

This is the weekly report for the week ending September 21st, 2012.

1. **Meeting Notes**

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25th, beginning with a Closed Session at 5:30 PM and with the regular agenda beginning at 6:30 PM.

2. **Space Shuttle Flight Over Richmond**

As they almost always are, KCRT staff was in the right place at the right time, and was able to capture on film the space shuttle *Endeavour*, carried atop NASA's 747 shuttle carrier aircraft, as it flew past the City of Richmond City Hall. As you may know the shuttle was being transported to its retirement in Los Angeles, where it will be permanently installed at the California Science Center. Apparently, it couldn't do so without first doing some sightseeing over Richmond. Use this link for some memorable video: [Link to video on Youtube](#).



3. **Community Meeting on Chevron Refinery Fire**

Contra Costa Health Services and the City of Richmond are hosting a community meeting on September 24th at 5:15 PM in the Richmond Memorial Auditorium to provide residents with updates and review future actions regarding the fire that occurred at the Chevron Refinery this past August 6th. The doors open at 5:15 PM to allow for informal questions and answers. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM. Light refreshments and child care will be provided.

Those attending the meeting will be able to hear from:

- Contra Costa Health Services
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)
- US Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board
- California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (CAL/OSHA)
- Contra Costa Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP at www.chevronfiremeeting.eventbrite.com to help staff plan accordingly. Light refreshments and child care will be provided.

More information regarding the Chevron Refinery fire can be found at www.ci.richmond.ca.us/chevronrefineryfire2012.

The flyer is titled "Chevron Refinery Fire 2012 Community Meeting" and is set against an orange background. On the left side, there are four logos: the City of Richmond logo, the Contra Costa Health Services logo, the Contra Costa County Seal, and the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office logo. The main text on the flyer provides the date and time (Monday, September 24, 2012, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM) and the location (Richmond Memorial Auditorium, 403 Civic Center Plaza). It describes the purpose of the meeting and lists the speakers, including Contra Costa Health Services, BAAQMD, US Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, CAL/OSHA, and the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office. It also includes special acknowledgements to city and county officials. At the bottom, it provides the RSVP website and a link to more information.

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- † **Special Acknowledgements:** Mayor McLaughlin and Richmond City Councilmembers, Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, Congressman George Miller, Senator Loni Hancock and Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner

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4. **Richmond Arts in Motion and Spirit & Soul**

As you may recall, the City of Richmond successfully partnered with the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts (EBC) to receive a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for the *Iron Triangle Interactive Art/Downtown Rejuvenation Project*. This project is an exciting on-the-street interactive digital art experience designed to strengthen the Richmond community through community engagement, civic pride, and economic development in the Iron Triangle. The art itself is a collaboration between the local community, EBC and

