

This is the weekly report for the week ending February 22nd, 2013.

1. Meeting Notes

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26th, beginning at 6:30 PM.

2. Fruit Tree Giveaway

On Friday, March 1st, the City of Richmond Environmental and Health Initiatives is hosting a Fruit Tree and Garden Seed Giveaway. The event will begin at 12:00 PM at the Civic Center's Farmer's Market until supplies last. Staff will be on site alongside Tom Burchell of Burchell Nursery, our generous donor, to provide a wide variety of trees and seeds and answer questions. Staff will also be providing home compost pails and re-useable bags free of charge.

The Giveaway is open to all members of the community.



3. ObamaCare: What Does the Affordable Care Act Mean for You?

The City of Richmond and Community Clinic Consortium are co-hosting this workshop on Wednesday, February 27th, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, to provide residents with information about the Affordable Care Act, also known as ObamaCare. At the workshop, residents will have a chance to learn about:

- What's changed in the Affordable Care Act and what is to come
- A Low-Income Health Program (LIHP) overview: who is eligible and where to apply
- LifeLong Medical Care: Health service for all ages

The workshop is open to all members of the community. Please RSVP if you plan on attending: <http://richmondaffordablecare.eventbrite.com/> . Refreshments will be served at 5:30 PM.



4. **Dornan Drive Tunnel Repair Project**

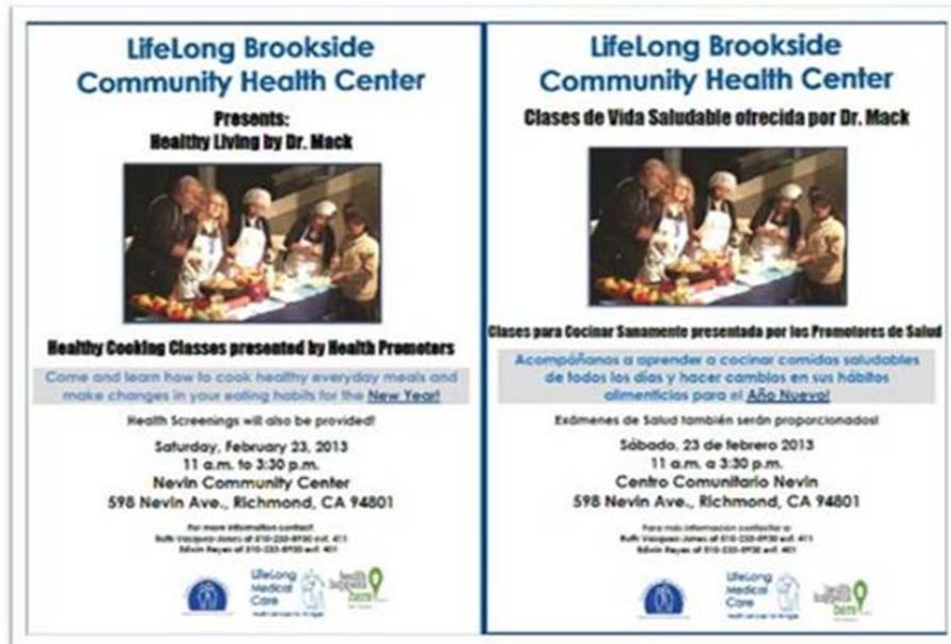
Scheduled construction work on the Dornan Drive Tunnel is continuing. The subcontracted materials testing firm has started structural investigations on the existing void found on February 8th, and a radar survey to find any other voids above the tunnel lining will be completed by early next week. After the survey is completed, Engineering staff and the construction manager from Swinerton Management and Consulting, will work with the structural design firm, Crosby Group, to develop an action plan.

The official designated detour for the tunnel has been changed to a route that goes from Cutting Boulevard to Canal Boulevard to Seacliff Drive, as staff believes that this route is more capable of handling the additional traffic load. Temporary informational signs have been ordered and will be installed. The following is a map showing the detour route.



