*



**Fluorescent bulbs & tubes**  
*Tubos y bombillas/focos fluorescentes*



**Household cleaners,  
aerosols & sprays**  
*Aerosoles, rociadores y  
productos de limpieza*



**Fats, oils & grease  
(from food products,  
not hazardous waste)**  
*Grasas, mantecas y aceites  
(de cocina, no desechos peligrosos)*



**Pesticides, garden chemicals  
& pool chemicals**  
*Pesticidas, productos químicos para  
jardines y piscinas*



**Automotive fluids & batteries**  
*Baterías y líquidos para automóviles*



**Paints, stains & solvents**  
*Pintura, barniz y disolvente*



**Mercury-containing items**  
*Artículos que contienen mercurio*



**Needles, syringes & lancets  
Accepted in an approved sharps  
collection container**  
*Agujas, jeringas y lancetas  
Aceptados en recipientes aprobados  
para objetos afilados.*

## 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.

Meetings and events of note this past week included:

- Attended the National Night Out festivities, hosted by the City of Richmond crime prevention team;
- Attended the Richmond Promise Board of Directors meeting;
- Attended the monthly Mayors' Conference, together with Mayor Tom Butt;
- Met with the Mayor's staff, along with state advocates Vern Whitmore and Jacqueline Majors, to discuss the expenditure plan being discussed by the legislature for RM3, the regional transportation/bridge toll proposal;
- Attended the Technical Advisory Group meeting for the First Mile/Last Mile study.

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. Richmond Promise Update: Students Getting Ready for College & DVC Welcome Day**

Students are preparing to begin their first year or return to college this fall. In order to ensure that scholars are ready, Richmond Promise staff members are asking that they complete required paperwork and submit a class schedule to the Promise as soon as possible. If you have a Richmond Promise Scholar in your life, please remind them to check their email and complete these required steps.

### DVC Welcome Day

If you know a Richmond Promise Scholar attending Diablo Valley College, please remind them that Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> is Welcome Day! At this event, students can meet other Richmond Promise Scholars, their new College Success Coaches, and make sure they are ready to go for the fall!

#### **Richmond Promise Cohort Welcome**

When: Saturday, August 12, 11:00-12:00

Where: HSF-291, Pleasant Hill Campus

RSVP: [www.dvcrpwelcome.eventbrite.com](http://www.dvcrpwelcome.eventbrite.com)

