

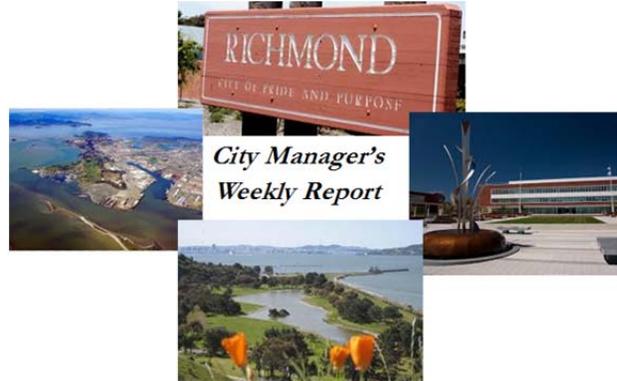


Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This is the weekly report for the week ending August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

### 1. Meeting Notes

The City Council is on its annual August hiatus. The next City Council meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.



### 2. City Offices Closed in Observance of Labor Day

City of Richmond City Hall and other City Offices will be closed on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of Labor Day, and will reopen on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

As a reminder for this holiday observance, Labor Day is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. More information can be found at: <http://www.dol.gov/laborday/history.htm>.

### 3. Aquatics Programs at the Plunge

I received an update from Norm Hantzsche, who has been very involved in Richmond Swims, the aquatics programs at The Plunge that include adult masters, age group, and some very interesting adult learn-to-swim programs. He reports that the swim program made some very nice progress this past year, with some of the highlights listed below.

**Adult Lessons.** The adult lesson program (USMS Swimming Saves Lives) this past winter-spring was a great success with 70+ adults going through the class. Some of the grant funds were used to produce a short video describing this important program, which can be accessed at this link: <https://vimeo.com/99992585>. Richmond Masters has applied for another grant

to repeat the program again this next year and already has a big waiting list for lessons.

**Sailfish.** The age-group swimming Sailfish have really become a “team” this year, with a lot of very promising young swimmers and good success at local swim meets. The team is growing and workouts are getting more and more crowded – as many as 8 to 10 kids per lane on some days.

**Grade School Lessons.** Richmond Swims hopes to expand its grade school swim lesson program, targeting 2015 for a more serious push to get this off the ground.

#### 4. Help Rebuild Parchester Park

We are less than two months away from rebuilding Parchester Village Park and we need your help! There are four ways you can contribute to the Parchester Park Project which are listed below.

1. Volunteer on Build Day: Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> (all ages and skills welcome)
2. Contribute a donation to the project from the wish list.
3. Donate a monetary gift.
4. Purchase the shoe “Petal” from Livie & Luca shoe company. (Livie and Luca are proud sponsors of the park project and 100% of the proceeds support the project.)

To sign up or for more details visit our webpage at:

[www.ci.richmond.ca.us/parchesterparkproject](http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/parchesterparkproject)



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We hope to see you there!



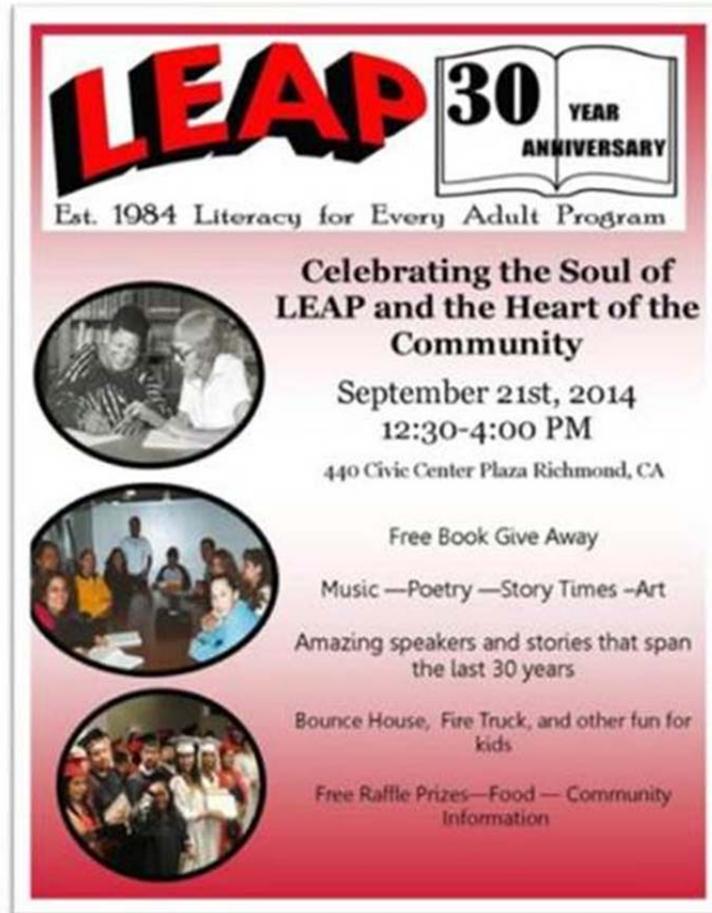
## **5. Doctors Medical Center: Update on Emergency Transports**