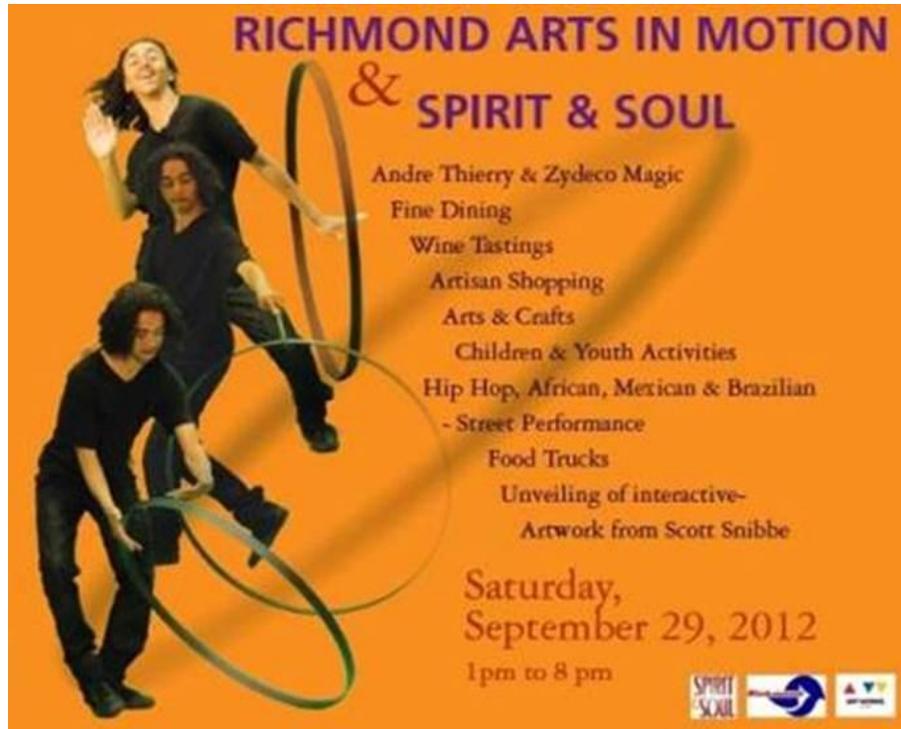
internationally acclaimed digital artist Scott Snibbe, whose installations have been experienced by 20 million people at sites that include: Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry; San Francisco's Exploratorium; the London Science Museum; Cité de Science in Paris; and the Los Angeles International Airport.

The dedication ceremony of the *Iron Triangle Interactive Art/Downtown Rejuvenation Project* will take place as part of an all day festival on Saturday, September 29th from 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The festival includes food and beverages, artisan shopping and phenomenal music performances featuring local favorite, Andre Thierry & Zydeco Magic.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

- Spirit & Soul takes place from 1:00 – 5:00 PM;
- Richmond Arts in Motion takes place from 4:00 – 8:00 PM;
- From 4:00 – 6:00 PM, there will be family-friendly activities on 11th Street, as well as street processions and entertainment;
- The dedication of the window art on Macdonald Avenue/11th Street will take place at 6:00 PM, to last approximately 20 minutes;
- From 6:30 - 8:00 PM, "The Congress," local soul orchestra, will perform and there will also be script-in-hand readings of a new play, "Hattie Mae's," commissioned by the Center, focused on a blues club in WWII-era Richmond - and maybe some other surprises!

Please reserve Saturday, September 29th from 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM on your calendars.



5. **LBNL Richmond Bay Campus Workshop**

On Thursday, October 4TH, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) and UC Berkeley (UCB) are hosting a community workshop to discuss the Long Range Development Plan for the new Richmond Bay Campus of LBNL. All residents are encouraged to attend and learn more about site planning and development objectives for the new campus. Those attending will have an opportunity to join in a discussion with LBNL and UCB researchers and offer their thoughts and ideas about the future of the campus. The meeting will be from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP at www.lbnlrichmond.eventbrite.com so that the hosts can plan accordingly.

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
in partnership with UC Berkeley

Richmond Bay Campus
Long Range Development Plan Workshop

October 4, 2012
Richmond Memorial Auditorium
403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA
7:00-8:30 PM

Learn more about site planning and development objectives for the Richmond Bay Campus. Join a discussion and offer your thoughts and ideas.

Please RSVP: <http://lbnrichmond.eventbrite.com>
www.richmond.ca.us/lbel



6. **City of Richmond Receives Financial Reporting Award**

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Richmond for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30th, 2011. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The City of Richmond has received this award previously for fiscal years 2005-06 through 2009-10.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the Finance Department, as the department designated by the City as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR.

Congratulations and thank you to the Finance Department for sustained excellence in their work.

7. **City Receives Grant Award from Department of Homeland Security**

The City has received notification from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that it is the recipient of a grant award in the amount of \$794,968 through its FY2012 Port Security Grant Program. These funds have been awarded to fund the purchase of a Marine Patrol Unit (Police Boat). The award acceptance will be scheduled for City Council review and approval for an upcoming meeting.

