CITY OF Richmond CALIFORNIA

Hon. Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the report for the week ending August 22nd, 2019.

1. Meeting Notes

The City Council is on August recess, and will resume meeting on September 10th. Enjoy the time off!

2. Upcoming Events

Music on the Main Encore Bringing Funky Afro Samba Beats & Latin Jazz Fusion to Downtown Richmond on August 28!

And all are invited to come Downtown Richmond to enjoy the music, food, and fun for the entire family! Richmond Main Street's 18th annual Music on the Main summer concerts kicked off last month with 800+ Richmondians dancing on Main Street.

The celebration continues on **August 28th**, from **5:00 P.M. -7:30 P.M.** in the parking lot at **Marina Way and Macdonald Avenue** featuring incredible performances: a Carnival Explosion of African-Brazilian rhythms and African Diaspora cultural fusion courtesy of SambaFunk! and local favorite GTS Band, serving up authentic Latin Funk and Soul.

This free, all ages concert will also feature special guest appearance by Grand Marshal Councilmember Melvin Willis. Just a few steps away from the dance floor, guests will find a diverse array of local artisan and food trucks offering unique items and delicious eats, beverage booth serving up happy hour specialties with proceeds benefiting RMSI, informational booths, interactive activities, youth zone, giveaways, prizes, and more.

Free organic yogurt, face painting, and fun educational activities will also be available courtesy of Stonyfield. Stonyfield is proud to participate in Music on the Main to promote their work with Beyond Pesticides and Osborne Organics to help the City of Richmond transition Nichol Park to organically maintained fields through their StonyFIELDs Initiative. Music on the Main guests are invited to stop by their booth to play games and learn more about how Stonyfield is helping communities all over the country transition to organically maintained landscaping.

Admission is free and all are welcome. For more information, visit www.RichmondMainStreet.org or call (510) 236-4049.

Rent Program Community Workshops: Rights and Responsibilities for Richmond Landlords and Tenants

City of Richmond Rent Program Community Workshops are held one Saturday each month to inform community members about their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Rent, Just Cause for Eviction, and Homeowner Protection Ordinance. The full schedule of 2019 Community Workshops may be accessed at richmondrent.org/workshops.

The next workshop will take place on August 31, 2019:

Tenant-Focused Workshop
Saturday, August 31, 2019
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon
City Council Chambers
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

Topics for discussion will include:

Overview of the Rent Ordinance

- Properties subject to the Rent Ordinance
- How Rent Control works in California
- Just Cause for Eviction Requirements
- The Rent Adjustment Process
- Overview of Important California Civil Codes

Space is limited - RSVP today: https://rentprogram.eventbrite.com

Community Services Department: Lifeguard Classes

If you are a strong swimmer and love helping people, you may want to consider taking the upcoming Lifeguard class offered by the City of Richmond Aquatics. The class will be held from Friday, September 6 - Sunday, September 8 at the Richmond Swim Center.

This American Red Cross class will be taught by City of Richmond Lifeguard Instructors. There is a pre-course and online assignment required in order to participate in the class. The City of Richmond hires Lifeguards year-round for the two indoor pools. Flexible schedules are available, so we encourage students and retirees to get certified, and apply to work. We especially need Lifeguards for weekday morning and evening shifts. More information is available on the flyer.

Call (510) 620-6793 for more information.

Train to Be a Lifeguard!

American Red Cross Lifeguard/ First Aid/ CPR/ AED Course

Dates:	**September 6-8, 2019**	
	plus ONE precourse date (please RSVP to one of the dates listed below)	
Times:	Friday 9/6	5:00-9:00pm
	Saturday 9/7	9:00-6:00pm
	Sunday 9/8	9:00-6:00pm
Location:	Richmond Swim Center (RSC)	
	4300 Cutting Blvd (next to Kennedy High School, entrance on S. 45th Street)	
***Cost:**	$160 Residents/$200 Non-Residents (total cost)	
	$35 for pre-course only	
	$125 Residents/$165 Non-Resident for class	

Richmond's National Drive Electric Week Event- September 19, 2019

Don't miss out on Richmond's National Drive Electric Week event! This event will be taking place on Thursday, September 19th, from Noon - 3:00 P.M. in Richmond's Civic Center Plaza (in the parking lot across from the Richmond Public Library). Register at this link, and see flyer below for more details.

Richmond Fire Community Wildfire Protection Plan Project

The Richmond Fire Department received a California Fire Foundation grant to team with the Diablo Fire Safe Council to develop our Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). We welcome members of the Richmond community to attend on the date listed below. Location of the work sessions is in 440 Civic Center Plaza, Basement, Multi-Purpose Room.

- Plan Review - October 4, 2019

A Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is a collaboratively developed plan that identifies wildland fire hazards, prioritizes ways to reduce those hazards, and recommends measures for homeowners and communities to mitigate the ignitability of structures.

Diablo Fire Safe Council will assist Richmond Fire Department to build off the adopted Contra Costa County Plan. Plan development will be during 2019, with the collaboration of our community members and agency partners.

As a stakeholder or agency land manager, Richmond Fire would like your help to identify areas with high fire hazards, and input on prioritizing future projects. This action plan will build off agency plans and the Contra Costa Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) to develop joint strategies for future activities and grant funding efforts.

Our working session will summarize wildfire assessments, recent projects, and future project ideas. Please bring current plans and preliminary designs for future projects or programs.

We hope you can join us to update this action plan to reduce the impact of wildfire in Richmond.

Should questions arise, please contact Fire Marshal Eric Govan via email eric_govan@ci.richmond.ca.us or call (510) 307-8038.

3. Acknowledgments

RichmondBUILD Graduates continue to shine excel in the construction industry

The RichmondBUILD staff are pleased to extend warm congratulations to five recent graduates who have been selected to receive scholarships from the American General Contractors of America. In a very competitive process, RichmondBUILD graduates, pictured below, Antoinesha Green, Elizabeth Sanchez, Antwan Martinez, Hector Perez and James Anderson were announced as the recipients of a $1,000 scholarship each to continue their career in the construction industry. These awards mark the first time RichmondBUILD graduates applied for these scholarships and it creates a path for futures participants.

For more information on RichmondBUILD, please visit http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/1243/RichmondBUILD or call (510) 620-1781

4. Children and Youth

Department of Children and Youth Oversight Board Application Now Available!

The Richmond Department of Children and Youth is excited to share that the Oversight Board application is now available!

Per Measures E and K, the Mayor and City Councilmembers are responsible for appointing a 15-member Oversight Board that is made up of Richmond and North Richmond residents. The Oversight Board will be responsible for developing rules, processes and procedures, and assisting in the creation of a community needs assessment and strategic investment plan that will guide the development of the Richmond Department of Children and Youth and the allocation of funds for youth-serving organizations.

The Oversight Board application is available in three formats in which applicants can apply through an online form, a fillable pdf, or a paper application that is available at the City Manager's Office. All of these versions are available in both English and Spanish at www.richmondyouth.org.

For more information on the Department and Oversight Board, please visit our website at www.richmondyouth.org.

