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Richmond Heights Neighborhood Council

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Consumer Affairs Information

Some individuals have to apply to the California Department of Consumer Affairs Bureau of Security and Investigative Services in order to be employed as Alarm sales/service, private investigator/security officer, repossession agent, or locksmith.

Last year people walked around to sell home alarm systems and neighbors asked if they were legally allowed to do this. It appears that if people work for an alarm company and go door to door they need to have a card from Consumer Affairs.

There is a License Verification Hotline at 916/575-7000 Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or from the web site www.dca.ca.gov/bss/lookup

RNCC Mission

The Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council provides a forum for Neighborhood Councils to exchange or pool ideas on issues, to help solve neighborhood problems, and to function as a resource for information concerning public and private agencies, city government and the legislative process.

If citizens of Richmond attend their local Neighborhood Council meeting and bring issues with them, then the people who attend the RNCC can forward those concerns.

Those who attend the RNCC also bring information back to the local Neighborhood Council meeting for the benefit of others.

Citizens for East Shore Parks

Our guest speaker for April will be Patricia Jones, executive director of CESP. Based in Albany, CESP has been to other Neighborhood Councils and to the RNCC.

The mission of CESP is to preserve and enhance the natural resources and recreational / educational opportunities of the east shore of San Francisco Bay creating a necklace of shore line parks from the Oakland Estuary to the Carquinez Strait.

CESP supports the development and operation of the East Shore State Park, including habitat restoration and creation of public amenities. CESP promotes human uses that are compatible with preservation of natural resources, such as restoration of the Berkeley Meadow, the ball fields near Gilman Street, and the Breuner Marsh wetlands to name a few.

Richmond is currently updating the General Plan, some people want a casino at Point Molate, others want open space, while others want some kind of development along parts of the shore line. Please come to the next meeting to meet Patricia Jones and to talk about the future of Richmond's shoreline. Also go to General Plan Update meetings to let the City know how the people of Richmond feel about the General Plan Update.

Richmond Police make arrests

From a letter by Police Chief Chris Magnus

Here is a small sample of the crime fighting work being done by your Police Officers during the month of March 2008 (condensed from a two page report).

Friday, March 7, 5:30 p.m., 300 block of S. 27th St.: Officer Wang and Recruit Officer Anderson responded to a call about a loiterer. The suspect ran holding his side. The officers caught up with him in a carport. The suspect refused to obey the commands of officer Anderson, who fired a taser striking the suspect in the chest area. The officers found a loaded Smith and Wesson semi auto handgun. The suspect admitted to possession of the firearm..

Sunday, March 9, 5:31 a.m., 1500 block of Maine Ave.: Officers respond to the report of two suspects tampering with a vehicle. Officer Fonseca arrived and saw the suspects flee. The victim vehicle was found to have been burglarized and the wheels had been removed by the suspects. Officer Cantrell and his canine Arrow found both suspects hiding in backyards of homes in the 200 block of South 16th St.

Friday, March 7, 11:23 p.m., 22nd & Bissell Ave.: Sgt. Whitney conducted a traffic stop, three handguns were found inside the vehicle.

There are more on the two page report, but people call in suspicious activity or report what they see to the Police, or Police act on what they see to make arrests. Please call 233-1214 from cell phones or 911 to report emergencies.

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Light Brown Apple Moth

May Valley Neighborhood Council put together an article about the proposal to spray our city with a chemical to kill the LBAM. Some experts believe that spraying will not help. You can send in comments to Jim Rains, Staff Environmental Scientist CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture, 1220 N St., Sacramento, CA 95814, fax: 916/654-1018 or e-mail at jrains@cdfa.ca.gov. Web site is www.cdfa.ca.gov/lbam. You can call or write your local State Senator and your State Assembly Member.

North Berkeley Harvest

From Elizabeth (a neighbor)

There are fruit trees in our area that are full of fruit and haven't been picked. I imagine there are even more tucked away in our yards. North Berkeley Harvest will come and harvest the fruit and donate it to those who need it.