8. **Vote to Name Richmond's New Volunteer and Service Program and Follow Us on Facebook and Twitter**

As you may recall, since March 2012, the City of Richmond has been in the process of planning to implement the Cities of Service® program model. Cities of Service® seeks to meet priority needs through impact volunteering: a volunteer strategy that targets a community's priority needs, uses best practices, and sets clear outcomes for measurable results. Richmond is proud to be a part of this growing coalition of over 100 mayors and local municipalities that use the power of citizen service to address local challenges.

This past August, we invited the community to help us name and locally brand this new City of Richmond volunteer and service program. The community responded by submitting a number of innovative names for this inaugural volunteer and service program using the national Cities of Service model.

From a list of potential program names, our panel of five judges has chosen the following three finalists. Now, it's your time to vote for your favorite one.

The top three entries are:

1. Richmond Community Impact
2. Richmond SERV (Service & Empowerment through Richmond Volunteers)
3. ESC (Excellence Serving Our Communities)

We have also launched the program into the social media world. Follow us on our new Twitter account: CitiesOfServ and on our new Facebook account: Cities of Service, Richmond CA.

Visit us on one of these accounts to cast your vote for one of the three entries. You may vote online, too, at <https://www.research.net/s/vote4name> or contact Bertha Romo at 510-620-5535 or at Bertha_romo@ci.richmond.ca.us. Voting ends October 3, 2012 @ 11:59 pm PST. One entry per person please.

9. **Two More *Imagination Playgrounds* Funded!**

In July of 2011, the Marin Community Foundation provided funding for one *Imagination Playground* to be used at Community Centers throughout the City. An *Imagination Playground* consists of 90 oversized tubes and blocks made of durable blue foam that can be arranged into just about anything a child can imagine. The *Imagination Playground* has been referred to as “life-sized tinker toys.”

To ensure children from each community had the opportunity to play with the *Imagination Playground*, it has become the “Traveling *Imagination Playground*”, moving between six different sites throughout the year. Parks staff has been instrumental in ensuring that the Playground stays on schedule by transporting it from site to site. After seeing the positive interaction that the *Imagination Playground* provides for the children in each community, and considering that each site only receives the *Imagination Playground* two months out of the year, the goal has become to identify funding for each community center to have their very own *Imagination Playground*.

In March of 2012, the City of Richmond applied for the KaBOOM! and Dr. Pepper Snapple Group grant that would provide funding for two more *Imagination Playgrounds*. Within the grant guidelines, specific sites had to be identified as to where the *Imagination Playground* would be used. The two identified sites that best fit the grant criteria were Shields-Reid Community Center and the Disabled Persons Recreation Center (DPRC). In April of 2012, the City of Richmond received notification of being awarded the grant. On September 6th, the Disabled Persons Recreation Center and Shields-Reid Community Center received their very own *Imagination Playground*. Children who attend programs at each of these sites will now have access to *Imagination Playground* on a daily basis!

The “Traveling *Imagination Playground*” will continue to travel throughout the sites that do not have their own *Imagination Playground*, and, in the meantime, the City will continue to seek funders to ensure each site will eventually have their very own *Imagination Playground*.



10. **Olive Tree Giveaway**

On Friday, September 21st, the City of Richmond Environmental Initiatives Team hosted a free olive tree giveaway. Olive trees were generously donated by the Richmond non-profit Self-Sustaining Communities and McEvoy Ranch of Petaluma. Mayor McLaughlin was onsite to greet community members and share Richmond's green and healthy vision for the future. Community members picked up free olive trees at the Civic Center Farmers Market and at several city community centers. The City's Environmental Initiatives Team signed in over 700 people and gave away over 1,000 trees to community members.



