

City Manager's Weekly Report

This is the weekly report for the week ending June 3rd, 2011.

1. Meeting Notes

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, June 7th beginning with a Closed Session at 5:00 PM and with the regular agenda beginning at 6:30 PM.

2. Richmond Health Initiatives- Urban Agriculture Summit

The first ever Urban Agriculture Summit in Richmond will be held tomorrow, Saturday, June 4th from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at Sunnyside Organic Seedlings in North Richmond. The event is officially hosted by County Supervisor John Gioia and Richmond Vice-Mayor Tom Butt. This free event will have leading urban agriculture organizations provide information about the role of urban agriculture in environmental sustainability, community health, and economic development. Attendees will be able to learn about innovative practices, resources for urban agriculture activities, and backyard gardening.

The event is free of charge but attendees must pre-register at: <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/forms.aspx?FID=189>.

Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia
& City of Richmond Vice Mayor Tom Butt

Invite you to the first
West County
Urban Agriculture Summit!
Saturday, June 4th, 2011
8:30AM-3:30PM
Sunnyside Organic Seedlings, North Richmond

Learn about:

- The role of urban ag in environmental sustainability, community health, and economic development
- Innovative practices and urban agriculture models
- Helpful resources

Space limited!

Contact Erica McFadden at ericurbanag@gmail.com or
Jennifer Ly at jennifer_ly@ci.richmond.ca.us to register.

Light lunch provided.

*We will be at a working farm. Dress in layers, wear gym shoes, bring a refillable water bottle, a hat and sunscreen. Carpool if you can. Bring a blanket for a picnic style lunch.

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3. **Online Registration for Recreation Programs**

The Recreation Department has now implemented online registration for its recreation programs. Participants can now register for programs, purchase passes, print receipts, check current registration status, and view their account history online. The community can also view information regarding Recreation facilities that are available for rent. To access the RecConnect page, from the City of Richmond's website (www.ci.richmond.ca.us), go to the Recreation Department's web page and click on "RecConnect," or access the page directly at the following address: <https://online.activenetwork.com/Richmond>.

4. **Carlson Boulevard Construction Update**

Late season rains continue to plague the construction schedule for the Carlson Boulevard project, and we continue to appreciate the patience of Richmond residents, and especially those in the Richmond Annex neighborhood.

You may recall that the combination of lowering the center crown of the road, and a series of very shallow utilities, resulted in no room for the traditional layer of gravel between the native soil and the asphalt paving. Therefore, the extra-thick asphalt roadway is being placed directly on the compacted native soil (which is extremely susceptible to moisture). Therefore, the need for complete drying must take place before paving can begin. The result appears to be an additional 2 to 3-week delay. While the Engineering Department is investigating alternate methods of treating the subgrade, the least expensive alternative is sunshine and wind, which will, hopefully, begin to cooperate by the end of next week.