The Emergency Department at Doctor's Medical Center (DMC) continues to be in stand-by status as hospital staffing has become a major challenge. Walk-in patients are still being accepted but the facility is closed to emergency ambulance traffic. Contra Costa County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has provided information regarding the increase in ambulance transports to other county and out-of-county hospitals:

- From August 7<sup>th</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup>, there were 978 transports for all of West Contra Costa County.
- The normal call volume for DMC prior to closure was 22-24 ambulances daily.
- Kaiser Richmond is seeing an average ambulance increase of 9 per day.
- Contra Costa Regional Medical Center is seeing an average increase of 3 per day.
- John Muir and other hospitals are seeing an average increase of approximately 1 ambulance per day.
- 182 ambulances have left Contra Costa County to a wide variety of area hospitals, with the largest portion going to Alta Bates which is experiencing an increase of an average of 3 additional ambulances per day.
- 95% of these transports were code 2 (non-life-threat response with no lights or siren) and 5% were code 3 (life threat response with lights and siren) emergency calls.
- Kaiser Richmond has received the majority of the code 3 emergency calls due to its geographic proximity.

## **6. LEAP's 30 Year Anniversary Celebration**

What do the first female Boeing 747 Captain, camcorders, and the first sighting of Chicken McNuggets have in common? Find out by joining LEAP on September 21<sup>st</sup> in a community celebration of 30 years of outstanding literacy program services from 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM at 440 Civic Center Plaza.



**7. The South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Revitalization Project – A Santa Fe Neighborhood Council Success Story in the Making**

In the early 1990's, the City of Richmond closed a play lot located in the Santa Fe Neighborhood on South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Maine due to high crime activity. Long-time community members remember when this play lot was used for family picnics, neighborhood reunions, kids riding bikes, playing basketball and adults playing dominos and checkers. Now there are cracked concrete, weeds, rusted fences and graffiti.

During recent years, the Santa Fe Neighborhood Council has worked with the community police officers to help reduce crime activity in the area.

The representatives of the Santa Fe Executive committee, Vernon Whitmore, President; Daryl Henline, Vice President and Linda Whitmore, Chair of the Business Outreach Committee, initiated meetings with City Manager Bill Lindsay, Public Works Director Yader Bermudez, other key City staff and Kyra Worthy of 4Richmond. From those meetings, numerous ideas led to community site visits and

input from residents at Santa Fe Neighborhood Council meetings. One idea that arose was to renovate the abandoned South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Play Lot.

To help meet this goal, Santa Fe representatives met with Mike Mahoney, of the Building Trades, along with City Public Works and Park and Recreation staff. Mr. Mahoney presented two projects from the Santa Fe Neighborhood Council “wish list” to the Building Trades executive council for review, and the Building Trades agreed to actively assist in the renovation of the vacant lot on South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

The Santa Fe community is partnering with a variety of businesses, community-based organizations, and building trade unions to make this project materialize. This partnership will bring about a renaissance in the Santa Fe community and change a neighborhood eyesore into a family recreation area. The new play lot will have a futsal court (soccer), basketball court, shade structure with picnic tables, benches and barbecue pits. With Santa Fe’s changing demographic, the committee felt this as a good combination of activities for full neighborhood participation.





## **8. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Richmond Finance Department by the Government Finance Officers' Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), for the year ended June 30, 2013. This is the seventh consecutive year that the Finance Department has received this certificate. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals.

Congratulations to the Finance Department's General Accounting Division for their outstanding efforts in maintaining the standards necessary for receiving this award.

## **9. Port of Richmond Updates**

The construction of the Port of Richmond's Operations and Security Center (OSC) located at the Rigger's Loft is nearing completion. This project was partially funded by a 2008 California Ports and Maritime Security Grant Program. Alten Construction was awarded the construction contract to retrofit the building to facilitate standards to resist seismic events, provide accessibility to personnel, build a fully functional Port Operations and Security Center, as well as serve as the Port's new administrative office.