11. **Book Talk: *People vs. Newton: The REAL Trial of the 20th Century***

The Richmond Public Library and the Richmond Public Library Foundation are proud to sponsor retired judge Lise Pearlman's talk on her new book, *The Sky's the Limit*. This comprehensive account of the 1968 Huey P. Newton murder trial provides the reader with a glimpse of the political and judicial climate at the time of the trial and its impact on the country years later. The author will share valuable insights on the issues that framed the trial and a comparison of other noteworthy trials of the century.

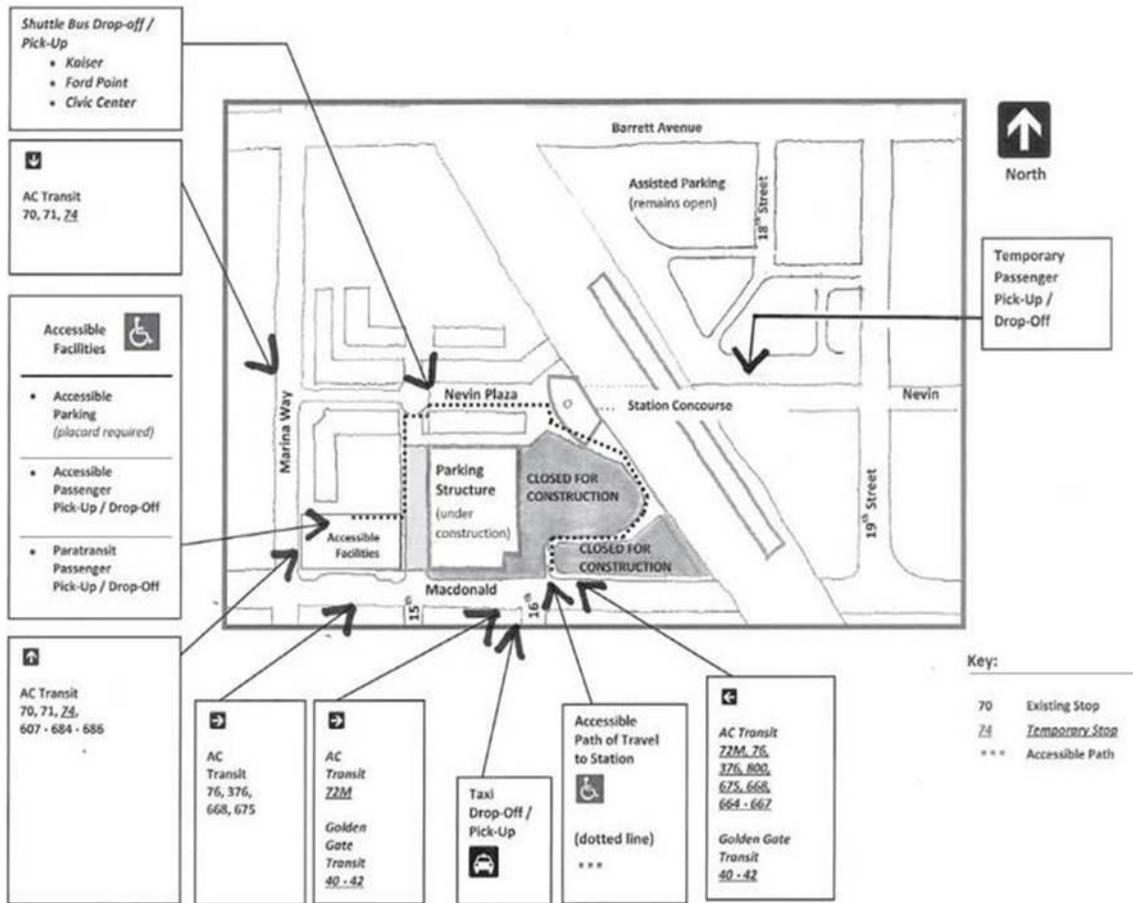
Richmond Memorial Auditorium – Bermuda Room
2533 Nevin Avenue, Richmond
\$10 General Admission; \$5 Students with ID
Or be a Supporting Sponsor for \$100 (includes an autographed book)
Funds benefit the Library Book Van Campaign
Tickets and more information available at www.rplf.org.