5. Health Fair at LifeLong Brookside Clinic

The Lifelong Brookside Clinic is hosting a community health fair on February 23rd, at the Nevin Community Center from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM. The day will consist of healthy living presentations from Dr. Porshia Mack, along with healthy cooking demonstrations and health screenings. The City of Richmond Environmental and Health Initiatives staff will also be present to obtain input on the development of the Health in All Policies (HiAP) strategy that was recently approved for development by the City Council. For more information contact: Ruth Vasquez-Jones at (510) 233-8930 ext. 411 or Edwin Reyes at (510) 233-8930 ext. 401.



6. Recreation Highlights

Disabled People's Recreation Center (DPRC)

DPRC staff attended the annual Summer Matters 2013 Conference, "Oh, the Places We'll Go!" on Friday, February 15th, at Preservation Park in Oakland. The free conference is conducted as a partnership to provide training and tools to community-based organizations, agencies, or stewards of school districts who are interested in providing quality summer programs for children and youth. The staff attended panel discussions specific to curriculum and lesson planning, unique program culture, and program evaluation.

Casino Trip

The Richmond Senior Center is hosting its next Feathers Falls Casino trip on Thursday, March 28th. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Call (510) 307-8087 for more information.

Shields-Reid

The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties started a new produce-only food giveaway at Shields Reid Community Center. Every 1st and 3rd Thursday free produce is given to those participants in need of additional items for their families. Each participant is able to come to one produce-only location on both dates to receive this free service. The Food Bank does ask each participant to bring two bags to take home their produce. Participants can also return to the larger giveaway every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10:00 AM to noon.

Senior Center

The Yuan Ji class participants are hosting a special pot sticker preparation class on Saturday, February 23rd, from 10:30 AM to noon at the Richmond Senior Center.

Richmond Memorial Auditorium

The Auditorium hosts an average of 276 rental customers per year. These events range from small meetings to large concerts. This week, four events were held with approximately 2,250 participants in attendance. From the West Contra Costa Unified School District Music Festival to the Richmond Community Foundation Panel Discussion, the Recreation Department thanks all those who chose to host their event at the Auditorium and everyone who helps, in even the smallest ways, to make these events possible.

7. **Public Works Updates**

Facilities Maintenance Division: Carpenters removed the partition wall in the Children's Room of the Main Library, installed a bollard at Fire Station 68, repaired the dormitory doors at Fire Station 68, and made repairs in the break room of the Main Library.

Stationary Engineers serviced the heaters at Fire Station 66, changed the blower motors for the heating system at the Swim Center, and serviced the May Valley Police Substation.

Electricians replaced 17 ballasts and lamps on docks "C" and "E" in the Richmond Marina, completed the Fairmede street light pole condition survey, replaced non-operating breakers at the Richmond Art Center, repaired the street light fixture at John F. Kennedy Park, and replaced the breaker for the street light circuits.



Electricians repairing a street light at John F. Kennedy Park

Parks and Landscaping Division: Crews performed irrigation system inspections at various parks, completed the baseball field renovations at Belding Garcia and Country Club Vista parks, and performed the aerating and fertilizing of turf at the

Civic Center and at Tiller, Burg, Solano, and Mira Vista parks. Crews have almost completed the directional sign project in the Hilltop Assessment District.



Landscaping along the Esplanade Trail

The Tree Crew trimmed and pruned trees on Cutting Boulevard from South 41st to South 45th Streets and on Barrett Avenue.

Streets Division: Pavement Maintenance Crews grinded and paved Garvin Avenue from Lassen to Humboldt Streets.

Street sweeping continued with the commercial and residential routes for the third Tuesday through Thursday and the fourth Friday of the month in the North Richmond, Iron Triangle, North and South Belding Woods, Atchison Village, Santa Fe, Marina Bay, Coronado 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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