The Rigger's Loft is approximately 28,000 square feet. The OSC and Port Administrative offices will house 5,000 square feet with approximately 22,000 square feet remaining for lease. Tenant improvements for the offices are nearly complete and power is set to go live at the end of September. Port Staff is preparing to relocate to the new office in October 2014.

#### **10. Good Garbage News: New Trash Service - On-Call Bulky Item Service for Residents**

Starting September 1st, residential customers will have an option to request annual bulky item service at no-cost. Residents should call Richmond Sanitary Service (RSS) customer service at (510) 262-7100 in advance to schedule a free pick-up of up to three bulky items. RSS customer service representatives will provide participation guidelines and instructions to participate in the bulky item program. Regularly accepted items include:

- Appliances such as a washing machine, clothes dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, freezer;
- Mattress & box springs (a matched set of mattress and box springs counts as one item);
- Furniture such as a sofa, loveseat, large chair, televisions, dining set or lawn furniture (a dining or lawn furniture set of table and chairs counts as one time);
- Equally sized items such as a water heater, barbeque, exercise equipment or four tires (four tires count as one item).

Please note that items weighing in excess of 200 lbs. are not accepted under the free program. Residents may have a pickup scheduled for heavier items an additional cost. Residents may also substitute one bulky item for up to 5 E-waste (electronic waste) items such as computer monitors, microwaves, computers, or similar sized E-waste items.

The Richmond City Council approved the bulky item service enhancement at the July 29th City Council meeting. City staff is currently developing outreach materials with RSS that will be mailed to all residents this fall. Each year, residents will receive annual participation guidelines, and two annual reminders.

#### **11. City Manager Chronicles**

I have listed below some of the topics for meetings that I have recently attended in the hope that it provides an idea of the varied issues with which our organization deals routinely.

Activities and meeting topics during the past week included:

- Met, along with Administrative Chief Shasa Curl, with staff of the Richmond Bay Campus (UC Berkeley and LBNL) to receive an update on the project;

- Met with City staff to review the status and schedule for the Nystrom Unified Revitalization Effort (NURVE) project;
- Attended the monthly budget status meeting with Finance Department staff;
- Met with Councilmembers Butt and Myrick, and Assistant School Superintendent Wendell Greer, along with Administrative Chief Shasa Curl and Senior Management Analyst LaShonda White, to discuss the “Richmond Promise” scholarship program;
- Attended a meeting among Chevron Modernization Project stakeholders (Chevron, CBE/APEN, and City staff and legal counsel) to discuss permitting issues;
- Met with City staff members to review the status of South Shoreline planning and development projects;
- Met with Parks and Recreation Commissioners Connie Portero and Diego Garcia to discuss activities of this Commission and the Recreation Department;
- Attended a meeting with Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), along with Planning Director Richard Mitchell, Administrative Chief Shasa Curl, Senior Planner Hector Rojas, to discuss the status of soil remediation at the Zeneca site;
- Attended a lunch barbecue celebrating the “sign off” for the Proposition 84 grant at the Elm Playlot, hosted by Pogo Park.

These meetings were in addition to attending the regular management staff meeting, agenda planning, reviewing staff reports to the City Council, doing department head “check-ins,” having discussions on various personnel matters, and having short discussions with staff, community members, members of the press, etc.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the substance of these or any other topics.

## **12. Officer Bradley A., Moody Memorial Underpass Project**

The Bradley A. Moody Memorial Underpass Project involves the construction of a roadway underpass on Marina Bay Parkway between Meeker Avenue and Regatta Boulevard, and is intended to resolve long-standing access limitations to the Marina Bay area caused by frequent train crossings. In early September 2013, Marina Bay Parkway was closed to traffic. This closure is planned to remain in place until early May 2015.

During the week of August 25<sup>th</sup>, waterproofing installation continued in advance of retaining wall rebar and formwork. The second of four concrete pours for pump station walls was successfully completed, and the street lights on Regatta Boulevard were prepared. Additionally, grading continued at the Jetty/Pierson intersection with Marina Bay Parkway.