5. City Clerk's Office

Legislative History

The City's legislative history including minutes, resolutions, ordinances, meeting content, and other important records, dating back to 1905, are available online at: http://sireweb.ci.richmond.ca.us/sirepub/docs.aspx.

Election News!

Contra Costa Elections is now offering a super simple texting option for polling place voters to switch to Vote by Mail. Simply text COCOBALLOT to 28683 (or 2VOTE). The service was launched on Friday, May 10, 2019; see this East Bay Times article for more information.

Apply for Your U.S. Passport at Richmond City Hall!

The City of Richmond City Clerk's Office is accepting passport applications on behalf of the United States Department of State. United States citizens planning international travel may apply for their passport at 450 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 300, during the following hours by appointment only:

Monday: 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Wednesday: 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Friday: 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
(Closed 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. – days of operation only)

You **must** call **(510) 620-6786** to schedule **all** appointments.

As of last month, the City Clerk's office now has drop-in hours! Drop-in hours are:

Thursday: 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 NOON

Bring all required documents and complete all forms before your appointment. Drop-ins will be seen on a first come, first serve basis.

Please recognize that the area is an operational executive office, and a quiet zone.

For application forms, information on documentation required, fees, and a wealth of other passport and international travel information, visit the only official website for passport information – travel.state.gov.

For more information about the City of Richmond Passport Acceptance Facility, please visit http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/passports.

6. City Manager's Office

City Manager's Office and Department of Children and Youth at the 2019 Contra Costa Summer Block Party

The City of Richmond Community Development, Environmental and Health Initiatives Division, in partnership with the Department of Children and Youth, tabled at the 2019 Contra Costa Summer Block Party on Thursday, August 15th. Community members who came by the table received information about a variety of environmental and health related programs and events, received a free "I Love Richmond" reusable bag and straw, and received information on the new Department of Children and Youth.

For information about the Department of Children and Youth or to apply for the Oversight Board, please visit www.richmondyouth.org or call (510) 620-6523.

Visit www.richmondevironment.org for more information about environmental programs and events available to community members.

City of Richmond and Gotcha Mobility announce Richmond's First Bike Share Program

With support from Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) funds, the City of Richmond's Transportation Division and Gotcha Mobility will launch the first public bike share system in Richmond. Bike share is a service that provides bicycles for short term-use for a fee. Richmond residents and visitors will have access to 250 electric assist bikes at 25 stations within the city, available for 24/7 use.

Launching later this year, the bike share system in Richmond will provide a seamless addition to the local and regional transportation network connecting residents, businesses, visitors to jobs, services, and the community. Bike share will enhance public access to destinations; expand mobility options for low income residents, especially with the provision of subsidized memberships for income-eligible residents; improve public health through increased physical activity and reduced greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants; and support community growth through safer, more vibrant streets.

Gotcha Mobility is a mobility-as-a-service (MaaS) company offering sustainable mico-transit products –100% electric ride share, bike share, electric scooters, and

trikes. Gotcha helps communities lead happier, more productive lives through alternative forms of transportation and is committed to being the City of Richmond's mobility partner. Gotcha invests in communities by having local operations that include local staff. Below are full time positions with benefits which are currently open:

- **Partner Experience Manager** (overall account lead): https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/132182
- **Regional Community Manager** (focused on marketing, community engagement, ridership, and performance-based KPIs): https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/132172
- **Operations Manager** (mechanically-inclined and responsible for managing day-to-day operations of Richmond's system; will hire and manage a full fleet team to oversee repairs and rebalancing): https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/132150
- **Rider Experience Coordinator** (extension of Gotcha's customer support team – the first on the west coast!) The REC will be located in Richmond: https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/140873

To learn more about Gotcha visit https://ridegotcha.com/
For questions, please contact Misha Kaur at (510) 620-6797.

Transportation Services Division Updates

Are you interested in learning more about what services the City of Richmond's Transportation Services Division is working on for you?

Subscribe to receive updates: https://www.richmond.ca.us/list.aspx?ListID=374
Or Go To: http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/2876/Transportation

Richmond Ferry to Bridge to Greenway Complete Streets Plan Community Survey

Transportation Services needs your feedback to provide valuable local and regional connections for people walking and bicycling to the new Richmond Ferry Terminal, the upcoming Richmond-San Rafael Bridge multi-use path, and the Richmond Greenway. The survey is available online or via text.

Project Website (includes Online Survey):

www.ferry2bridge2greenway.com

Cell Phone Text Survey:

Take a short survey! Text "active" to (510) 900-5861

Envíe "active" al (510) 900-5861 para tomar la encuesta

RAPID (R-TRANSIT with Lyft) Workshop

The City of Richmond's R-Transit program provides safe and reliable transportation to persons with disabilities and seniors (age 55 and older).

Service area: Program registrants can travel to any destination between the cities of Richmond, El Sobrante, San Pablo, North Richmond, Kensington, and Pinole. The cost of a one-way trip booked in advance is $4.00, and same-day reservations are $5.00 one way.

To qualify for R-Transit, applicants must meet two eligibility requirements:

1. Residency: applicant must be a resident of any of the following cities: Richmond, Kensington, El Sobrante, unincorporated communities of East Richmond Heights, Hasford Heights, Rollingwood, or North Richmond.

2. Age/disability: applicant is age 55 or older OR between the ages of 18-54 and has a disability.

Fill out an application: online at www.rtransit.com , print the application here, or call (510) 307-8026 to request an application by mail.

RAPID: R-Transit with Lyft offers R-Transit clients a subsidy to use Lyft in the service area.

The R-Transit program's newest addition, RAPID, offers R-Transit clients a subsidy to use Lyft (24/7) for on demand trips in the R-Transit service area. RAPID also offers a subsidy to travel to and from the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and Veterans hospital in Martinez, CA. R-Transit clients pay the first $3.00 of each one way trip in the service area, and the subsidy will cover the next $17.00 of the trip. If the total cost of the trip exceeds $20.00, the client is responsible for the overage.

To use the RAPID service, you must first complete an application for R-Transit service; have a smart phone, credit/debit card, and a registration and waiver of liability form on file.

R-Transit will host RAPID workshops the 3rd Monday of each month for the remainder of 2019. Workshops will be held at the Richmond Senior Center located at 2525 Macdonald Ave, Richmond from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON. The workshops will provide in depth information about the new service and one-on-one assistance with downloading the Lyft mobile application, setting up an account, and requesting rides.

Pass2Class 2019 Application Now Open! Free Student Transit Pass!

511 Contra Costa is happy to announce that Pass2Class is back again for the 2019/20 school year. Students in West Contra Costa, grades 1 – 12, can receive either one 31-day AC Transit pass or WestCAT pass (while supplies last, limit three students per household), as a way to encourage them to take transit to school rather than a car. From August 1st through October 6th, parents/guardians can review the full rules and guidelines and fill out the application online.

Funding provided by Bay Area Air Quality Management District and Contra Costa Transportation Authority.

WCCUSD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH should not apply to Pass2Class. Pass2Class only offers one month free for any student, grades 1-12.

