

City Manager's Weekly Report

Mayor and Councilmembers:

This is the weekly report for the week ending June 10th, 2011.

1. Meeting Notes

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, June 21st. Enjoy the Tuesday night off.

2. Subaru Start-Up at the Port of Richmond

There has been a concern that the recent, tragic earthquake in Japan might also delay the start-up of the Subaru business at the Port of Richmond. While the information we are receiving continues to be updated, Subaru has recently informed Auto Warehousing Company (AWC), the Port's operating tenant for its auto business, that the start-up of its Richmond business will be delayed approximately three months until November of this year. Certainly this is disappointing but not surprising as all of the Japanese auto makers have been severely impacted. In addition, Subaru has emphasized that they remain very committed to the Richmond operation and believe we will be very busy in 2012. This is certainly good news.

The start-up delay will impact AWC's short-term hiring and training plans, but should not impact its long-term goals or commitments. AWC has indicated that, even with the delay, they remain very optimistic about new business for the Port and City of Richmond.

3. Contractors Opportunities Fair

The Finance Department's Purchasing Division, in collaboration with the Employment & Training Department, attended the Contractors Opportunities Fair this past Tuesday, June 7th. The Fair was held at the Craneway Pavilion, and was sponsored by the West Contra Costa Business Development Center. Local vendors were invited to this event to learn about upcoming projects and about resources available through the participating public agencies and major corporations. These participants included the City of Richmond, Chevron, West Contra Costa Unified School District, PG&E, the State Department of General Services, BART, Contra Costa County, West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC), Caltrans, and East Bay MUD. Approximately sixty vendors visited the City's table and received information about how to register on BidsOnLine, as well as information regarding projects currently out to bid.



4. **In Case You Missed It: Online Registration for Recreation Programs**

As I reported last week, 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>.

5. **Public Works Updates**

Facilities Division: This past week, the painters completed painting the interior of the Disabled Person's Recreation Center (DPRC). Next week, they will start painting the exterior of the building, weather permitting. They also completed addressing items from the safety inspection report at the Parchester Community Center.

The Utility Division has completed 75% of the power washing of Civic Center Plaza, which it is now scheduled for completion next week, weather permitting. They will also work on window cleaning at the Auditorium and the Art Center.

The Electrical Division completed repaired transformer breakdowns at Point Molate. They conducted relamping operations along Macdonald Avenue, and continued assisting with the electrical system connection for the new Marquee at the Civic Center Plaza.

Streets Division: This past week, crews completed resurfacing of 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. Next week, they will grind and pave 8th Street from Barrett Avenue to Acacia Avenue.

Parks and Landscaping Division: Next week, crews will be conducting landscape maintenance along Nunn Street; around the pump station at 37th Street and Ohio Avenue; 23rd Street Grade Separation; Central Avenue and Rydin Road;

Richmond Parkway; Hilltop and Marina Assessment Districts. The tree trimming crew will be working on 36th Street, Fran Way, and Lowell Avenue.

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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