

# Views

## Richmond Heights Neighborhood Council

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### quick-takes

#### How can I get this newsletter?

If you received this newsletter, it is because we did a mass mailing to all residences and businesses in the Richmond Heights Neighborhood. If you don't sign up for this newsletter, you will not receive another one until next year. If you would like this newsletter to arrive regularly, you need to contact us by:

-Coming to a Neighborhood Council Meeting at Serra Adult School first Monday of every month. (No meetings in July and January) and sign-up there for the newsletter.

-Mailing a letter to Richmond Heights Neighborhood Council P.O. Box 5253, Richmond, CA 94805

-Visiting our Website: [www.richmond-heights.org](http://www.richmond-heights.org). Click on Views. You can view it on line without receiving a newsletter by mail.

-Signing up to receive an e-mail reminder through joining Richmond Heights Yahoo! Group list serve. (Information on how to sign up on the Yahoo! Group is on page 2)

#### San Pablo Avenue Business Owners:

If you are a merchant/business owner on San Pablo Avenue and would like to participate in or would like to receive more information concerning a proposed "San Pablo Avenue Business Association," please contact Tim Manhart

[Timber@catuhoula.com](mailto:Timber@catuhoula.com) or Jovanka Beckles [jovankabeckles@yahoo.com](mailto:jovankabeckles@yahoo.com)

## Come and Meet Richmond Police Chief

This is an opportunity for you to speak to Chief Magnus about the concerns of crime in your neighborhood. Captain Anthony Williams and our beat officer Tim Gard will also be at the meeting too. **When:** Monday August 4, 2008, 7:00pm.

**Where:** Serra Adult School, 2962 Ralston Avenue (See map on back)

## National Night Out Tuesday, August 5 Come To Richmond Heights Neighborhood Barbeque

This event has been a great success in past years with hundreds attending. National Night Out is a special night meant to: Build relationships with the community and Police. Take back communities from crime. Build and rebuild crime watch. Encourage residents to employ crime prevention techniques and for neighbors to get to know one another.

**Where:** Tiller Park (Clinton Avenue and Key Blvd.)

**Time:** 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Set-up starts at 5:30 pm. We need help to set-up and clean-up. Clean-up starts at 9:00pm or at dusk

**Food:** Richmond Heights will supply hot dogs, buns and water for the event. We will also barbeque the hot dogs. If you come to the event, please bring (in a disposable container with serving utensils) a side dish such as a salad, chips, vegetable dish, finger food, dessert, etc. You can also bring your own drinks. This is a family event so no alcoholic drinks. There will be no seats: if you wish to sit, please bring a chair.

**Music:** There will be a D.J. providing a variety of music.

**Police Caravan:** A caravan from the city will stop at the party. Meet our beat officers from our district. There will be three different caravans going to three different parts of the city, some City officials will be in each caravan such as Police Chief, City Council Members, the Mayor and staff.

**Kids event:** We are planning on having a K9 police officer with his dog come and perform some tricks for the kids. Police Explorers will attend to encourage and answer questions for the teenagers that are interested in being a Police Explorer. Our local Fire Department will also arrive with their fire truck.

**Education:** Learn from others at the party on how to start a Neighborhood Watch group and obtain materials on how to start such a group.

**Directions:** From the intersection of Amador and Solano: Go south on Amador one block, make a right (west) onto Clinton. Continue a couple of blocks and Tiller Park will be on the left side of the street. From the intersection of Key and Barrett, go north on Key a couple of blocks and Tiller Park is on the right side of the street.

**next meeting**

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### San Pablo Avenue Business

As a merchant on San Pablo Avenue, your business is in the boundaries of RHNC. We want to invite you to come to our National Night Out BBQ, our monthly meetings and you can also receive this newsletter. The newsletter also includes the crime Stats of San Pablo Avenue and the neighborhood of your business.

### Two New Youth Centers

Even with the financial cuts to balance the county budget there was a vision to help the young adults of West County.

The first is The Young Adult Empowerment Center in North Richmond. It recently opened and will offer free employment training, career development, mentoring, and leadership training to prepare young people ages 16 through 24 for well paid and meaningful jobs. It will also provide recreational opportunities for them.

The second is The RYSE Center, developed by youth, opening this fall in Central Richmond. It will be offering a range of programs including media training, educational support, employment development, and health services.

### Emergency Preparedness

On the City of Richmond web site <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/Public/oes> there is a thirteen page guide on emergency preparedness.

Phone numbers are listed on the third page. Pages 4 – 6 are tips from different sources. Page 7 is a list of supplies needed in the event of an emergency. Pages 8 – 10 are tips for people with special needs.