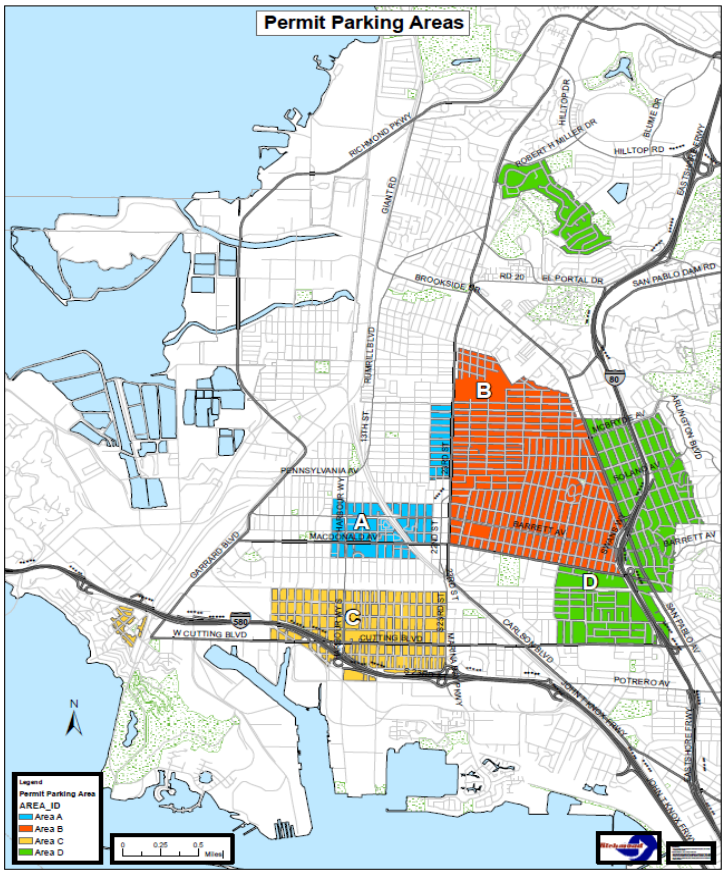
However, WCCUSD High school students who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch can also receive bus passes all year long through the school district. More information is available at the Pass2Class website.

Residential Permit Parking Available

The Neighborhood Permit Parking (NPP) program was created in Richmond to reduce traffic in residential areas, to protect those areas from the environmental impacts of commuting, and to allow parking access to properties. Non-permit holders may continue to park daily on a time restricted basis within the NPP areas.

If you live in an area that has already opted into the program, you are eligible to obtain a permit online: https://richmond.getapermit.net or in person by appointment through Transportation Services. Residents living within any of the highlighted areas on the Permit Parking Map must first submit a signed petition to “Opt In” to participate in the program.

For more information and to download forms, please go to: http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3329/Parking-Management-Services, call Transportation Services at (510) 621-1718, or email: RichmondParking@ci.richmond.ca.



Free Green Waste Kitchen Pail

Richmond residents that subscribe to compost services may pick-up a free kitchen pail at the West Contra Costa Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility or Richmond City Hall.

West Contra Costa County Household
Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility

101 Pittsburg Avenue
Richmond, CA 94801
Wednesday through Saturday

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. (Closed Noon - 12:30 P.M.)

For more information about this and additional solid waste programs available to Richmond residents, please visit: www.richmondenvironment.org

Recycling Tip of the Month

7. City Manager Chronicles

Greetings all! It was just one week ago that the City Council appointed me as Richmond's Interim City Manager, and I'm having a really fine time so far. Everyone I've met here has greeted me warmly, and for that I am both grateful and thankful. My learning curve is steep, but I'll say this: the more I learn about Richmond, the more impressed I am. The City is mosdef on the upswing. Unemployment is now below 4%, which means that almost anyone who wants to work can now find a job. Meanwhile, crime rates are at near-historic lows. A safe community with jobs is a powerful combination, and it's a place where people want to live. The result is that, as a result of those factors, and others such as the initiation of ferry service to San Francisco, real estate prices climbed 11% over the last year, and housing developers are now working all over town. That's just plain good news, and a lot of the credit for it goes to the people – you! – who work for Richmond. Well done, and keep up the good work!

I'll close by telling you about how I spent Tuesday evening. Nancy, my bride of 29 years, hopped on BART at the 19th St. Station (she works for Kaiser Permanente), and I picked her up as she disembarked at the Richmond BART/Amtrak intermodal station. From there, we drove down to Marina Bay and sat in the sun while sampling

some half-pints at Armistice Brewing Company. Then we made our way to quaint little Point Richmond, where we split a spinach salad and a delicious plate of chicken mostaccioli at the historic Hotel Mac. Mmmm! We had to hustle out of there, though, in order to be on time to catch a sunset at the Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline, and we were glad we did. It was spectacular. After that it was a slow drive by the Richmond marina and Brickyard Cove. Finally, Nancy wanted to see the old Ford plant, so we cruised by that national historic site before hopping on the freeway and heading home, all the way chattering about what a remarkable place the City of Richmond is. You all are fortunate to work here in this beautiful, vibrant, historic city.

8. Community Services Department (CSD)

City of Richmond and CoCo County Summer Block Party!

We had a fabulous turnout for our Summer Block Party last Thursday, August 16th!

Contra Costa County, in partnership with the City of Richmond, brought its annual Summer Block Party to Richmond. We had a wide variety of on-the-spot County and City services, agencies, services, and many other government entities all gathered in one place for residents to come by and sign up for everything they needed. We even had our County Supervisor John Gioia stop by to share a few words.

We had residents sign up for library cards, training and employment opportunities, Cal Fresh, Medi-Cal, Voter Registration, animal licensing and vaccinations, and so much more.

This is the third year Contra Costa County hosts this increasingly popular event, and we hope it comes back to Richmond soon! Thank you all for stopping by!

Swim Classes

Even though summer is coming to an end and most kids are back in school, the City of Richmond pools are still open and offering swim lessons through the month of October. Lessons are for ages 3+ on Saturday mornings at the Richmond Swim Center. Private Lessons and classes for Teens and Adults are also available. We have added an additional class for our most popular Level 1 Beginners (ages 6 - 12).

Please check the Lesson Levels to determine the appropriate level for children. Then use the schedule to select the right class session and time. Registration for the September session begins on August 26. Registration can be done in person or online, beginning at 8:30 A.M.