They don't have to do the harvesting, you can and they will pick it up. If they harvest, they will only pick what you would like them to (meaning you are not obligated to give them all the fruit). Also, they are interested in hearing about new places that would benefit from their donations.

National Night Out

It is time to start planning the National Night Out event. Please contact Gina and Jovanka to join a committee for planning this event. The City is looking to stream line the permit process for shutting down streets. The Parks Department still has the permits for using park land. More at the next meeting in April.

Richmond Little League

From a letter by Larry Lewis dated October 30, 2007

In a collective effort to revive Little League Baseball in the City of Richmond some in the business and civic community as well as social leaders and concerned citizens have joined together to make this dream a reality.

Keeping youth active and involved is a tough challenge; it takes time, money, people and facilities. In order to ensure continued activity and sustained involvement in sports, kids must truly believe they as individuals can be successful. This is where Little League Baseball comes in.

When kids participate in Little League, they learn through athletics their own strengths and develop skills. They also learn the meaning of sportsmanship and cooperation, the essence of competition, and the qualities that constitute effective leadership. In Little League, they also develop character, courage, and loyalty.

It is the goal of the Richmond Little League to have four Tee Ball teams, ages 5-6, four minor league teams ages 7-8, four major league teams ages 9-12, and four girls softball teams ages 7-12.

To achieve this major undertaking the organizers are asking the businesses to support this important community endeavor. You can help by sponsoring a team or by making a monetary donation.

It is important to re-ignite the passion in our city that Little League Baseball once held. By working together we can bring Little League Baseball back to the city of Richmond.

To make a donation to this worthy cause, please make checks payable to the Richmond Little League. Please send them to the West Contra Costa YMCA, 263 South 20th Street, Richmond, CA 94804 care of Don Lau, any amount is most appreciated.

Little League Baseball is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization.

Thank you for your support of Richmond Little League Baseball.

Sincerely, Larry Lewis, Board President.

If you are part of an organization, (church, school, scouts, etc.) ask the youngsters if they would like to participate in the Richmond Little League.

CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER

A Neighborhood Watch is neighbors helping neighbors. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. Members get to meet their neighbors, learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activity that raises their suspicions to the police.

Any community resident can join a watch group, young and old, single and married, renter and homeowner. Even the busiest of people can belong to a Neighborhood Watch. They too can keep an eye out for neighbors as they come and go.

It is important as citizens of Richmond that we come together as one and not just come home and close our doors and blinds and pretend that we do not see or hear anything that goes on in our city. This makes us just as guilty as the persons committing the crime.

Remember if we live in fear, the bad guy has won. If we come together as a community, we can do anything. From Al & Karla Perez

contacts



You'll find many more phone numbers, as well as e-mail links for public services at our website, www.richmond-heights.org

Emergency 911

Crime in progress, medical

To report suspicious activity

Richmond Police 233-1214
Unincorporated area 925/646-2441
Anonymous tips 232-TIPS

Community Police Officer

Officer Tim Gard 621-1212 ex 7099
e-mail tgard@richmondpd.net

General security concerns, other police services

RP Watch Commander 620-6643
Michelle Milam 620-6538

Neighborhood Council issues

Gina Swirsding *82-232-1675

Report blight and graffiti

Richmond 231-3010
Graffiti 715-6422
CalTrans 925/926-6112

Report abatement issues

Auto on Private land 621-1278
Auto on Public land 620-6644
Sgt Monahan 621-1279
Pot Hole Repair 231-3011

As always we are looking for community events for the Newsletter. If you know of an event coming up, let us know at least the first week of the month before. Just drop a line to the Editor at owenlmartin@earthlink.net with any requests or suggestions. If you have something you would like to write yourself, we are also all ears. This is your newsletter.

Shots fired

2/07 Barret / San Pablo
2/09 Sierra / Ventura
2/26 6XX Ventura

Calls for service to the Richmond Police

Calls made to the Richmond Police become Statistics provided to us each month by Crime analysis of RPD, whose support and assistance we continue to appreciate.

