

City Manager's Weekly Report

This is the weekly report for the week ending April 29th, 2011.

1. **Meeting Notes**

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd beginning with a Closed Session at 5:30 PM, followed by a Housing Authority meeting at 6:00 PM, a Surplus Property (Port) Authority meeting at 6:15 PM, and the regular agenda at 6:30 PM.

2. **Wastewater Treatment Facility Meetings**

On April 13th, the City held a public meeting to discuss the status of the wastewater treatment facility and received a presentation about the recently-purchased hydrogen sulfide monitoring equipment. This was the first of what is to be a series of meetings intended to provide a forum for community stakeholders to share input on risk assessment and strategic planning regarding the wastewater system.

A follow up meeting has been scheduled for May 4th, at 6:00 PM at the Point Richmond Community Center. Further details and an agenda for the meeting are being developed and will be shared in advance of the meeting. We encourage residents to attend, as this is very important to the process of addressing and resolving this situation.

3. **Office of Neighborhood Safety Featured at the National Network of Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs National Conference**

The Office of Neighborhood Safety's (ONS) Neighborhood Change Agents and the Beyond Violence-Richmond Initiative were profiled at the National Network of Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs (NNHVIP) National Conference.

NNHVIP is a partnership of programs across the country that provides intervention services to individuals being treated for violent injuries. The network believes that violence is preventable and that trauma centers and emergency rooms have an important opportunity at the hospital bedside to talk with a victim and stop the cycle of violence.

ONS Neighborhood Change Agents spotlighted the successes, challenges, and the unique characteristics of the "beyond violence" approach. Staff also shared ideas about how to avoid burnout and better understand vicarious trauma, the level of commitment and compassion it takes to work with violently-injured individuals, and how to negotiate environments where violence is prevalent on a daily basis.

4. **Developing a California Reentry Council Network**

The Office of Neighborhood Safety participated in a discussion hosted by the Institute for Local Government and the Rosenberg Foundation on "Developing a California Reentry Council Network."

This meeting brought together currently operating reentry networks from various cities and counties from around the state with the purpose of considering the development of a statewide network/council of reentry councils, roundtables, and committees.

The participants identified common issues and opportunities, both locally and statewide; got to know and learn from other communities doing similar collaborative work in reentry; and, set forth a framework for the purpose and key activities for such a statewide network.

5. **San Pablo Avenue Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project**

Final paving of the trenching on San Pablo Avenue was scheduled for today, Friday, April 29th, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM, with traffic delays expected in the area. The affected area was San Pablo Avenue from Barrett Avenue north, to the on-ramp to Interstate 80. Unfortunately, Caltrans requirements necessitated that this work take place during daylight hours. Traffic loops will be repaired in the affected intersections during the week of May 2nd, followed by re-striping of the roadway. This will complete the work on San Pablo Avenue and traffic signal timing will return to normal operation.

6. **Public Works Updates**

Facilities: The painters continued painting the exterior and interior of the Disabled Person's Recreation Center (DPRC). The stationary engineers are conducting major HVAC system maintenance. The department is also soliciting bids to replace the Shields Reid Community Center's main entrance doors.

Parks and Landscaping: Crews will continue working in preparation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Park Grand Opening; finish weeding the Greenway from Harbour Way to 23rd Street; finish the putting green at Nicholl Park; continue weed abatement along the Richmond Parkway, Country Club Vista, and Bay Vista Park; and landscape improvements on Shane Drive between Hilltop Drive and Hilltop Circle.

Crews have been cleaning the Richmond Bay Trail to support the Saturday, April 30th, Richmond Bay Trail landfill biking event.

Several trees will be trimmed on Potrero Avenue, 18th Street, and 20th Street.

Streets: Crews have been working in preparation of the upcoming City of Richmond's Cinco de Mayo celebration. The following week, crews will be paving Virginia Avenue from 12th Street to Marina Way, and 13th Street north of

Cutting Boulevard, in preparation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Park Grand Opening.

7. **Compost and Plant Giveaway Recap**

On Saturday, April 23rd, more than 300 community members picked up fresh compost made from the food scraps that residents put into their green carts for composting. Residents also received a free plant from Sunnyside Organic Seedlings and Richmond Rivets, picked up an energy- efficient light bulb or lamp from Rising Sun Energy Center, and learned from the compost gurus from Communities United Restoring Mother Earth (CURME). The City of Richmond is proud to provide compost to its residents in a sustainable cycle where food scraps are collected from residents, processed in Richmond, and go back to Richmond yards and gardens.



[Compost Giveaway Video](#) by Karina Guadalupe and Min Lee, New American Media.

View the [Event Photos](#).

A special thank you to Sunnyside Organic Seedlings, Richmond Rivets, National Park Service, Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organization (CCISCO), Rising Sun Energy Center, Communities United Restoring Mother Earth (CURME), Community Energy Services Corporation (CESC), RecycleMore, Brookside Community Health Center, New American Media, and Republic Services.

8. **Nutrition Forum and Urban Agriculture Summit**

Information on the Nutrition Forum and Urban Agriculture Summit is as follows:

Friday, June 3 – Bay Area Nutrition Forum 2011 “Out of the Box and Into the Community”

The Bay Area Nutrition forum is a free, day-long event to learn about how physical activity approaches can transform public health, how to increase physical activity in culturally-diverse settings, and how to replicate award-winning programming models. Scheduled speakers include Dr. Robert K. Ross, President and CEO of The California Endowment, LaDonna Redmond from the Institute of Agriculture and Trade Policy, and Susan Comfort, Vice President of Philanthropy, KaBOOM. The event is Friday, June 3rd at the Richmond Auditorium from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Saturday, June 4 – Urban Agriculture Assessment

Sunnyside Organic Seedlings, 9AM-3PM. North Richmond. Vice Mayor Tom Butt and Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia are collaborating to host the first ever Urban Agriculture Summit to bring together leading urban agriculture organizations. This is part of the City's efforts to promote local food systems as part of Health and Wellness Element implementation. The event is Saturday, June 4th at Sunnyside Organic Seedlings in North Richmond from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

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Have a great week!

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