Call for more info: (510) 620-6793

Fall 2019 Swim Lessons

Course Title	Session Dates	Days	Times (per session)	Age	Cost	Location
Jellyfish (Level Pre + Kinder)	IV. September 7, 14, 21 V. October 5, 12, 19	Saturday	10:30-11:00am 11:05– 11:35am	3-5 years	$36– resident $45– non resident	Swim Center
Sea Turtles (Level 1)	IV. September 7, 14, 21 V. October 5, 12, 19	Saturday	10:30-11:00am 11:05– 11:35am 11:40am-12:10pm	6-12 years	$36– resident $45– non resident	Swim Center
Dolphins (Level 2)	IV. September 7, 14, 21 V. October 5, 12, 19	Saturday	10:30-11:00am	6-12 years	$36– resident $45– non resident	Swim Center
Sharks (Level 3)	IV. September 7, 14, 21 V. October 5, 12, 19	Saturday	11:05– 11:35am	6-12 years	$36– resident $45– non resident	Swim Center
Teen/Adult (All Levels)	IV. September 7, 14, 21 V. October 5, 12, 19	Saturday	11:40am-12:25pm	13+years	$30– resident $37.50– non resident	Swim Center
Private	IV. September 7, 14, 21 V. October 5, 12, 19	Saturday	10:30-11:00am 11:05– 11:35am 11:40am-12:10pm	3+ years	$– 63 resident $– 78.75 non resident	Swim Center

Richmond Annex Senior Center Casino Trip!

On August 8, 2019 the Richmond Annex Senior Center went on a field trip to Graton Casino. They tried their luck at the slots followed by a great lunch with friends. Everybody had a great day!

9. Engineering & Capital Improvement Department (ECIP)

Engineering Projects

Construction of the Short-Term Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections with Richmond-San Rafael Bridge has been completed.

Short-Term Bicycle Trail

Streets Division

Paving crews paved on Shane Drive from Groom Drive to Fordham Drive and prepped, ground and paved on Merced Street.

Roller Operations on Shane Drive

Paving Operations on Shane Drive

Paving on Merced Street

Street sweeping staff performed commercial and residential sweeping services for the third Monday through Wednesday and the fourth Thursday and Friday in the North Richmond, Iron Triangle, North Belding Woods, Atchison Village, South Belding Woods, Richmond Annex, Parkview, Panhandle Annex, and Eastshore neighborhood areas.

Traffic Signs and Lines

Traffic Signs and Lines staff installed three new signs and poles, fabricated 28 signs, painted 150’ of curbs and zoning, and installed 420’ of thermoplastic for pavement messaging.

Striping on 37th Street

Blue Curb and ADA Sign Installation

Message Installation

Pedestrian Crossing Refresh

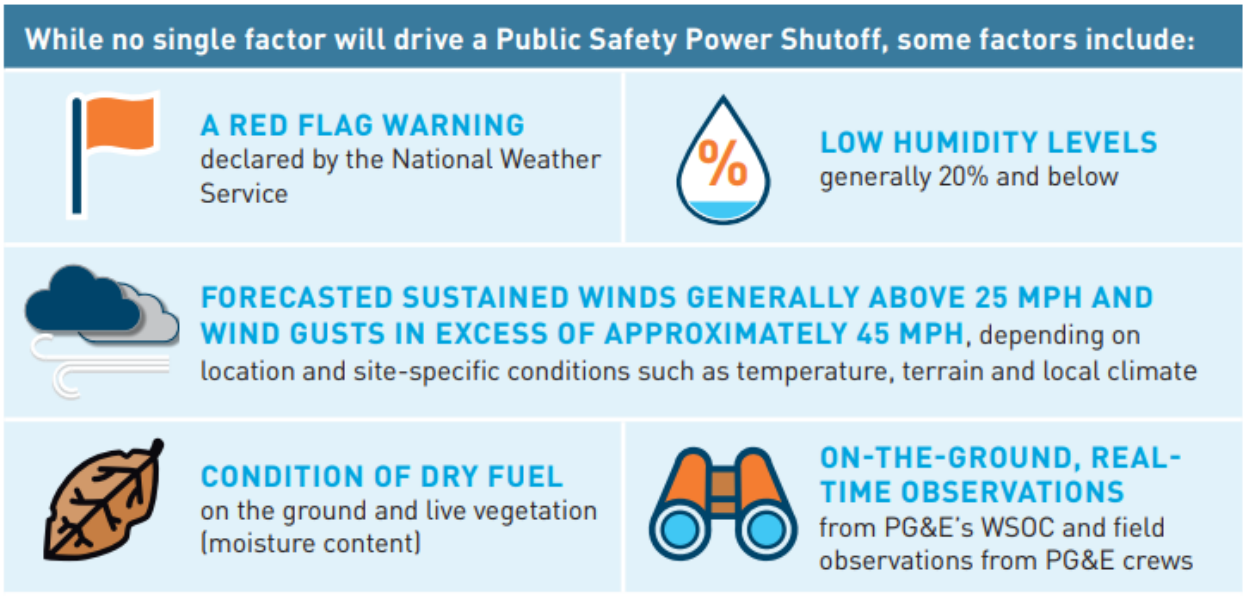
10. Fire Department

PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) and Fire Season

We are amid fire season through November 2019. To prevent wildland fires, such as 2018's Camp Fire in Butte County and the 2017 Northern California Wine Country Fires, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) is educating the public on the potential for Public Safety Power Shutoffs.

What is a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)? As part of PG&E's Community Wildfire Safety Program, PSPS are precautionary measures to help reduce the risk of wildfires. If gusty winds and dry conditions, combined with heightened fire risk, threaten the electric system service our community, it may be necessary for PG&E to turn off electricity in the interest of public safety. For more information about PG&E's Public Safety Power Shutoff program, visit PG&E Webpage Public Safety Power Shutoffs.

Criteria for determining a public safety power shutoff:



When the above criteria are met, PG&E will provide notification to customers of a power shutoff:

- Forty-eight (48) hours before shut-off.
- Twenty-four (24) hours before the shut-off
- One-hour (1) hour before a power shutoff.

The reason for multiple notifications is because of changing conditions that affect the location of a power shutoff event.

How do you prepare for a PSPS? California energy companies created a website our community can visit to learn how to prepare for power shutoffs, visit: PrepareforPowerDown website in which information is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean.

Preparedness steps include:

- Update your contact information with PG&E (pge.com/mywildfirealerts or call 1-866-743-6589)
- Plan for any medical needs
- Keep a hard copy of emergency phone numbers on hand
- Know how to open your garage door manually
- Build or restock your emergency kit
- Ensure any backup generators are ready to operate
- Designate an emergency meeting location
- Consider staying with a friend or relative during an outage.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training: Fall 2019 Academy

The Richmond Fire Department will be conducting Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training this fall. CERT is a FREE emergency training program to empower our community to prepare for and overcome the effects of any disaster that can disrupt our daily lives. Participants learn basic skills that can mean the difference between being a victim or a survivor in the next emergency and to become a member of your Neighborhood CERT Team. Note this is not a home emergency preparedness training.

Fall 2019 CERT Academy Training Schedule

- September 28: CERT Introduction and Fire Suppression, Utility Shut-Off, Hazardous Materials Awareness
- September 29: Disaster Medical 1 and 2
- October 12: Light Search & Rescue and CERT Organization
- October 13: Disaster Psychology, Terrorism Awareness and Drill Preparation
- October 26: CERT Drill Day
- (Classes are 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.)