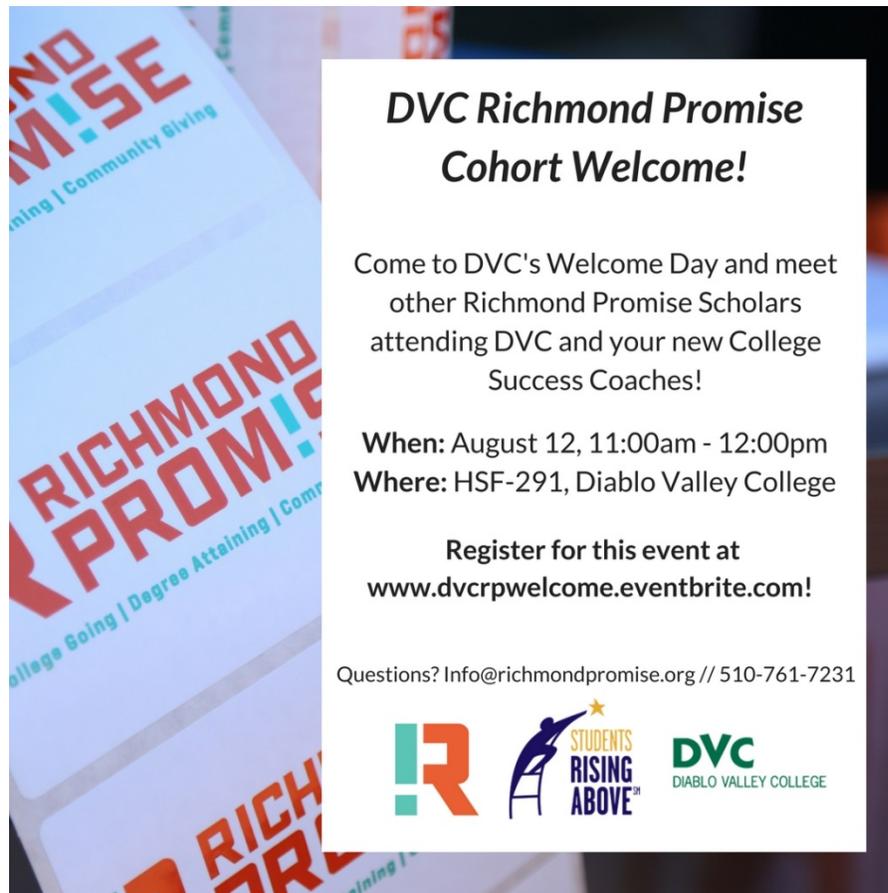
#### **General DVC Welcome Day**

When: Saturday, August 12, 12:30-4:00

Where: Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill Campus

RSVP: <http://www.dvc.edu/enrollment/welcome/welcomeday.html>

Questions or need assistance? [Info@richmondpromise.org](mailto:Info@richmondpromise.org) or 510-761-7231.



**DVC Richmond Promise  
Cohort Welcome!**

Come to DVC's Welcome Day and meet other Richmond Promise Scholars attending DVC and your new College Success Coaches!

**When:** August 12, 11:00am - 12:00pm  
**Where:** HSF-291, Diablo Valley College

Register for this event at  
[www.dvcrpwelcome.eventbrite.com!](http://www.dvcrpwelcome.eventbrite.com)

Questions? [Info@richmondpromise.org](mailto:Info@richmondpromise.org) // 510-761-7231



60+ Scholars finished their one-week math intensive today! (Note: These Promise Scholars, using a portion of their summer to develop math skills for college, were not told that “no math would be involved” in this program.)



## **8. Concert Helpers Wanted for Music on the Main Events on August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Are you a fan of live music and outdoor concerts? Do you like working behind-the-scenes at events? If you answered “yes”, then helping out at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Music on the Main summer concerts is for you!

### **Event Details**

Date: Wednesday, August 23<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Volunteers needed: 3:00 PM – 8:30 PM (two shifts available: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM)

Activities may include tasks related to: venue set-up; assembling produce bags; managing vendor and volunteer check-in; monitoring traffic and parking; conducting surveys; hosting youth zone activities and giveaway stations; backstage manager; and venue clean-up.

### Additional Details, Requirements, and Preferences:

- No prior experience needed—orientation and training provided onsite by staff
- Small groups or pairs encouraged!
- Community service hours honored
- Minimum participation: two hours; three hours preferred
- Minimum age: 16, unless accompanied by guardian or approved by event coordinator
- Interests: community, arts & culture, special events, youth
- Skills: customer service, bilingual language (Spanish, Chinese) a plus; ability to stand for extended periods of time and/or lift 30 pounds preferred.

[Sign-up online here.](#)

For more information: Contact Alicia, [outreach@richmondmainstreet.org](mailto:outreach@richmondmainstreet.org) or (510) 236-4049.

Richmond Main Street presents:  
16<sup>th</sup> annual  
**Music on the Main**  
5pm - 7:30pm  
Marina Way & Macdonald Avenue  
Downtown Richmond  
*music, food & fun for the entire family!*  
**July 26**  
Niecey Living Single & the Obamah\$  
Steven Green & The Lifeline  
**August 23**  
Andre Thierry  
Caribbean Allstars  
Live Music ★ Food ★ Beer ★ Vendors ★ Prizes  
Kids Zone ★ Info Booths ★ Freshest Cargo  
more info (510) 236-4049 | RichmondMainStreet.org | #MusicOnTheMain  
sponsored by  
RICHMOND MAIN STREET  
Kaiser Permanente  
Mechanics Bank  
East Brothers  
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### 9. The Youth Leadership Committee is Back!