For the week of September 1<sup>st</sup>, the first retaining wall pour is scheduled for a 45 foot section of wall along the east side of Marina Bay Parkway, just north of the railroad

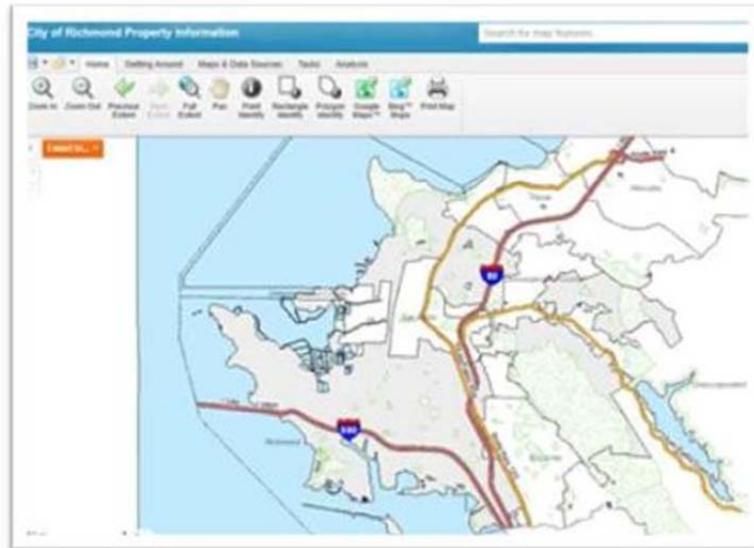
bridge. Concrete wall pours of similar size are anticipated to occur approximately every four working days thereafter, following waterproofing, rebar and formwork installation. Also, finish grading at Jetty and Pierson will continue, and rebar for the third pump station wall pour will be installed.

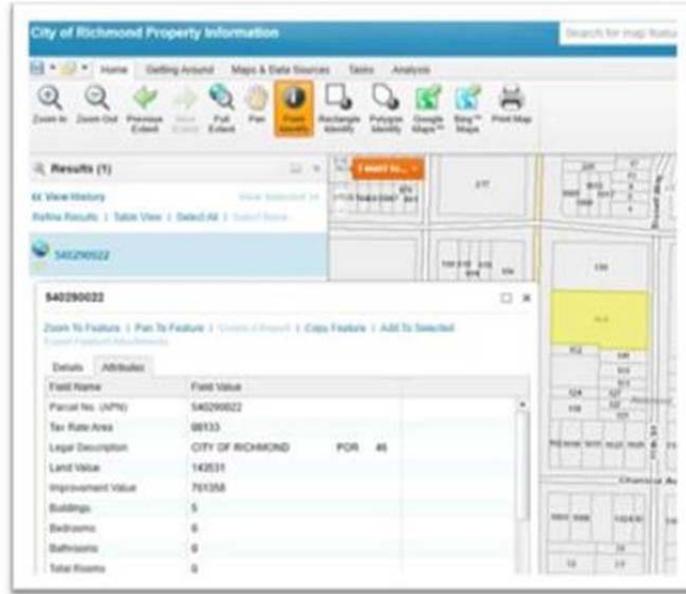
For additional information and to be added to the project update contact list, please see the project website at [www.moodyup.com](http://www.moodyup.com). You can also follow the project on twitter: @moodyunderpass, or contact the project's public outreach coordinator Jacqueline Majors at (925) 949-6196.

### **13. Information Technology (IT) Department Updates**

#### **GIS Website Upgrades**

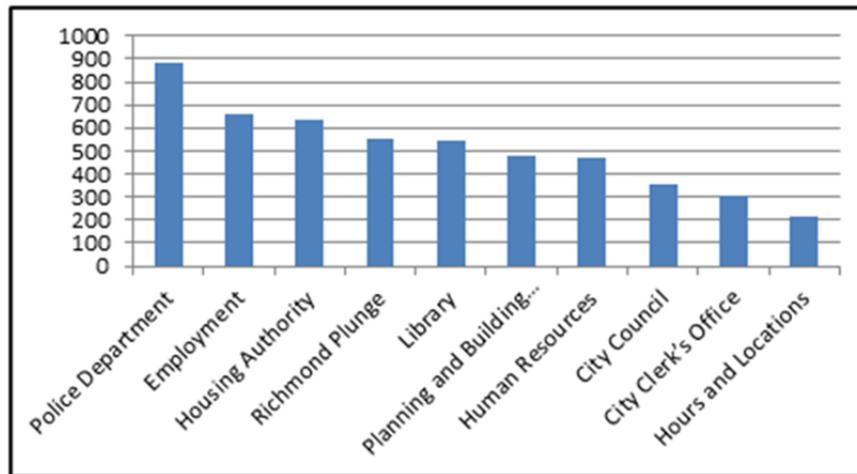
GIS mobile (tablet and phone) web application upgrades have been made to the City's web site. This upgraded version addresses similar areas of interest as the previous applications, such as property and zoning information with enhanced functionality and more current data. Among other functions, these applications enable users to perform locational queries, do area measurements, and print maps. These upgraded mapping services may be found at: <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=2741>.





