

# Views

## Richmond Heights Neighborhood Council

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### quick-takes

#### Office of Neighborhood Safety

As of October 23, 2007 Devone L. Boggan started his new position as Director of this department. His office phone is 510/621-1219 fax is 510/620-6542. We hope to see the different agencies and organizations that work independently of each other work more closely together.

#### Early Childhood Program

Mental health for children from birth to six years of age is what they do every year for the past 33 years. Started in a church it has grown to help hundreds of children and families currently.

In 2006 nearly 500 families, almost twenty five percent of them Spanish speaking. With an annual budget of 1.8 million dollars, mostly county MediCal contracts. Thirty six employees, mostly mental health professionals with specialized training, and ten of them Spanish speaking.

These children are emotionally disturbed or at risk of disturbance because they are traumatized by physical or sexual abuse, neglect, abandonment, or for many other reasons. Some are so angry and violent that they are a threat to themselves or other children. Some are so withdrawn that they cannot learn. Many have been expelled from child care programs or rejected repeatedly by foster homes.

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## Second Annual Halloween Safety Zone

By Jayne Brooks

Sponsored by Richmond Businesses and concerned citizens the second annual Halloween safety zone was held this year on the 5100 block of Clinton and the 700 block of Ventura proved to be a great success. Next year, we would like to get additional people involved and do things on a larger scale.

One of the key reasons this event was such a success was due to the generosity of some local merchants and residents.

## The RNCC wish to revisit planned merger

By Sani Genser-Mack

We have asked the Mayor to put this item on the City Council agenda for the meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

The Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council and its member Neighborhood Councils request that the Richmond City Council revisit the topic of combining the City Planning Commission and the Design Review Board. Before making a change of this magnitude, the RNCC strongly encourages the City Council to apply the recommendations of the Zucker Report to streamline the current process and to ensure the ability of the residents of the City of Richmond to participate.

Please attend the City Council Meeting to voice your opinion.

## Identity Theft Victim Guide

From the Richmond Police Department Web Site.

Becoming the victim of identity theft is an emotionally distressing event in anyone's life.

The guide is intended to provide some help by suggesting steps you can take to stop the fraudulent use of your identity and assist the officers of the Richmond Police Department to apprehend those responsible for this crime.

The guide has been prepared to help you respond to identity theft in the following ways:

It tells you how to respond to different types of identity fraud.

It provides telephone numbers to call to report fraud and to halt continued use of your identity.

It offers guidelines to help you gather information useful to the officers investigating the crime.

It provides you with a list of additional resources you may wish to review to fully inform yourself about identity theft.

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## quick-takes

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### Early Childhood Program

Early Childhood has an excellent reputation for helping children recover from trauma and for helping families take responsibility for their safety and healthy development.

Even though they are growing, they are still not helping all of the children in West County.

For more information about their services call 510/412-9200. They are located at 4101 Macdonald Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805.

### Keeping up with the Bay Trail

The new calendar of events along the San Francisco Bay Trail in Richmond is available at [www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail/calendar.htm](http://www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail/calendar.htm). It features the EBRPD naturalist-led hikes during December highlighting views, history, bird watching, butterflies, etc.

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<http://www.explorerichmondca.com/baytrail.htm>

## New Chief of Interpretation

Martha J. Lee, General Superintendent of John Muir NHS, Eugene O'Neill NHS, Port Chicago Naval Magazine NM and Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front NHP announced the selection of Naomi Torres as Chief of Interpretation.

The new Chief of Interpretation will be Naomi Torres. Naomi comes from Golden Gate National Recreation Area where she has wide experience with interpretive operations and supervision as well as with civic engagement and relationships with partners and communities. She has most recently run the Crissy Field Center with her cohort from the Golden Gate Conservancy. Some of you may know her from the time she spent at Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front helping to get the National Park Foundation/PGE grant outreach program going. Working with Betty Soskin, Naomi Torres was responsible for producing the DVD "Of Lost Conversations and Untold Stories."

The selection committee was impressed with the well qualified candidates who truly wanted to come to work here: there is a lot of enthusiasm for our parks, their stories, and the possibilities ahead. The management team conducted in person interviews with the four applicants who were considered to most closely meet the needs and the selection committee was united in their conviction that Naomi Torres is the best fit for this job.

Naomi Torres will come on board in the next month or two -- probably mid December, though the details are still to be worked out.

Please welcome Naomi with enthusiasm to the four park team.

## Identity Theft Victim Guide

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Gathering Information: The following information will help an investigator when they visit or call.

How did you first discover the fraud or theft? Who notified you? What was the circumstance?

Names and account numbers of all accounts you suspect are being fraudulently used.

Locations where fraudulent applications were presented.

Locations listed as home address and names used as primary or secondary account holders on those applications.

Dates, times, names and phone numbers of any and all company investigators or customer service representatives you have spoken with and a brief statement.