## Joining Richmond Heights Yahoo! Group

A Yahoo! Group is an e-mail discussion group and can be a fabulous resource for community building. By sending an e-mail to the group e-mail address, it is distributed to everyone who is a member of the e-mail group. You also will receive all messages sent in by other members.

The goal of the Richmond Heights e-mail group is not only to get to know your neighbors, but to build community connections for people who live, work, or spend time in Richmond Heights.

### Examples of posts include:

1. **Sharing Of Resources** - ex. "Does anyone know of a good mechanic close to Solano Avenue?"
2. **Neighborhood Watch** - ex. "I just saw someone who looked like they were breaking into a car on Garvin Avenue, keep an eye out"
3. **Community Announcements** - ex. "Adams School is having a crafts fair fundraiser, please come and support the students", or "A new restaurant just opened up on San Pablo, and it is fabulous!"

**How to Join?** Unfortunately, Yahoo doesn't make it simple, but here are some guidelines to help walk you through it.

If you already participate in Yahoo! Groups or have a Yahoo e-mail account it is much easier, you just need to:

- 1) sign into your account, 2) click on the following link [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/richmond\\_heights/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/richmond_heights/) and click on
- 3) "Join this Group."

If you do not have a Yahoo ID, then you will need to get one in order to join the group.

To get a Yahoo ID, follow these steps:

- 1) Go to <https://login.yahoo.com>
- 2) Under where it says "Don't have a Yahoo ID" click on "Sign Up"
- 3) Fill out the information that has been asterisked.
- 4) Assuming you do not want to use the new yahoo e-mail address that was just created for you, fill in the e-mail address that you do want to use for the e-mail group where it says "Alternate E-mail".
- 5) When you've completed the form click "Submit." Yahoo will now send you an e-mail link to your alternative e-mail to activate your new Yahoo ID.
- 6) Now go to your e-mail account to open this message, and then click on the link provided and this will activate your Yahoo ID.

Once you have an active Yahoo ID, go to [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/richmond\\_heights/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/richmond_heights/) then click on "Join this Group."

1) Step 1 (Contact information) Profile: Leave it as it is. E-mail: Choose the e-mail address you wish to receive the e-mails. Note: if there isn't an option to choose your non-yahoo e-mail address, then you may need to click on the link "verify" by your non-yahoo e-mail address. (Comment to owner) write a sentence or two to introduce yourself to the moderator so she knows you aren't a spammer.

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### Crime Prevention is the Goal

Preventing crime is the goal of the police department and citizens alike. Reducing crime, and the impact it has on the citizens of our city, is the ultimate goal of community oriented policing. While the men and women of the Richmond Police Department will do what we can to identify and prevent crime, you can help us by taking some crime prevention measures and reducing your risk of victimization. The below Website has tips on how to prevent crime in your area.

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**Crime Prevention Coordinator**

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**(510) 620-6880 FAX**

**E-mail: [mmilam@richmondpd.net](mailto:mmilam@richmondpd.net)**

**Website:**

<http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/index.asp?NID=82>

**Click: Crime Prevention**

### Crime Prevention Program

330 25<sup>th</sup> Street

Conference Room #1

Public Meeting 7:00-9:00pm

This meeting is on the third Wednesday of each month. At this meeting they talk about various crime topics. They also take down neighborhood concerns and give this report to the appropriate police officer in the police department.

There will be no meeting in August but the next meeting is on Wednesday, September 17th, 2008.

## Joining Richmond Heights Yahoo! Group

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2) Step 2 (Message delivery) There are 3 ways available for you to receive messages. The first is Individual E-mails, in which every message is sent to you individually. The second is Daily Digest, in which you receive all the day's messages in one e-mail. The third is No E-Mail, in which you will receive no e-mails but can read the messages by clicking on Messages on the home page. Since there is currently very little activity please choose either "Individual E-mails" or "Daily Digest". The third option is really for lists that receive dozens of e-mails each day, but this won't be the case.

Note that this group has restricted membership, which means that as the group's moderator I must approve your membership. This is done to protect the privacy of the members of the group by insuring that people joining the group have a legitimate interest in the group and aren't spammers.

Once I have approved your membership, you may send (post) a message to everyone in the group by simply writing an e-mail and addressing it to [richmond\\_heights@yahoogroups.com](mailto:richmond_heights@yahoogroups.com).

### Need Technical Assistance?

E-mail Karen, the list's moderator at [blockworkstheatre@yahoo.com](mailto:blockworkstheatre@yahoo.com) and she'll help walk you through the process.