12. **Temporary Detours at Richmond Intermodal Transit Station**

As we previously reported, as part of the BART parking structure project, the bus circulation area will be repaved and a new concrete crosswalk at 16th and Macdonald will be installed. This work will necessitate the closure of the intermodal area to vehicular traffic from September 22nd through October 8th. During this time, the following functions will be relocated as follows, and as shown on the graphic below:

- AC Transit and Golden Gate Transit bus stops will be relocated to Macdonald Avenue and Marina Way.
- Shuttle bus stops will be relocated to the Nevin Avenue “kiss and ride” area east of Marina Way.
- Accessible parking, accessible passenger drop-off and paratransit stops will be relocated to the parking lot at the northeast corner of Marina Way and Macdonald Avenue, enter from Marina Way.
- Passenger drop-off will be relocated to the east station entrance, enter from 18th or 19th.
- Taxi drop off/pick up will be relocated to 16th Street south of Macdonald.
- Pedestrian access from Macdonald Avenue at 16th Street to the station entrance will be maintained during construction.

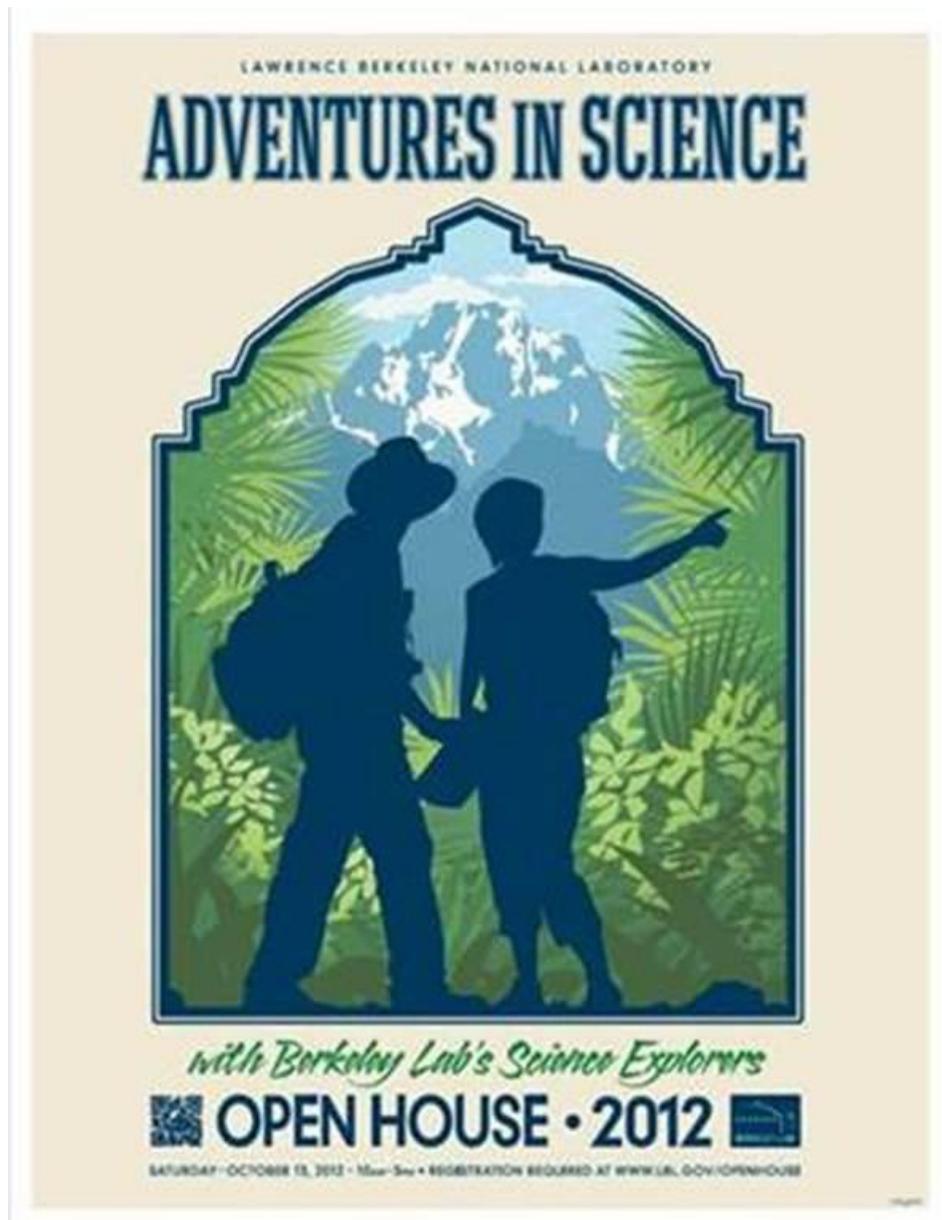
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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact project manager Chadrick Smalley at 412-2067.