Any letters, account statements or correspondence received regarding your case.

Additional Tips: Keep a log of all conversations regarding your case, including dates, names, and phone numbers.

Note time spent and any expenses incurred in your case. You may be able to request restitution in a later judgment or conviction against the thief.

Confirm conversations in writing. Send correspondence by certified mail, return receipt requested. Keep copies of all letters bearing on your case.

## 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  
CalTrans 925/926-6112

### Report abatement issues

Auto on Private land 621-1278  
Auto on Public land 620-6644  
Sgt Monahan 621-1279

And as always we are looking for community events for the Newsletter if you know of an event coming up in the future let us know at least the first week of the month before. Just drop a line to 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.

**Suspicious person** 24  
**Suspicious vehicle** 13  
**Abandoned auto** 10  
**Recovered stolen vehicle** 7  
**Vehicle tampering** none  
**Disturbance** 29  
**911 Disconnect** 3  
**Dogs** 2  
**Dumping** 3  
**Stolen vehicle** 11

10/01 50XX Esmond  
10/02 6XX Yuba  
10/12 10XX Ventura  
10/16 6XX McLaughlin  
10/17 6XX Lassen  
10/19 126XX San Pablo  
10/21 6XX Ventura  
10/22 6XX McLaughlin  
10/26 6XX McLaughlin  
10/28 56XX McBryde  
10/30 9XX Sonoma

### Hit/Run property damage

10/06 Macdonald / San Pablo  
10/11 4XX Dimm  
10/19 Barrett / San Pablo  
10/23 Solano / Amador  
10/26 4XX Wilson  
10/29 124XX San Pablo  
10/31 124XX San Pablo

### Burglary from business

10/08 51XX Clinton

### Burglary from residence

10/08 6XX Ventura  
10/09 7XX Amador  
10/25 6XX McLaughlin  
10/30 4XX Key

### Burglary from auto

10/07 5XX Dimm  
10/07 7XX Kern

### Hold up alarm

10/30 48XX Macdonald

### Petty theft/stolen property

10/02 9XX McLaughlin  
10/05 6XX Yuba  
10/07 57XX Solano  
10/10 49XX Macdonald  
10/14 127XX San Pablo  
10/19 49XX Macdonald  
10/20 50XX Esmond  
10/20 6XX McLaughlin  
10/22 49XX Macdonald  
10/26 10XX McLaughlin  
10/27 49XX Macdonald  
10/31 126XX San Pablo

### Grand theft

10/15 53XX Esmond

### Battery

10/09 Solano / Kern  
10/16 10XX Lassen  
10/17 10XX Lassen  
10/20 49XX Macdonald  
10/29 Macdonald / San Pablo  
10/31 3XX Carlston

### Brandishing a weapon

10/04 127XX San Pablo  
10/21 49XX Macdonald

### Assault w/ deadly weapon

10/02 55XX McBryde  
10/05 124XX San Pablo  
10/15 10XX Ventura

### Calls related to juveniles

10/02 55XX Esmond  
10/02 124XX San Pablo  
10/03 55XX McBryde  
10/05 124XX San Pablo  
10/15 7XX Amador  
10/18 5XX McLaughlin  
10/27 6XX Humboldt  
10/29 124XX San Pablo

### Vandalism

10/01 56XX Solano  
10/07 7XX McLaughlin  
10/15 52XX McBryde  
10/26 8XX McLaughlin  
10/31 124XX San Pablo

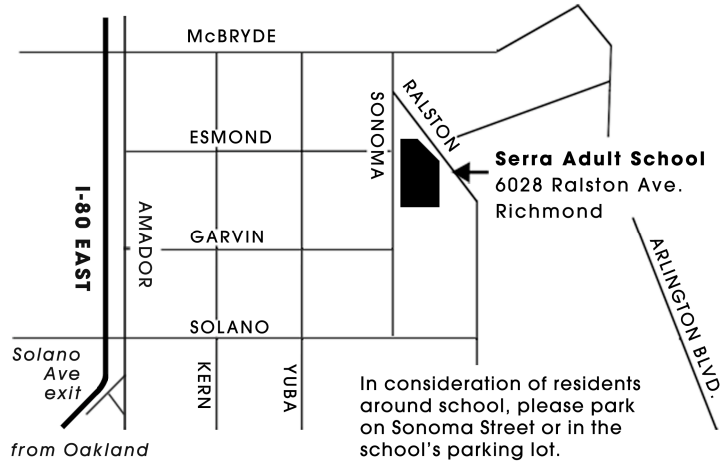
**at the next RHNC meeting**

**City Engineering Department**

Rich Davidson will be our guest speaker talking about sewer repair, street repaving and other infrastructure issues at our December 3rd meeting.

There will be no meeting in January 2008.

The meeting December 3, 2007 will be followed by the meeting February 4, 2008



**Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 PM**  
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