Suspicious person 36
Suspicious vehicle 15
Abandoned auto 11
Recovered stolen vehicle 7
Vehicle tampering none
Disturbance 31
911 Disconnect 9
Dogs none
Dumping 1
Stolen vehicle 17

2/01 52XX McBryde
2/02 6XX Sonoma
2/02 8XX McLaughlin
2/04 3XX Carlston
2/04 49XX Macdonald
2/06 51XX Clinton
2/06 52XX Solano
2/09 52XX Solano
2/10 8XX Solano
2/12 9XX Lassen
2/14 7XX Humboldt
2/15 9XX Humboldt
2/16 6XX Sonoma
2/19 55XX Solano
2/21 9XX Humboldt
2/22 6XX Yuba
2/27 123XX San Pablo

Hit/Run property damage

2/01 6XX Sonoma
2/02 49XX Macdonald
2/03 Solano / Humboldt
2/11 Macdonald / San Pablo
2/18 6XX Sonoma

Burglary from residence

2/05 10XX Lassen
2/07 7XX Lassen
2/20 53XX McBryde
2/28 6XX Lassen
2/29 7XX Yuba
2/29 8XX Kern

Burglary from auto

2/03 122XX San Pablo
2/16 5XX Key
2/17 49XX Clinton
2/22 52XX Nevin

Burglary from business

2/16 127XX San Pablo

Hold up alarm

2/18 125XX San Pablo

Petty theft/stolen property

2/04 6XX McLaughlin
2/05 54XX Solano
2/05 7XX Kern
2/08 10XX McLaughlin
2/10 56XX Esmond
2/11 6XX Ventura
2/15 Macdonald / San Pablo
2/20 129XX San Pablo
2/20 6XX Ventura
2/21 50XX McBryde
2/21 6XX Sonoma
2/25 56XX Esmond
2/26 122XX San Pablo
2/29 4XX Key
2/29 Garvin / Amador

Grand theft

2/23 51XX Macdonald

Battery

2/11 Macdonald / San Pablo
2/17 125XX San Pablo
2/25 52XX Solano
2/26 Roosevelt / Key
2/28 125XX San Pablo

Shooting of a person

2/06 Macdonald / San Pablo

Vandalism

2/02 8XX Humboldt
2/03 7XX Ventura
2/13 7XX Kern
2/18 122XX San Pablo
2/18 53XX Poinsett
2/22 51XX McBryde

Fireworks

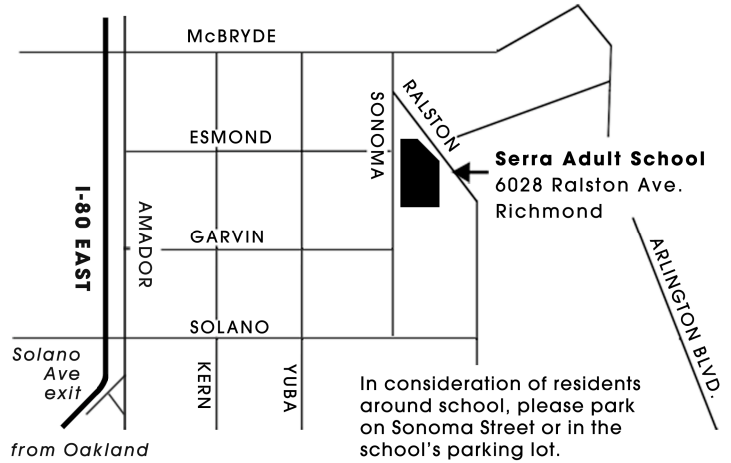
2/09 Mount / Silva

at the next RHNC meeting

Topic of next meeting

Citizens for East Shore Parks spoke at the RNCC meeting and will have a short slide show about shore line parks.

Also planning for National Night Out.



Monday, April 7th, 7 PM
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