Are you a high school or college student looking to become a leader in your community, or do you know someone who is? Are you interested in learning how to

create a community service project to create positive change? Join the YLC for the upcoming school year! Applications are now open with workshops to begin in the fall. We'll have field trips to local excursions and workshop topics on public speaking, presentations, financial literacy, networking, resume-building, and more!

Application open here: [tinyurl.com/RichmondYLC17](http://tinyurl.com/RichmondYLC17)

Contact Guadalupe Morales at [guadalupe\\_morales@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:guadalupe_morales@ci.richmond.ca.us) or call 510-620-6553 for more info.



**YLC** YOUTH LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE



**Richmond** **PUBLIC ALLIES** **SERVICEWORKS**  
Powered by AmeriCorps, the Citi Foundation, and Points of Light

**Are you a youth leader who is passionate and eager to serve your community?**

The Youth Leadership Committee (YLC) is a year-round program offered by the Richmond Community Services Department for current high school students. The YLC engages high school students in a rich combination of experiences including youth leadership development workshops, hands-on projects, and field trips.

**Important Dates**  
Application opens: June 1st, 2017  
Deadline: September 15th at 5pm  
Interview dates & program start date: September 2017 (TBA)

**Online Application:**  
[tinyurl.com/RichmondYLC17](http://tinyurl.com/RichmondYLC17)

**Website:**  
<https://richmondylc.wordpress.com>

**Contact:**  
Guadalupe Morales  
[guadalupe\\_morales@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:guadalupe_morales@ci.richmond.ca.us)  
510.620.6553

## **10. Electric Car Test Drive**

On Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 PM to 7:30 PM, the City of Richmond will be co-hosting, along with the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project, an Electric Car Test Drive event. The event will be held at the parking lot across from the Richmond Library adjacent to the Civic Center Plaza. Attendees will be able to experience

various types of clean, electric vehicles and get information about available incentives.



The banner features a blue background with a white starburst in the top left corner containing the text "FREE Giveaway". In the top right corner is the "CLEAN VEHICLE REBATE PROJECT" logo. The City of Richmond logo is on the left side. The main title "Electric Car Test Drive" is in large blue font, followed by the date and time "Wednesday, September 13, 2017 2:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m." and the location "Parking lot across from the Richmond Public Library — 325 Civic Center Plaza". A green rounded rectangle contains the text "Feel the instant acceleration and smooth ride of an electric car". Below this, it lists "Plug-in hybrid and all-battery electric cars to test drive", "Specialty electric vehicles and EV ARC™ solar-powered charging station on display", and "Electric bikes • Food trucks". At the bottom, it says "For information about clean vehicle rebates, visit [cleanvehiclerebate.org/info](http://cleanvehiclerebate.org/info)". A dark blue footer bar contains social media links: "Share your experience", Facebook "CleanVehicleRebate", Instagram "CleanVehicleRebate", Twitter "TheCVRP", and "#DriveCleanAnd Save".

## 11. Community Services Highlights

### Upcoming Events

#### Shields-Reid Park Clean-up and Baseball Clinic Series

Come out to Shields-Reid Park (1410 Kelsey Street) to help beautify and restore Shields-Reid Park and pick up baseball skills along the way.

On August 11<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, there will be a park clean-up followed by a free youth baseball clinic run by More Than A Game. Trash bags, gloves, and baseball equipment will be provided for participants. Stick around for free food and refreshments after the clinic!

For more information, please contact Don Gieske at 925-708-6427.

**PARK  
CLEAN-UP  
AND YOUTH  
BASEBALL  
CLINIC**

We invite North Richmond residents and kids to clean up Shields-Reid Park, followed by a youth baseball clinic!  
Clean-up supplies and baseball equipment will be provided.