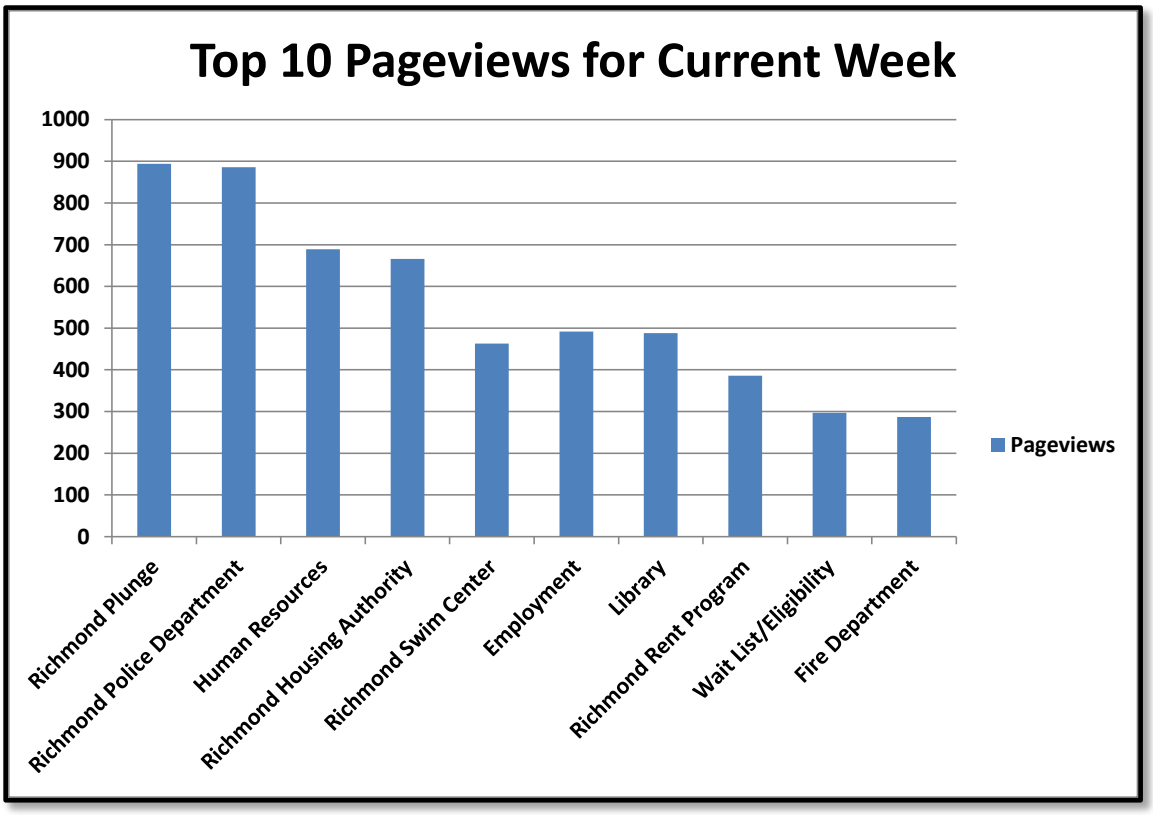
Registration

Registration is now open. Participants must register and complete **all** CERT modules to obtain a training completion certificate. Register here:

For more information & course schedule, visit: https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/cert or email CERT@ci.richmond.ca.us.

11. Information Technology

Website Statistics for the week of August 23, 2019



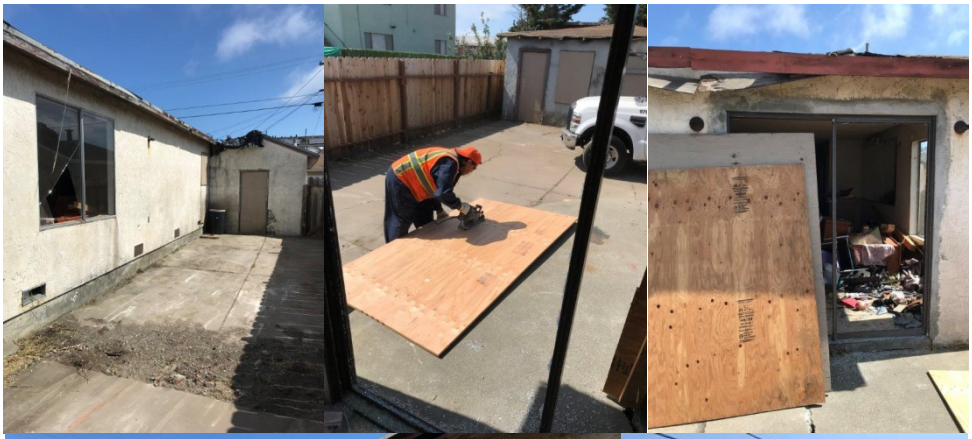
KCRT DATANET OF THE WEEK

12. Infrastructure Maintenance and Operations (DIMO)

Abatement

Abatement crews abated weeds from various locations, responded to a Code Enforcement request to abate and secure vacant or unsecured properties in violation of th Richmond Municipal Code, assisted seniors in the bi-annual Pullman Neighborhood clean-up event, abated trash from homeless encampments, and removed trash and graffiti from various locations.

Private Property Abatement



Private Property Board-Up

Pullman Neighborhood Clean-Up/Seniors Assistance

Illegal Dumping

Graffiti

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement responded to a complaint about overgrown weeds and peeling paint on the property. Staff sent a Notice of Violation and Demand to Abate and the property owner brought the violations into compliance.

Before After

Code Enforcement responded to a complaint about a vacant lot with overgrown vegetation and debris. Staff sent a Notice of Violation and Demand to Abate and the lot was brought into compliance.

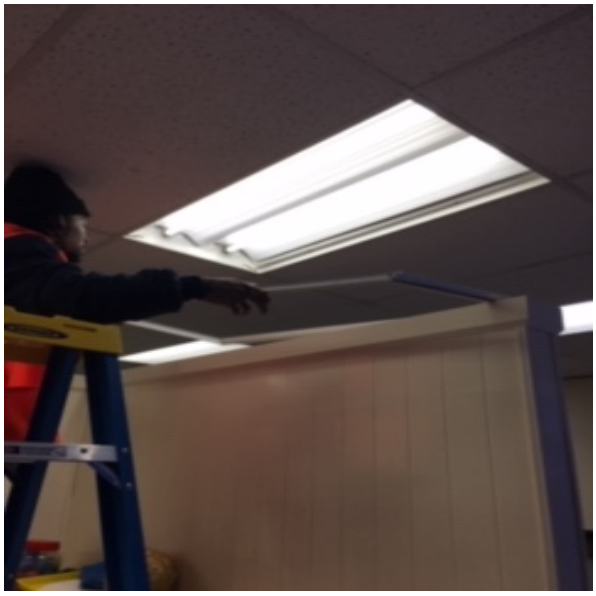
Before After

Facilities Maintenance

Stationary Engineers performed routine rounds in the Civic Center Plaza buildings, daily inspections and chemistry testing on three swimming pools, repaired the ice maker in the Auditorium, responded to a fire at the front door at DPRC, repaired and replaced filters on the humidifier at the Richmond Swim Center, re-aligned roll door panels at Fire Station 67, repaired the A/C unit in the server room in the Main Library, replaced exhaust fan belts in the restrooms of 440 and 450 Civic Center Plaza, replaced a sink faucet and repaired a shower handle in the bathroom at Fire Station 67, re-keyed resident units at Nevin Plaza, assisted staff with hanging a projection apparatus at the Arts Center and installed ergonomic equipment in the Rent Control office.

