

City Manager's Weekly Report

This is the weekly report for the week ending October 2nd, 2009.

1. **Meeting Notes**

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. We will have a special Council meeting on October 13th to discuss the budget.

2. **State of California Drops Appeal in 2008 \$350 Million Redevelopment Raid Case**

The California Attorney General's office has notified the court and the California Redevelopment Association (CRA) that the state has abandoned its appeal of the Sacramento Superior Court ruling that found AB 1389 (2008) unconstitutional. AB 1389 was last year's budget bill that would have forced a \$350 million shift of redevelopment funds to Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). The formal abandonment of the appeal by the state means that the Superior Court ruling finds the state redevelopment raids unconstitutional is final and binding. As a result, redevelopment agencies will not be required to make the \$350 million payment to ERAF set forth in the 2008 budget.

The CRA is challenging the constitutionality of AB 26 4x, a favorable finding by the court will invalidate the statute in total and, thus, the ruling will benefit all redevelopment agencies. The CRA plans to file a legal challenge to AB 26 4x in Sacramento Superior Court in a few weeks.

Although this has no immediate impact on the City's Redevelopment budget, it is still encouraging news.

3. **"No Drugs Down the Drain" Campaign (Pharmaceutical Collection Events)**

The City of Richmond, the West County Wastewater District and Recyclemore® sponsored the "No Drugs Down the Drain" event in September. More than 270 residents from West County participated and disposed of:

- 436 pounds of unwanted/expired medications
- 61 mercury thermometers (received a free digital thermometer as a replacement)
- 3.7 pounds of mercury thermostats
- 145 pounds of 4 ft fluorescent tubes
- 78 pounds of CFLs (Compact Fluorescent Lights)
- 40 pounds of sharps (distributed 32 sharps containers)

Pollution prevention messages focused on pharmaceuticals, mercury, household hazardous waste collection and how proper disposal is important to maintaining and improving water quality.

Thank you to everyone for making this event so successful!

4. **Recreation Highlights**

- **Senior Center:** The Senior Center escorted over 12 participants to San Francisco's Chinatown for a tour on September 24th, 2009.
- **Field Monitoring:** The Youth and Adult Sports staff has begun monitoring parks and fields throughout the City to ensure community members are obtaining the proper permits to use the facilities. These "gentle reminders" have generated an increase in the number of reservations and revenue.
- **Home Front Festival:** The Recreation Department has provided organizational support and will participate in the Home Front Festival on Saturday, October 3rd, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Recreation Department staff will host the numerous activities of the Kids Adventure Zone.

5. **Public Works**

Public Works completed the resurfacing of 16th Street from Pennsylvania to Burbeck Avenues, Florida Avenue from 41st to 42nd Streets, and Shasta Street from Carlson Boulevard to Tehama Avenue.

Next week, Public Works will resurface Butte Avenue from Carlson Boulevard to Tehama Avenue, and 35th Street from Wall to Ohio Avenues.

On October 13th, Public Works will resurface 42nd Street from Wall to Ohio Avenues.

6. **Richmond PAL Masquerade Ball**

On Friday, October 30th Richmond PAL will present an evening of masquerade, dance, drinks, hors d'oeuvres, music and fun. Tickets may be purchased for \$25.00 per person at www.brownpaperticket.com and benefit the Richmond Police Activities League (see attachment for further details).

7. **Home Front Festival by the Bay Tomorrow!**

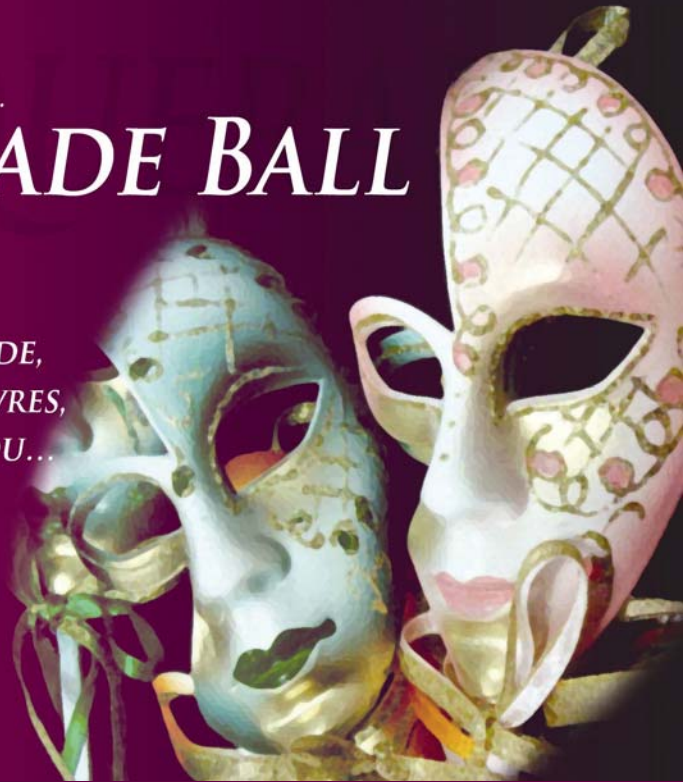
The 3rd Annual Home Front Festival by the Bay will be held on Saturday, October 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Craneway Pavilion & Lucretia Edwards Park. The theme this year is "We grow when we come together." Join us for great music and entertainment, community and victory garden displays, National Park Service tours, and fun for the entire family! See attachment for further details.