**SAVE THE DATES!**  
Friday July 28  
Friday August 4  
Friday August 11  
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

1410 Kelsey Ave. Richmond, CA 94801  
For more information, contact Don Gieseke at 925-708-6427

**Free food and refreshments!**

Love Your Block | MEN AND WOMEN FOR YOUTH WORKING GROUP | MORE THAN A GAME

## Literacy Luau

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Girls Inc. of West Contra Costa is inviting children (of all ages), families, and community members to participate in their end of summer Literacy Luau. Free books, food and entertainment will be provided!

Register on Eventbrite [here!](#)

For more information, please contact Cristal Banagan at <mailto:cristal.b@girlsinc-wcc.org>.

**girls  
inc.**® *Literacy Luau*  
*~Save the Date~*



We invite all children (of all ages), families & community members to participate in our end of summer Literacy Luau.

Free books, food and entertainment will be provided!

**Location: 260 Broadway, Richmond, CA**

**Date: August 19, 2017**

**Time: 11 A.M.— 2 P.M.**

**\*Register via Eventbrite by 8/12/17, search "Girls Inc. West Contra Costa, Literacy Luau"**

We look forward to seeing you at this fun event, as our community develops  
**"readers into leaders."**



If you are interested in sponsoring a vendor booth or have general questions, please contact Cristal Banagan (510) 232-5440  
Email: [cristal.b@girlsinc-wcc.org](mailto:cristal.b@girlsinc-wcc.org)

*Inspiring all girls to be Strong, Smart & Bold!*



## **Highlights**

### **2017 ServiceWorks Graduation Celebration**

Last Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, ServiceWorks Richmond hosted their first ServiceWorks Graduation Celebration at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium. This event recognized the volunteers and scholars who completed the program curriculum and completed their own service project. The event began with welcome messages from Community Services Director Rochelle Monk, and ServiceWorks Youth Program Manager Vanessa Chau. After the introductions and welcome, they were followed by remarks from three amazing speakers.

ServiceWorks recognized four cohorts:

- John Henry High School,
- Richmond Youth Council,
- ServiceWorks Bootcamp participants, and
- Richmond High School's College Is Real.

In addition, ServiceWorks acknowledged the collaborative partners:

- John Henry High School,
- Richmond Youth Council,
- Park Ranger Sidonia Aguilera,
- Richmond Trees,
- Richmond Promise,
- Richmond Tool Library, and
- Love Your Block.

Without the help of volunteers and partnerships in Richmond, ServiceWorks would not have been possible.

As the night wound down, everyone enjoyed a great meal, and the graduates and participants went home with a certificate of completion and a little graduation gift (portfolios and a graduation mason jar)! All the attendees were acknowledged for their participation in this excellent program, with one of the participants, Maria Escalera, addressing the group about her experience with ServiceWorks. After her participation in the ServiceWorks Bootcamp, Maria received a summer internship with ServiceWorks and the City of Richmond Community Services Department.

Overall, it was a successful evening, with speakers that left the attendees inspired, and with a new spark to continue growing ServiceWorks bigger and better!