## Auto Theft Prevention

By Hallie Friedman

Coming from a block where almost every home has had a car stolen over the last few years - a few suggestions:

We have many cars taken in our general neighborhood because we have one of the rare locations with both an on and off ramp to the highway located on side streets. It is very easy for someone to drive off the highway, leave an associate to take a car and both be able to hop back on the highway, with an extra car, without being noticed.

Buy a Club and always use it; it is a quick and cheap deterrent. Almost everyone on our block now has one.

Get a motion detector for your driveway or front of the home. Have it set so that someone approaching the car or the front door will set off the light after dark. The light coming on is a major deterrent.

Do not leave out extra keys in your home. Several homes have had break ins where keys were taken and vehicles subsequently taken. Many families have their keys on a rack near the door, in the kitchen, etc. Put them away in a location only the family knows about. One family I know had keys taken by a visitor and later had their car taken. They only discovered the keys missing after the car had been recovered with the visitor and the keys inside.

## contacts



You'll find many more phone numbers, as well as e-mail links for public services at our website, [www.richmond-heights.org](http://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](mailto: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  
Alma Munguia 621-1569  
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 e-mail the editor at [owenlmartin@earthlink.net](mailto: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.

## 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.

<b>Suspicious person</b>	50
<b>Suspicious vehicle</b>	30
<b>Abandoned auto</b>	10
<b>Recovered stolen vehicle</b>	9
<b>Vehicle tampering</b>	none
<b>Disturbance</b>	52
<b>911 Disconnect</b>	9
<b>Dogs</b>	2
<b>Dumping</b>	1
<b>Stolen vehicle</b>	12
5/01 12XX Amador	
5/03 55XX Solano	
5/06 122XX San Pablo	
5/08 8XX Yuba	
5/09 53XX Clinton	
5/11 6XX Kern	
5/19 121XX San Pablo	
5/20 52XX Esmond	
5/25 128XX San Pablo	
5/27 6XX Ventura	
5/28 7XX Courtland	
5/31 6XX Ventura	
6/01 54XX Garvin	
6/01 6XX Ventura	
6/02 52XX Esmond	
6/05 54XX McBryde	
6/05 52XX Sierra	
6/08 52XX Garvin	
6/16 50XX Clinton	
6/16 126XX San Pablo	
6/25 50XX Barrett	
6/28 7XX McLaughlin	
6/30 8XX Kern	
6/30 8XX Kern	
6/30 56XX McBryde	
<b>Fire works</b>	
6/29 4XX Key	
6/29 6XX Ventura	
6/30 Ventura / Sierra	
6/30 Ventura / Sierra	

### Hold up alarm

5/10 123XX San Pablo  
5/20 48XX Macdonald  
5/22 48XX Macdonald  
5/22 128XX San Pablo  
6/04 128XX San Pablo  
6/07 126XX San Pablo  
6/12 123XX San Pablo  
6/13 48XX Macdonald  
6/29 128XX San Pablo

### Robbery

5/16 122XX San Pablo  
5/18 126XX San Pablo  
6/04 128XX San Pablo  
6/07 126XX San Pablo  
6/14 122XX San Pablo  
6/21 123XX San Pablo  
6/22 49XX Macdonald  
6/24 49XX Macdonald

### Petty theft / stolen property

5/02 7XX Amador  
5/08 7XX McLaughlin  
5/09 7XX McLaughlin  
5/10 126XX San Pablo  
5/11 6XX Kern  
5/15 6XX Kern  
5/28 7XX Kern  
6/04 126XX San Pablo  
6/09 San Pablo / Macdonald  
6/25 8XX Amador  
6/25 9XX Yuba  
6/28 49XX Macdonald

### Grand theft

5/24 San Pablo / Macdonald

### Hit/Run w/ injuries

5/13 Ventura / McBryde

### Hit/Run property damage

5/03 126XX San Pablo  
5/14 San Pablo / Barrett  
5/19 9XX Humboldt  
5/22 49XX Macdonald  
6/10 122XX San Pablo  
6/17 7XX Amador  
6/20 San Pablo / Macdonald  
6/20 49XX Macdonald


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**Calls for service to the Richmond Police**
**How to discourage robbery at your business**

- Avoid working alone. If you must, turn on a hidden radio or TV so robbers will think there is someone with you.
- Vary the schedule and route for your bank deposits each day. Keep only necessary cash in the drawer. By doing so, if you are robbed, you'll reduce your losses.
- Make sure your cash register is clearly visible to passers by. Arrange the counter so that the customer or robber is visible from the street.
- Avoid placing signs or displays near windows which block visibility from the street.
- If your business runs an exceptionally high risk of robbery, you may want to invest in a bullet-proof cashier screen. A screen defuses the robber's threat, but other prevention measures may be equally effective at lower cost.
- Display signs at entrances and exits indicating that safes require secondary keys not in the possession of employees.
- Advertise your security alarm system with signs in visible locations. Make sure your employees know how to operate a panic button if one is included in your alarm system.
- Develop a mutual aid system among stores on your block. Agree to keep an eye on each other's buildings and watch for any suspicious activities.
- Install buddy buzzer alarms so you can signal your neighbor to call law enforcement if you are being robbed.