## Website Statistics

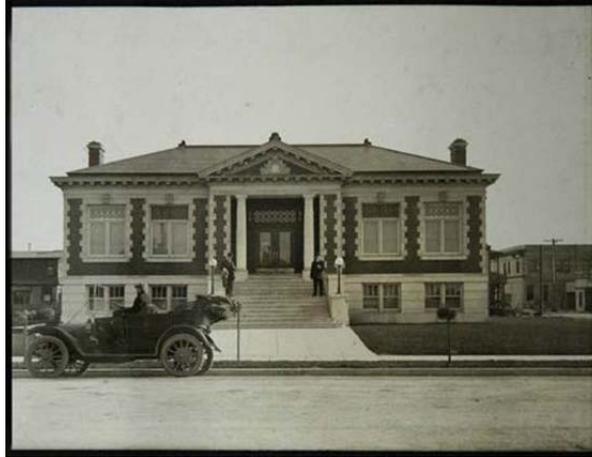
Top 10 webpages for the last week



## Throwback Thursday:

Featuring Richmond California History

Do you recognize this building? What was its use and where was it located? All correct answers posted in the comments before 8:00 AM on the following Thursday will be entered into a drawing for a prize. Like this page and you will be entered twice: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/City-of-Richmond-CA-Local-Government/139438544014?v=wall>.



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Datanet images of the week

*Make a Difference Day*



**10-25-14**

**Help Rebuild Parchester Playground**



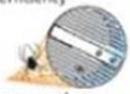
**Replace your smoke alarms today!**

**1 in 3 California homes need to replace their smoke alarms.**



**Smoke alarms do not last forever.**

- Most non-working smoke alarms have dead or missing batteries or are more than 10 years old.
- After 10 years, smoke alarms' efficiency may be compromised with accumulated dust, insects, airborne contaminants and aging electrical circuitry.
- The CA State Fire Marshall recommends replacing all smoke alarms every 10 years.
- For best results, install smoke alarms in each bedroom and on each level of the home.



## **14. Public Works Updates**

Facilities Maintenance Division: Carpenters repaired a set of entrance doors at the Main Library, removed and replaced cabinets in the kitchen of the Main Library, repaired equipment room doors at the Richmond Plunge, removed rust from the deck bulkheads at the Richmond Plunge, and modified workstations within the Finance Department.



Deck Bulkhead Work at the Richmond Plunge

Painters touched up walls at Fire Station #67, and painted safety striping on the employee entrance of the Main Library.

Stationary Engineers repaired the boilers at the Richmond Museum, fixed the exhaust fan at the R-Transit building, replaced the dishwasher at Fire Station #66, and repaired the kitchen sink waste line at Fire Station #63.

Electricians are continuing with the Richmond Parkway Street Light repair project, still replacing stolen wire on San Pablo Avenue from McBryde to Esmond Avenue, and replaced smoke detectors at 450 Civic Center Plaza.

Utility Workers cleaned windows at 440 and 450 Civic Center Plaza, removed leaves from the Main Library court yard, and maintained 29 City-owned buildings.



Wire Replacement on San Pablo Avenue

Parks and Landscaping Division: Crews continued weed abatement along the Richmond Parkway in the Hilltop area, continued working on the Shields Reid Park renovation project, performed weed abatement at the Hilltop Lake, installed backflows on the Greenway, and removed shrubs at Parchester Park.



Hilltop Lake

Streets Division: Staff ground and paved on Alamo Avenue from the beginning of York Street to the end, as well as worked from the outstanding pothole and sidewalk list.



Paving on Alamo Avenue

Street sweeping performed commercial and residential sweeping services for the fourth Monday through Thursday and the fifth Friday in the Santa Fe, Point Richmond, Marina Bay, Coronado, Metro Richmond Village, Pullman, Cortez/Stege, Park Plaza Laurel Park, City Center, Richmond Annex, Parkview, Panhandle Annex, and Eastshore neighborhood council areas.

Signs and Lines staff fabricated 10 new signs, created 30 decals for City equipment, installed 44 new signs and poles, repaired 69 signs and poles, installed 6 pavement markings, completed sign requests from the Police Department, and painted 183 feet of curbs.



Stop Message Installation

*Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about these or any other items of interest to you.*



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