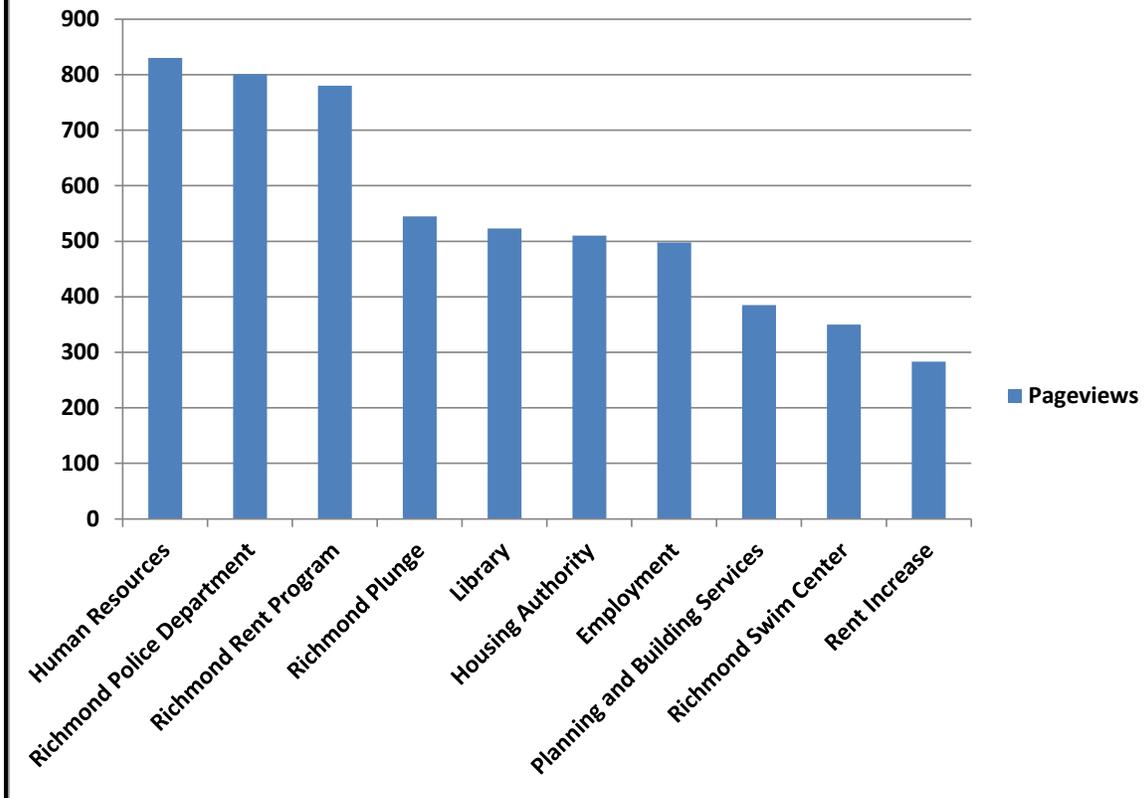
If you are interested in creating a service project or have volunteer opportunities for Richmond's youth, please contact Vanessa Chau at [Vanessa\\_Chou@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:Vanessa_Chou@ci.richmond.ca.us).

## **12. Information Technology**

### **Website Statistics for the Week Ending 08-04-2017**

- ↑ Page likes are up 120%
- ↑ People reached are up 76%
- ↑ Post Engagement is up 32%
- ↑ Total page views are up 18%
- ↑ Video Views are up 100%
- ↑ Page followers are up 120%
- ↑ Tweet impressions are up 21%
- ↑ Mentions are up 4.8%
- ↑ Top Tweet for the week earning 660 impressions: Unity Park Design and Public Art.

## Top 10 Pageviews for Current Week



Tweets and Facebook followers are up!

## KCRT DATANET OF THE WEEK

**Friday, August 11th**

**5:30 - 6:30 PM**  
Delta Wires (Blues)

**6:45 - 8:00 PM**  
Bicicletas por la Paz (Latin)

**POINT RICHMOND MUSIC** Summer Concert Series

## 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](mailto:webservices@ci.richmond.ca.us)

### **13. Engineering/CIP Departments**

#### **Engineering Projects:**

The Greenway Ohlone Gap Closure project is continuing on schedule. Crews completed the forms and poured the concrete for the abutments for the prefabricated bridge. They also back filled the abutments after the forms were removed. The bridge is set to be erected soon, within the next week.



Concrete Abutment Installation

#### **Streets Division:**

Paving crews ground and paved Alvarado, Arizona, Idaho Streets and Nevada Avenue from East Richmond Avenue to the end and worked from the outstanding pothole list in various locations around the City.



Paving on Nevada Street

Street sweeping staff performed commercial and residential sweeping services for the fifth Monday and first Tuesday through Friday in the; Parchester Village, Hilltop Bayview, Hilltop Green, Fairmede/Hilltop, Carriage Hills North Side, El Sobrante Hills, Greenbriar, Hansford Heights, Via Verda, San Pablo Dam Road, Bristole Cone, May Valley, Vista View and Clinton Hill I neighborhood council areas.

Signs and Lines staff repaired 15 signs and poles, installed 12 new signs and poles, installed 26 pavement markings and painted 635' of curbs and zoning.