13. **LBNL Open House**

The Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory will host an Open House on Saturday, October 13th from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Families, community members, and science enthusiasts are invited to tour facilities, hear from scientists about their research, and have fun with hands-on activities in the Family Adventure Zone. Registration required: www.lbl.gov/openhouse



14. **Recreation Highlights**

DPRC

Adult participants at the Disabled People's Recreation Center are using Life Fitness exercise equipment to complete the Circuit Training physical fitness component of their program. Although the range of disability is varied among the participants, each is able to work at their own level. In the short time since the program has started, the participant's physique and endurance are surpassing expectations.

Halloween Party

Tickets are now on sale for the 9th Annual Richmond Senior Center Halloween Party! Entertainment, refreshments and a costume contest are included! This ghoulishly fun event will be held on Saturday, October 27th from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Purchase your \$7 ticket at the Senior Center today.

May Valley

The after school program at the May Valley Community Center extends a big thank you to the parents who continue to support the monthly birthday party program by providing refreshments and helping to celebrate.

15. **Public Works Updates**

Facilities Maintenance Division: Carpenters installed television mounts in all community centers.

The Stationary Engineers repaired the booster pump at the Plunge, replaced insulation in the steam line in the Auditorium, repaired the exhaust fan at Fire Station #67, and replaced the circular pump for the hot water at the Police Activities League building.

Utility Workers have cleaned and waxed the floors at the Transit Station and the gym and multipurpose rooms at the Richmond Recreation Complex.

The Electricians installed a new traffic cabinet at 5th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue and continued street light re-lamping around the City.

Parks and Landscaping Division: Crews are continuing with the Burg Park construction and the replacement of the Booker T. Anderson Pedestrian Bridge, park maintenance at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, weed abatement along Richmond Parkway on the north shoulder from Hensley to Barrett Avenues and Giant Road to Hilltop Drive, Civic Center Plaza pressure washing, repaired

cracked and hazardous pathway section at Kennedy Park, and with field aeration and fertilization.



Kennedy Park Path Repair

The Tree Crew trimmed and pruned trees along Rheem Avenue, Berk Avenue, and E. Richmond Avenue. The crews also removed three pine trees at Martin Luther King Park and ground stumps around the City.

Streets Division: Pavement Maintenance crews grinded and paved on Reno Place, Surrey Lane, and Victoria Lane.



Reno Place Paving

Street Sweeping continued with the commercial and residential routes. The routes swept during the third Monday through Friday of the month were North Richmond, Iron Triangle, North Belding Woods, South Belding Woods, Atchison Village, Santa Fe, Coronado, Marina Bay, and Point Richmond Neighborhood Council areas.

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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www.ci.richmond.ca.us/list.aspx