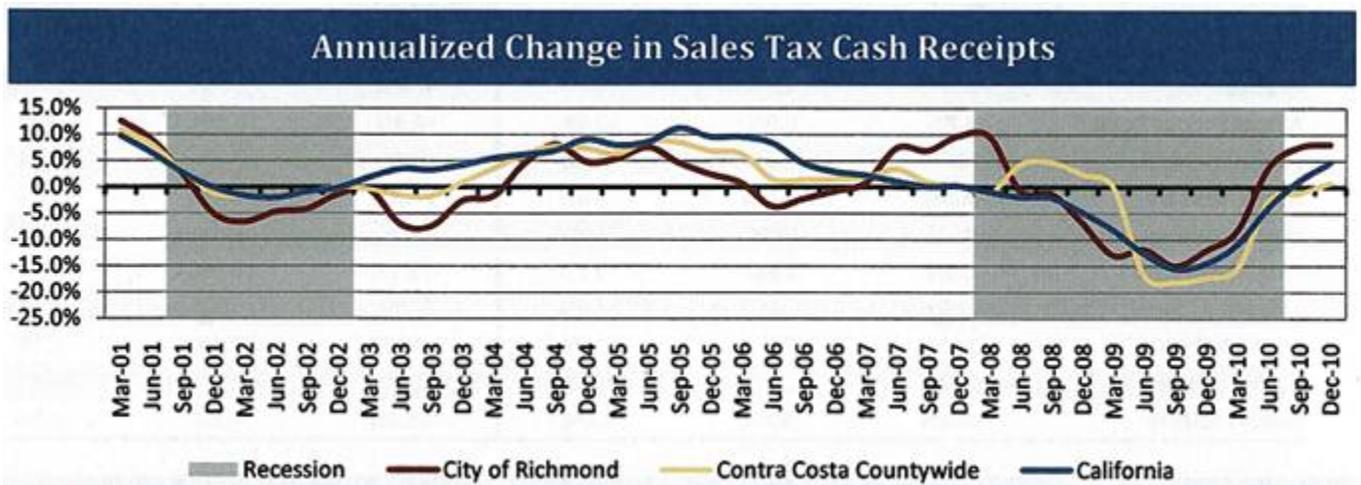
On a related note, based on comments received by staff at the most recent Richmond Annex Neighborhood Council meeting, the Engineering Department is taking a preliminary look at how the new medians on Carlson Boulevard can receive irrigation and topsoil as a part of the first phase of the project so that landscaping can begin sooner than expected on this new roadway.

5. **Sales Tax Through March 2011**

For the third quarter in a row, every region in California experienced increases in sales tax cash receipts from the same quarter a year ago. Richmond increased by 12.1%, Northern California increased by 7.2% and Southern California increased by 6.0%, resulting in a statewide increase of 6.5%.

The Cash Receipts Analysis report below presents performance information for Richmond and the major regions in California by quarter, fiscal year-to-date and benchmark year.

The State Board of Equalization releases sales tax permit and payment data separately from the allocation summaries.



6. **Visit from Zhoushan Officials**

The City of Richmond received a visit this past Tuesday from law enforcement officials from its sister city, Zhoushan, China. The United States equivalent of the Zhoushan Police Chief, three district commanders, and an English-speaking police staff member that served as an interpreter, met with Mayor McLaughlin, Councilmember Bates, Councilmember Boozé, the Port Director, Council staff assistant Trina Jackson, and the City Manager, along with several local residents. Councilmember Boozé treated the guest officials to Casper’s hot dogs. Following this initial meeting, the Zhoushan officials attended the swearing-in ceremony for two new Richmond police officers and then toured the Police facility with Chief Magnus and his staff.

7. **Public Works Updates**

Facilities Division: The painters will complete painting the interior of the Disabled Person’s Recreation Center (DPRC) next week, and start painting the exterior when the weather permits. The carpenters repaired the automatic front doors at the Shields-Reid Community Center.

The Utility Division has completed 75% of the power washing of Civic Center Plaza.

The Electrical Division oversaw the installation of a new transformer to the Point Molate area. This will restore some power to the area; however, another transformer went out last night that will need to be repaired soon.

Finally, the old LED street lights in front of the Main Library were swapped out for new, brighter LED street lights, which should brighten up the atmosphere in front of the building.

Streets Division: Crews resurfaced Garrity Way from Blume Drive to the east end of the block, as well as Grant Avenue from 20th to 23rd Streets, and 21st and 22nd Streets from Grant to Garvin Avenues. Next week, crews will begin grinding

and paving 22nd Street from Grant to Garvin Avenues; and crack sealing 18th Street from Burbeck to Esmond Avenues, and 18th Street from Hellings to Rheem Avenues.

Parks and Landscaping Division: Crews repaired the irrigation system at La Moine and John F. Kennedy Parks, weeded and pruned the Kern Play Lot, along the median on Bayview Drive, and repaired the fence at Nicholl Park along baseball field no. 1. Crews trimmed trees and landscape maintenance were performed along the Hilltop Mall Auto Plaza area.

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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