## 14. Infrastructure Maintenance and Operations

### Abatement:

Abatement crews performed weed abatement, removed graffiti and tons of illegal dumping throughout the City.



Weed abatement



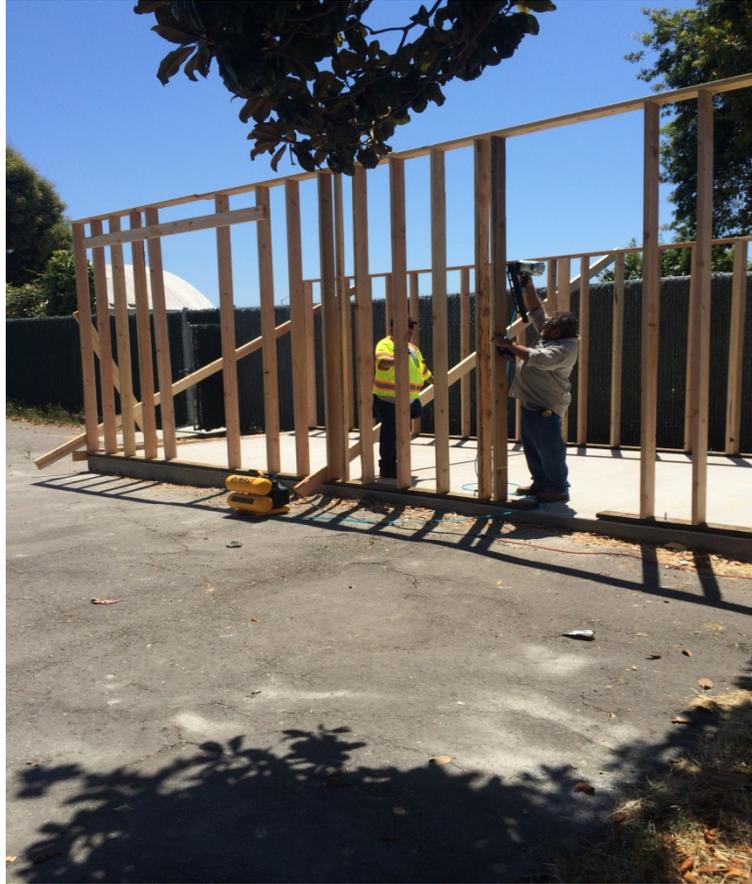
Illegal Dumping



Trash Removal

Facilities Maintenance:

Carpenters completed the installation of a new door, including the frame at the Corporation Yard, continued with the framing of a shed a Nicholl Park and completed the ADA fire extinguisher installation in the Auditorium.



Framing New Shed at Nicholl Park

Painters completed the Booker T. Anderson electrical room floor and painted a corridor within the Auditorium.

Stationary Engineers installed a new backflow device at Shields Reid Community Center, repaired the sewer lateral at the Richmond Build facility, fixed the clothes washer at Booker T. Anderson Community Center, installed sump pumps at the Plunge, repaired a toilet at the Shields Reid Community Center, created keys for various locations and repaired the toilet in the women's restroom in the Main Library.

Utility Workers hung a sign at the Main Library, cleaned the windows and areas of R-Transit, pressured washed the plaza area of Civic Center Plaza, set-up various rooms for events and maintained 29 City owned buildings.



R-Transit Maintenance



Civic Center Campus Maintenance

Parks and Landscaping Division:

Tree crews trimmed or cut trees on: 1<sup>st</sup> Street, South 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln Avenue, Potrero Avenue, East Richmond Avenue, Humphrey Avenue and Idaho Street. Crews also addressed safety issues around tree wells near Kaiser Hospital.

*Hilltop District* crews continued maintenance around Hilltop Mall business area, continued with the Richmond Country Club Vista landscaping project, completed weed abatement on the center medians on Atlas Road, performing tree maintenance on young trees in the area and continued weed abatement on Atlas Road.



Tree Trimming on Blume Drive

*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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