Installing Ergonomic Equipment

Utility workers completed daily janitorial service to 20 city-owned buildings, conducted pest control for ants at Fire Station 67, removed a mattress from behind the Main Library, removed bird droppings from the water fountain at Civic Center Plaza, replaced missing light covers at the MYC childcare center and replaced a broken soap dispenser in the Employment & Training building.



Replacing Light Covers

Removing Bird Droppings

13. Library and Cultural Services Department

Community Party for Richmond Art Commission Grant "Inside Out"

On Saturday, August 24th, there will be a community party, projections onto Civic Center's wall, and an art reception at the Richmond Art Center courtyard celebrating the Neighborhood Public Art Mini-Grant, "Inside Out"!

"Inside Out", designed by Christy Chan, was created with the support of a Richmond Arts & Culture Commission's Neighborhood Mini-Grant (initial funder), Animated Architecture, Richmond Art Center and countless individual in-kind donors in the community of Richmond. This is the first video art installation to be exhibited as public art in the City of Richmond and it turns statements submitted by Richmond citizens into large scale cinema projections on the five-story wall of Richmond City Hall next to Guillermo the Trout on the Barrett side of the building. There is a free outdoor happy hour starting at 7:00 P.M., followed by the projections at 8:00 P.M./sunset. The party will end around 9:30 P.M.; however, the projections will continue until 11:00 P.M. Local artisanal beer brewed in Richmond will be served by

Origin Brewer.

Projections will also be shown preceding the Aug. 24th event every night beginning August 21st, as well as on Sunday, August 25th.

Community Art Grants - Call for Entries for FY 2019-20

The Neighborhood Public Art (NPA) Mini-Grant Program is seeking applications for FY 2019-20. The Richmond Arts & Culture Commission will award a total of $65,000 in grants from: $1,000 to $8,000 in visual arts (media, painting, graphics, ceramics, mosaic, crafts, or sculpture); performing arts (spoken word, music, dance, theater); and literary arts. Applicants may apply as individuals, with partners, or as an arts organization.

Important Dates

- Call for Entries: July 22nd, 2019 – September 20th, 2019
- Mandatory Workshop: Saturday, August 24th from 1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. in City Hall, 450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond Room (Barrett/Nevin).
- Application Deadline: September 20th, 2019. Send applications to: Arts & Culture Manager, 440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804 or email them to: Michele_seville@ci.richmond.ca.us.
- Applicant Presentations are scheduled for: Tuesday, September 24th & Thursday, October 3rd, 2019 at City Hall, 450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond Room, main floor. They will begin promptly at 7:00 pm.
- Grant Duration: Once the grantees have been selected, contracts will be created that will go from December 2019 through December 31st, 2020 (12 months).

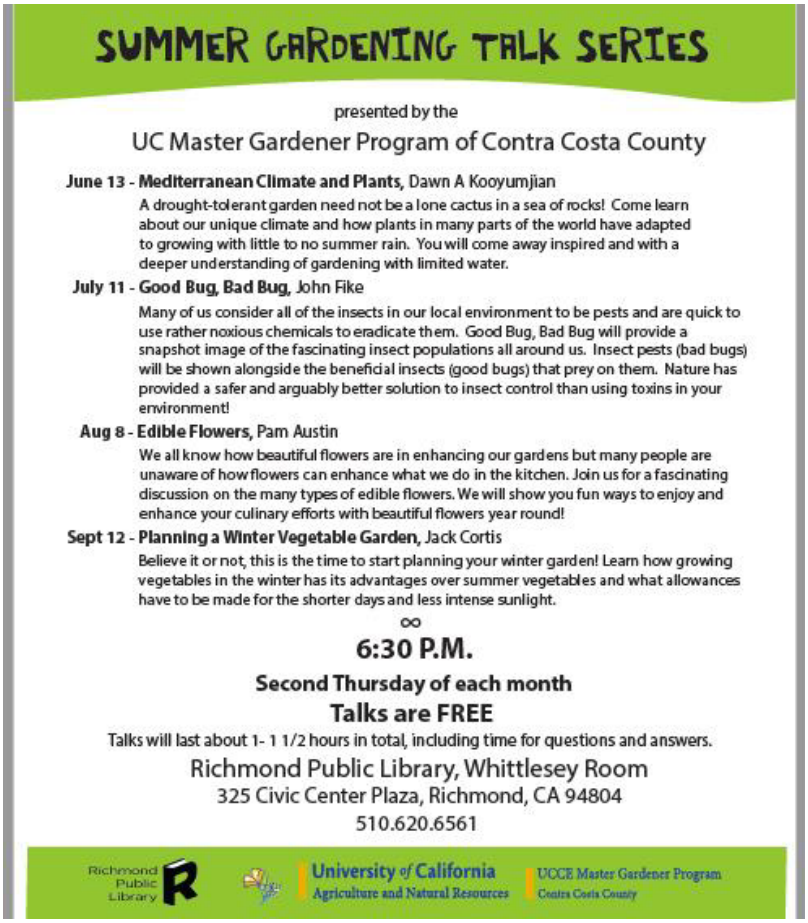
For questions, please call Michele Seville at (510) 620-6952 or email Michele_seville@ci.richmond.ca.us

NPA Mural by Edythe Boone for Lifelong Medical Center

Library Speaker Series – UC Master Gardener Program of Contra Costa County

Join us on the second Thursday of the month through September 2019 for a series of free gardening talks taking place at the Richmond Public Library, Whittlesey Room, 325 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. The UC Master Gardener Program of Contra Costa County will be on hand presenting various topics. Whether you are a beginner gardener or are already a master gardener, drop by for a chance to meet others who love gardening too.

For more information call the Main Reference Desk at (510) 620-6561.



14. Police Department

Chill with a Cop

The Richmond Police Department held its Chill with a Cop event on August 17th. We passed out free ice cream at the Richmond Bart Station and got an opportunity to engage with the community. Representatives from the Richmond Police Department, BART Police, and Main Street Richmond came together to have some fun in the sun. There were games, arts and crafts, and even a game of chess. It was a well-

attended event and everyone had a great time. Special shout out to Lapperts Ice Cream for their generous donations.

It’s Not Too Late to Apply for the Community Safety Academy

We've opened the application process for our Fall Community Safety Academy of 2019. We are looking for community members who are interested in learning about Law Enforcement and the Richmond Police Department. During the 8- week course, participants will be exposed to several aspects of community safety

(patrol/investigation procedures, force options, SWAT, K-9, traffic enforcement, crime prevention, CSI, Office of Professional Accountability, basic laws, and much more). We encourage graduates to return to their respective communities with the knowledge they've learned during the course and share with others. APPLY HERE! Click here to watch the video with additional details.