RICHMOND PAL PRESENTS...

MASQUERADE BALL

AN EVENING OF MASQUERADE,
DANCE, DRINKS, HORS D'OEUVRES,
MUSIC, AND FUN AWAITS YOU...

Friday, October 30
6:00pm – 11:00pm



MASQUERADE BALL

AN EVENING OF MASQUERADE, DANCE, DRINKS, FOOD, MUSIC AND HORS D'OEUVRES AWAITS YOU...
JOIN US IN SUPPORT OF A WORTHWHILE CAUSE AMIDST MYSTERY AND INTRIGUE!



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2009
6:00PM – 11:00PM • \$25.00 PER PERSON • AGE 21&OVER
V.I.P. TABLES AVAILABLE

RPAL HAL HOLT MEMORIAL GYMNASIUM

2200 MACDONALD AVENUE | RICHMOND, CA 94801
PHONE: (510) 621-1221

PRIZES FOR: BEST MALE COSTUME, BEST FEMALE COSTUME AND BEST DRESSED COUPLE
FOR TICKETS & INFORMATION CALL RICHMOND PAL at the number above.

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT BROWNPAPERTICKET.COM



HOME FRONT

festival by the bay

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009

★ Free Admission ★

www.homefrontfestival.com

Craneway Pavilion & Lucretia Edwards Park

1500 Marina Way South

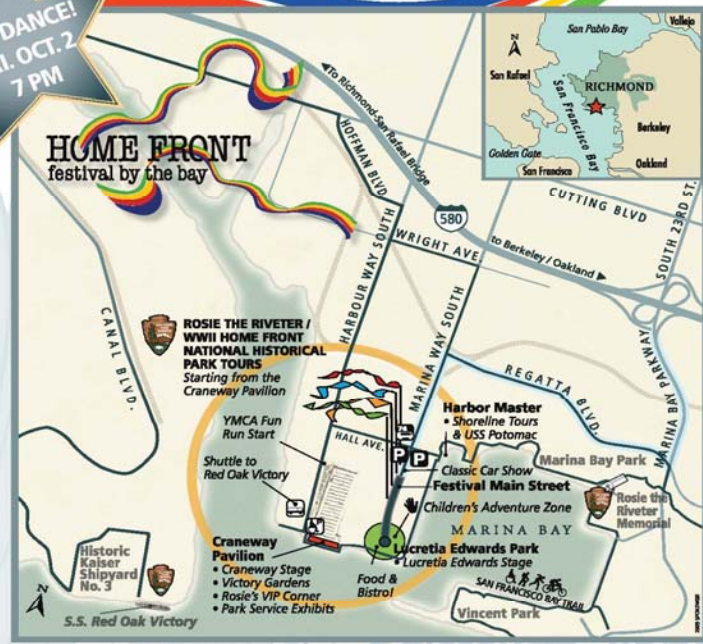
11am - 6pm



We grow when we come together.

Great Music & Entertainment ★ Local Food Specialties
 Community & Victory Garden Displays ★ Kids Adventure Zone
 National Park Service Tours & Exhibits ★ Shoreline Tours & USS Potomac
 Classic Car Show ★ YMCA Fun Run/Walk

USO DANCE!
 FRI. OCT. 2
 7 PM



The Home Front Festival is a partnership of City of Richmond, Richmond Chamber of Commerce, and Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park

Historic photos from the Library of Congress. Contemporary photos (color) by Jan Beavin taken at the Richmond Peace Garden, 2009.

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