**Shooting of a person**

5/01 4XX McLaughlin

**Shots fired**

5/02 6XX Humboldt  
 5/06 7XX Kern  
 5/10 51XX Solano  
 5/17 54XX Esmond  
 5/22 9XX Kern  
 5/23 7XX Ventura  
 5/26 9XX Lassen  
 5/26 Amador / Esmond  
 5/31 51XX Solano  
 6/05 Amador / Solano  
 6/29 52XX Garvin  
 6/29 9XX Lassen

**Burglary from auto**

5/10 5XX Dimm  
 5/12 9XX Humboldt  
 5/24 124XX San Pablo  
 5/26 54XX Esmond  
 5/28 54XX Solano  
 5/29 7XX Yuba  
 6/09 6XX Kern  
 6/13 9XX Lassen  
 6/14 52XX McBryde  
 6/29 8XX Ventura

**Burglary from business**

5/03 49XX Macdonald  
 6/09 San Pablo / Macdonald

**Burglary from residence**

5/08 9XX Sonoma  
 5/10 4XX Key  
 5/12 51XX Solano  
 5/14 8XX Lassen  
 5/20 51XX Solano  
 5/20 51XX Solano  
 5/20 5XX Mount  
 5/28 4XX Key  
 6/12 129XX San Pablo  
 6/12 6XX Lassen  
 6/20 8XX Sonoma  
 6/22 9XX McLaughlin  
 6/23 6XX Lassen

**Battery**

5/22 10XX Ventura  
 5/24 7XX Lassen  
 5/26 125XX San Pablo  
 6/14 San Pablo / Macdonald  
 6/15 49XX Macdonald  
 6/19 Ventura / McBryde  
 6/30 49XX Macdonald

**Brandishing a weapon**

5/17 8XX Yuba

**Assault w/ deadly weapon**

5/24 123XX San Pablo

**Arson**

5/04 47XX Macdonald

**Calls related to juveniles**

5/03 8XX Amador  
 5/06 San Pablo / Macdonald  
 5/08 7XX Yuba  
 5/11 San Pablo / Macdonald  
 5/11 50XX Barrett  
 6/10 50XX Solano  
 6/15 Amador / McBryde  
 6/22 50XX Barrett  
 6/22 50XX Barrett  
 6/23 7XX Humboldt  
 6/25 7XX Humboldt

**Drug activity**

6/22 10XX McLaughlin

**Vandalism**

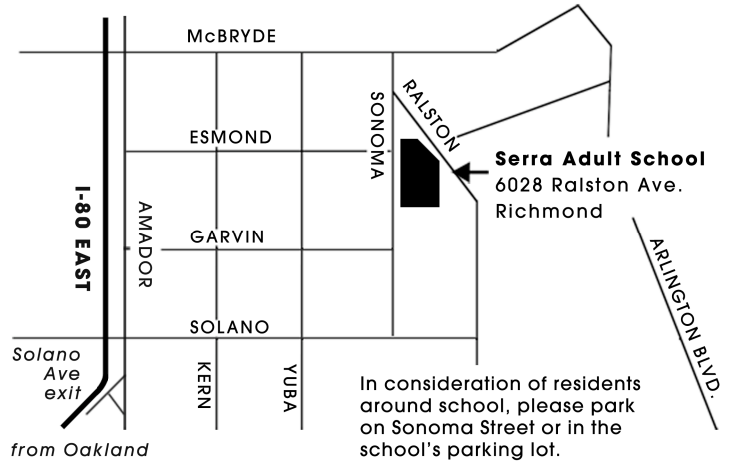
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 6/30 126XX San Pablo

**at the next RHNC meeting**

**Police Chief Magnus is our guest.**

*Police Chief Chris Magnus will be at our meeting Monday, August 4, 2008 to talk about the progress of Neighborhood Policing, and answer questions about other concerns we have in our community.*

*National Night Out is Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at Tiller Park. Hope to see you at both events.*



**Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**  
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6028 Ralston Avenue

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