First Day of School in Richmond

School started in Richmond this week and our School Resource Officers (SRO) are ready to conquer another year with the students. Officer England is a SRO assigned to DeAnza High School for the 2019-2020 school year. He was there to welcome the students on their first day. Remember, if you see flashing red lights on a school bus, STOP. Also the speed limit in the school zone is 25 MPH, unless otherwise posted. Have a great school year, Richmond!

Brad Moody Softball Tournament

On August 16th, the Richmond Police Officers Association softball team sponsored and hosted the 10th annual Richmond Police Officer Brad Moody Memorial Softball Tournament in Martinez.

Officer Brad Moody was a Richmond PD K-9 officer who was killed in the line of duty when he was involved in a vehicle collision in 2008. Brad was an 8-year veteran of the force and he was 29 years old. Softball players from all areas of California came together to play to honor Officer Brad Moody and several other fallen officers, parole officers, probation officers and members of the military. The proceeds generated at the tournament were all donated to a trust account for Emma and Madison, Brad's precious daughters. The well attended event included a Scottish Bagpiper, the Honor Guard Team and the Air Support Team (helicopter) from the Contra Costa

County Sheriff Department. The tournament kicked off with two "first pitches" by Emma and Madison Moody.

Backpack Give Away – RPD Guardians of Justice

Richmond Police Department's Guardians of Justice held its annual backpack give away at Crescent Park Apartments on August 15th. Every year, the Guardians of Justice gather backpack donations and supplies to pass out to the kids of Crescent Park. This year, 50 students walked away with the resources needed to have a successful school year.

15. Water Resource Recovery

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Contractors have exposed two Wastewater Treatment Plant influent pump station discharge pipes to assess their condition in order to refine the design and specifications for a long overdue Grit and Aeration improvements project. These pipes have been in continuous service since 1958.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharge Pipelines

Sanitary Sewer Collection System: Cutting/Carlson & Hoffman Wet Weather Improvement Projects

In October 2018, construction began on the pipeline replacement projects at Cutting/Carlson & Hoffman Boulevards in the City of Richmond. This $9 million project will replace 4.5 miles of aging and damaged sewer pipes in the areas of Cutting Blvd., First Street, and 23rd Street. This will help reduce inflow and infiltration and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). The project is expected to be completed in September 2019.

Carlson Blvd. at Center Avenue
The Contractor is compacting soil after installing 125 linear feet of new PVC pipe and a new upstream manhole.

Stormwater Collection System: Trash Capture Isolation Valve Installation Projects

The City of Richmond installed two trash capture devices at South 8th Street and Potrero Ave. These devices provide a benefit to bay water quality by successfully removing trash from the stormwater collection system. Cleaning the trash and sediment collected by the devices, however, has been challenging. The City addressed the cleaning issue by installing isolation systems which allow crews to more easily clean the devices and remove the trash captured by them. The Project was funded by a Cooperative Implementation Agreement with Caltrans.

S. 8th and Potrero

Trash Capture Isolation Valve Installation Site

Meeker Ditch Trash Capture Installation Project

Utilizing funds provided by Caltrans, installation of a third Trash Capture Device is underway at Regatta Blvd. and South 32nd Street.

Regatta Avenue
Trash Capture Installation Site

Valley View Sinkhole Emergency Repair

On June 12, 2019, a significant sinkhole was detected by the City of Richmond in the area near Valley View Road in the City of Richmond, caused by defects in a storm pipe. The pipe runs from the manhole across Valley View into an outfall at the creek on the opposite side the street. Emergency repairs have been underway to ensure a complete repair is in place prior to upcoming wet weather.

Valley View Sinkhole

Public Outreach

On Thursday, August 15th, staff from the Department of Water Resource Recovery participated in 2019 Summer Block Party in the Plaza. Staff engaged the public with tips and conversations of best management practices that residents should implement both at home and in public spaces (parks, streets, shorelines, etc.) to prevent fats, oil & grease from clogging the City's sanitary sewer collection system, and to prevent litter and pesticides from entering the City's stormwater collection system. These practices are critical in protecting water quality of the San Francisco and San Pablo Bays.

Thank you for keeping up with the activities in the City of Richmond. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about these or any other items of interest to you.

Thank You!

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You can sign up to receive the City Manager's weekly report and other information from the City of Richmond by visiting: www.ci.richmond.ca.us/list.aspx

See below for options to connect with the City of Richmond.

Connecting with the City of Richmond

Using the City of Richmond Mobile Application:

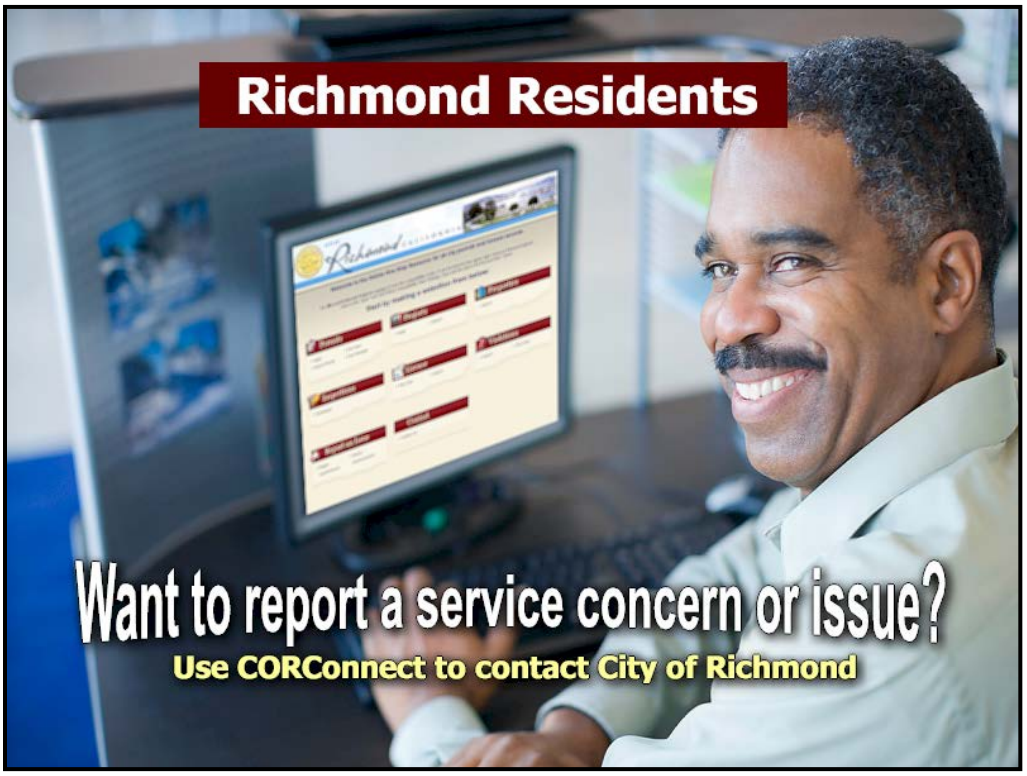
The City of Richmond mobile app provides Richmond's community members with one-stop access to City services and information via mobile devices. The app allows quick and real-time reporting of neighborhood-related issues; viewing the City's events calendar; finding addresses and phone numbers of local businesses, city departments and council members. 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

We welcome your comments at webservices@ci.richmond.ca.us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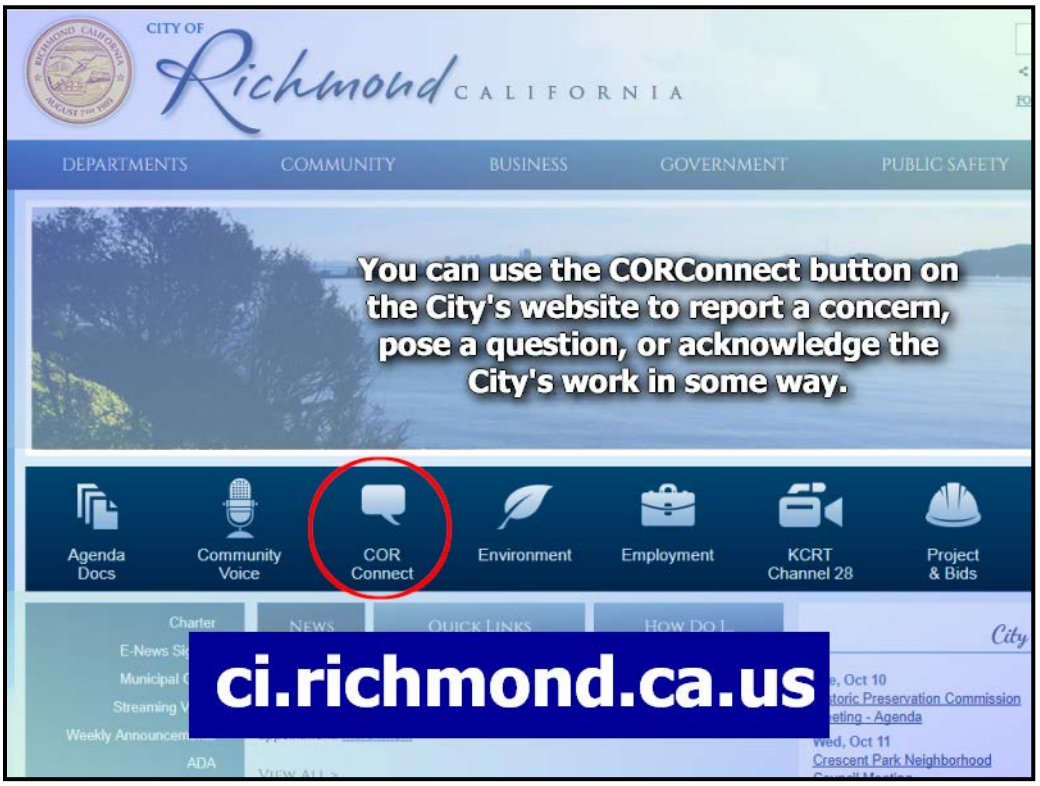
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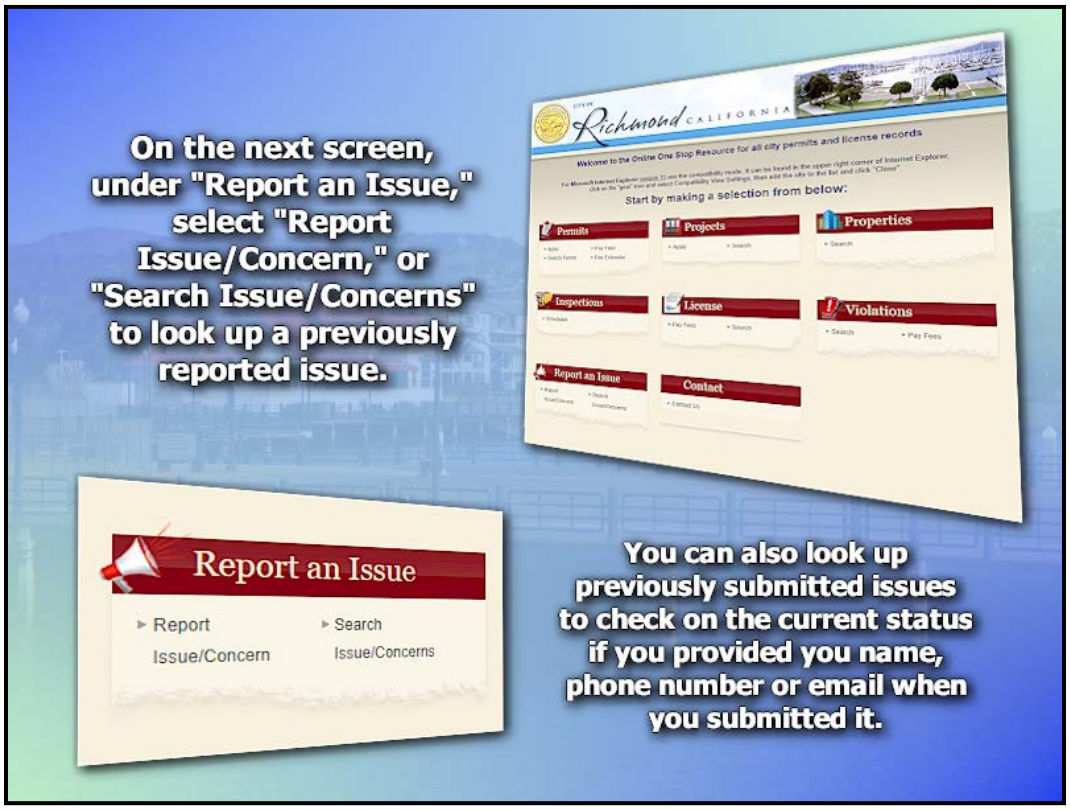

To contact us by phone:

The City's website (http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/) provides a department and staff directory at http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/Directory.aspx.

If you're not sure which department you need to contact, we encourage you to phone the City Manager's office at (510) 620-6512.

Using the CORConnect Application on the City's Website:

You can use the **CORConnect** button on the City's website (http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/) to report any comments, questions or concerns regarding the work being done by City staff. The CORConnect issues go directly to the responsible department, and the city manager reviews reported issues on a regular basis to determine if City staff members are responding appropriately. If you do not feel that you have received a satisfactory response, please contact the City Manager's Office at (510) 620-6512.

To access **CORConnect** select the CORConnect button on the homepage of the City website.

Alternatively, you can select the **COR Connect** button on any other webpage on the left hand side of the page.

On the next screen under Report an Issue select Report Issue/Concern to create a report or Search Issue/Concerns to look up a previously reported issue. You can also look up previously submitted issues to check on the current status if you provided you name, phone number or email when you submitted it.

On the page, you can also look up information on a parcel, see permits issued and look up business license information. If you have a current business license you can pay to renew it online with a credit card.

The recommended browsers are: **Microsoft Edge**, or **Microsoft Internet Explorer** version 11 using the compatibility mode. It can be found in the upper

right corner of Internet Explorer: click on the "gear" icon and select Compatibility View Settings, then add the site to the list and click "Close".

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